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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're enjoying this creative period. But by mid-week, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out the ranks of the doubters.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the way to a new opportunity.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As the Great Advice Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close to you might make a surprising request.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week before more worldly matters demand your attention. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

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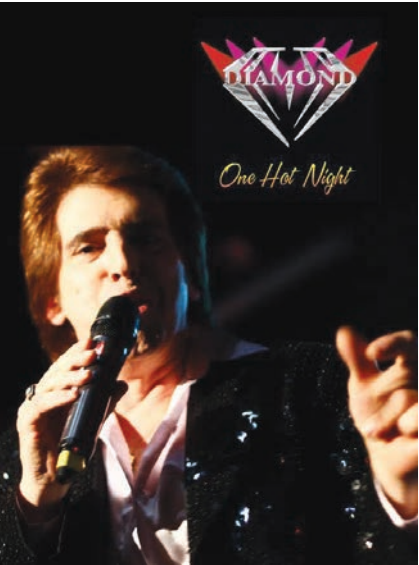
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Every once in a while, a new band will come along and knock you out with a sound, look, and show that no one can compete with. The time has come! Welcome, Diamond - One Hot Night, a ten piece band from New York that replicates Neil Diamond's career from start to today. There are other tributes to Neil Diamond, but nothing compares to One Hot Night. Like a breath of fresh air, One Hot Night brings a sound, costumes, a stage and light show that is second to none (including pyrotechnics, licensed, when permissible). To purchase tickets call



954-344-5990 or go on line to www.thecentercs.com/events/detail/one-hot-night. Event is at Coral Springs Center located at 2855 Coral Springs Drive. Show is from 7:30pm to 9:30pm and Ticket prices are \$28 - \$76.

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The New Mangos VIP Soft Opening Felt More Like A Grand Opening!

Wow, what an impressive event my husband Rick and I attended last week at this long-standing popular Las Olas landmark.

So well done and classy, not even sure where to start. With Entertainer and TV Host **Frank Loconto** at the helm as Emcee, the ribbon cutting was led by Fort Lauderdale **Mayor Jack Seiler**, accompanied by a red carpet greeting that included **Showmix Productions'** beautiful Brazilian dancers, models from **Golden Girls of Miami** and music provided by **DJ Flex**. As we entered the

completely renovated **Mangos**, we marveled in delight its beauty and chic new look. So cool looking all around with a staff so warm and welcoming. Every single one of them, and it seemed that there were as many staff members as there were patrons. We nibbled on the never ending variety of delicious upscale hors d'oeuvres and sampled the amazing cocktails and forever flowing champagne at the open bar. If this wasn't enough, which it really would have been, we were led into the adjacent dining room where we savored an exceptional dinner, while enjoying entertainment provided by **Flavio's** (featuring Spanish guitar and flamenco dancers). Also in attendance was **Tika the Belly Dancer** with drummer extraordinaire **Ilan Gazian**. After dinner, the party glided back into the club for a Brazilian dance performance by Showmix Productions, a fire spectacular by Tika and Ilan, and sounds of **Noreena Entertainment**, a fabulous four-piece band. New owner **Bruno Vaccari** and his management team outdid themselves in every way. They did not skimp on one single thing. Amazing, Impressive and Fun is all I can say.

We want to thank Public Relations Director **Paige Bresky** for inviting us to this wondrous event, and also thank Owner Bruno Vaccari, General Manager **Alessandro Manzo**, Restaurant Manager **Ernesto Graniero**, Executive Chef **Francesco Guizio** (for the delicious eats), Bar Manager **Luigi Manzo** (for the many flowing drinks), Customer Service Manager **Lewis Nozan**, just a few of the MANY staff members that transformed our experience from nice to SPECIAL. They set the standards high and are prime examples of exceptional employees. An extra special thank you and praise to Events Director **Daniel Rogenski** for making sure we had everything we needed. The new Mangos, an establishment that all South Floridians should escape to. 904 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-523-5001 www.mangosonlasolas.com

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO NIKKI'S KITCHEN IN POMPANO BEACH

With the building water pipe problems now fixed, the classy, yet casual **Nikki's Kitchen** at 1 N. Ocean Blvd., Suite 102 (NW corner of



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Events Director Daniel Rogenski, General Manager Alessandro Manzo, Executive Chef Francesco Guizio, and Owner Bruno Vaccari



Nikki Marchelos



Rick D'Alessandro

A1A & Atlantic) is finally open again. Just like its vivacious owner **Nikki Marchelos**, there's a happy glow to the pristine ambiance of Nikki's Kitchen; enticing, inviting and healthful, that sparks a signature standard with appeal and enlightenment. Open from 8am to 10pm, serving breakfast, lunch & dinner, Nikki's serves American home-style classic cuisine with a Mediterranean twist, using only the

best & freshest non GMO organic ingredients. This includes coffees, teas, milk, eggs, greens, naturally fed poultry, grass fed beef & wild caught seafood. Their full service liquor bar is organic as well, featuring organic wine, vodka, gin, rum and tequila, with a fresh organic smoothie bar and fresh organic juices. Nikki's also offers gluten-free products. The food is delicious!

You have to try their "Egg-cellent Breakfast." The Crab Benedict (two poached eggs on two jumbo crab cakes with hollandaise sauce) is amazing as is Nikki's Strawberries & fresh cream Fluffy Pancakes. Of course one of the great smoothies will satisfy any appetite for breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack. Why not try the pita bread with a wonderful cucumber dip or guacamole. How about Coconut Shrimp served with an orange sauce, Shrimp Scampi, Lamb Chops, a specialty of the house, with lemony tartness that

soothes the soul. What makes their lamb chops and chicken so fresh and tasty is in the marinating, with freshly squeezed lemon juice, olive oil, oregano and a few secret ingredients that makes Nikki's recipes so special. For the casual diner, Nikki's serves a variety of pizzas and burgers that are all handcrafted and grass-fed. There's also pasta dishes on the menu and items from the sea to chophouse steak (grass-fed with fried onions). The list goes on and on. And the desserts? The flourless Chocolate Cake is to die for as is Nikki's own Key Lime Pie with freshly whipped cream. So light and so delicious. Whole Foods used to market them; need I say more?! Stop by Nikki's Kitchen and indulge on the healthy and hearty. Free parking. See website and Ad on this page.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BUSTER'S IN PLANTATION FOR FIVE YEARS AND STILL COUNTING!

Can't believe it, five years already? It feels like yesterday when **Rick D'Alessandro** opened his New England style **Buster's Doughboys & Clam Cakes**. Come celebrate this big event, their 5 year anniversary, on Saturday March 3rd starting at 5pm, with Classic Car Cruise-in, Sock Hop Tunes by **D.J. Scott the Music Man**, and the **Fabulous Four Live** on the floor band from 6pm to 10pm. **Hot Food, Hot Music and Hot Cars**. Lots going on at Buster's so see Ad on page 13 for more details. 8320 W Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, 954-765-6665.

ODDS AND ENDS

REMINDER from last issue, the annual Polynesian Festival is being held on Saturday February 24th and Sunday February 25th from noon to 7 pm at the infamous **Jacos Pastorius Park**, 4000 North Dixie Highway in Oakland Park. Experience the Polynesian culture with Lei Greeters, exciting Hula/Tahitian & Fire Dancers, Fire Knife Dancers, Ukulele Jam Session, drummers, musicians, contests, arts & crafts, artisan vendors, kids' corner and so much more. Enjoy delicious food from the Polynesian Islands and Mai Tai Drinks from the Tiki Bar. See Ad on page 18.

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This beach club tiki bar is one of only a few places in our area that is located right on the beach. There is no better way to enjoy a meal and/or drink then gazing at the beautiful ocean. The breakfast menu is served until 11:30am and the All Day Menu is extensive. There are more than 30 appetizers, 30 sandwiches & wraps, 20 salads, 5 flat breads, pizza w/over 10 toppings available, and 25 entrees. Fresh fish and seafood are their specialties.

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www.countryhamneggs.com
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Daily lunch and dinner specials are offered. Open 7 days a week from 7am to 2am.

NIKKI'S KITCHEN

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OCEANS GRILLE

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www.oceansgrille.com
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UMBERTO'S OF LONG ISLAND

2870 E. Atlantic Blvd.
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Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner, this local favorite has an extensive selection of menu items including all popular Italian dishes as well as their famous pizza. 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4pm-7pm every day-beer, well drinks & wine. In addition to their delicious and generous portions of food, there is music and dancing every Wed, Thur and Sat.

