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- 1. MOVIES: What was the title of the first James Bond movie?
- 2. MUSIC: How old was Sid Vicious of the "Sex Pistols" when he died?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone for the month of February?
- 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What were the names of President Barack Obama's family dogs?
- 5. TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the TV series "The Rockford Files"?
- 6. TRANSPORTATION: What is the large airport in the world in terms of passenger traffic?
- 7. MEASUREMENTS: How many acres are in a hectare?
- 8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Iceland?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What does the word "cognoscente" mean?
- 10. HISTORY: "The Summer of Love" in 1967 is associated with which U.S. city?

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nery 1. "Dr. No," starring Sean Con-Answers



Salome's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turn-

ing that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But

remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're

trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want

to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer every-

thing you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful

and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation

earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the

kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought

had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking APRICORN charge is what you

like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being

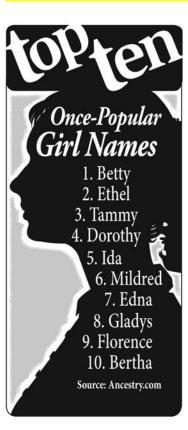
entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.



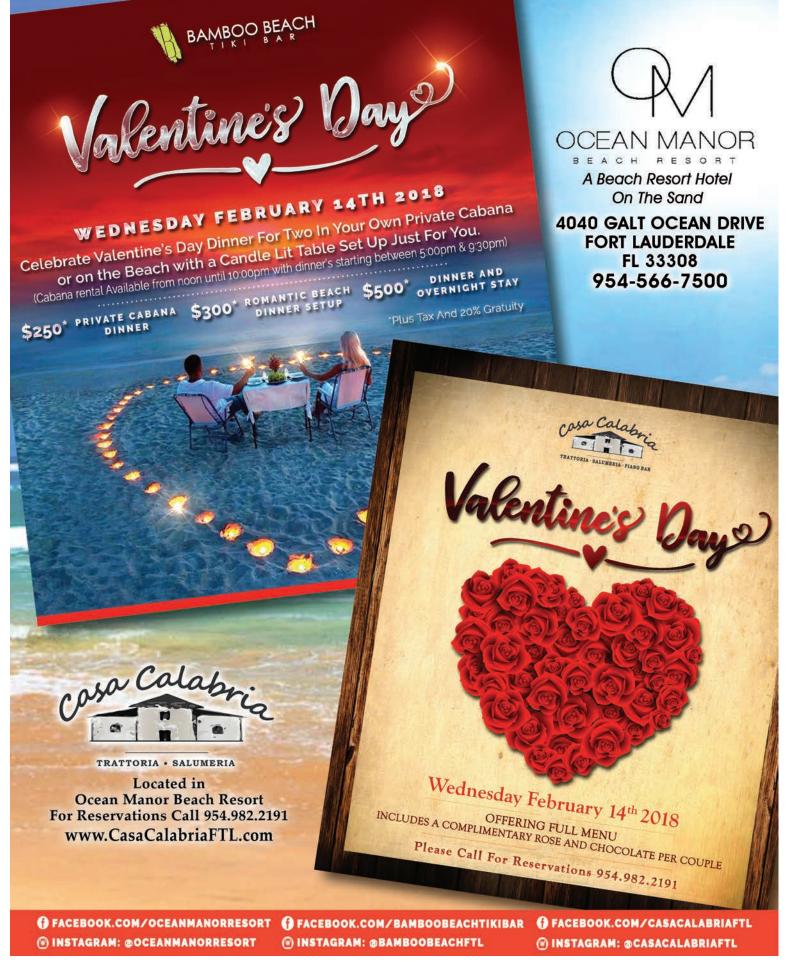
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an im-

