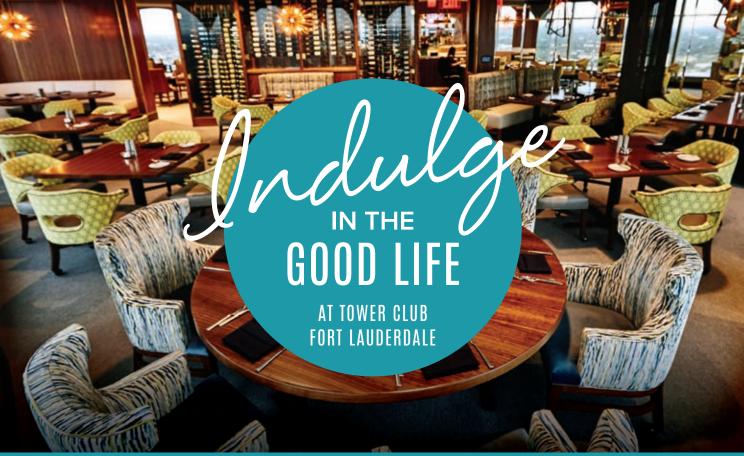
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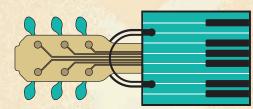
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BY JOHN ROPES Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



NEW FOOD AND WINE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

EXCITING NEW RESTAURANT OPENINGS IN FORT LAUDERDALE AND A WINERY

reighborhoods in Fort Lauderdale offer residents and visitors a plethora of cuisine options and highly rated restaurants to choose from within a short distance of one another. Italian, American, French, Latin, Mediterranean, Asian — you name the cuisine and it can be found here in the heart of our great city.

There are many recent and upcoming restaurant openings in our Downtown and surrounding Fort Lauderdale areas that are particularly exciting.

Cooper's Hawk Winery

Galleria Mall

Opened in August of last year, I gave Cooper's Hawk a mention because it is Galleria Mall's first restaurant with a winery! If you like good food and great wine, you have probably heard about Cooper's Hawk, with 35-plus locations nationwide. In addition to offering in-house winery selections, they also have a vineyard-style tasting room and artisanal market with great gifts for wine lovers and foodies, alike.

The Friendship Café

1306 E. Las Olas Boulevard

The Friendship Café is run by The Friendship Circle in Fort Lauderdale, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides training and employs adults with autism,

Down syndrome and other special needs. Since opening in January, the highly rated Friendship Café has been a huge success with locals and visitors. They offer delicious Mediterranean fare such as falafel, babaganush and Turkish salad and they are kosher certified.

Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar

740 E. Las Olas Blvd.

Celebrating its grand opening on Las Olas in February, Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar now offers a restaurant-retail experience where you can shop and dine in the same 7,500-square-foot space. This concept proved successful in their other locations in Florida, such as Dania Beach and Estero. It serves delicious drink concoctions such as mai tais and a varied menu with island favorites such as mahi-mahi tacos, jerk chicken and coconut shrimp.

Cuba Libre featuring chef Guillermo Pernot 800 E. Las Olas Blvd.

Slated to open in October of this year, Cuba Libre is an eagerly anticipated restaurant with other locations located throughout the U.S. in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Atlantic City, and Orlando. Chef Guillermo Pernot is famous for his unique Cuban creations, such as, Guava BBQ Ribs, Spinach Manchego Buñuelos and Mama Totty's Arroz con Leche.

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LOOKING TOWARD SUMMER

SHARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FORT LAUDERDALE SPOTS

ood ideas pop up all the time and great ideas are many times formed from a spontaneous discussion. At Riverwalk, a board meeting becomes a think tank and great ideas are shared and take shape.

As we look forward to summer, we would like for you to give us your ideas about some of the following topics. We will share them in future issues of Go Riverwalk Magazine:

- 1. Favorite staycation location
- 2. Best place to beat the heat
- 3. Favorite lemonade location
- 4. Book you plan to read
- 5. A local destination on your agenda
- 6. Have you ever taken boating lessons? If so, where?
- 7. Have you ever tried a Segway? If so, where?
- 8. Your favorite local site to brush up on local history
- 9. Your favorite spot to see great art, learn to paint, or try a new art experience
- 10. Summer is for relaxing what would you define as a perfect day in summer?
- 11. Favorite summer dinner
- 12. Favorite summer drink or cocktail
- 13. Favorite dessert
- 14. Local favorite shopping location
- 15. Favorite beach
- 16. We love ice cream what is your favorite and from where?

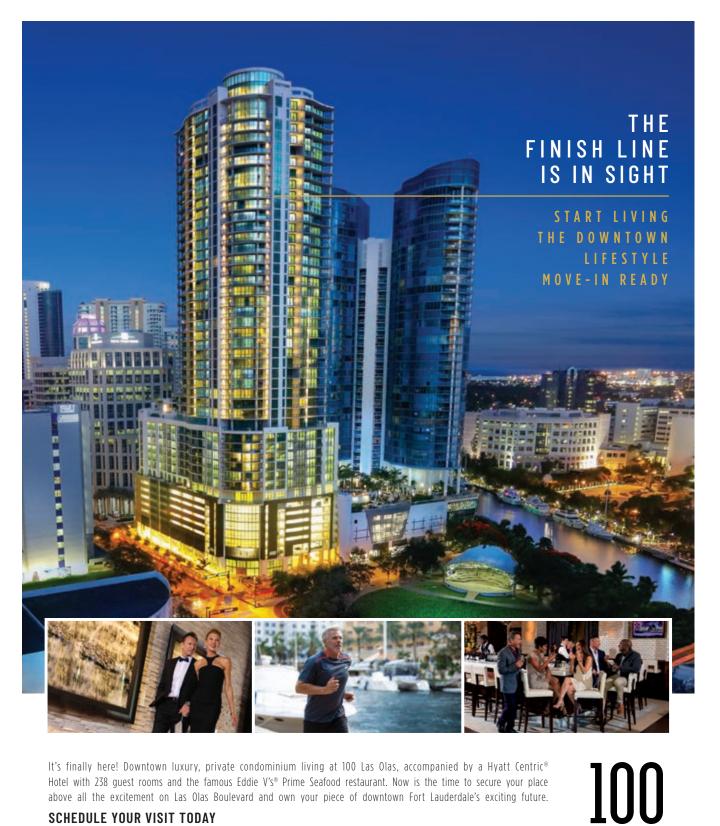
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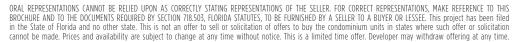
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I have worked in public relations and corporate social responsibility in tech, telecom, entertainment, nonprofit and animal welfare in the United States and developing countries. My work in Haiti (11 years there) won an award from the U.S. State Department. I've always been an advocate, and now I am a public adjuster with United Claims Specialists. It fits perfectly.

