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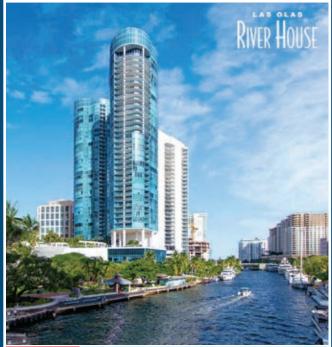
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BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair

BUSINESS IS BOOMING IN FORT LAUDERDALE

WHAT MAKES THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, DOWNTOWN AND RIVERWALK DISTRICT SO ATTRACTIVE

he word is out that our Fort Lauderdale Downtown is a rapidly growing, bustling urban city with increasing improvements to infrastructure, walkability and outdoor recreation for its 13,000-plus residents and industry leading businesses.

The population of our great city alone has increased by 30 percent in the last nine years. Industry leading companies such as AutoNation, Convey Health Solutions and SEACOR have chosen Downtown for their corporate headquarters.

But what makes Downtown Fort Lauderdale and the Riverwalk District so desirable that it has people flocking in droves?

Here are some hints (it's not just the weather):

Location

Centrally located and minutes to one of the largest and best-rated international airports in the country. The Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport is rated No. 3 Best in the U.S. by Wall Street Journal. The city is also conveniently located in the middle of the south Florida tri-county area which is also being serviced by Brightline, connecting Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach (soon to add connections to Boca Raton and Orlando), and minutes from Port Everglades, the third busiest cruise port in the world.

Walkability

Home to Riverwalk, Florida's most beautiful mile: The Walkability Score for Downtown Fort Lauderdale is an 89, which will be further improved upon in the future with added connections at Laura Ward Plaza and Tunnel Top Plaza through improvements to Las Olas Boulevard and Southeast Fourth Street.

Thriving Industry

Fort Lauderdale is currently a heavy-hitter among many industries including tourism, marine, aviation, technology and trade and business development.

Weather, lifestyle and the Riverwalk

The average temperature in Fort Lauderdale in the winter is 77 degrees, with 89 as the average in summer, which allows residents an active outdoor lifestyle, with activities like fishing, boating, skiing, scuba diving and bicycling. The Riverwalk borders several new and innovative recreational venues, an example of which is The Wharf in Fort Lauderdale's revitalized Riverfront area. The Wharf, located at 20 W. Las Olas Blvd. near



Downtown along the Riverwalk. hosts some of the best local food scene operators and provides exciting cocktail offerings, music, games and entertainment. The food and entertainment will change often due to different pop-up vendors, making it an exciting way to bring residents together outdoors to enjoy a variety of great food, drinks and fun.

See you on the Riverwalk!

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BY GENIA DUNCAN ELLIS President/CEO Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale



2020 HEADS INTO HIGH GEAR

NEW EVENTS, RESTAURANTS AND MONUMENTS DRAW VISITORS TO THE RIVERWALK

ithin the first 30 days of the first quarter of the calendar year, we are seeing promise and change in our surrounding community.

Large construction projects in the Downtown are nearing completion and should be coming on line in the second quarter of the calendar year. Infrastructure issues are being addressed by the City and include an expedited schedule and timeline for repair, replacement and maintenance of our aging water, sewer and stormwater systems. Following multiple public meetings, the plan is aggressive and will put the longneeded repairs and replacement as a first-tier priority.

A new restaurant has opened on Riverwalk known as Rivertail with award-winning Chef Jose Mendin and team to provide you with culinary delights. A ribbon cutting occurred just after Christmas and crowds are swarming to try out the menu. Seafood selections are tapas size and varied and will surely please the discerning diner. This restaurant is one of several on tap to come soon. Rivertail, located next to The Wharf, another new spot that has opened on Riverwalk, provides the long-awaited positive resurgence to the quality of life and options in our Downtown. Final plans and permits are under way for the construction of the anticipated 9-11 Monument on Riverwalk. With great community partners, grants and support from the City of Fort Lauderdale we will be adding a lovely location and piece of art in public places to the Riverwalk. The fabric of our City is linked to many other cities both in the United States and internationally. A long-standing and continuing link to New York connects those that were at ground zero and residents here to that tragic day and remembering that piece of history is important for the loss of lives and for the pursuant changes in our thoughts of homeland security. Connections are also vibrant internationally and Fort Lauderdale is an active member of Sister Cities, a non-profit citizen diplomacy network dedicated to creating and strengthening partnership between Fort Lauderdale and cities around the world. Through these various influences we are fortunate to have eclectic art and stories that make up our community.

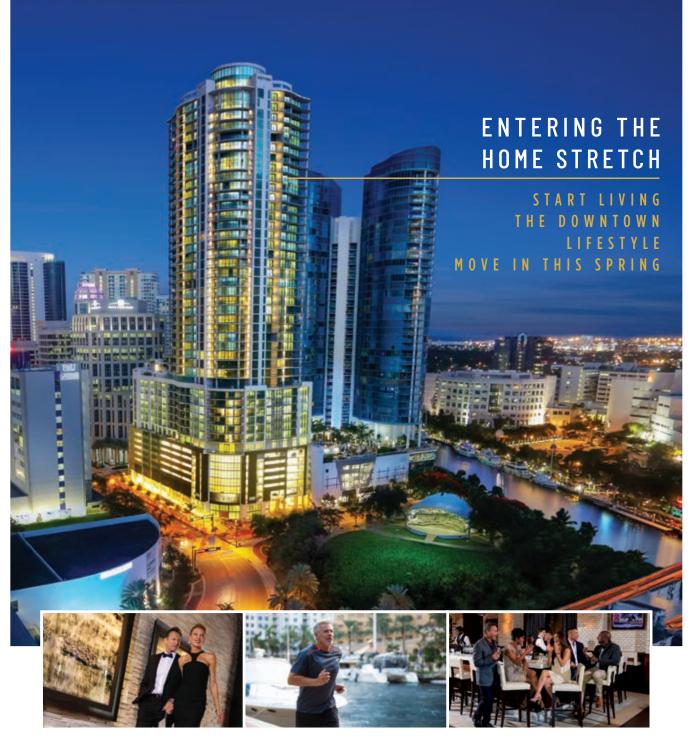
The ninth Annual Stone Crab and Seafood festival did not disappoint with the variety of seafood available to taste, nor the other foods, games and entertainment offered.