portant, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

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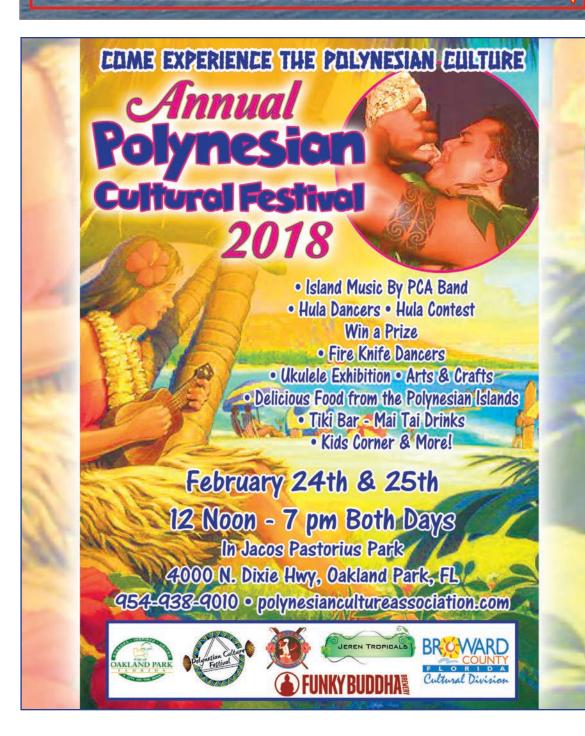


Local Favorite Bella The Clown Is Bartending Again!

erving the hospitality industry for years, Lorraine Pisani has given joy and laughter to children and adults of all ages as her alter ego, Bella the Clown. We are happy to

get the word out that Lorraine has decided to spread her cheer a little wider by returning to bartending. Don't worry, she is still Bella the Clown. She is just expanding her talents and returning back to her roots. Where is





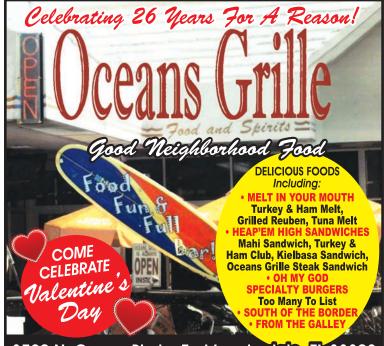


she bartending? The great barbeque spot, Spanx the Hog, located at 147 South Cypress Road in Pompano Beach. Make some time and go visit Lorraine, a fun loving person who has given so much joy to so many people. Welcome back to bartending Bella, and the best to you always!

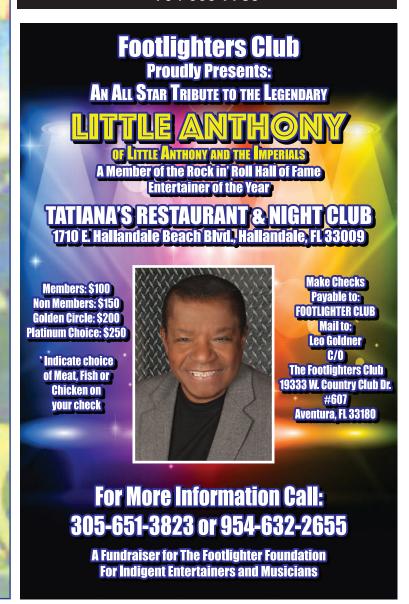
Cowgirls Keri Tucker and Lorraine Pisani aka Bella the Clown @ SPANX THE HOG



Oscar and Lorraine @ SPANX THE HOG



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Mangos on Las Olas Finally Reopening!

hen this longstanding popular Las Olas landmark closed down for renovations, patrons have been eager for its reopening. Well, it's finally here. Following a year of renovations under new ownership, Mangos is opening its doors to the public on Valentine's Day and will be open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and musical entertainment. See full details on page 11. LEI GREETERS, EXCITING

HULA/TAHITIAN & FIRE DANCERS, DRUMMERS. **MUSICIANS & MORE**

Come experience the Polynesian Culture! Tama Leao Polynesian Productions and the **Polynesian Culture Association** invite you to come learn about Polynesia. It will include Island music by PCA Band, Hula & Tahitian Dancers, Fire Knife Dancers, Ukulele Jam Session, contests, arts & crafts and artisan vendors. Win a prize at the Hula Contest. Enjoy delicious food from the Polynesian Islands and Mai Tai Drinks from the Tiki Bar! There will be a great kids' corner as well.