The 756TH Tank Battalion Project

A Ron Lowther Production

If you like History like I do, you will appreciate the enthusiasm and accuracy which local Author and Producer **Ron Lowther** puts into this project. He wants you to imagine what it would be like sitting in this tank, feeling the concussion of the shells as they are fired from the tank. The noise must be unimaginable. Mr. Lowther will take you back through history with the 756th Tanker training, and lead you to where and when this group ended up in World War II. There were a lot of firsts that the 756th accomplished, and what brings the story together are the Veterans' interviews showing the personalities and manner in which they dealt with the death and destruction of war. This was a highly decorated Battalion with two Medal of Honor winners.

Now let's get into Ron Lowther's project with information obtained from his book:

The **756th Tank Battalion Project** is a World War II documentary about experiencing the life and battles from inside the M4A3 Sherman medium tank. The story is based around the 756th Tank Battalion, tracing their path from North Africa to Germany and Austria. The Documentary will focus on informing the masses about the actions of the 756th, one of the elements that helped win the war.

There were millions of stories from World War II, but very few have ever been told. Before the United States became involved in World War II, the government felt an urgency to be best prepared for the inevitable. In part of that preparation, the military actually debated whether to go into war with mounted Cavalry or armor. Yes it was real, and fortunately they made the right decision. Now armor build up was on the list and it needed to get started right away. There were select bases throughout the country to be the training grounds for tanker training. Fort Lewis, Washington was one of them and gave birth to what was to be the 756th Tank Battalion. The 756th was a bastardized tank battalion providing troop support, unlike the armored divisions, which mostly engaged in tank on tank battles. The 756th was also involved in tank on tank fights, but operated in smaller groups.

This is where Ron Lowther's compelling story begins and is to be one of the most important parts of military history that has never been told on film. It includes sharing the stories first hand from the actual men in this Battalion, along with a visual history never told before, up close and personal.

Can you imagine what it would be like inside a Sherman tank from World War II? The pounding of the 75mm canon and the firing of the 30-caliber machine gun, not to mention the roar of the engine and clanking of the tracks. That's what the tankers experienced. Now imagine how it would be living in that tank when it's cold in the winter and hot in the summer for up to 2 to 3 years, always on the move and being shot at by people who want to kill you. Think about the VERY SPECIAL group of men who did just that! Enduring the hardships of war, while plowing the way to victory for the ground troops. This story is a gut wrenching reality and



IT'S MY OPINION
with **RICK SCHWEITZER**



S/Sgt Frank Cockerill's crew of the 756th Tank Battalion pose for a photo in front of their tank during a column halt. Germany, 1945 (rudeerude)



Ron Lowther

truth to what the 756th had to endure, and the devastation they partook in and witnessed from war. Traveling over 4,000 miles from North Africa to Germany to Austria, if it weren't for the actions and sacrifices of these men, we would not be here today. These men helped save the world, and this story will give them the

recognition they deserve.

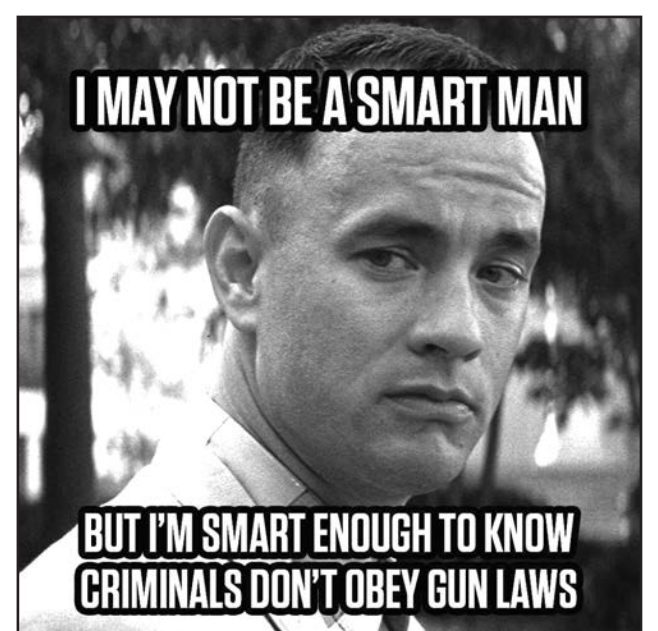
Let's look at the Author and Producer of this Documentary. Mr. Lowther has vast experience, with over 30 years working for all the national networks and most of the major cable networks, such as ESPN, Disney, National Geographic, Lifetime and Sci-Fi to name a few. As for a couple of credited projects, Mr. Lowther was line producer for the pre and post game shows on NBC for the '97 World Series, and produced and directed the "Neil at Night" show for television on USA Network's WAMI TV with Neil Rogers (Toughest career project producing top ratings and top grossing ad revenues). He also worked for Steven Spielberg's "SHOAH" project as director of photography for over 50 Holocaust survivor interviews. When that project was finished, Mr. Lowther was offered to be line producer and production coordinator for the "Last Days" documentary, a Spielberg production, which won the Oscar for long version documentary. Presently Mr. Lowther is working for the Broward Sheriff's

Office in the Covert Electronic Surveillance Unit as in-house producer for the agency, and as a video forensics specialist handling retrieval and processing of digital video evidence. You can get additional information on him from his website at www.flyinglobsterproductions.com/testimonials-1.

50% of the net proceeds from this film will be going to veteran's charities. If you are interested in promoting or supporting this documentary, please contact Mr. Lowther on his website.

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“The Black Panther” - potential for more next time around

Chadwick Bossman, Forest Whitaker, Angela Bassett, Michael B. Jordan
PG-13 134 Min Marvel Pictures-Disney

“Black Panther” is a somewhat entertaining film and an important one, even though it stops short of being a great one. First and foremost, “The Black Panther” is championed as the first black superhero movie. In that it succeeds. Dialogue heavy with a confused sense of place, this mega-budget Marvel marvel might be a misfire for

athletic warriors with stunning profiles and nipples, traditional African lip plates, spectacular waterfalls, intense battle scenes and two passionate contenders for the throne of Wakanda, who represent good and evil. Hell hath no fury as a crazed African...



“The Black Panther”

anyone beyond the fan-base, but it does have some memorable moments. Rhinos in armory,

Wright as the mother and sister. The locations (Atlanta and South Korea)

The first challenge is the screenplay. Patience is required to sit through the stilted dialogue as the exposition tries to find its rhythms. The 134 minute running time drags a lot. When the rhythms of Africa kick in, things start to look up. Looking down the cast list there is no shortage of top talent, including Forest Whitaker as the Black Panther’s mentor, Lupita Nyong’o as a free-spirited beauty, Andy Serkis as a nasty arms dealer, Martin Freeman as a CIA agent, Angela Bassett and Letitia

“The 15:17 To Paris” - somewhat failed experiment

Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos, and Spencer Stone
Directed by Clint Eastwood PG-13 91min Warner Bros.

“The 15:17 To Paris” is the true story of three lifelong Sacramento best friends who thwarted a terrorist attack aboard the titular train. It is written by first timer Dorothy Blyskal, pads out an admittedly thrilling 10 minute sequence with 80 some minutes of clunky childhood backstory and the overuse of a selfie stick throughout Europe.

The swinging for the fences stroke of genius idea, however, has director Clint Eastwood casting the actual heroes in the lead roles. In concept alone, I admire the attempt. It’s fresh and rare. The fact that Eastwood and Warner Brothers are willing to risk telling such an iconic tale with non-actors playing themselves, which is much harder than it looks, earns my respect. A shame the film falters as much as it does.

Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos, and Spencer Stone are true heroes. They saved a lot of lives that day in 2015 and nobody can ever take that away from them. I would imagine they would be the first to admit that they’re not actors. It would have been so easy to cast Michael B. Jordan, one of the Chris’ (Pratt, Pine, Evans....whatever),



“The 15:17 To Paris”

and a Hemsworth or two, soup up the action a little mores and have an action blockbuster on their hands.

Clint, however, tries to be more intimate by giving us a trio of average troublemaking kids who grow up to love their country and randomly find their moment while galavanting across Europe. Sadly, the script has one groaner line after another and stiff line deliveries don’t help matters much. Sadler has a little charm, but gets saddled with exactly one unflattering characteristic, the endless need to document

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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look impressive, although Coogler flips from one location to the next; we are not sure where are supposed to be. In the battle scenes I was confused as to who was fighting whom?