Fort Lauderdale New River Fest, a first-time event,



will be happening as this magazine hits the streets so we can only tell you of the plans and hope that you will come and join in the celebration. With a taste of fire along the water, great music, food and entertainment, the public is invited to bring a chair, blanket or something to sit on and enjoy the festivities in Esplanade Park, Feb. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a VIP option and a chance to help provide ideas to grow this planned event in the future. Come help us design a great community event, open and free to the public, to celebrate all the elements of living in south Florida. Thanks go to the City of Fort Lauderdale and Mayor Trantalis for his vision for this event and our many partners that are helping kick off this first one!

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TRUSTEE MEMBER CHERYL BALABAN EDWARD JONES

• I have called Fort Lauderdale my home for 25-plus years. Originally from Los Angeles, my first stop in Florida was to attend the University of Florida where I got my bachelor's

and master's degrees in accounting. I worked as a certified public accountant, mainly in corporate accounting and finance, for 15 years.

I used to help companies with their bottom lines. Now I help people. In 2009, I joined Edward Jones as a financial adviser. I specialize in retirement planning – saving for retirement, living in retirement and transitioning from work life to retirement life. My favorite clients want a financial partner as they work toward their own personal financial goals.

I have seen Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale turn our beautiful Downtown into a vibrant and functional community and it is a pleasure to be part of this dynamic group! In addition to Riverwalk, my other favorite organizations include the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber, Broward Library Foundation, Tower Forum (board member) and NDSB Chapter Florida Institute CPAs (board member).

I live in Victoria Park and love being part of Riverwalk and Downtown. You can find me around town in yoga class or trying out the latest restaurants. Travel is another favorite hobby – this year I rode in a hot air balloon over Lake Tahoe and next year I am excited to go to Vietnam.



TRUSTEE MEMBER DEREK LEE COMPASS

• After many years of trying to find my perfect place in the world, I now cherish the opportunity to help other people find theirs. As an agent for Compass, I have the opportunity

to work with people from all walks of life and help them discover their perfect home, be it a mansion on the Intracoastal or a small starter home in the suburbs.

I first arrived in Fort Lauderdale in the mid-1990s while I was a flight attendant for USAir. While I had already traveled the world and been to cities that most people could only dream of visiting, I knew from the moment I stepped off the plane that Fort Lauderdale was where I was meant to be.

I settled in Florida in 2007, opening a marketing company that specialized in working with real estate agencies. The company expanded rapidly, but after several years I realized that I was spending all my time running the company instead of working with clients, which is what I truly loved. It was then I decided to downsize the company and strategically work with only a few specialized clients, which I still do today in addition to being a real estate agent.

On the personal side, my husband and I have been together for more than 20 years and we both love running half marathons. In fact, we frequently travel to do them and we're planning to run the Amsterdam half marathon very soon. Naturally, our running routes see us on the Riverwalk frequently so it was only natural that we join the organization.

Members of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale express their support and join us in our mission of building a vibrant community. Riverwalk supports Downtown's diverse, mixed-use community of arts and entertainment establishments along with business, residential, judicial, educational, and marine interests.

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LOCAL AUTHOR JOEL FEISS, M.D. PUBLISHES 6TH NOVEL

The Watch List is a contemporary character-driven mystery that encompasses a combination of Washington DC politics, international intrigue and psychological suspense. It takes place in Fort Lauderdale and Washington DC.

Joel Feiss is a practicing Gastroenterologist and Internist in Plantation, Florida. He lives with his wife Pearl in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He can be reached at FeissJoel@yahoo.com.





RIVERWALK STONE CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The 9th Annual Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival presented by Rivertail was held on Jan. 11 on a sunny day in Fort Lauderdale. Thousands of stone crab and seafood lovers gathered to celebrate the local South Florida Seafood Industry including some of Fort Lauderdale's favorite seafood restaurants. Great food, cold drinks and great music filled Esplanade Park.





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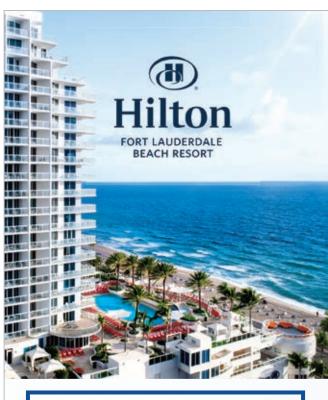


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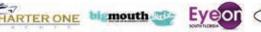


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Climate change, sea level rise and tidal flooding are no longer seasonal issues. They have evolved into yearround topics that often elicit concern from neighbors at my district meetings and when I'm out in the community.

One of the reasons many of us choose to live in Fort Lauderdale is its proximity to the water. Our exquisite seven miles of shoreline and 300 miles of canal coastline are as unique as they are spectacular. While the waterways provide countless blessings, they increase our vulnerability to climate change. As sea levels rise, residents are faced with more intense and more frequent impacts.

The good news is that the leaders of your community share your concerns and we are taking steps to address them. As we celebrated how far we had come at our centennial in 2011, we began to look ahead to the next hundred years. A citywide visioning initiative revealed overwhelming public support to implement adaptation strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The City Commission unanimously adopted a vision plan, *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale*, and a five-year strategic plan, *Press Play Fort Lauderdale*, both of which emphasize climate resilience as a top priority. Determined to turn these plans into action, Fort Lauderdale adopted a resiliency lens and embraced a holistic perspective to develop sustainable strategies to foster our long-term wellbeing.