As a public adjuster, I get to take my passion for justice and wrap it around my love for communications and management. I spend a lot of time educating people about the process and their rights. I saw Riverwalk as a way to do this while protecting valuable community assets.

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housing consumers.

I discovered this niche market while working for Levitt & Sons where I was vice president and launched more than 55 housing communities in Florida, New York and Puerto Rico. I've seen the senior housing industry change over the years in ways that I could have never imagined. For example, the age of the residents has gotten much older thanks to advances in medicine and the availability of services. Many of today's residents are in their late 80s and early 90s and still living active lifestyles.

As for my lifestyle, you can often find me on the trade association speakers' circuit talking about trends in public relations and marketing. In addition, my book "Marketing Senior Housing" won the National Mature Media Award for its second edition and is available on Amazon. A new book, "Successful Senior Housing Marketing Events," is soon to be published. I am also a licensed real estate agent.

Outside of work, I love photography and am active in a club that meets regularly. I frequently seek out classes and workshops so I can hone my talent and find new ways to portray the world around me. I also believe it is important to have a vested interest in the community where you do business, which is one reason I joined Riverwalk.

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RIVERWALK CHILI COOK OFF

On Feb. 22, chili-cooking teams hit Esplanade Park to win the votes of attendees for Best Chili.

All nine teams came out in full force with super hero decorations, chili dogs, meatless burgers with chili, fiddle players and more. With School of Rock on the stage, attendees enjoyed chili tastings and the opportunity to cast their vote.

Taking home first place and Best Chili was the Federal Express Co. 29, representing Fort Lauderdale's Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue. The Gold Coast Derby Grrls took the prize for Best Booth Decorations and second place in the chili competition.

Thank to you all the teams that participated and made a day fun for everyone along the Riverwalk! ⁽¹⁾



Trent Baker and Cameron Maccarelli



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Chef Will Not Kill stirs the chili



First place: Federal Express Chili Co. 29 -Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue



Second place: The Rolling HOYT Peppers Gold Coast Derby Girrls



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20TH RIVERWALK TRIBUTE

The 20th Annual Riverwalk Tribute was held on March 6 at the Riverside Hotel. City leaders, sponsors and guests joined to honor Vincent J. Viola, owner of The Florida Panthers. 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, veterans affairs, youth hockey and the endangered Florida panther. An exquisite evening was enjoyed by all with first-class service, sensational spirits, savory hors d'oeuvres, festive entertainment and an impressive silent auction. ⁽¹⁾



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FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PROACTIVE MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

March 17, 2020 - Today at a press conference at City Hall, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean J. Trantalis announced additional proactive measures the City is taking in response to COVID-19.

The measures are being put in place for the protection of the community, visitors, and employees to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the healthcare system is not overwhelmed. The City will continue to assess the situation and make changes as necessary. The updated Declaration of Emergency Regulations is available on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus.

The following measures are effective immediately and will remain in effect through April 16, 2020:

- All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 10 persons are prohibited. Exemptions include grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, banks, credit unions, financial institutions, hardware stores, auto supply stores, hospitals, healthcare and medical facilities, pharmacies, drug stores, medical supply companies, as well as land or facilities owned and managed by Broward County, the Broward County School Board, the North Broward Hospital District, the State of Florida, and the Federal Government.
- All bars, nightclubs, taverns, pubs, cocktail lounges, breweries, dance halls, movie theaters, halls for hire, auditoriums, bowling alleys, video arcades, and other like entertainment facilities and businesses, including but not limited to those contained within a hotel or other enclosed facility or structure, shall close.
- All gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, dance studios, and gymnasiums shall close. This regulation shall not apply to gymnasiums, fitness centers, and fitness studios which: (a) are amenities of hotels or office buildings and which have a capacity of 10 persons or less; and (b) are an amenity of residential buildings.
- All restaurants, cafeterias, and other food service establishments are mandated to cease all on-premises service. However, such establishments may continue to operate their kitchens for drive-thru, delivery, take-out, and exterior pick-up food services.
- All City parks, including recreational facilities, are closed.

In addition, all public beaches in the City of Fort Lauderdale remain closed from the Atlantic Ocean to the easternmost sidewalk of A1A or to any right-of-way or property line abutting the beach, and from Oakland Park Boulevard south to Harbor Drive.

CITY OPERATIONS

For the health and safety of our employees and neighbors, effective at 5:01 p.m. today, March 17, 2020 and continuing through Tuesday, March 31, 2020, all non-essential City operations will be suspended, except for the following:

- Public Safety and Emergency Services
- Public Works/Sanitation Services
- Building Department Inspection Services
- Essential support services including Payroll, Finance, and Fleet
- · City owned and operated cemeteries

Customer Service

Neighbors may contact the City's 24-Hour Customer Service Center by calling 954-828-8000 or by using the LauderServ app or visiting www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv.