One of the funniest lines of dialogue comes when the two rivals come face to face after a long absence. “Hey, ‘Whassup?” Michael B. Jordan’s Erik Killmonger spouts to Chadwick Boseman’s T’Challa, As a hero, Boseman delivers admirably (we first saw him in 2016’s Captain America: Civil War), although the character is a tad earnest. Jordan makes a fine villain. He has attitude. And dreadlocks. There is no shortage of action; on display are the Black Panther’s superhero skills and the power struggle for the amazing vibranium: a miracle fix-it that acts as everything - from weapon to healer.

Where “Wonder Woman” soared, “Black Panther” struggles, but there is plenty of potential for more next time around. Perhaps there might even be a better script and a shorter running time. ★★ and 1/2★out of ★★★★★

every moment with his selfie stick.

The script meanders through their childhood antics, but the point is made clear. Ordinary people do extraordinary things. The young Anthony and Spencer don’t do so well with their scenes. Things get uncomfortable, and quite boring, when the trio make their way through Europe, with all the obvious excitement gelato, drinking, clubbing, and more selfies bring to the equation.

But that train sequence. It’s what we all want to see and it more than lived up to what I had hoped. Shooting in a lively docu-style, Eastwood achieves the immediacy, the terror, and the visceral qualities of the violence quite well. . My emotional connection to this moment had me rethinking the entire film experience. Yes, it’s pretty bad, but I still felt something. I knew I was witnessing that moment where people decide to act on instinct and make a difference. They didn’t plan it. They didn’t set out to be heroes. They bravely just did the right thing. A Hollywood-ized version of this story would not have had the same impact. It may have had a better sense of pace and false dramatics, but this somewhat failed experiment has the distinction of putting you right there inside the experience. It’s a shame that it kinda sucks, but I still applaud the outside-the-box approach.

★ and 1/2 ★ out of ★★★★★

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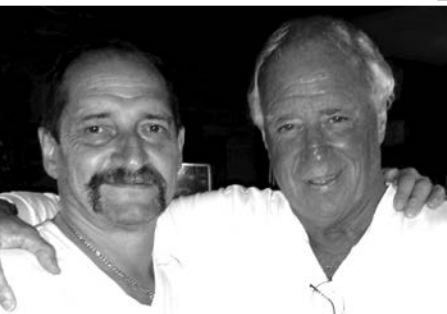
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Age Has No Meaning For Pompano Beach Snowbird Nancy Hanna

Last June, over ten thousand Seniors met in Birmingham, Alabama to compete in the Senior National Swimming Games. **Nancy Hanna** was one of these competitive swimmers that covered various age groups. The groups were 60-64, 75-79 and even 95-99. Nancy competed in the 75-79 age group with 20 other woman and took 6 awards; 2nd place in the 50-yard butterfly, 3rd place in the 100-yard individual medley, and 5th, 6th and 7th place in three other races.

Nancy, who is a Delaware native, started swimming at an early age. She is a graduate of the **University of Delaware**, was homecoming queen, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa sorority. After college, Nancy married, had three children and was sadly widowed at age 40. Nancy swam to keep in shape.

In 2008, Nancy and her fiancé Richard Mueller bought a condo in Pompano Beach. She was persuaded to enter the Senior National Games in Minneapolis and began working out 3 days a week in the pool at L.A. Fitness. She continued her workouts at Pompano's Public Pool. With Richard as her coach and cheerleader, Nancy has won many medals to prove all of her accomplishments. Swimmers tend to live a longer life. This should be a good lesson to all of us, especially Seniors; stay active. "Good luck Nancy in all your future endeavors." The above information obtained from Nancy Hanna via a previously published article in the Pompano Pelican Newspaper.

FLORIDA SPORTS TEAMS LACK CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS

In Florida today there is a lack of Championships in football, basketball,



Nancy Hanna



hockey and especially baseball. Unfortunately, Florida teams have a lack of super stars. Here is a breakdown of all Florida teams and others that haven't won a championship recently:

BASEBALL

Miami Marlins, Pittsburg Pirates, Cincinnati Reds, Seattle Mariners, Minnesota Twins, LA Angels, Toronto Blue Jays, Tampa Bay Rays, NY Mets, and recently the NY Yankees. Most teams get millions of dollars of television money and are supposed to use this money to improve the teams; instead they use the money for other things.

FOOTBALL

Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, Houston Texans, Tennessee Titans, NY Jets, Buffalo Bills, Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. This year has been a shortage of good quarterbacks. Early injuries have also taken its

toll on all NFL teams.

BASKETBALL

Philadelphia 76ers, Brooklyn Nets, NY Knicks, Charlotte Hornets, Atlanta Hawks, Detroit Pistons, Chicago Bulls, New Orleans Pelicans, Memphis Grizzlies, Dallas Mavericks, LA Clippers, LA Lakers, Sacramento Kings and the Phoenix Suns. Look at the disparity in Basketball. As of the All-Star break last week, you only have a total of nine legitimate contenders out of 30 teams to make the playoffs, Golden State, Oklahoma City, Houston, San Antonio, Cleveland, Washington, Miami, Toronto and Boston. The NBA is getting less competitive and the rich are getting richer, while all other teams remain at the bottom of the standings. "Good luck Miami in the second half of the

season."

HOCKEY

Hockey is different in the sense that just about every team makes the playoffs. In the Atlantic Division, contenders for the Stanley Cup are Tampa Bay Lighting, Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs and the Florida Panthers. In the Metro Division, there are the Washington Capitals, Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers New Jersey Devils and the Carolina Hurricanes. In the Western Conference Central Division, there are the Nashville Predators, Winnipeg Jets, St. Louis Blues, Dallas Stars, Vegas Golden Knights, San Jose Sharks, Calgary Flames, LA Kings and the Anaheim Ducks. On the pay scale, professional hockey players make the least amount of money compared to all other sports. "Good luck Panthers on the rest of the season."

SPORTS TRIVIA

- A. In what year did the Boston Red Sox trade Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees?
1. 1919 2. 1920 3. 1921 4. 1922 5. 1923
B. What NBA team did Elgin Baylor play for?
1. New York Knicks 2. LA Lakers 3. Boston Celtics 4. Phoenix Suns 5. Utah Jazz

ANSWERS
A. #1 Red Sox traded Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1919
B. #2 Elgin Baylor played for the Los Angeles

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Sports QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- Who was the last St. Louis Cardinals player before Jedd Gyorko in 2016 to hit 30-plus home runs in a season?
- New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra caught three no-hitters -- two by one pitcher. Name that pitcher.

- In 2015, Saquon Barkley broke the Penn State freshman record for rushing yards (1,076). Who had held it?
- When was the last time that the Houston Rockets swept a playoff series 4-0?
- Name the last team before the Pittsburgh Penguins (2016, 2017) to win consecutive Stanley Cups, each time in six games.
- When was the last time the U.S. men's team lost an individual backstroke final at the Olympics?
- In 2017, golfer Cristie Kerr set a record for most career points for a U.S. team member at the Solheim

- Carlos Beltran had 32 home runs in 2012.
- Allie Reynolds tossed both in 1951.
- D.J. Dozier rushed for 1,002 yards as a freshman in 1983.
- The Rockets swept Orlando in the 1995 NBA Finals.
- The Philadelphia Flyers, in 1974 and 1975.
- It was 1992.
- Julie Inkster had 18.5 points in her Solheim Cup career.
- Paula Creamer (19.5 points) also passed Inkster in 2017.

ANSWERS

Miami Dolphins Accepting Applications for Social Justice Grant Program and Project Change Scholarship

The Miami Dolphins are now accepting applications for a social justice grant program and Project Change scholarship.

The Dolphins organization has earmarked funds for a social justice grant program to impact organizations in need that are involved in community engagement, education or justice reform. The grant program is guided by an advisory committee of Dolphins players and staff.

The Miami Dolphins also are accepting applications for the Project Change Scholarship, a program that will identify one high school student each year and pay for their tuition to college over a four-year period. The goal of the scholarship is to target students to impact their lives, so they can make a change in their community. To be eligible for the Project Change Scholarship, students must maintain a

GPA of 3.0 or higher and complete at least 40 hours of community service a semester in social justice programs. Students interested in applying must write an essay on what change they want to see in the community and how the scholarship will achieve that change. Acceptance into a community college or university is necessary.

Applications for both the social justice grant program and Project Change Scholarship are due February 28 and can be submitted at Dolphins.com/SocialJustice.

The social justice grant program and Project Change Scholarship are part of a yearly fund for advocacy and social justice programs created by Stephen Ross and Dolphins players. During the 2017 season, the team



The Social Justice fund is a yearly fund for advocacy and social justice programs created by Miami Dolphins Owner Stephen Ross and Miami Dolphins players. Photo Courtesy Miami Dolphins

also sponsored the Police Athletic League of North Miami and will host a police and youth conference in conjunction with the 5000 Role Models Excellence Project.