This annual event 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. www. polynesianculture association.com.

Tama Leao Polynesian Productions is a longstanding Polynesian entertainment group dedicated to preserving, perpetuating and sharing the Polynesian culture through music and dance. They put on a colorful,

energetic, and authentic show at an affordable cost for professional Polynesian entertair Servicing the South Florida area, they are available from both private and corporate events. www.polynesianshow.com.

OAKLAND PARK'S NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HAS A REMARKABLE MARCHING **BAND**

What a wonderful surprise awaited my husband and I and our friends when we arrived at the 33rd Street Block Party last Sunday. It was the magnificent Northeast High School Marching Band. Impressive for so many reasons. First of all, there were at least 35 members in the band playing all different instruments. They were musically disciplined and sounded as great as they looked. They were performers, moving rigorously around in unison while playing their instruments. So beautiful to see that many high school students together making fabulous music, and enjoying every bit of it. And when they started marching while they played? It gave us goosebumps. Who said our young Americans are lost? Not this group. Very Inspiring. Congratulations to the band and its leader, and we thank you for a wonderful performance.





On a side note, the block party on 33rd Street was a huge success. This will be a weekly event for the next 12 weeks. Can't wait to see what they are going to do each week. Among many wonderful things offered last Sunday, a huge pan of delicious Paella was made in the largest pan we had ever seen! It was fun to witness the entire process from beginning

THE POMPANO PIER DEVELOPMENT **IS PROGRESSING BEAUTIFULLY**

When you get a chance, take a drive over to the Pompano Pier and marvel at the progress being made. Opening is not expected for another year, but it's coming along beautifully.



encompasses approximately 6-acres and constitutes a major redevelopment initiative in Pompano at the Pier area off Atlantic Blvd. In 2010, a methodical and comprehensive process began that was focused on facilitating redevelopment of the Pier area, including the large municipal parking lot on the west side of the street from the Pier. In 2013, the Development Agreement outlining the terms for 48,500 SF commercial development was approved that met the expectations of the public and the City Commission. A groundbreaking ceremony for the first parcel was celebrated on January 27, 2017, and construction for the new development will continue through 2020. This redevelopment project will transform the Pompano

Beach waterfront, creating a world-class destination.

The new development, which is called Pompano Beach Fishing Village, will include two oceanfront restaurants directly north of the pier, Oceanic and Pompano Beach House. In the beginning stages of construction, Oceanic is a seafood themed restaurant, owned by Raleigh, NC based LM Restaurants, which operates 32 restaurants throughout the United States. The Pompano Beach House, which is almost completed, is a casual upscale restaurant featuring steaks, chops, hamburgers, and salads in a stylish setting, complete with a rooftop bar. It is operated by the same group that operates Grille 401 on Las Olas. Other tenants, as well as nationally known hotel brand Hilton, also plan on opening locations there. **ODDS AND ENDS**

REMINDER from two issues ago, three of our very own singing stars are performing a vocally awesome and visually stunning Three Dog Night Experience. Roy Michaels, Steve Cruz and John LaValle have united and are set to introduce 3DN - The Three Dog Night Experience on February 21st at the Boca Black Box Theatre.

They will be backed by South Florida's premier rock band, BREEZE. Over 250 tickets were sold in just two weeks, with only 31 seats available. Don't miss this chance to "experience" the essence of Three Dog Night in this intimate setting. See ad on page 28.