Today, we are building community resilience through numerous initiatives. To minimize King Tide flooding, we monitor pump stations and inspect and clean tidal valves, storm drains, and catch basins. We investigate reported flooding and send information to neighbors to raise awareness about potential impacts and encourage safety precautions. We are also utilizing long-term adaptation strategies to minimize the threat to neighbors. We updated our floodplain ordinance with higher development standards to minimize stormwater runoff and flooding. Adaptation Action Areas were incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to prioritize funding for infrastructure projects to improve drainage in low-lying and flood-prone areas of the City.

A comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan is driving infrastructure improvements to proactively address the impacts of climate change. The plan includes specific infrastructure investments in seawalls, drainage, pump stations, bio swales, and retention parks. We've installed 165 tidal valves to prevent water from backing up into the streets and keep roads dry. They've proven so successful that we plan to continue installing them in vulnerable areas throughout our community. We're also lining stormwater pipes and replacing stormwater catch basins to reduce tidal effects.

As we expand the capacity of our drainage system, we are also working to prevent water from coming over seawalls. We updated our Seawall ordinance to increase the minimum elevation for new construction and require residents to contain tidal waters on their property. A new Seawall Master Plan identifies and prioritizes repairs needed on City-owned seawalls. Design work and construction are already underway for seawalls along Cordova Road and Isle of Palms.

These are just a few of the steps we are taking to create a climate-resilient Fort Lauderdale. We are committed to investing the resources we need to protect our community for generations to come.

To learn more about our efforts to strengthen our resilience, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/kingtide.



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FORT LAUDERDALE EVOLVES

FORUM TO FOCUS ON HOW WE'RE CURATING THE FUTURE

n March 9, the DDA will partner with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to host the third annual development and investment forum at the Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale. This annual event provides an exciting opportunity for public and private sector leaders to come together to discuss the city's evolution, game-changing projects, key industry sectors and a vision for the future.

ULI is the oldest and largest network of real estate and land use experts in the world, and their Southeast Florida/Caribbean district council is leading important initiatives and dialog about issues critical to our region.

Entitled 2020 Fort Lauderdale Evolves: Curating the Future, the event kicks off with the opening remarks by Alan Hooper, founder and president of Hooper Construction and this year's event committee chair.

A presentation of PwC's 2020 Emerging Trends in Real Estate: U.S. and Canada follows, with Ken Krasnow from Colliers International then drilling down on the local and regional real estate market.

The first panel, moderated by Joshua O. Miller, founder and CEO of C&I Studios, will explore the brand of FTL and how this once sleepy city center has curated a cool factor. Business leaders from the hospitality, retail and entertainment sectors will join him on stage to describe the dynamic changes that are happening on the streets and in the buildings of Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Next up, a diverse group of industry experts will explain how Fort Lauderdale is connecting the dots between mobility, economy, culture and design. Panelists will include Gretchen Cassini, administrator for the county's transportation surtax, Phil Dunlap, director of Broward's cultural division, and Rebecca Bradley, co-founder of Cadence, a landscape and architecture firm.

During the event, attendees will get to hear about two game-changing projects for DowntownFTL. Matt Caldwell, Florida Panthers CEO, will share the team's plans to transform War Memorial Auditorium at Holiday Park into a state-of-the-art practice venue for the hockey team while adding exciting new recreational opportunities for the public.

We'll also get the scoop on FATVillage, a futureforward mixed-use community being developed by Urban Street Partners that will add innovative office, restaurant and retail space alongside residential apartments and a new hotel a few blocks north of the Virgin Train station.

If evolution can be measured by characteristic changes over successive generations, then even Darwin would be impressed with Fort Lauderdale's progress as we move into 2020. Come listen for yourself!

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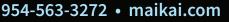
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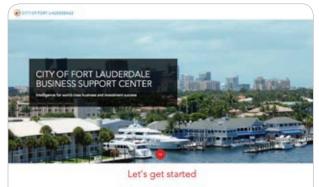
s a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information."

Benjamin Disraeli

In response to Disraeli's formula for success, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Department of Sustainable Development, Economic and Community Investment Division (ECI) has made a quantum leap in the technology that introduces our market to the world.

Companies often use data variables such as population, demographics, unemployment rates, cost of living, utility costs, industry presence, wage rates, tax rates and other economic indicators to understand their market. Just a decade ago, companies had to go to great lengths to do market research. But the Internet has radically altered access to information by making location-specific information and data available to everyone. This is important to companies already in our community to plan their growth and expansion, as well as to potential relocations of corporate operations as they seek options for new opportunities.

LocalIntel, specializing in website platforms specifically for economic development organizations, has developed our dynamic, user-friendly website. The LocalIntel platform creates a pathway to provide information through the use of tools such as these:





- Advantages: Geographical, taxes, economic engines, schools/universities, accolades received, and our existing industries.
- **Business climate:** Economic and development indicators, BEAMs, tax rates, building permits, cost of living, incentives and workforce.
- **Industry trends:** Enter your industry and set your company's asset value and receive industry averages for profit/debt, expense, and financial/efficiency ratios.
- Your customers: Specific to your type of business, receive a generic description of your customers with their locations mapped across the city, county and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- Your competition: Specific to your type of business, receive a generic description of your competitors with their locations mapped across the city, county and MSA.
- **Opportunities:** Recent development, opportunity zones and community redevelopment areas are color coded and mapped.
- **Zoning controls:** Land use designations are mapped Citywide.
- Environment: City/state parks, bodies of water, and public beaches are mapped.
- Workforce: Educational attainment, occupations, industries, commuter data Your needs and where your workforce lives are mapped across the MSA.
- **Community facilities:** Hospitals, clinics, schools, parks, historic properties, bike lanes, cultural venues, and recreational venues are mapped across the MSA.
- **Transportation:** Highways, bike lanes and Water Trolley, Sun Trolley and bus routes are mapped.
- **Properties:** Enter your sale/lease preference, type of use, size, and/or price parameters and receive photos, contact info, and maps of options.
- Additional resources: Descriptions, contact info and links to our city, county, state and federal partner agencies.