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celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q: One of my favorite shows was "Orphan Black." Can you tell me more about the actress who played Delphine? — Bryan F., via email

A: Evelyn Brochu is behind the breakout role of Dr. Delphine Cormier on the Canadian science-fiction thriller, which made its way to the States via Amazon Prime. The series ended back in August, but she still gets recognized on the street. "It's surprising the places where people stop me and tell me that they've seen it and love it," she told me recently. "Everywhere I go,

'Orphan' fans are great. They are so smart and so loving. It's been a blessing to be a part of that group of talented people making the show."

She's moved on to another talented group of people: the cast and crew of CBC's "X Company," which you can catch here in the U.S. on Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. ET on Ovation television. Loosely based on a true story, Evelyn plays Aurora Luft, the leader of the recruits from Camp X, the real-life first-known spy agency, which worked covertly for Allied interests during World War II.

Of her character, Evelyn gushed: "I like that she's kick-ass and courageous. She puts her life on the line for what she feels is right. It's not always that you get to play these characters that have such a great, tremendous sense of self-sacrifice and justice. The team is super-young, and they have

to learn as they go and toughen up. The fact that she's a woman makes her a great asset because she won't be someone to suspect. But it also puts her in the danger zone."

Q: Can you tell me what Jamie Oliver is doing now? I've always enjoyed his personality, and his tough love when it comes to eating crappy foods. — Gerry T., Mobile, Ala.

A: Jamie has his own show on Genius Kitchen, which is food-focused digital brand from Scripps Lifestyle Studios, an app that is available on mobile and connected devices. In "Jamie's Super Food," he travels to Greece, Costa Rica and beyond to share healthy cooking tips that anyone across the world can adopt and enjoy. New on-demand videos will arrive monthly via iOS and Android, as well as Apple TV, Amazon, YouTube and Roku.



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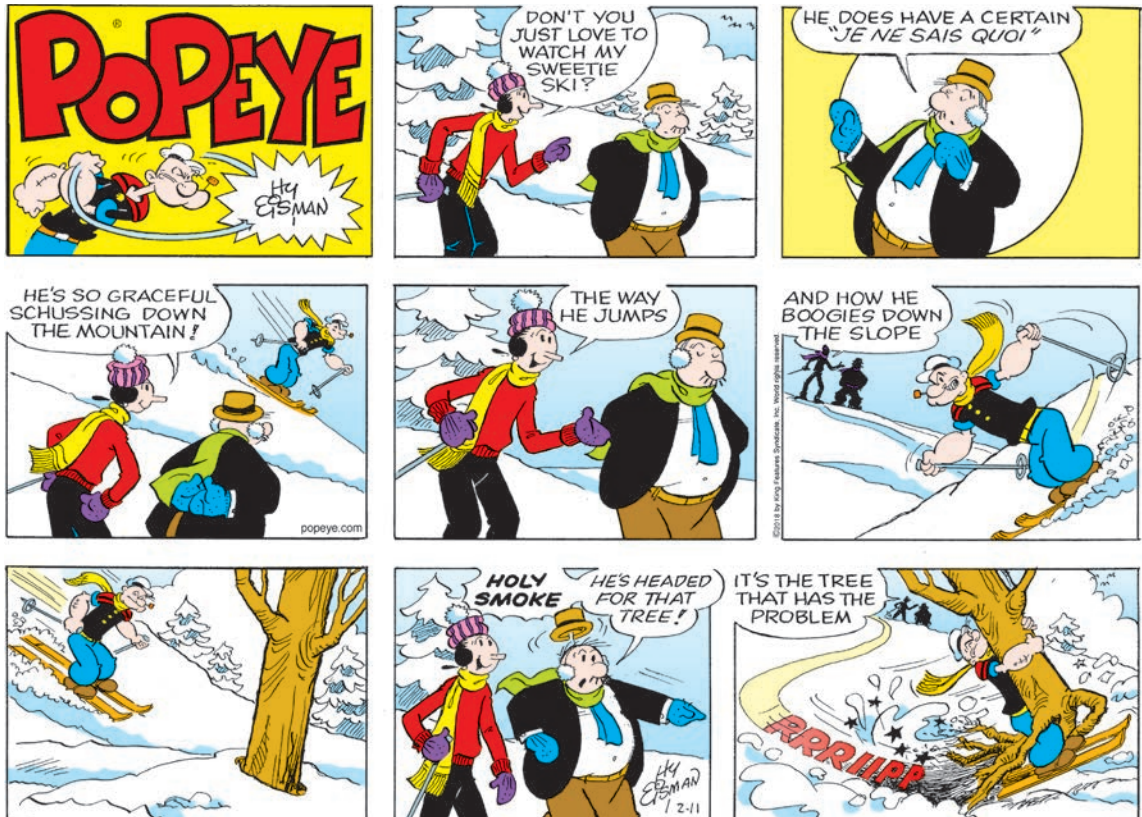
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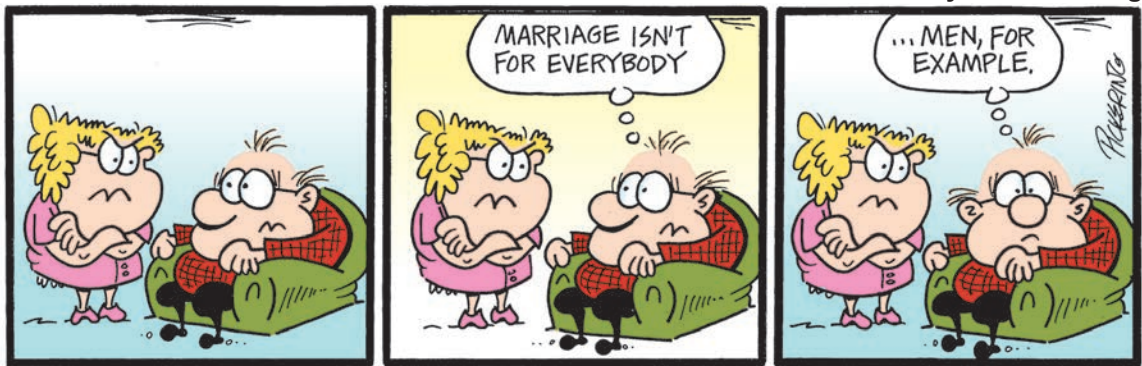
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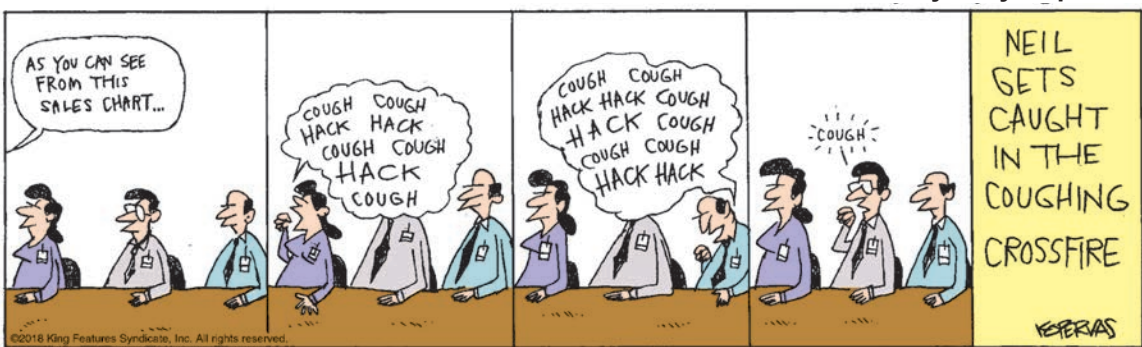
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 See 12-Across
 - 5 Scoundrel
 - 8 Mine entrance
 - 12 With 1-Across, have trouble
 - 13 Bullring cheer
 - 14 Pianist Peter
 - 15 Fermi's bit
 - 16 Time on Earth
 - 18 Summerhouse
 - 20 Deviating off course
 - 21 Albacore, e.g.
 - 23 — Aviv
 - 24 Help on "... Millionaire"
 - 28 Pealed
 - 31 Commotion
 - 32 Nuptial announcement
 - 34 Dead heat
 - 35 Legal wrong
 - 37 Shipwreck aid
 - 39 Bill and —
 - 41 Sea eagle
 - 42 Cover the cost up front
- DOWN**
- 1 Carpet style
 - 2 Silents actress Naldi
 - 3 The gamut
 - 4 Reproductive cell
 - 5 House style
 - 6 Boxer Muhammad
 - 7 Challenge
 - 8 Reply
 - 9 Remove hair
 - 10 Persia, now
 - 11 Chinatown gang
 - 17 Dine
- 19 Closed-up tulip**
- 22 Sandy's mistress**
- 24 Long. crosser**
- 25 "What can — for you?"**
- 26 Made to consume**
- 27 Put in a border, as a photo**
- 29 Zero**
- 30 Obtain**
- 33 Remit**
- 36 Drunkards**
- 38 Groups of quail**
- 40 LummoX**
- 42 Winter truck attachment**
- 43 Split**
- 44 Bygone times**
- 46 Icelandic epic**
- 47 Cincinnati team**
- 48 Chesapeake et al.**
- 50 Scoot**

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Moments
in time
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that became a huge fad across America, is patented by Arthur "Spud" Melin. The hoop was dubbed "Hula" after the hip-gyrating Hawaiian dance of the same name.