Building Permits and Inspections

The City's online platform, Lauderbuild, is available free of

charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Lauderbuild can provide access to permit information, fee payments, scheduling of inspections, and much more. You can find Lauderdbuild on the City's webpage, by simply doing an online search for "Lauderbuild" or visiting bit.ly/2TYSVTK

Parking Customer Service

The Parking Customer Service Office will be closed until further notice and phone calls will be routed to the City's general customer service number. Parking permits for the month of March will be extended and valid until April permits become available for sale; permit sales will resume once the parking customer service office reopens. Parking citation payments and account modifications may be made atwww.fortlauderdale.gov/parking. If you have any questions, please email Parking Customer Service at parkingservices@fortlauderdale.gov.

Utility Billing

Utility billing staff will be available by phone at 954-828-5150 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Neighbors can call utility billing to ask questions, open a new utility account, or make a payment. Utility billing payments may also be made online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling and at the drive-thru kiosk on the east side of City Hall, which is located at 100 North Andrews Avenue.

Water and Wastewater Services

Water and wastewater services will continue to be provided.

Online City Services

Neighbors are encouraged to utilize Fort Lauderdale's online services to conduct business. Please visit the Lauderserv page on the City's website atwww.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv for information about a variety of online services including utility billing, parking and transportation, code compliance, building permits, human resources, and more.

Department of Health Information

As a reminder, individuals with questions related to the coronavirus should call the Florida Department of Health's Coronavirus Call Center at 1-866-779-6121 which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week or email COVID-19@ flhealth.gov. Individuals who are concerned that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should call 954-412-7300 before traveling to any health care facility.

For Additional Information

For additional information about measures the City is taking to combat the coronavirus, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus. For additional information about the coronavirus, please visit www.coronavirus.gov or www.floridahealth.gov.

Ways to Stay in Touch

The City of Fort Lauderdale offers numerous ways for neighbors to receive important information and updates:

- Monitor the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov
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BY VICE MAYOR ROBERT McKINZIE

City of Fort Lauderdale

A NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE RISE

BUILDING BOOM IN NORTHWEST FORT LAUDERDALE

ort Lauderdale's historic Sistrunk Boulevard and surrounding northwest community is in the midst of a building boom that rivals any other time in its history. Years of strategic planning combined with attractive economic incentives and a prime location in close proximity to downtown are fueling an array of residential, commercial, retail, and mixed-use projects throughout the area.

Highlights include:

The Adderley

Plans are moving forward for The Adderley project, a mixed-use community with 455 residential



apartments and more than 17,000 square feet of street-level commercial and retail space located at 501 N.W. Seventh Ave. The project features a dynamic streetscape with mini pocket art plazas and gathering places. Construction should begin later this year with an estimated completion date of late 2024.

Comfort Suites Hotel

Plans are currently under review for a five-story 100-room Comfort Suites hotel to be located at 301 N.W. Seventh Ave. Once approved, the project will mark the first new large-scale hotel in the Sistrunk corridor.

Memphis Blues Complex

Memphis Blues is a multi-level entertainment complex on Sistrunk Boulevard



that will include a new restaurant and a blues lounge along with rental space for performing artists. The project includes repurposing and renovating an existing two-story building at 1448 Sistrunk Boulevard and constructing a three-story connecting structure.

Molly Maguire's Pub and Eatery

Molly Maguire's Irish Pub and Eatery will be located at 550 N.W. Seventh Ave. in the Shoppes on Arts Avenue. The project will bring a much-needed

restaurant to the area that will help activate the corridor, create jobs, and spur additional business development. The project is expected to open in the fall of 2020.

YMCA

Construction is underway on the new \$15 million L.A. Lee YMCA Mizell Community Center at Sistrunk and N.W.



14th Ave., which will offer health, fitness, educational and recreational opportunities.

Smitty's Wings

Construction is nearly complete on Smitty's Wings a family-oriented, eat-in-restaurant at Sistrunk and N.W. 12th Ave. featuring



signature chicken wings and flavorful sauces.

New Single Family Homes

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Northwest Community Redevelopment



Agency (CRA) in partnership with DeAngelo and WWA Development is bringing 11 new single-family homes to the River Garden/Sweeting Estates neighborhood. Several of the one and two-story detached homes, which feature spacious open floor plans and numerous amenities, are currently under construction throughout the area.

These are just a few of the many exciting developments taking place in Northwest Fort Lauderdale that are stimulating economic activity, creating jobs and enhancing quality of life. As these and other projects come to fruition they are bringing us closer to fulfilling our shared vision of creating a vibrant, active, diverse and sustainable city.

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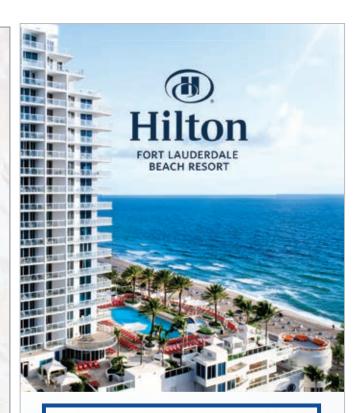
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BY JENNI MOREJON President/CEO Downtown Development Authority



STATE OF THE MARKET 2020: DOWNTOWNFTL EVOLVES

MILESTONES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A METROPOLITAN CITY

fter decades of thoughtful planning and waves of successful real estate cycles, Downtown Fort Lauderdale is booming into a metropolitan city. Major civic investments are on the horizon and construction cranes that dot the sky will soon house new residents, create space for commerce, and add exciting amenities to support a growing Downtown population.

Part of a Southeast Florida region of six million people, DowntownFTL stands out as a walkable, livable city, with iconic public spaces and dynamic cultural attractions. Fort Lauderdale's urban core neighborhoods attract a diverse mix of residents, employees and visitors wanting a relaxed vibe in a city full of life and excitement. A 30-minute train ride on Brightline, the region's high-speed rail with a connection to Orlando underway, seamlessly connects Downtown Fort Lauderdale to Miami and West Palm Beach.

There are 20 development projects underway in the city center adding nearly 600 hotel rooms, 4,300 new residential units, and 450,000 square feet of new Class A office space. Another 30 projects have either been approved or are under review, proving that DowntownFTL is a desirable destination and an attractive city for growth and investment.