There are two features that are especially useful: 1) Most tools have a "How do I use this information?" section that describes why that information is relevant to your business, and 2) At the click of a button you can print a report of the information in the tool.

We invite you to explore our new economic development website at your convenience https://fortlauderdale.ecdev.org/.

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echnology has changed the way we live our lives. The innovation of cell phones has allowed us to carry a computer in our pockets, opening endless information at the touch of our fingers at any moment. Gone are the days of encyclopedias and long Saturday afternoons at the libraries doing research through piles of papers.

But our phones do not just provide us information, they also provide our information to others. The transportation profession is harnessing this data to change the way we do business in incredible ways, moving people more efficiently through information access and sharing.

Have you ever wondered how your phone knows how long it will take to get to your destination and how it can change while you're driving? This is crowd sourcing at its transportation best. Navigational apps use data created by our phones and cars, either GPS, Bluetooth



or apps themselves to collect travel data. The companies collect information from users in the area where you are traveling, then they compile, analyze and package it back to you real time. For instance, if you are using Waze or Google Maps, the app is monitoring everyone using the app and how long it is taking to move around the network. Those apps use that data to analyze travel times and calculate the best route for you and update it on demand as conditions change. Our phones then provide us the requested data that informs our travel patterns to move more effectively through the network.

Similar data is used on interactive message boards by the Florida Department of Transportation above the major roadways in South Florida. Understanding that not everyone uses their phones for local trips, these signs use the same information to provide public messaging of travel times or incident notifications to all drivers traveling through that corridor. Again, with the same goal to provide more data to drivers to be able to make informed travel decisions to improve trips. Knowledge is power!

And pushing it to the next level is using the apps to make commute time decisions. The apps show trends of commute times for your standard travel paths and which start times take longer. You can use this to understand how potentially just a few minutes can make a world of difference in your commute.

This same data is being collected for longerterm decisions in transportation as well to make improvements including changing signal timing programs.

The City has recently partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation to expand its network of Bluetooth monitoring devices to be able to see real time information and trends through key corridors to improve vehicle travel times. The monitors identify a Bluetooth device as it passes from one monitor to another and how long it took to make that trip providing incredible amounts of data to be able to make informed decisions both during incidents and larger changes.

Innovation has dramatically changed the way transportation professions do business, opening vast amounts of data that once had to be collected manually to allow for improvements to be made much more quickly and effectively because it is based on more comprehensive data that is alive and changing.

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BY PHIL THORNBURG Director, Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department



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his month we are honoring African-American culture as we celebrate February as Black History Month with several exciting community events! February has been recognized as Black History Month since 1976 as an annual celebration of African-Americans' important achievements and significant role in our history.

Remembering Our Roots

Riverland Park is hosting Remembering Our Roots on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. This event features youth performances from our various after-school sites, a cultural musical experience by a professional band, and ethnic food samples. Riverland Park is located at 950 S.W. 27th Ave.

Kijiji Moja

Kijiji Moja means "one village" in Swahili. Join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate Kijiji Moja at Lincoln Park on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. This event has been a staple in the community for more than 15 years! Kijiji Moja will celebrate African-American culture through live entertainment, drumming circles, ethnic crafts, tribal storytelling, and other innerattainment. Lincoln Park is located at 600 N.W. 19th Ave.

Sistrunk Parade & Festival

Finally, the Sistrunk Parade & Festival returns along Fort Lauderdale's historic Sistrunk Boulevard on Saturday, Feb. 22. The event kicks off with the Sistrunk 5K at 7 a.m. The Sistrunk 5K is an exciting race near downtown Fort Lauderdale on Sistrunk Boulevard. Have a great time walking or running through history with your family and friends.

The Sistrunk Parade departs Lincoln Park at 9 a.m. and travels east down Sistrunk Boulevard to Northwest 10th Avenue. The parade is full of marching bands, step teams, classic cars, decorative floats, and more.

The Sistrunk Festival picks up where the parade ends beginning at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a kids zone, family activities, merchandise, food vendors and more until 7 p.m. Live entertainment includes Heavenly Express, the Larry Dogg Band, Deep Fried Funk featuring April Raquel, the Miami Sound-byte Band, Dru Hill, and Cameo. The festival takes place on Sistrunk Boulevard from Northwest Ninth Avenue to Northwest 12th Avenue.

For more information, check us out on Facebook (@ playfortlauderdale) or on Instagram and Twitter (@ playlauderdale), or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/events.





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On Feb. 7 and 8, join Daniel Sharp and Jessica Massart from Kickstarter Arts for seminars highlighting proven techniques that artists, creatives and arts organizations can use to maximize their projects' marketability and visibility. Explore successful projects from across the Kickstarter site, gain insight into the types of rewards that work best and learn the best ways to spread the word about a creative project.

Seminars will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale and on Saturday, Feb. 8, at The Frank in Pembroke Pines. Morning sessions at 10 a.m. will focus on visual arts and afternoon sessions at 2 p.m. will focus on performing arts. The cost is \$10 per person; space is limited. RSVP at www.artsevents.broward.org.

As the world's largest funding platform for creative projects, Kickstarter has helped thousands of creators realize their dreams. To date, more than 10,000 artistic projects have raised more than \$70 million on Kickstarter across the art, dance, photography and theater categories. Kickstarter is filled with innovative and imaginative projects that are brought to life through the direct support of others. Since its launch in 2009, 7.5 million people have pledged \$1.5 billion, funding more than 75,000 creative projects. A University of Pennsylvania study, which evaluated Kickstarter's impact on the creative economy, notes that its projects have generated more than \$5.3 billion in direct economic impact for its creators and their communities. Creators reported that Kickstarter afforded them creative independence that they would not otherwise have been able to achieve through other funding avenues and enabled them to take risks without compromising their vision.

Jessica Massart is the senior lead for dance and theater projects at Kickstarter. She collaborates with artists and organizations on crafting campaigns from the video and story to strategic outreach planning.