* On Feb. 23, 1954, a group of children in Pennsylvania receive the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. Although highly successful, a single faulty batch of the vaccine caused a sudden outbreak of 200 cases.

* On Feb. 24, 1917, British authorities give the U.S. a copy of an official coded message from Germany that Mexico should be asked to enter a war against the U.S. as a German ally. In return, Germany promised to restore to Mexico the lost territories of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

* On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlacheslav Mikhaylovich Skryabin, who took the revolutionary name Molotov, is born in Russia. He invented the famous "Molotov cocktail," a flammable liquid-filled glass bottle stuffed with a lighted rag and thrown at the enemy.

* On March 5, 1963, the Hula-Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy

* On March 6, 1776, Major William Malcolm is ordered to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse in New Jersey to prevent it from helping the British to reach New York City. The British were able to put the lighthouse back into service, but the Patriots brought out cannons to blow away the British equipment.

* On March 7, 1950, one week after British physicist Klaus Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his role in passing information on the atomic bomb to the Russians, the Soviet Union issues a statement denying any knowledge of him or his activities. Fuchs' arrest and conviction uncovered a network of spies.

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The Wolfepak Band

by Gary Wayne



The Wolfepak Band

In the scope of local bands that play classic rock, one 'Pak' of musicians stands out amongst the rest. **The Wolfepak Band** is a group of musicians that breathes experience and focuses their desire to set them apart from other Bands. With a song list unlike the normal rock and roll bar band, these professionals perform with incredible accuracy the likes of **Steely Dan, Michael McDonald, Boz Scaggs, Joe Cocker, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Stevie Wonder, Luther Vandross, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Hall & Oates, The Beatles, Earth Wind & Fire, Bob Marley, Bonnie Raitt, Toto**, and many others.

In the genre of classic rock you will not find a three-chord song in their repertoire whatsoever. What you will get is a performance filled with Grammy and Hall of Fame musical selections inspired by their unique and collective backgrounds in Rock, Blues Jazz and Funk

6 seasoned musicians, featuring 5 lead singers who provide supporting harmony for the others when not leading the pak in song. An occasional horn section joins them on their bigger gigs. Playing a continuous compilation of songs that compel you to think, "Wow! I can't believe they play *that* song."

The pulse of the Wolfepak is supplied by the bass player **Michael Weinstein** and the drummer **David Wolfe** (the

leader and founder of the pack). This tight Rhythm Section keeps the foundation of the band driving with the tasteful quality of not over playing during these progressive songs but still performing their craft with impressive accuracy. **Scott Sherman**, on guitar, knows his way around the guitar's neck. He is precise, clean and these are not easy songs to play. **Larry Kessler** is the keyboardist and musical director. Larry commands for keyboards if he had six hands.

Now let's talk about the two front people. **Charles Bird Jr.**, a long-time professional singer has been with the band for quite some time. His Soulful Rich voice is jaw-dropping and is also a pleasure to watch on stage. He will rip out the exciting songs of **Stevie Wonder** and then ease your troubled mind with an **Al Jarreau** piece, then pop out, "Suite Judy Blue Eyes" like Stephen **Stills** on his best day. **Liz Sharp**, the newest member of the band, can rip out a blues song straight from the heart and then turn around and perform a song with what can be described as an angelic voice. When Charles and Liz perform, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", it is nothing short of breathtaking.

As I said earlier, the pak performs with an all-star horn section on their bigger gigs, and on some other gigs they have guest performers join them. For instance, **Chuck Kirkpatrick, Katherine Douglas** and yours truly



which is a thrill for me. I've seen a lot of bands in this area and this one stands out. Truly an enjoyable evening to sit, watch and enjoy music. You can find out where The Wolfepak Band is playing by liking their page on Facebook, or going to www.wolfepakband.com

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Hollywood Exposed

by Mindy Leaf

Compared to the Harvey Weinstein scandal and ongoing #MeToo revelations, what's one to make of a Hollywood story exposing something as mundane as murder? Or even yet another closet homosexual?

When South Florida's most notable and prolific (of course, he's super talented!) playwright Michael McKeever first turned his unrelenting wit and skewering eye on the hidden workings of Tinseltown -- was it only a few years ago? -- he probably thought exposing an establishment macho actor's alternative sexual predilections was the worst that could happen to tank his career. Especially if said actor had been repeatedly typecast as a "man's man" action hero, out to save the world.

McKeever's **Clark Gable Slept Here**, now playing at Main Street Playhouse, is a perfectly-executed, and cast, dark farce that reveals how far Hollywood insiders -- everyone from agents to actors, hookers to hotel managers -- will stoop to turn their fantasies of fame and fortune into reality. Or as real as anything gets in this make-believe town built on images that, like its earthquake-prone ground, are forever shifting. As star-launching dealmaker Jarrod "Hilly" Hilliard (portrayed with snide perfection by Clint Archambault) says in his final toast: "Here's to reality -- whichever one you choose ... All that matters is what's trending. And how many followers you have on Twitter."

But I'm putting the cart before the horse of a truly wild, bumpy, endlessly unpredictable ride. Like any good murder mystery, the play opens with the shock of an unexplained dead body. It's the night of the Golden Globes and the body is discovered in the fancy hotel penthouse bedroom of first-time nominee, Patrick Zane, who's off attending the awards ceremony with his wife. Meanwhile, a male prostitute lies prone in full bottom-up naked glory at the foot of Zane's bed, playing dead for about half the play's run -- an achievement in stillness flawlessly executed by Roderick Randall as Travis. By the way, you needn't worry about this actor's credits reading "backside exposed in play" as he does, in fact, later come to all-out, emotionally



Keeping up appearances. Clint Archambault and Sandi Stock implore Roderick Randle to keep his mouth shut in Main Street Players' acerbic black comedy, **CLARK GABLE SLEPT HERE** by Michael McKeever. Photo by Dennis Lyzniak.

charged, life ... at least for a little while.

And, like everyone in the room (representing a gamut of Hollywood-style aspirations), Travis is driven by a hidden, self-centered agenda.

Zane's agent, Hilly, brags about how he's responsible for the actor's career-changing nomination, coming after years of cultivation just as he's reached his "expiration date of 46." When confronted with the possibility of Zane having real feelings he proclaims: "Patrick Zane is not a human being. He is a billion dollar industry." Adding, "The man is talent-free. Saving the world is all he knows how to do." As for the nomination, Hilly credits himself with having found the perfect movie role "smack in the middle of his wheelhouse ... and it's not a very big wheelhouse."

Hilly tells diffident hotel manager, Gage Holland (played with anxious bluster by Chris D'Angelo) to wait till he arrives before calling the police, but then refuses to report the dead body despite the manager's protestations. Gage's is the voice of conscience, but it's a perennially spineless one. He is eventually convinced to join in the cover up in order to uphold his hotel's sterling reputation, and not risk losing his beloved job.

Exhibiting no conscience whatsoever are the two female characters. First up is the, ahem, Spanish-speaking maid, Estella, who decides this is the perfect opportunity to score a bag of cocaine. When found out and actually witnessing a murder, she doesn't miss a beat in demanding a job as line producer for HBO in exchange for her silence. Marcela Paguaga brings bilingual brilliance and hilarity to her role. Whether describing the actions of an imaginary, limping dwarf or wailing prayers over the "dead" body, she left Miami's mostly bilingual audience falling out of their seats with laughter (and no, you don't need to speak Spanish to "get" it; her ultra-expressive body language will suffice).