Since 1965, the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has helped facilitate this evolution of our city center. With an exciting new decade upon us, our agency remains committed to projects that improve mobility, enhance the public realm, and facilitate economic development. We will support and encourage smart investments by the public and private sectors, and we will continue to work with our partners and community stakeholders to address the priorities of a growing downtown: transportation, housing affordability and infrastructure.

On behalf of our board of directors, we are pleased to present the 2020 State of the Market report, DowntownFTL: Evolves, which highlights a city poised for the next generation.

For more information about the Fort Lauderdale DDA or to read a digital copy of the DowntownFTL 2020 State of the Market report, go to www.ddaft.org/annualreport.









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BY ANTHONY G. FAJARDO Director, Department of Sustainability City of Fort Lauderdale

TENDER LOVING CARE

THE LESSON BEHIND THE GREEN MACHINE THAT KEEPS ON CHUGGING

want to tell you about my old car. I have a 1980 Honda Accord. My friends think I'm crazy, but I love it. It is green ... green paint, green carpet, green dashboard, green seats, green headliner. When I drive it, I get more stares and comments than if I were in a Porsche (it's true). People have followed me to ask questions and tell me stories the little car reminds them of.

Now, my little car is 40 years old this year — very old by any standard applied to any car. Heck, how many people have a car that's more than five years old, let alone four decades?

When I got it in 2016 it only had 92,387 miles on it. Now it has around 109,000 and it still starts and runs great. But that doesn't mean it hasn't started to have its share of problems. For those of you familiar with Japanese cars, let alone Hondas, you know they have a well-deserved reputation for overall reliability. They are known for being so reliable that people often forget how important maintenance really is.

One time I couldn't get it into gear right away. The transmission was stuck and then suddenly it wasn't. It left me stranded once with a simple electrical problem, but a very close friend pointed out the obvious problem and it started right back up. Then it started leaking oil

and needed some additional maintenance that it just didn't get over its long life.

Don't worry. I found a Honda mechanic that has been working on these cars since 1979. He knows what to look for, where to find parts, and how to put it back together again. He loves the car as much as I do.

But the little car is really starting to need some love. The Florida sun has beaten the paint and now it has a couple little rust spots. I won't get rid of it, though. And even though my mechanic fixes one thing and then another thing breaks, I'm not getting rid of him either. He knows the car. He knows its quirks and idiosyncrasies. And he cares about the little car, which is a great thing. Because he cares, I know the car is in great hands.

My point is this: Manmade things need constant upkeep. They need maintenance. They need love. Just because something starts to break doesn't mean that the people who are working to keep it running aren't doing everything they can. It also doesn't mean that it can be fixed with a snap of a finger. My little car needs someone who cares about it. It needs someone who wants to help. It needs someone who takes it seriously and is committed to fixing whatever the problem is so I can enjoy it for another 40 years. And it has that. Fort Lauderdale has that, too.



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TUNNEL TOP PLAZA

WHEN TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACES MERGE

t the east end of the Riverwalk stands Laura Ward Plaza, creating a connection between the Riverwalk and water-based transportation to the world-renowned shopping and restaurants of Las Olas Boulevard. But this connection is missing some key components of being the great pedestrian connection that it can be. That is about to chang in a spectacular way.

The Henry E. Kinney Tunnel was opened in 1960 and replaced the bridge that was in its place, which created the possibility for an incredible public open space, where once was a major street. But the tunnel has also created a barrier due to the structure of it. The tunnel is flanked by high walls surrounding the opening designed for safety for vehicles using the tunnel, but that has created a narrow and unpleasant walking environment on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard as well as safety hazards with the blocking of site visibility. These conditions have not only created a physical barrier, but also a visual barrier between the thriving business districts to the east and west of the tunnel.

The need to fix this condition was raised many years ago and efforts began to improve this connection. They have the main goal to strengthen the link between the two sides of the tunnel improving pedestrian connectivity, provide a respite for visitors, improve safety for all users, and create an iconic open space.

The project will transform this intersection by creating a sense of place. It will also place the pedestrian as the priority through the project area by the use of a patterned pavement design that pulls the Riverwalk design through the Plaza while creating its own unique identity referencing the water and the environmental history of being a hardwood hammock.

The new plaza will be created by pushing back the existing wall over the tunnel on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard 117 feet. In this area, there will be terraced seating with vistas to the New River, green space and decorative features. It will provide a space for people watching, gathering with friends and family, and just enjoying this new public space. That design will be carried down to the river to connect this new plaza with Laura Ward Plaza creating a seamless connection.

Tunnel Top Plaza will create unique and memorable spaces for the public to gather, spend time outside, and enjoy a place are critical components to a healthy Downtown. And when transportation projects merge with parks projects, there is the ability to create new and interesting public spaces.

The Tunnel Top project will transform an inhospitable space into a place where people want to be. The project is being managed by the Florida Department of Transportation in collaboration

with the City of Fort Lauderdale to turn what was just a tunnel rehab project into a spectacular transportation to transform the public realm for the residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale. Look for construction to start in 2022.



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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN ARTS AND ENTREPRENEURISM

TO SUCCEED AS AN ARTIST. YOU MUST BE GOOD AT THIS ONE THING NOT TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

n entrepreneurial mindset is increasingly important for artists of all disciplines. Fortunately, artists are innately creative, and entrepreneurism takes a certain sense of curiosity to look at things differently. So, the two — artist and entrepreneur — are not exclusive. However, it takes much time and practice to become good at both.

In an effort to bridge the gap while building a community of successful artists, Broward Cultural Division is one of two places in the nation that offers the Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) where creatives — of all kinds — can gain the tools and knowledge to sustainably live and work as an artist.

Open to creatives in all fields, including writers, filmmakers, musicians and visual artists, AEI is provided for creatives who are ready to succeed. No matter what phase of career you're in — emerging creative professionals to life-long artists — chances are there might be something that's holding you back. Don't let it be your pricing structure or doing your taxes. Take

control and create a lifetime of success.