Daniel Sharp focuses on public art, political art, and photography projects at Kickstarter. As the arts outreach lead, his work ranges from initiating conversations with potential creators to coaching projects before, during, and after launch.

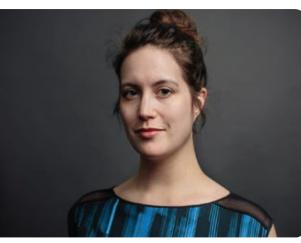
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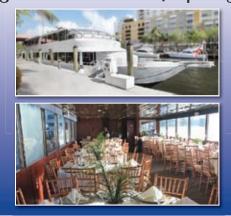


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BY DAN LINDBLADE President/CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce



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CHAMBER CELEBRATES 110 YEARS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

s the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce celebrates 110 years at our annual meeting presented by UHealth this month, we are also well underway to our work for 2020 on several fronts that will keep the 12th largest regional economy in the United States strong and vibrant.

How we keep our economy moving is directly connected to our ability to get around. That's why we are convening our metropolitan planning organizations and transportation planning organizations, elected leaders, business and other interests on April 22 at our Transportation Summit, at Le Meridien Dania Beach. It is critical we coordinate and marshal resources effectively.

This facilitated and interactive gathering will allow ideas to flow and take shape as we embark on this ambitious undertaking to move the region collectively. The quickest way to implementation is through collaboration and that's what we intend to accomplish.

We are bringing the world to Fort Lauderdale in December 2020 for the International Resiliency Conference and Convention (IRCC) at the Marriott Harbor Beach. We will be focusing on the entrepreneurial climate change opportunities and have a national competition for the best and brightest ideas to adapt to rising seas. In 2017, we signed a memorandum



of understanding (MOU) with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to establish activity building economic resilience related to climate change. This is a big part of that MOU.

Led by the efforts of Alec Bogdanoff of Brizaga, and Dr.



Jennifer Jurado, chief resilience officer for Broward County, we have been able to secure funding for a study entitled, "The Business Case for Resiliency." The project, led by the Urban Land Institute's Urban Resilience Program, will analyze the regional economic impacts of sea level rise and flooding, and potential economic opportunities associated with investments in resilience infrastructure. The project will also provide recommendations for an economic resilience strategy and serve as a key tool for better understanding and advancing climate adaptation efforts throughout the region.

Workforce housing remains a key driver for the Chamber. The affordability gap for housing in South Florida increases and we are focused on delivering more units for our valuable workforce to keep their commutes to a minimum.

As chairman of the Housing Authority of Fort Lauderdale (HACFL), I am keenly aware of the enormous need for housing. We continue our efforts to locate land and partner with public and private interests for our citizens.

Whether it is redevelopment of existing public housing like Suncrest Court, construction of 113 new units like Poinciana Crossing, or taking over management of poorly managed privately held developments like Federal Apartments, the HACFL seeks to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

These are just a few of many areas where your Chamber and its partners, both public and private, can and will make a difference in 2020. ⁽¹⁾

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MARINE INDUSTRIES

BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Kelly Skidmore



BOATING: FROM NAVIGATION APPS TO DINING OPTIONS

MY, HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE DAYS OF PAPER NAUTICAL CHARTS

ow that we are well into the age of technology, disruption is being experienced by businesses of every kind, and while it's changing the face and faces of the traditional shop front, it's creating new opportunities for growth and diversification.

At Lauderdale Marine Center (LMC), for example, the conventional shipyard has been transformed. At the largest yacht repair facility in the U.S., rather than one provider offering all services, the facility contracts with onsite certified contractors in a unique marketplace of service options representing primary shipyard trades. As waterfront properties and access continue to become more limited, LMC has developed an opportunity for refit and repair businesses to excel in a quality environment while giving owners, captains, and crew a menu of choices – including Yot Bar & Kitchen, a brandnew waterside restaurant onsite.

The next best thing to owning a boat is having a friend with a boat, or so the saying goes. Boatsetter, a Fort Lauderdale-based, global online boat rental platform, has developed an app that allows boat owners to charter their boats and offers those looking for a day on the water thousands of boats and price ranges with or without a captain for the day or half day. Taking full advantage of the popularity of the sharing economy, Boatsetter has been referred to as the "Airbnb" of yachts and has simplified the boat rental business for both boat owners and consumers, with inventory available in the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and more.



When traveling in unfamiliar waters, captains depend on nautical charts. The question for today's navigator is whether to use digital or paper charts, and often the answer is digital. Since 1807 when President Jefferson ordered the charting of U.S. coastal waters, mariners have purchased and relied upon large paper charts to plot a course, note water depth, and mark known obstacles. Now, all that information and more is available with the push of a button on a variety of devices like laptops, tablets, handheld GPS, onboard navigational systems, and even cellphones. Unwieldy paper charts must be marked up by hand with important information, changed each year, and stored onboard where every inch of real estate has a high property value while underway. In 2017, even the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) suggested that eventually the reduction or elimination of paper nautical chart seems likely.

Boat shows are a mainstay in the marine industry and the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the largest in-water boat show in the world, just celebrated its 60th anniversary. For most of those 60 years, the show's schedule began on a Thursday morning and ended on a Monday afternoon to allow for weekend sales transactions to be processed on a banking day. In 2017, when Informa Markets purchased the promotional rights to the show, which is owned by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, one of the first things it and MIASF did, to broad acclaim, was change the schedule to Wednesday to Sunday, adopting a new five-day schedule that recognizes

the international proliferation of 24/7 online banking.

Turning an ordinary restaurant experience on its head is The Wharf Fort Lauderdale, an open-air, multi-use, pop-up event space on the banks of the New River. The Wharf, modeled after The Wharf Miami, is a high-end culinary food court with live music, artisan cocktails, and a rotation of restaurant-quality cuisine curated to appeal to the foodie in everyone. With more than an acre of space, The Wharf attracts a high-energy clientele that revels in the spirited crowds that pack the location from Thursday to Sunday.