And now to the unlikely "clean up crew." A true femme fatal, Morgan Wright's (playing it super cool and cloying-when-necessary Sandi Stock) biggest regret is having to cut short her flirtation with Jon Hamm when called away from the Awards Ceremony to do Hilly this favor, though she's obviously in his debt. There's no question as to how far she'll go to keep the Patrick Zane brand intact. As the nonplussed Hilly explains: "This is Hollywood; of course she can make a corpse disappear."

Even the title of the play -- described by director John Ferry as a "wickedly, unapologetically funny black comedy" -- could be more smoke and mirrors. Set in legendary Chateau Marmont's penthouse suite, it may or may not have been the site of Clark Gable's alluded-to homosexual trysts. But at least, in this story, the illicit sex is paid for and consensual. In a rare moment of honesty, Travis, the prostitute, admits he'd only loved

Zane in a "Hollywood sort of way." As for hooking up with a married man, he shrugs, saying: "I do a lot of married celebrities. The Scientologists alone would have me booked for the next five years."

If you find lines like these hilarious, you're sure to love a play that's peppered with wry, witty, and shocking-but-true observations about a make-believe world that has thrived among us long before "fake news" became a meme. **Clark Gable Slept Here** pays homage to those original Masters of Deception whose stars we've worshipped ever since movies were invented. At times, aren't we all guilty of collusion with fantasies promoted by agents like Hilly, who sums up: "This is Hollywood. No one wants reality. We live and breathe illusion."

To get your ringside seat at the most glamorous and zany crime scene in Hollywood, visit Main Street Playhouse, at 6766 Main St., Miami Lakes 33014 where Main Street Players is showing **Clark Gable Slept Here** through February 25th. Tickets (so cute and stylishly clever!) can be reserved at mainstreetplayers.com or at the box office a half hour before showtime, though advance purchase is strongly recommended. Phone: (305) 558-3737.



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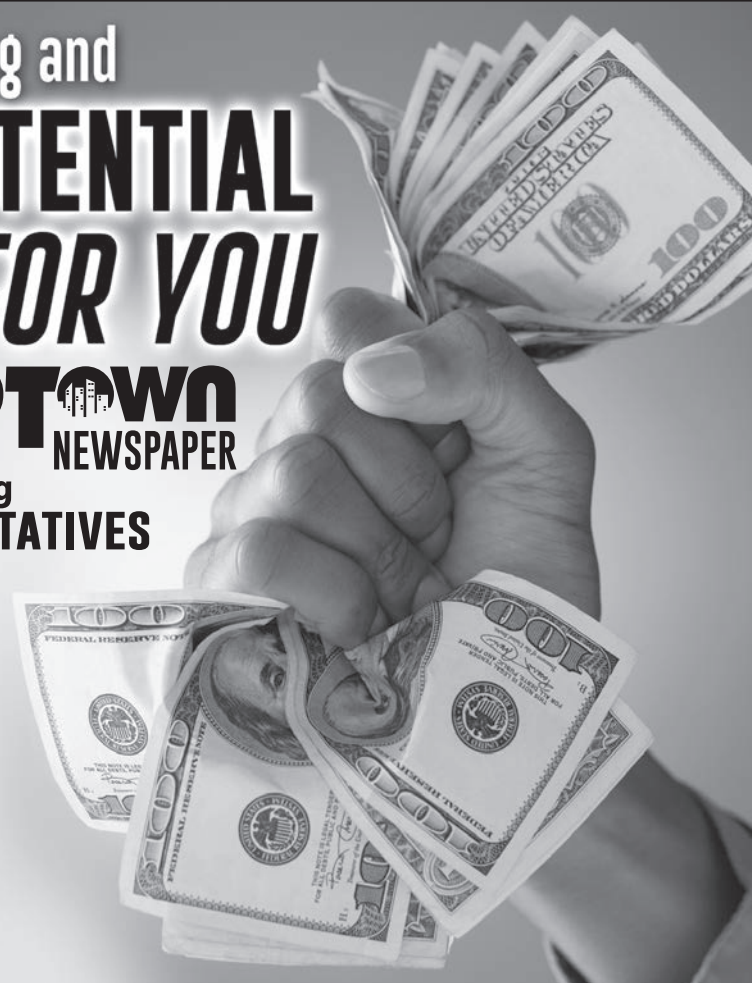
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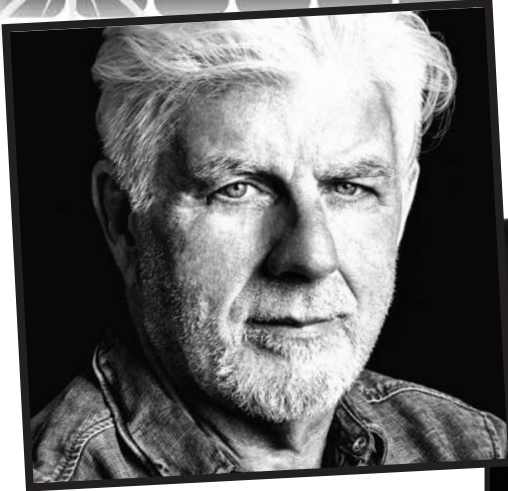
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MARCH 9

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2p.m., 7:30 p.m. Broward Au-Rene, Fort Lauderdale. \$60-\$250+. www.browardcenter.org, 954-462-0222, or Ticketmaster.

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Broward Au-Rene - March 10

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APRIL 26

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8 pm, Parker Playhouse, Fort Lauderdale. \$25-\$129.50. www.parkerplayhouse.com, 954-462-0222 or Ticketmaster.

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MAY 5

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BY KEVIN LANE

Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild Reveal Plans For “La Vie En Rose” Themed Spring Luncheon

Lyla Masur, Carole Falkanger, Linda Bowman and Cheryl Arena recently hosted an elegant luncheon for members of the Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild. The purpose was to announce the theme of their Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show, which is “La Vie En Rose”.

The fundraiser is planned for Thursday, March 8th at the Pier Sixty-Six Resort in the Crystal Ballroom. The runway fashion show is being presented by Godfrey del Rio of Del Rio Productions, showcasing Spring 2018 European and American Designer Collections.

“Actually, our Annual Spring Luncheon is the culmination of close to a year of planning and working on various facets of the event, as well as hosting numerous smaller fundraisers,” said Susan Pudsey, the Guild’s President.

“We always like to create an elegant experience for our guests at our Spring Luncheon,” Carole Falkanger said. “This year we chose to highlight the romance, elegance and joie de vivre of Paris. “La Vie En Rose” translates into ‘...



(Standing) Reba Amdur and Carolee Petry, with (Seated) Joni Routman and Merrill Thomas



Gina Stelnik, Ann Powell and Lori Johnson-Edwards



Lyla Masur, Carole Falkanger, Susan Pudsey and Cheryl Arena



Margie Nagle, Betsy Kornowski, Patsy Hawkes and Suzan Hinckley

looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. We at the Guild do that everyday, in the hope that a cure for CF will be found soon.”

The Pier Sixty-Six is at 2301 S.E. 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale.

The luncheon starts at 11:00 a.m. with tickets ranging from \$85 to \$250. Contact Susan Pudsey at susanpudsey@gmail.com or call (954) 593-2537.

AutoNation’s Mike Jackson To Be Honored At 18th Annual Riverwalk Tribute

Through Mike Jackson’s vision as Chairman, Chief executive Officer and President of Auto/Nation, Inc., the company has become America’s largest automotive retailer. Revenue for 2016 was nearly \$22 billion. From the corporate headquarters located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Mr.

Jackson has been singularly responsible for modernizing the automotive retail business while delivering an unprecedented degree of customer service. Jackson will be honored at the 18th Annual Riverwalk Tribute on Thursday, March 8th, taking place at the Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas Boulevard.

“Mike Jackson and AutoNation have made a tremendous



Mike Jackson

impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale. By locating the AutoNation headquarters in the Downtown core, he has helped fuel the positive growth we have seen these last few years. He truly is a visionary and an invaluable member of our community,” said Jim Ellis, Chairman of the Board of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale.

Annually, the company sells over 600,000 vehicles and services over 4 million more in sixteen states across the country. AutoNation employs over 26,000 associates and multiple locations have been named “Top 100 Best Dealerships to Work For” by Automotive News.

For tickets, call Karly Young at (954) 468-1541 x 208 or karly@goriverwalk.com.

Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! THE FAB FAUX - Back By POPULAR Demand

Hailed by *Rolling Stone* as “the world’s greatest Beatles Tribute Band,” THE FAB FAUX is returning to the Parker Playhouse following a sold-out concert last year. All you Beatles fans of all ages, mark Friday, March 2nd on your calendar. The music begins at 8:00 p.m.