Northeast High School Marching Band



Chris making Paella



The Pompano Beach House Restaurant





AMERICAN

ALL THAT JAZZ CAFÉ & GRILL 3491 N. Hiatus Rd.,

www.allthatjazzcafe.com

Dinner & Live Music every Thurs, Fri & Sat. Open for Dinner 5:30-11:00, Live Music 6:30-11:00. This is a cool, casual & fun place featuring an excellent blend of American, New Orleans and World Cuisines. Homestyle cooking with everything made from scratch. Fresh seafood, flame grilled steaks & pork chops, tacos, pasta dishes, homemade desserts, cappuccino & espresso, plus much more to select from. 5 Star Top Rating on Yelp and Trip Advisor. Available for all your private parties and special events. Plenty of free self parking and no cover charge.

ANGLINS BEACH CAFÉ

2 Commercial Blvd. Lauderdale-by-the-Sea 954-491-6007

www.anglinsbeachcafe.com

Have a romantic sunset dinner overlooking the pier and beach. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Have a traditional New England lobster roll, soft shell crab sliders, or mama's country fried chicken. If fish is on your mind then either the catch of the day or fish and chips.

BACK FLIP BEACH BAR & KITCHEN

4660 El Mar Dr. Lauderdale-by-the-Sea 754-200-3346

www.plungebeachhotel.com Step inside this ultimate laid-back beach bar and be transported to a vacationland escape. Have a bite and drink on the beach, and chill, enjoying hand carved sandwiches, fun food truck favorites like street tacos and arepas, small plates, rum fueled and citrus infused cocktails, small-batch beers from their gastro pub and much more. Live tunes on the weekend. Take the Happy Hour plunge from 4pm to 6pm every day. Open daily from 11am to 10pm (11 pm on Fri & Sat).

BAMBOO BEACH CLUB TIKI BAR AT THE OCEAN MANOR BEACH RESORT

4040 Galt Ocean Dr, Fort Lauderdale 954-566-7500

www.bamboobeachtikibar.com Open every day 7am-2am (till 3am on Fri & Sat).

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.

BOBBY RUBINO'S

2501 N. Federal Hwy. Pompano Beach 954-781-7550 www.bobbyrubinos.com Bobby Rubino's has been South Florida's premier place for ribs and chicken since 1978. Live entertainment on Tue and Wed from 5:30-till. Plenty of free parking. All major credit cards accepted. Go to their website for menu and coupons - BobbyRubino's.com

BUSTER'S DOUGHBOYS & CLAM CAKES

8320 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation 954-765-6665 www.bustersdoughboys.com

New England Seafood at its finest with everything and anything that is traditional New England. Extensive menu including but not limited to Maine lobster, ipswitch clams, steamed & baked stuffed clams, lobster rolls, fresh shucked oysters & clams, seafood platters, fish dishes,

homemade doughboys, clam cakes, fish & chips, chowder, and much more. You will love their secret family recipes and casual dining experience, which includes an ice cream bar. Serving lunch & Dinner, open 7 Days from 11am (12pm on Sun) to 10 pm (2 am on Fri & Sat).

COUNTRY HAM N EGGS BAR & GRILL

2671 E. Oakland Park Blvd Ft Lauderdale 754-202-0253

www.countryhamneggs.com Serving Breakfast & Lunch from

7am to 3pm

This beautifully renovated spot has an extensive menu. Breakfast is served any time you want and a full bar / lounge area offers a nice touch. Mid day happy hour is from 10am to 3pm Mon - Fri with 1/2 price well drinks, house wine, draft & domestic

DIAMOND STRIKE RIPS SPORTS BAR & GRILL

2200 N Federal Highway Pompano Beach 954-941-0968

www.diamondstrikelanes.com Diamond Strike/Rip's offers a very extensive menu with large portions for great prices. Included are many item selections of appetizers, pizza, wings, wraps, salads, sandwiches (hot and cold), fried chicken & shrimp baskets, and a variety of burgers, dogs, and side items. Come enjoy great food and drinks while you bowl or while you watch your favorite game. Bucket specials and Food Specials for every game.