For some, change can be very difficult, but for many it is a necessary function of progress that is embraced for all its potential. (9)





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This extended late filing period allows you to apply for or renew any valuable tax-saving exemptions including Homestead Exemption and the Low-Income Senior Exemption for the 2020 tax year. There are no late fees to late file for these exemptions so do not miss out on this important opportunity even if you miss the March 2 deadline.

You are entitled to a Homestead Exemption if, as of Jan. 1, 2020, you have made the property your permanent home or the permanent home of a person who is legally or naturally dependent on you. By law, Jan. 1 of each year is the date on which permanent residence is determined.

Agricultural land classification

If you believe your property, as of Jan. 1, meets the criteria for the Agricultural Classification, you must file an initial application with our office by March 2, 2020.

Land previously granted the Agricultural Classification will receive a green renewal card from our office. This card must be completed and returned to our office to maintain the classification for this tax year.

Our office reviews all properties receiving the Agricultural Classification each year and will notify

property owners in July of each year as to the status of their request. For additional information on the Agricultural Classification, please visit our website at www.bcpa.net/ag.asp

Should you have any questions about the Agricultural Classification, please contact Rhonda Gilbert at rgilbert@bcpa.net or Patrick Shortsleeve at pshortsleeve@bcpa.net.

Homestead exemption – How is the \$50,000 exemption applied?

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- 2. The second \$25,000 exemption does NOT apply to school portion of your tax bill. The school budget at roughly 37 percent of the entire property tax bill makes up the single largest portion of your tax bill.
- 3. The second \$25,000 of the exemption only applies to the portion of assessed value between \$50,000 to 75,000. This means you will not receive the full benefit of the second \$25,000 if your property is assessed at less than \$75,000. And if your property is assessed at less than \$50,000 you will not receive any additional savings from this second \$25,000 exemption.

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BUSINESS INNOVATIONS

HOW SOME BUSINESSES ARE TURNING THE TRADITIONAL SHOP FRONT ON ITS HEAD

n this age of constant disruption, and with the increase in online sales, retailers have found they need new ways of doing business. They strive to adapt to their customers' desires, often providing something unusual with the shopping experience.

Retail is not going away, according to research by Deloitte; it's simply changing. "Shoppers still rely primarily on stores for product discovery and inspiration," according to the 2020 Retail Industry Outlook by Deloitte.

Some retailers are branching out by adding unmatched features to the shopping experience.

"The hybrid retail store combines another kind of premium service with traditional retail," according to a blog post by Subastral, a Los Angelesbased company specializing in store fixtures and displays for retailers. "Essentially, it caters to the cash-rich, time-poor consumer of the 21st century, giving him or her another reason to visit the store besides just shopping."

In Fort Lauderdale, here are the stories of three retailers who draw in patrons with more than flowers, banking and colorful shirts.

– By Lynn Stock





Ann's Florist Shop

1001 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale (954) 761-3334 www.annsfloristlasolas.com By Michelle Boudin

There's only one place on Las Olas Boulevard where you can find a vending machine filled with Moet champagne, freshly brewed coffee and fresh flowers — and Taylor Fuentes, the owner of Ann's Florist, says that unique flair for keeping things fresh is exactly what's keeping her family's shop in business.

"There are not a lot of small businesses left in this area in particular. We're one of the oldest, if not the oldest, on this street. To survive you need to reinvent yourself all the time and that's what we try to do."

The 32-year-old took over as owner this January, having worked in the shop pretty much all of her life. Her mother helps design the store, her uncle helps run it and her grandmother, the Ann of Ann's Florist who started the original shop 47 years ago, still comes in from time to time to make sure things are up to par.

Originally just a flower shop, five years ago the family decided to change things up to draw new customers in.

Fuentes points out, "This street is high volume with a lot of pedestrians but people would just walk by because they didn't need flowers. We had so much more than just flowers, though. We have gifts, we have furniture, we have trinkets — but people weren't necessarily seeing that. So we said, let's build a café to drive people in and it worked. It did exactly what we wanted it to do."

They added a number of coffee and pastry selections: macaroons are overnighted daily from New York City, Bolivian empanadas can be found here, and a Belgian pastry chef drops off homemade bakery items. The coffee business helped perk up the flower business so much that Fuentes and family decided to add something for the nighttime crowd as well.

"People that like flowers generally like coffee and wine and we wanted to have something for everyone so we brought in wine. We also have beer and champagne and now we stay open later. We have live music, too. We're really trying to maximize our space."

It's a booming, blooming business and Fuentes says she can't wait for the next growth spurt. Hint: They're considering getting their liquor license.

"As it is now I think the flower shop and the café feed off each other. When we opened the café we just wanted to get more people in here. And we have. We definitely have."





Capital One Café

801 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale (954) 283-1670 www.capitalone.com/local/southflorida-fortlauderdale By Patrick Harris

When was the last time you walked into a bank? For many people, it's been a very long time. Starting with the proliferation of ATMs in the 1980s to Internet banking to today's smartphone apps, we have been able to do most of our banking without ever stepping foot into an actual bank.

Capital One saw this trend happening long before most people realized how banking would evolve. They opened their first Capital One Café in New York City in 2001 and next year will open their 40th location, this one in Atlanta. South Florida is home to six cafés with the Las Olas location proving to be a hit with locals and tourists alike.

"It's an open space designed to be whatever you need it to be," said Andrew Winninger, local marketing manager for Capital One.

When you first walk in, you are greeted to an airy space with a variety of seating areas. There are traditional tables and chairs along with sectional-type plush seating areas and a long raised bar along the glass wall overlooking the street. In addition to free Wi-Fi and plenty of outlets to charge electronic devices, three private meeting rooms are open to anyone to use on a first-come, first-served basis. These rooms are modestly furnished, but provide a more than adequate place to hold a private conversation or a small brainstorming session.