With a commitment to the accurate reproduction of The Beatles’ repertoire, THE FAB FAUX treat the seminal music with unwavering respect, and are known for their painstaking recreations of the songs, with an emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles. Far beyond a cover band, they play the music of The Beatles so impeccably that one must experience it to believe it.

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THE FAB FAUX

bassist Will Lee from *The David Letterman Show*, Jimmy Vivino from *Conan O’Brien Show* along with Rich Pagano, Frank Agnello and Jack Petruzzelli.

The Parker Playhouse is at 707 N.E. 8th Street in Fort Lauderdale. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Box Office at (954) 462.0222 or by going online to www.parkerplayhouse.com.

SOCIETY FLORIDA FASHION & ESSENTIALS

The Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus To Present "Our Time With Sondheim" Featuring Lisa Vroman and Martha Bartz

The Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus (FTLGMC) will present "Our Time With Sondheim," an inspiring evening of music from Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim, with special guest performances by Broadway and opera superstars Lisa Vroman and Martha Bartz. Performances will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 333 Tarpon Drive in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m..

"Broadway lovers are invited to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see FTLGMC join world renown guest artists for an enchanting tribute to the greatest Broadway creator of all, Stephen Sondheim," said Dr. Gary Keating, founding and current director of the Fort Lauderdale Gay

Men's Chorus. "As the first established gay arts organization in the State of Florida, it is a privilege to create performances that soar to new heights."

Special guest star Lisa Vroman is a Broadway Leading Lady who holds the record for most performances as Christine Daaé in *Phantom of the Opera*. Joining Vroman and the Chorus is Opera titan Martha Bartz, an in-demand Mezzo Soprano direct from a performance at Lincoln Center in New York.

The Chorus with its very special guest stars will perform two shows that will pay tribute to Stephen Sondheim, the consummate American composer and lyricist known for more than a half-century for his contributions to musical theater.

General admission tickets are \$25, VIP tickets



Lisa Vroman



Martha Bartz

with priority seating are priced at \$40, plus a small service fee. For an additional \$50 fee, fans can enjoy a private champagne reception and meet-and-greet with the special guest stars.

You can purchase tickets online at www.TheFTLGMC.org or by calling (954) 832-0060.

The Gift Gathering Party A Prelude To The 30th Night of Literary Feast

The Gift Gathering Party is an exclusive Literary Feast event to meet & mingle -- and the Foundation accepts items to be auctioned at Literary Feast. The party takes place on Tuesday, March 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Tarpon Bend, 2nd floor. Please bring a gift worth \$50 or more, per person. You will be able to drop your business card in a bowl, with two raffles for a few of the 2018 Literary Feast authors' books.

The 30th Night of Literary Feast Welcome Reception and dinners will be held Saturday evening May 5th at the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina. This vital community event has raised more than \$3 million since it began in 1988 with its mission of supporting Broward County Library literacy programs and services that enrich the entire community.

Tarpon Bend is at 200 S.W. 2nd Street in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Reservations are a must... Call Shannon Severance at (954) 357-7382 or e-mail "mailto:sseverance@bplfoundation.org" sseverance@bplfoundation.org. For more information on this year's Literary Feast, visit www.bplfoundation.org/literary-feast.

Liora Davis Exhibit Of "Elephants and Other Big Subjects" At ArtServe Thru February 28

The Broward based artist, Liora Davis, known as an Elephant Messenger, is raising her brush in order to shed light on the grave and critical situation in which elephants are at risk of extinction. Liora and many experts believe that our actions and decisions as humans now can and will make all the difference in ensuring the survival of elephants.

Her exhibit, at Art Serve -- at 1350 East Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale -- runs thru Wednesday, February 28th. The exhibit also includes paintings of some of



Florida Key Deer with endangered Florida Big Pine partridge pea - which also is where the Deer's refuge is!

the beautiful native plants and animals that grace our Florida Landscape that are in trouble, including the iconic key deer, and wood stork. A portion of proceeds will be shared with The Elephant Listening Project, The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, and The South Florida Wildlife Center. To learn more about Liora's amazing journey

as an artist, view her art and learn about "... Elephants that are known as the Gardeners of Eden," visit www.lioraart.com or email her at lioraart@aol.com.

"Excuse Me, That's My Seat" Is Theme Of Conference Hosted By The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Women's Council In Honor of International Women's Day

Thanks to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Women's Council, you can celebrate International Women's Day by joining this community of like-minded business women who are banding together to support one another and their career dreams. With the theme, "Excuse Me, That's My Seat," the conference takes place on Thursday, March 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at



Lil Roberts



Jennifer Grace

the Hub, 826 N.E. 4th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Whether you are someone with a business idea that you want to explore, an entrepreneur seeking strategies to take you to the next level, an executive looking to improve your skills, or you need to reignite the passion for your business, this interactive conference is for you! Grab your seat at the table and follow your career

aspirations in a fun, artsy setting to let the creativity flow. Learn to create personal influence, leverage your power and grow your business.

This Conference caters to professional women and entrepreneurs. This "jeans and a cute shirt," come as you are conference will feature a casual seating format, roundtable discussions, workshop-style interaction and accessible mentors throughout. The mimosa welcome, food trucks for lunch and fun lunchtime shopping add to the festivities, proving that we can, indeed, have it all. Lil Roberts, Co-Founder, Xendoo, will kick off the event with her Keynote: *Vision, Roadmap and a Great Pair of Jeans*; and Jennifer Grace, *Hay House* author and celebrity coach, will close the event with her inspirational and motivational talk: *Leap Into Life: How To Use Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence Tools to Tap Into Your Creativity and Greatness*.

Tickets are \$50 for Chamber members and \$60 for Non members. Call Dolores Molina at (954) 462-6000 or e-mail Dolores@ftlchamber.com. Visit www.ftlchamber.com/women.

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A Black History Month Tribute To Bill “Bojangles” Robinson... “Bojangles...Tappin’ Up A Storm”

“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history,” wrote Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History Month. Woodson could have been referring to Bill “Bojangles” Robinson!

When Sammy Davis, Jr., would come on stage... cock his hat... and sing “... *I knew a man, Bojangles... and he danced for me,*” there was usually a palpable excitement among the audience. People loved the Jerry Jeff Walker song! Some remembered “Bojangles” dancing with Shirley Temple... Well... STOP THE MUSIC! That song is not about Bill “Bojangles” Robinson. He was not a kindly Negro who “... drinks a bit” and whose “... dog up and died.” It’s about a white man who Walker met in jail in New Orleans... In fact, at that time, jail cells... along with a lot of other places, were segregated. So, who was the ‘real’ “Bojangles”?

“I hate that song “*Mr. Bojangles.*” It drives me up the wall since it’s not about him at all. He was never a bum in jail,” Shirley Temple wrote in her autobiography – “*Child Star*”. She and her ‘Uncle Billy’ tap-danced their way into the hearts of 250 million movie fans around the world. Some things bear repeating... 250 million people around the world in the 1930’s!

“*Bojangles... Tappin’ Up A Storm*” is a multi-cultural history book that we have written... still looking for a dynamic Literary Agent to shop the book... that brings to life the “Golden Era of Entertainment” that spanned the first half of the 20th century, covering vaudeville – the black TOBA circuit and the white circuits, the early mass entertainment cinema from nickelodeon and peep shows to “two-reelers” followed by “feature” films; from Silent’s to Talkies. The story chronicles the birth and growth of Broadway musicals and lavish Revues, the Cotton Club and the night-club era, radio and recording, with African-American comedian, tap dancer and philanthropist, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson as the central figure.

A man’s life can often be surmised by his

funeral! The Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Senior, told those gathered together at the Abyssinian Baptist Church at Bo’s funeral, that “... Bill was a legend. He was a legend because he was ageless and race-less. Bill wasn’t a credit to his race, meaning the Negro race, Bill was a credit to the human race. He was not a great Negro dancer, he was the world’s greatest dancer.”

Reverend Powell’s eulogy was broadcast on the radio around the country, flags flew at half mast in New York City and all of the schools in Harlem closed in time to let the children join the estimated one million people who turned out to pay their respects on a cold, rainy November day. Some things bear repeating... one million people... the largest funeral in New York’s history!

“The greatest casualty is being forgotten” is the Wounded Warriors Project trademark statement, which could aptly apply to Bill Robinson. All but lost to history, Robinson was one of the world’s most charismatic super-stars of the 20th Century. Bill Robinson was more than a tap dancer, albeit “... the world’s greatest tap dancer,” he was a philanthropist who raised a reported \$100 million for charities, he co-owned the New York Black Yankees Baseball team when baseball games were the primary social activities in the African American communities throughout America, and he earned the equivalent of \$95,000 a week in 2017 dollars.