In its 13th year, AEI provides our community the educational platform for artists' success. From accounting to marketing, to writing a business plan critiqued by lending professionals at regional banks, the four days of seminars arm creatives with the one thing not taught in school.

Going to art school has very little to do with how successful one's career is. Many of the artists we know and admire didn't attend traditional art school. And that's OK, because it's the work that happens outside of art-making or critiquing art that matters most.

This year, AEI will take place at NSU's Davie campus on four Saturdays this June. AEI is offered once a year and nowhere else in the state of Florida, so seats fill up early.

Decide now. Is 2020 is your year to succeed? If it is, we look forward to welcoming you to the start of your successful career as a creative. More info and registration at ArtsEvents.Broward.org. ①









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BY DAN LINDBLADE
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TIME FOR U.S. CENSUS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS

2020 may be the year every vote should count, but it is also the year every person should be counted. April is the month when the national census count begins in earnest, an undertaking that is crucial to our state and South Florida in particular.

Every 10 years, the nation conducts a national count of America's population that shapes everything from federal funding of key government services to determining the number of representatives in the U.S. Congress. An accurate count is crucial for our region and our state. If the adage "size matters" means anything, then every Floridian will do what he or she can to participate in the Census.

The first day of April is the official Census Day, which marks the time every home should have received an invitation to participate in the national count. Census takers will fan out across South Florida and other communities across the nation visiting college students, residents of senior centers and others to ensure an accurate count. During the summer months of May, June and July, these census takers will visit homes that hadn't responded to the initial census invitation to make sure everyone is counted. It's a big and important undertaking.

There are huge fiscal and political implications tied to the nation's dicennial count. For starters, the census is the basis for determining how an estimated \$1.5 trillion annually in federal funds is distributed to local communities and state governments. The money

supports key federal programs, like Medicare, Medicaid, housing vouchers, assistance to hospital and nursing home Census 2020

care and more. Census data also determines planning for roads, schools, hospitals and emergency services. The Greater Fort Lauderdale area needs its fair share of funding to address critical needs — congested roadways, crowded K-12 schools and aging water and sewage infrastructure to name just a few. We cannot afford to be shortchanged.

Politically, the Census shapes political representation for the next 10 years. In December, the Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the president and Congress and by March 31, 2021, the bureau sends redistricting counts to the states and that data is used to redraw state and congressional legislative districts based on population changes. Florida, with 21 million residents and counting, our state could see its congressional delegation grow and its number of votes in the Electoral College in the 2024 presidential election – if our current census count determines a significant population change.

Participating in the national count is easy enough. Individuals can participate online, by mail or by phone. It's important to know that responses to the 2020 Census are protected by federal law. The Census collects basic

— not private — information about people living in a household. Census takers will not ask for Social Security numbers, bank account information or political affiliation. Federal law bars that.

The business community will do all it can to encourage its employees to make sure everyone is counted. As influential community members and key players of commerce, business owners can't afford to sit idly in hopes that enough residents participate in the census. The consequences are too great; an undercount carries too much risk. It's vitally important that as many people as possible respond to the call by participating in the 2020 census.

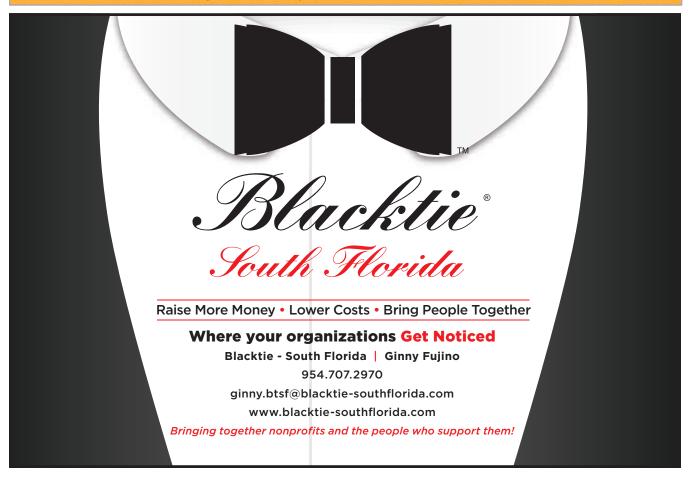




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BY PHIL PURCELL CEO/President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida Writer Kelly Skidmore



FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

DESIGNING FOOD THAT IS HEALTHY FOR PEOPLE AND SUSTAINABLE FOR OUR PLANET

y 2050, it is estimated that nearly 10 billion people will be living on the planet, and, honestly, that's a lot of mouths to feed.

Today there are 821.6 million people who are chronically undernourished, which begs the question, if millions are starving now how will we feed billions more in the future?

Many trends attempt to address food scarcity with plant-based diets and sustainability concerns at the forefront of each, and lots of consumers are making food decisions based on environmental impact, animal welfare and healthier eating —or as my kids like to suggest, "only buy food found on the outside aisles of the grocery store."

With many seafood options being considered healthy protein choices, intensified commercial fishing has spurred expanded aquaculture, which is the process of breeding and harvesting aquatic species for food in areas such as fish farming, mariculture (prawns, mollusk, seaweed), and algaculture (algae). The practice of aquaculture reduces the chances of some wild stock species being depleted, and while it may seem like a relatively new alternative food source, Romans farmed oysters and fish in Mediterranean lagoons around 500 BCE and freshwater aquaculture was developed in China about 1,000 years before that.

In 2016, the U.S. produced \$1.5 billion of aquaculture seafood, with the top species being oysters, clams and Atlantic salmon, but even with a \$4 billion algae industry, the U.S. doesn't make the list of the top 10 aquaculture producing countries. In fact, 90 percent of the seafood we eat comes from abroad and half of it from aquaculture.

Now, scientific advances in this field include cellular aquaculture, which is the process of developing seafood products directly from a single cell of a fish. So, a salmon filet featured on a restaurant menu may have never actually been a fish, but just a single cell that has been replicated until there are enough combined cells to create a single serving of fish. According to one company CEO in the cultured meat arena who was an Ocean Exchange finalist in 2018, this cutting-edge technology designs food that is healthy for people and sustainable for our planet.