Feeling a little peckish or need a caffeine boost? At the café part of this unique space holds a variety of "grab-and-go" selections and an extensive list of handcrafted beverages provided by Peet's Coffee. Capital One cardholders get 50 percent off these tasty brews. Throughout the month, there are a variety of promotions from free coffee to happy hour snacks.

Oh, and did you know they are a bank too? Ambassadors – what other banks call their tellers – are on hand to help you with any banking need.

"We're digital first, but not digital only," Winninger said. Whether you have a question about your account, need to open an account or you just want to talk about the weather, these upbeat ambassadors are on hand to assist you. They are also there to let passersby know that everyone is welcome at the café even if they are not a Capital One member.

According to Winninger, Capital One believes strong communities and strong businesses go hand-in-hand. The cafés are part of the interconnected fabric of the neighborhoods that they serve. Winninger said they are motivated every day by the opportunity to help their customers in their financial lives — to save them time, money, and to inspire a sense of optimism about the future, every day.

So as you can see, the Capital One Café is not your normal bank or even your normal coffee shop for that matter. It is the evolution of banking that retains a human touch while providing a hip place to relax or work.





Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar

Opening: February 2020 740 E. Las Olas Blvd. www.tommybahama.com By Madelaine K. Boyer

On Las Olas, lifestyle brand Tommy Bahama looks to bring something new to South Florida that will certainly make a splash with both locals and tourists.

Set to open in February of this year, Tommy Bahama's Marlin Bar is a retail and restaurant hybrid that aims to offer an experience for guests to shop at their leisure with the ability to grab delicious food and drinks in the adjoining restaurant.

"The concept of The Marlin Bar really came out of us watching how people live now," said Doug Wood, CEO of Tommy Bahama, in a telephone interview with Go Riverwalk Magazine.

"People just don't have as much time. We're all very much in a rush. So, we wanted a place where people can take their time to shop and, before or after that, get something quick to eat and drink or even stay for a while if they want."

The restaurant, set to open in February, will seat 127 people and will serve island-inspired cuisine that includes a variety of easy to eat appetizers, salads, bowls and entrees along with creative handcrafted cocktails. Menu items will also make good use of locally sourced seafood and produce. Then when guests are done enjoying a bite to eat or a cocktail in the restaurant portion of the Marlin Bar, the adjoining store invites them to browse through an assortment of Tommy Bahama men's and women's sportswear, swimwear and accessories as well as home décor items and a new specialty food collection.

Over the next 12 months, Tommy Bahama plans to build several more Marlin Bar locations throughout the country. In Florida, they currently have one location open in Estero and will soon open another one in Dania Beach.

As to why Las Olas in Fort Lauderdale was chosen for the brand's newest Marlin Bar location, Wood said, "It has such great energy but more importantly opening a Marlin Bar here allows us to deliver that total Tommy Bahama experience right here on Las Olas Boulevard."



RIVERWALK TRIBUTE HONOREE VINCENT J. VIOLA

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FLORIDA PANTHERS OWNER

WRITER RIVERWALK STAFF

R iverwalk will honor Vincent J. Viola, the owner of the Florida Panthers NHL hockey team, on Friday, March 6, at the Riverside Hotel.

Through Viola's leadership, the Florida Panthers Foundation has shown continued commitment to Fort Lauderdale as a city partner and to the local community in support of children's health and education, veteran's affairs, youth hockey and the endangered Florida panther.

Here are five things to know about Viola, and look for the March edition of Go Riverwalk Magazine for a longer interview with him.

1. Education

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Viola graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1977, and completed U.S. Army Airborne, Air Assault, Infantry, and Ranger Schools. He then served as an infantry officer in the 101st Airborne Division. In 1983, he graduated from the New York Law School.

2. Career

He began his career in the financial services industry on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange and rose to be vice chairman (1993-1996) and chairman (2001-2004). In 2009, he was inducted in to the Futures Industry Association Hall of Fame.

3. 9/11 aftermath

Viola led the New York Mercantile Exchange through the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He was recognized by the members and the board of the New York Mercantile Exchange for his efforts in leading the reopening of the New York Mercantile Exchange following the terrorist attacks with a citation noting "his untiring efforts and inspirational guidance that resulted in the reopening of the New York Mercantile Exchange following the terrorist destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001."

4. Combating terrorism

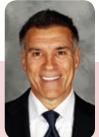
Shortly after September 11, 2001, Viola conceived, founded and funded the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point. According to the academic institution's website, it "educates, advises, and conducts research to equip present and future leaders with the intellectual tools necessary to understand the challenges of terrorism and counterterrorism."

5. Horsing around

Viola is co-owner of the 2017 Kentucky Derby winning horse Always Dreaming and co-owns the 2019 Breeder's Cup Classic winner Vino Rosso. Always Dreaming has won more than \$2.4 million in his career.

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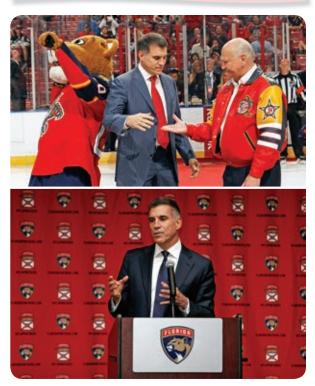
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VINCENT J. VIOLA

TITLES AND COMPANIES: Chairman, owner and governor of Sunrise Sports & Entertainment, the Florida Panthers Hockey Club, the BB&T Center, and SSE's additional operating entities YEARS ON JOB: Became owner of the Panthers

in 2013

FAMILY: Viola and his wife Teresa have three sons, John, Michael and Travis





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WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL - THE UGLY SISTERS & RENÉE K. QUINN



esent inundations of rain, floodwater and tourists have caused even the most hospitable of nations, Italy, to wish for less of all of them. But you need not give up the wondrous cuisine of Italy if you live in Fort Lauderdale as long as Talento is serving food. Bellissimo!