Robinson was the Honorary Mayor of Harlem and was a “Race Ambassador,” who broke down racial barriers in his own unique way. His 60+ year career was even more miraculous, as he grew up, lived and succeeded in the racially divided “Jim Crow” era and was a “Favorite Son” in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia.

While we are still pitching our book – hope springs eternal – we wanted to share some snippets about “Uncle Billy,” as Shirley Temple called Robinson; as a tribute to a great American and humanitarian during Black History Month! As Bill would say, “everything is copacetic!”



Bill “Bojangles” Robinson with Shirley Temple

When One Door Closes... Another Opens!

When the “Jazz Singer” – Warner Brother’s first ‘talkie’ – opened with Al Jolson, it was the death knell for Vaudeville... With the help of Bo’s longtime Manager, Marty Forkins, Bill made the transition to Broadway, lavish revues on and off Broadway and starred in 14 movies, including the blockbuster hit, “*Stormy Weather*” – loosely based on Bo’s life - with Lena Horne, Fats Waller, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Ethel Waters and the Nicholas Brothers. Their incredible acrobatic dance number featured the rubber-legged dancing duo leap-frogging down a flight of stairs spread-eagle fashion. As a point of reference, Fred Astaire told the Nicholas Brothers that the “*Jumpin’ Jive*”



Stormy Weather Poster



The Nicholas Brothers

sequence was “the greatest movie musical number he had ever seen”. It was... and is... unforgettable! Watch it on YouTube.

Midnight in Paris & New York: Scenes from the 1890s - 1930s, William Glackens and His Contemporaries At NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale presents Midnight in Paris & New York: Scenes from the 1890s – 1930s, William Glackens and His Contemporaries. The exhibit runs from February 4th through October 18th. Featuring drawings, paintings and photographs by American and European artists along with distinctive architectural designs, furniture, glass, metalwork and silver, this new exhibition offers a fascinating glimpse into the rapidly changing society of the turn of the century and life in the new modern city. The Museum’s Sunny Kaufman Senior Curator Barbara Buhler Lynes, Ph.D. curated the exhibition.

William J. Glackens (1870-1938) came of age as an artist in the 1890s, when he distinguished himself as one of America’s most celebrated illustrators. He subsequently became known as an important and leading modernist artist for his lively, realistic depictions of modern life and an important advocate

of modern art in America. The years of his creativity from the 1890s to the 1930s were marked by dramatic social, political and technological changes that revolutionized the character of cities around the world, such as New York, where the Philadelphia-born Glackens moved in 1896, and Paris, where he lived from 1895-96 and to which he returned many times.

Highlighted in the exhibition is NSU Art Museum’s distinctive William J. Glackens art and archival collection, the largest holding of the artist’s work in the world. Works on loan and from the museum’s collection by Berenice Abbot, Eugène Atget, William Bradley, Brassaï, Daum, Edith Dimock, Emile Gallé, William J. Glackens, Jabez Gorham, Hector Guimard, René Jacques, André Kertész, Marie Laurencin, George Luks, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Alphonse Mucha, Pablo Picasso,



William J. Glackens in *The Luxembourg*, c. 1896 – Oil on canvas – NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale; bequest of Ira D. Glackens

Maurice Prendergast, John Sloan, Louis Comfort Tiffany, and Edouard Vuillard add to the exhibition’s recreation of the ambiance, environment, and historical context of the dynamic period in which Glackens lived and worked.

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is located at One East Las Olas Boulevard. For more information, please visit www.nsuartmuseum.org or call (954) 525-5500. Follow the Museum @ nsuartmuseum.

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The Original Florida Follies... Proving That Age Is Just A Number... Coming To The Parker Playhouse

The Follies - founded by Cathy Dooley - has been presenting their 2018 spectacular Follies aptly entitled... **Age Is Just A Number**, which we wrote about in January. Produced and directed by Sandie Lech-Bloom, this amazing troupe makes their final appearance of the season on Sunday, March 11th, starting at 2:00 p.m., at the Parker Playhouse, at 707 N.E. 8th Street in Fort Lauderdale.



Sandie Lech-Bloom

The Follies Dancers (ages 59 to 94) consists of former New York Radio City Rockettes, professional performers, dance teachers and others who love to dance. They all volunteer their time and talent - burning up the stage with fast tapping, smooth jazz numbers and exciting Large Scale Production numbers.

And for you aspiring dancers, Follies Choreographer and

former New York Radio City Rockette, Cheryl Steinthal, conducts tap classes for those wishing to hone their skills.

Tickets are \$29.50 each, plus Parker fees and can be purchased through Ticketmaster at (954) 462-0222. or online at www.parkerplayhouse.com. Visit www.theoriginalfloridafollies.com or e-mail slechbloom@aol.com.

Artwork Selected for Bonnet House's "Making New Impressions" Juried Art Competition and Auction

Forty-six pieces have been selected for Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 18th Annual Juried Art Competition and Auction, *Making New Impressions*. The lavish opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. and includes cocktails, gourmet food from A Alexander Catering, music, exotic floral decorations, moonlight and adventurous innovative art.

Dr. Patricia Watson was the juror who selected the artwork. Dr. Watson was a founder, President of the Board and Executive Director of the Riverdale Art Center in Riverdale, New Jersey, a non-profit art gallery and art education center in northern New Jersey. She worked closely with local philanthropists and William Paterson University to establish the center and help emerging artists from that school and the local area to exhibit and sell their art.

The artists chosen to participate in the exhibition

work in a variety of media and styles. All guests and participating artists are invited to cast their votes for their favorite artist in the exhibition.

The artist receiving the highest number of votes will receive the *People's Choice Award*, awarded that evening. All of the artwork in the *Impressions* competition will be available for sale with 50% of the proceeds benefitting the ongoing preservation of Bonnet House and its cultural programming that reaches over 70,000 visitors, including 13,000 area youth each year.

Tickets are \$50 and include a fun-filled evening with fine food, cocktails, art, music and moonlight. For more information or to purchase tickets please call (954) 703-2614 or visit us online at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/events/>, where you will also find a preview of the artwork selected. The *Impressions* exhibition will be on display from March 8 through May 1st during Bonnet House regular tour hours.

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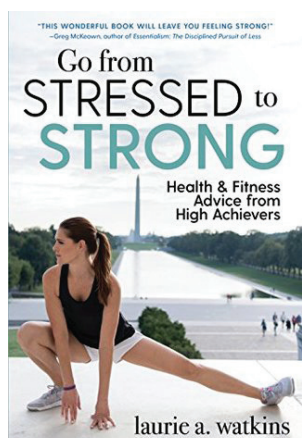
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The final Book With Brunch, taking place on Thursday, March 8th at ArtServe, will feature Laurie A. Watkins, author of **"Go From STRESSED to STRONG."** Author, speaker and wellness coach, Laurie will share practical and proven tools she designed with health and wellness experts, finding the path to a healthy lifestyle in a 24/7 world. Attendees

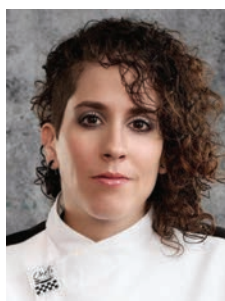
partake in a light brunch while enjoying an author presentation followed by lively Q&A, book sales and signings. Guests may attend for \$25 on a space-available basis. Call Shannon Severance at (954) 357-7382 or e-mail sseverance@bplfoundation.org. ArtServe is at 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale.

South Florida Symphony Orchestra celebrates the beauty and complexity of nature with Antonio Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* on Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.. Featuring the "high powered" solo violinist (the *New York Times*) Lara St. John, this Canadian-born violinist returns to the Symphony as an audience favorite. The concert also

includes Ludwig van Beethoven's picturesque *Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral"* and introduces Lisa Nardi's score *In This Heart* from the film *"Carlito's Way: Rise to Power"*. The venue is the Amature Theater at the Broward Center, 201 S.W. 5th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Call (954) 522-8445.



Lara St. John



Robyn Almodovar

Arc Broward continues The Traveling Plate pop-up dinner series with Chef Robyn Almodovar of the Palate Party Food Truck, on Wednesday, February 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. Known for her slogan "A party in your mouth" Chef Robyn Almodovar has competed and won Food Network's CHOPPED and Cutthroat Kitchen.

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