While aquaculture is at one end of the food scarcity spectrum in terms of food production, on the other end is an epidemic of food loss and waste. According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, an estimated one-third of all food produced for human use, valued at \$1 trillion, is lost or wasted each year, and the water wasted in growing food that is never eaten is equal to the water needs of Africa, prompting some to believe that globally food is in fact plentiful, it's just not timely and evenly distributed.

Food loss and waste refers to decreases in both the quantitative (volume) and qualitative (nutritional) value of food throughout the supply chain. Food loss typically takes place at production, post-harvest, processing and

distribution stages, while food waste typically takes place at retail and consumption stages. These statistics offer tremendous opportunities to improve systemic inefficiencies in areas like overbuying, overproduction, distribution and delivery, including an increase in refrigeration or a "cold chain" from farm to market to ameliorate excessive spoilage and develop additional crop options for farmers.

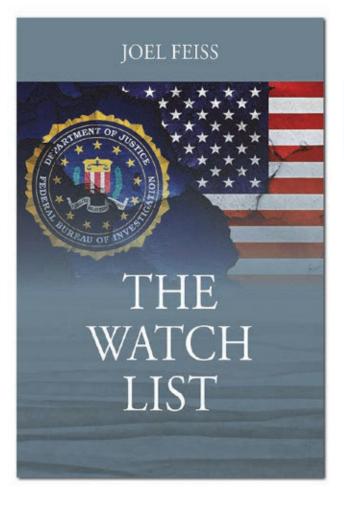
There are numerous viable answers to the question of how we can feed 10 billion people living on earth. Expanding aquaculture and reducing loss and waste are just two. Ultimately, it will take major disruptions in the food distribution process, as well as concessions to eating habits and perceptions, along with a healthy dose of human ingenuity. @

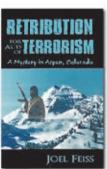


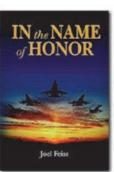
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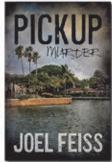
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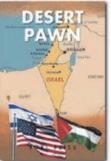












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S.E.R.V.E. SETS SERVERS UP FOR SUCCESS

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wning and operating a business in the service industry is no easy feat. Often, from a patron's perspective, we have no idea how much work it takes behind the scenes to run a successful restaurant or bar. From the culinary team prepping the kitchen to the wait staff and management meeting prior to opening to make sure everything runs smoothly, there is a lot that goes on before guests ever set foot through the door. However, one of the key elements to ensuring the happiness and safety of both employees and guests is by providing proper training from programs like S.E.R.V.E.

S.E.R.V.E., which stands for Sensible Education for Responsible Vendors and Employees, is an alcohol and food safety education training program which provides legal and civil training for people working in

the hospitality industry.

"In Florida, any business that handles and serves food and/ or alcohol is required to have its employees complete one or multiple of these education programs as well as stay up to date with the program's requirements to legally serve food and alcohol," said Patricia Kearney, S.E.R.V.E. owner. "To serve alcohol, for example, onsite training is required of the staff every four months."

Prior to owning and operating S.E.R.V.E, Kearney worked with her husband



S.E.R.V.E. offers three different education programs to vendors, owners and servers:

- The Florida Responsible Vendor Course, which educates employees serving alcohol,
- The Food Handler Course, which educates employees handling and serving food, and
- The Certified Professional Food Manager program, which provides training for the food manager, who is required to oversee all employees serving and handling food.

All of S.E.R.V.E.'s programs are developed to meet state and federal requirements and are offered to all employees working in the service industry at businesses such as restaurants, bars, hotels, grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations and even gentleman's clubs.

Aside from offering training programs, S.E.R.V.E. also works with the local law enforcement to do compliance checks on businesses. Officers will bring in a volunteer to local businesses to assess if they are checking IDs and if they are not they will receive a citation. Following that, they then will have to take one of the S.E.R.V.E. training programs.

S.E.R.V.E. strives to set itself apart from other hospitality training programs with its dedication to their clients and their education and safety.

"The restaurant business is a hard business, so we're here to help and try to make it easier for them," Kearney said. "I feel that my business is a family business and our whole philosophy is treating even the smallest bar with the same respect as our biggest clients."

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EXEMPTION LATE FILING DEADLINE IS SEPT. 18

Exemptions Express

If you purchased a new home and made it your permanent residence prior to Jan. 1, 2020, you may file for tax year 2020 Homestead and other exemptions until Sept. 18, 2020. The timely filing deadline for Homestead and all other exemptions was March 2, 2020, with an extended late filing deadline of Sept. 18, 2020.

Representatives from our office are out in the community assisting property owners with exemption filing. Our staff visits homeowner associations and participates in community events to help residents apply for tax-saving exemptions and answer any

questions. Please visit our Exemptions Express calendar to see where we will be throughout the community each month: https://web.bcpa.net/ExemptionsExpress/calendar.

Broward Counts - United States Census 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution requires the Census Bureau to count all residents living in the United States, regardless of citizenship status or how long someone has been living here.

Data collected from the 2020 Census will impact the distribution of \$1.5 trillion per year, over the next 10 years, in federal funding to communities

across the country for federal assistance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, hospitals and nursing homes, housing vouchers, schools, roads, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Children's Health Insurance (CHIP), Head Start, emergency services, and much more. The 2020 Census count will also determine our number of representatives in Congress and impact the redrawing of state legislative districts.

You should have received a postcard mailed to you in March with a unique code and instructions explaining the Census and how to respond online.

You can respond online (recommended), by phone or by mail. To respond by mail, please call (800) 923-8282 or (301) 763-4636 to request a paper form. If you are hearing impaired, the Census Bureau has prepared an instructional video in American Sign Language. You can also respond in English by TDD at (844) 467-2020.