Located at 1307 E. Las Olas, Talento was born after the owner and his executive chef, Luigi Criscuolo, came to this city, spotted what Chef described as "an empty



white box", and saw possibilities. Along with general manager Angela Gullotta, that vision culminated in a beautifully spare design - clean lines, wood tables and soft white upholstery on both the chairs and banquettes. The glass enclosed wine room has a table for four to six and can be reserved for an extra special experience. Outside on Las Olas, there are tables for dining and the space is dog friendly (although BIG dogs might be a bit constricted).

Delicious food

The entire Bites and Sips team met on a recent afternoon to view the premises, talk cocktails, and meet and interview Chef Criscuolo to talk about his passion: delicious food. Some of that deliciousness was on display in the semi-circle deli counter, which showcases the Italian imports used in the kitchen plus a seafood display that would put many retail fish counters to shame. Pasta is made in-house - the extrusion machine is clearly visible behind the deli case (we watched).

Their dinner menu is varied, with the focus



BITES & SIPS TEAM RENÉE K. OUINN, PENNY SANFILIPPO and JONNY ALTOBELL



on Southern Italian foods, which include oodles of seafood and a purposeful lack of meatballs. However, foods of the North are not neglected. There IS risotto, and we had the Saporita Pasta; pappardelle with fresh porcini, shaved truffles and an ethereal light sauce that I'm sure had cream and butter, but it was not swimming in it. The showstopper, Lobster Abritarra, was served on a massive 16-inch platter and featured a whole lobster atop spaghetti with a slightly spicy tomato sauce, which has a dash of definitely non-Italian bourbon.

Worth noting too, was the fact that vegan items were actually on the menu - not an afterthought or a kitchen accommodation. We tried the Grilled Tofu, which was beautifully served with grilled vegetables and a light olive oil topper. This was bursting with flavor and enjoyed by even the dedicated carnivores among us.

Hearty beginnings

The sheer variety of appetizers and entrees give you a chance to taste Italy city by city. I enjoyed the idea of a "Tavazolla" of cheese, meats or both. Tavazolla which roughly translated, is a palette used by painters for mixing colors. The plates actually look like still life - and taste even better.

Appetizer prices range from \$12 to \$25 - the grilled octopus made a few of friends envious when they heard, as did the oysters. Soups and salads are as fresh and varied as is possible to be. Pasta and risotto dishes are priced from \$22 to \$35 and are very generous portions. Meat and fish entrees begin at \$27 and they even offer a Tomahawk steak (not an easy cut to find outside pricey steakhouses).

If you want to try some of each definitely plan to go to brunch on Sunday. Chef Criscuolo says that although brunch is NOT an Italian tradition "... why eat anything bad?" You won't. The hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for \$24.99 per person you can eat yourself happy.

Sweet endings

The perfect ending to our feast was a homemade Tiramisu dessert. Fresh mascarpone cheese layered between sponge soaked in espresso was light and airy. We paired dessert with two cocktails.

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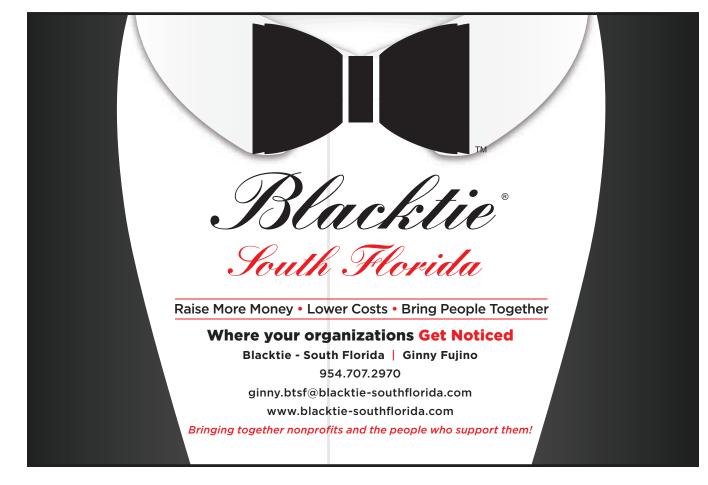


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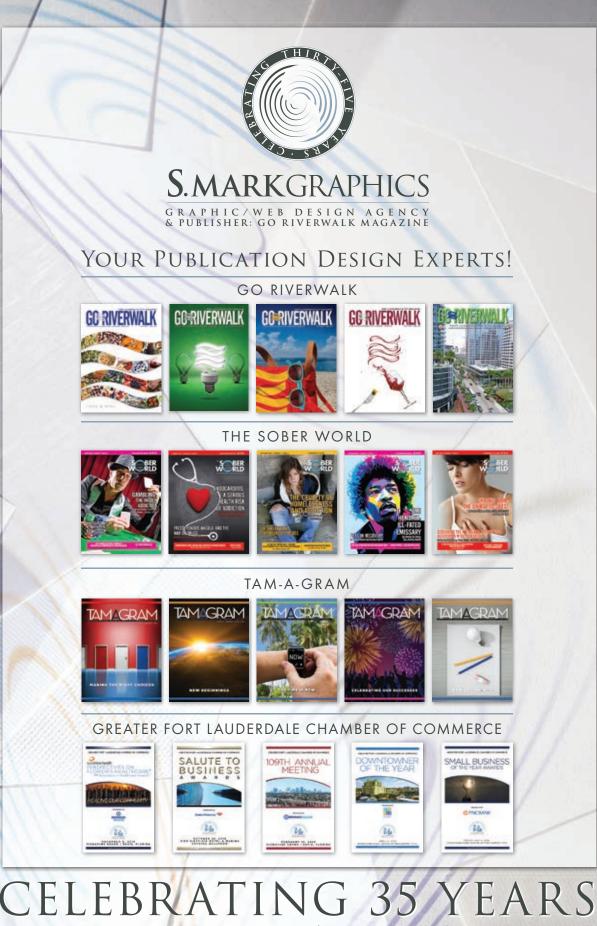
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