FISHTALES RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB

3355 NE 33rd Street (on the Galt) Ft. Lauderdale 954-689-2344

www.fishtaleson33rd.com

A restaurant and nightclub with a full kitchen that offers very good food at reasonable prices. Two for one drinks and 50% on selected appetizers Mon-Fri from 11am to 8 pm. \$6.99 Lunch specials Mon-Fri, and ITB & HIP discounts 7 days a week from 10 pm to close and Mon all day until close. Every Thurs, 16oz Prime Rib Special for only \$25.95. Live entertainment 7 nights a week, Tues - Fri during happy hour and Sat & Sun afternoons.

LESTER'S DINER

Four Locations: Fort Lauderdale, Margate, Pompano Beach & Sunrise www.lestersdiner.com Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner & Open 24 hours daily

An authentic 50's style restaurant and home to the infamous 14oz coffee cup. This signature landmark has been a family owned and operated business in South Florida for over 43 years. It's the perfect place, whether you are on the go and need a guick bite, or you want to stay and enjoy a full dinner with family or friends. Lester's provides all your dining needs, not to mention their fabulous

desserts of all makes and models, baked fresh every day on their

MURPHY'S TAVERN

2925 E. Commercial Blvd. Fort Lauderdale 954-491-3430

This long time establishment is a local favorite offering a great neighborhood feel. Their kitchen is open every day from 11am to 10pm, serving lunch and dinner pub food, which includes delicious tavern style sandwiches, Irish favorites and ribs. Daily lunch and dinner specials are offered. Open 7 days a week from 7am to 2am.

NIKKI'S KITCHEN

1 N. Ocean Blvd, Suite 102 Pompano Beach 954-532-2771

www.nikkisorangekitchen.com

Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner, open daily from 8am to 10pm. American homestyle classic cuisine with a Mediterranean twist, using only the best & freshest organic ingredients, including eggs, coffees & teas, milk, greens, naturally fed poultry, grass fed beef & wild caught seafood. Go on their website & check out their extensive variety of menu items. Full liquor bar serving organic spirits & free valet parking.

OCEANS GRILLE

3704 N. Ocean Blvd. Fort Lauderdale 954-565-7703

www.oceansgrille.com Open every day for breakfast,

lunch and dinner from 9 am to 11 pm This local favorite is known for its neighborhood food and ambiance featuring generous portions of food using only the freshest ingredients. Their fun and tasty menu items make Oceans Grille your home away from home. Although there are too many items to list, their menu includes melt in your mouth Turkey and Ham Melt, Gilled Rueben, Tuna Melt, heapen

high sandwiches of Mahi, Kielbasa

and Steak and Oh My God Specialty

RUSTIC INN

Burgers.

4331 Ravenswood Road Ft. Lauderdale 954-584-1637 www.rusticinn.com Lunch-Dinner (7 Days)

This is a world renowned restaurant celebrating over 60 years in business, serving a huge menu of seafoods, steak, ribs, poultry, Maine lobsters and of course their famous blue garlic crabs and other crustaceans, including huge snow crab legs and soft shell crabs when in season. This is an informal sprawling 600 seat restaurant in four separate areas on a canal. Get ready for loud slams from the crab crunching mallets when rapped on the table to celebrate someone's birthday or anniversary. A great place to bring the children.

SEASIDE GRILL RESTAURANT & TIKI BAR

1406 N. Ocean Blvd. Pompano Beach 954-783-3193

www.seasidegrill.com Seaside Grill offers the finest sea side dining in Pompano Beach. The local seafood restaurant is a unique gem located directly ON THE OCEAN. Visitors and locals alike are drawn to the beautiful views, delicious seafood, original cocktail specials and live music. Whether you intend to dance the night away or simply enjoy one of the chef's delicious specials, you will undoubtedly enjoy your experience. Open 7 days serving from 11:30 am. Tiki Bar Kitchen is open from 11:30am to 9pm, serving bar bites, salads, sandwiches and select entrees.