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A SWEET ENDING

MELANIN SWEETS FOUNDER FINDS PASSION AND HEALING IN BAKING AND GIVING BACK

WRITER TIM BECKER

he road to success isn't a straight one. Many times, trials and tribulations test us all before we achieve our goals — and Fort Lauderdale-based pastry chef Naiké Owens, knows that all too well.

Owens traces her enterprise back to Valentine's Day 2017. She began teaching herself how to make sweets by watching instructional videos on YouTube. She had no traditional culinary background and eventually developed some of her most popular dishes such as "Grandma's Banana Crack," which was a recipe for baked banana pudding, passed to her from her late grandmother Martha Gray.

But before her business, Melanin Sweets, could take off, she became a survivor of domestic violence.

"I made chocolate-covered strawberries, and after my DV (domestic violence) survival, I used baking as my therapy because it was one of the only things I liked to do afterward," Owens said.

Her baking helped her overcome her personal trials regarding the violence against her, she added.

The domestic violence sparked something in her, and after her business began taking off, she started using it as a platform for domestic violence and minority entrepreneurship advocacy, supporting groups like Millennial Women's Solution Network, Women in Distress, and Bruised But Not Destroyed.

"I'm always making introductions to people I feel can benefit and help each other because I feel like we all have dreams and," she said. "The difference is that most of us don't have a guide, direction, resource and/or opportunity to really make it happen."

Beyond creating for herself, Owens wants to

give back to her family, who she calls her inspiration. $\,$

"I want to break our generational curses and teach them everything I've learned in entrepreneurship so we can all live a comfortable life," she said.

Owens added she hopes to continue to grow her business in South Florida while advocating for causes that are important to her. 1



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WRITERS PENNY SANFILIPPO & JONNY ALTOBELL — THE UGLY SISTERS

ust as good champagne, to us, transcends being "just a beverage," so too does coffee. Those of us who admit to being part of the church of the coffee machine, a day is definitely not a day without a cup of coffee to start off. Not a whole pot, mind you ... but at least one steaming, strong, sip of bitter/wonder.

When we were – ahem – younger, there weren't many options for getting excellent coffee while out. Doughnut shops had coffee, as did restaurants, but good? Unless you lived in a BIG city that had specialty shops, your chances in the Midwest were slim.

Thankfully, today, that is no longer true. Love them or not, in the 1980s, Starbucks did help usher in the idea that Americans liked quality coffee and would pay for it. Coffee houses adopted the idea of "community spaces" with free Wi-Fi that allows people to work and sip. Add great food to the mix and restaurants too can add a new dimension and attract customers who might pass them by otherwise.

In Fort Lauderdale and its surrounding neighborhoods and cities, there has been a veritable explosion of coffee "hot spots" (sorry for the pun). Indeed there are so many that we had to divide the area into regions just so we could list as many as possible. Addresses and phone numbers will appear on our web page.

Las Olas, as of this date, has at least six locations devoted to serving great coffee (listed west to east): Java and Jam, Gran Forno Bakery, Capital One Café, Café Europa, Ann's Florist (a great mix of business), Kavasutra Coffee and Kava.

West of the Las Olas corridor but still near downtown are: Colada and Circle Coffee House (Flagler Village), Stache Drinking Den and Coffee Bar (Himmarshee), Grind Coffee Project (Tarpon).

A wee bit farther from Downtown: Press and Grind Café on U.S. 1 north of Broward and now on 17th Street (Harbor Shops), Espresso Coffee Company (a rare drive-through only on South Andrews Avenue) and in nearby Wilton Manors, Milk Money (Warsaw Coffee House), Alchemist, and Robin's House of Tea.

And we cannot neglect to mention a South Florida favorite – Cuban coffee (Café Colada or Café con Leche), which is available at many Latin grocery stores, gas stations and bakeries. Not necessarily fancy surroundings, but delicious coffee that packs a punch.

So press it, perk it, pour hot water over it or purchase it already made – your day will be better.



Hints for better coffee at home: Grind your own beans.

Pre-ground coffee is convenient and readily available but nowhere as full flavored as freshly ground beans. Our friends at MIA Coffee in Hialeah (they supplied the Ugly Sisters blend at the 11th Street Annex for years) stress that the beans must be not only high quality Arabica, but roasted at proper temperatures – recently! Wine ages well – coffee does not. Look for a slightly oily sheen, not dull, dry beans. Bulk coffee canisters are suspect – no telling how long the product has been there.

FOOD SCIENCE 101



Coffee beans are the seeds of a fruit produced by a small tree. Coffea arabica is the botanical name of one of the plant species that produce coffee "cherries" — a lovely, bright red oval fruit that is quite tasty. C. arabica is considered to produce the best coffee, but some large producers use the more highly caffeinated and prolific C.robusta beans as well.

Note to Floridians (or plant geeks): this is a tropical relative of gardenias, pentas, firebush and ixora.

Legend has it that Ethiopian shepherds noticed their flocks were quite frisky after eating the fruit (and seeds) and ate them too. Don't know how frisky they got – or how they figured out that it was the seeds that were the magic, and not the fruit itself. The enduring question is who figured out the seeds would be even better roasted and ground with hot water poured over the top? Maybe Area 51 holds more answers than we know...



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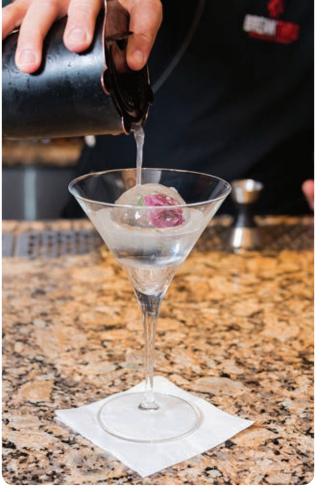
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Masterworks IV

April 16 Featuring pianist Mark Bebbington South Florida Symphony Orchestra Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.southfloridasymphony.org

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April 18 Raising funds to find a cure for Crohn's disease Crohn's & Colitis Foundaiton Huizenga Plaza (561) 218-2929 www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org

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April 18 A Rio Carnival themed evening Debbie's Dream Foundation Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort (954) 475-1200 www.debbiesdream.org



Program IV April 19

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Lunch with Art—Poetry Edition

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South Florida's premiere craft beer and arts festival Bailey Contemporary Arts (954) 786-7824 www.baileyarts.org

Kids' Corner

First Saturday Story Time Hour The Frank Gallery www.TheFrankGallery.org



Revolution Live Jazz Brunch

First Sunday, 11 am — 2 pm Free, live, outdoor concert series of local jazz artists
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www.fortlauderdale.gov

Upstairs/Downstairs Tour

Second & Fourth Wednesday See normally closed off areas of the house Bonnet House Museum & Gardens (954) 563-5393 www.bonnethouse.org

Monthly Caregiver Support Group

Second Thursday Support for those caring for loved ones Alzheimer's Association Belmont Village (954) 524-8500

Food in Motion

Second Friday
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Third Saturday Restaurants, galleries & shops, art, music, murals, outdoor markets & more Downtown Hollywood (954) 924-2980 | www.hollywoodfl.org

Downtown Marketplace

Fourth Saturday Art, antiques, furnishings, jewelry and more History Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-4431 www.historyfortlauderdale.org

FATVillage Art Walk

Last Saturday The signature Artwalk event in Fort Lauderdale. FATVillage (954) 760-5900 www.flaglerartwalk.com



MASS District Art Walk

Last Saturday
Tour the studios of music and art south of Sunrise MASS District (954) 866-3890 www.massdistrict.com







EVENTS CONNECTION

Please check dates and venues of events before attending; many events were in flux at press time.

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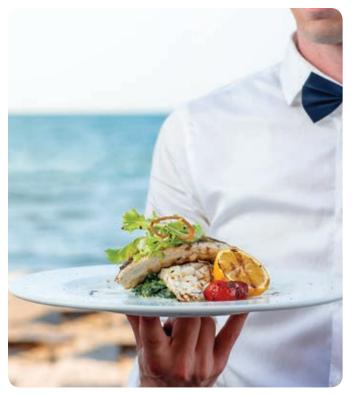
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10TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CARE PLAN NON-PROFIT AWARDS

The non-profit awards, held Feb. 28, celebrated the work of Broward County's non-profit agencies. It was presented by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and hosted by 211 Broward.



ANDY CAGNETTA, KATHLEEN CANNON **AND GREGORY HAILE**



KIRK BROWN, TERI KAYE, ADAM CORIN AND PHIL DEBIASI



TIM HOGANS, HOWARD TALENFELD AND JULIET ROULHAC

ARTS MEAN BUSINESS SPEAKER SERIES 2020 SEASON KICK-OFF EVENT

At Business for the Arts of Broward's event of Feb. 19, guests enjoyed a small reception followed by a presentation by Florida-based Haitian-American visual artist Stephanie Dorsainvil.



STEPHANIE MELISSA DORSAINVIL AND BRIAN KOPELOWITZ



MAXENCE DOYTIER, JOEY EPSTEIN, AND ERIS SANDLER



TALI KARP, MARIA PIERSON AND LAURA TARVAINEN

NSU POWER LUNCH LAUNCH

On Feb. 28, NSU Art Museum and Memorial Healthcare System launched a new Power Lunch menu in the Museum Café, along with a youth "eat the rainbow" initiative with Broward County schools students.



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ANDY'S FAMILY PASTA DINNER

On Feb. 16, Andy's 18th Annual Family Pasta Dinner, hosted by Andy Cagnetta, CEO of Transworld Business Advisors, raised nearly \$265,000 for LifeNet4Families, an organization dedicated to providing necessary food, ancillary services and referrals to those in need in Broward County.







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SOFIA ANNUAL GALA

SoFIA, a South Florida non-profit whose mission is to help the aging community thrive, held its annual gala to honor community leaders and volunteers.





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BRUCE YUDEWITZ, SHERI BROWN AND MARIA HERNANDEZ

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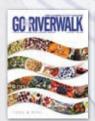


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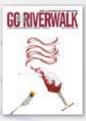
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HANDY GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING



BILL FEINBERG, ADAM CORIN And Mindy Jennings

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BLACK DRESSES & BLUEPRINTS

Black Dresses & Blueprints on Feb. 6, benefitting Rebuilding Together Broward County, recognized women who are have made an impact in the construction industry and their community. The event helped raise \$70,000 for Rebuilding Together Broward County.



BEN SORENSON AND ANA SORENSON



TOM MILLER, GINNY MILLER, TRACI MILLER AND TROY MCHATTON



TYRONE PO, JENNY DE BORJA, TY RICHARDSON, DAVID DIAZ AND ROSY LOPEZ

INNOVATIVE TEACHER IDEA EXPO

On Feb. 28, more than 450 Broward County Public School teachers attended the 28th annual expo, which enabled them to experience first-hand more than 60 original curriculum projects developed by teachers in Broward County Public Schools and funded through Broward Education Foundation grants.



KATHRYN TARQUINIO



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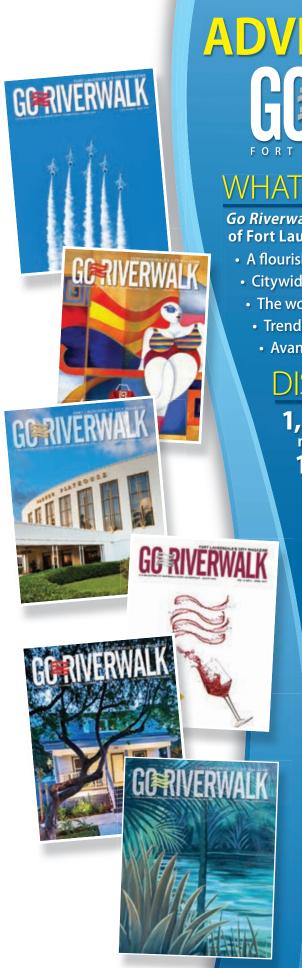
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