ASIAN

RAINBOW PALACE CUISINE OF CHINA

2787 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale 954 565-5652 www.rainbowpalace.com Serving Dinner and Lunch

This award-winning restaurant for over 25 years, is a must try. No chop suey here. Strictly gourmet Chinese cuisine at its finest. Exceptional decor, formal service. Prices moderate to high. Full bar, extensive wine list. Reservations suggested. Serving dinners 7 days; Lunch Wed, Thur & Fri. Proper casual attire or jackets.

GERMAN

AMBRY

3016 E. Commercial Blvd. Fort Lauderdale 954-771-7342

www.ambryrestaurant.com This is a family owned and oper-

ated Lauderdale landmark restaurant by the Huber family. There are several separate intimate dining areas and a bar. Three with fireplaces. All German favorites prevail. Menu does offer American dinners. The Prime Rib is a house special, excellent. Portions are large, service is friendly. Prices are reasonable. With dinners is a tasty fresh salad bar. Bar/Lounge is always a happy busy spot. Open for lunch Tues thru Fri and dinner Tues thru Sat (Closed Sun & Mon).

CYPRESS NOOK

201 McNab Rd., Pompano Beach 954-781-3464 www.cypressnook.com Breakfast and Lunch served daily until 2pm. Open for Dinner on Wed through Sat from 5pm to 10pm

Long established popular restaurant, a German-American haven nestled in a slight niche just east of Cypress Road. It seats only 46 and always seems to be packed with waiting folks. All American-Breakfasts are huge. As are the huge lunch offerings. Prices are extremely moderate, Food taste and quality products are excellent, as is the service.

IRISH

KELLY BROTHERS IRISH PUB

3045 N. Federal Hwy. Ft. Lauderdale 954-630-2856

www.kellybrothersirishpub.com Their friendly warm staff, great food, happy hour, lunch & dinner

specials, and many fun events. They have one of the best cooks in town, Chef Iggy. Iggy's kitchen, along with Moe, is open for lunch and dinner, serving the finest in International Cuisine. Dine in or take out, with catering also available. Reserve their upstairs lounge for any kind of party, meeting, sporting event & more. In the Biz specials too! Open Mon-Thurs 11am-2am, Fri & Sat 11am-3am & Sun 12pm-2am.

ITALIAN

BOCA'S BEST PIZZA

119 W. Palmetto Park Road Boca Raton 561-367-7227 **DAVIE'S BEST PIZZA** 4120 David Road, Davie, FL

954-791-6077 www.bocasbestpizzabar.com

Serves specialty pizza's, wings, salads, and more. They have lunch specials. Open for lunch and dinner. Dine-in or take-out. They also deliver. Hours:Mon-Sat 11am Sun 12pm-12am

CASA CALABRIA AT THE OCEAN MANOR BEACH RESORT

4040 Galt Ocean Dr. Fort Lauderdale 954-566-7500 www.casacalabriaftl.com Open 5pm to close Tues through

Sun (closed Mon).

With its authenticity of the Calabria Region in Italy, this is where the "real" Italians go. It's beautiful décor and ocean view location is a perfect match for their superb homemade Italian food. A 5 star location and 5 star food, with very reasonable prices. Happy Hour from 5pm to 7pm Sun through Fri includes two for one drinks on almost everything, and an appetizer menu that serves signature specialties for only \$6, \$7 and \$8 each. With piano music nightly, they also have a unique salumeria (deli case) and cool espresso bar.

GG's of NY

San Casa Plaza 5440 N. State Rd. 7, Ft. Lauderdale 954-484-0400 http://www.ggsofny.com/ Lunch and Dinner

Step inside and you are instantly transported to Brooklyn, the location of some of the best restaurants in New York. A wonderful aroma of fresh baked dough in the garlic rolls and of course the signature pizza, add some Italian music and enjoy. Early dinner menu starts at 2 for \$22. The wine list is very extensive so give yourself some time to relax and enjoy.

GIOIA RISTORANTE

3330 NE 33rd Street Fort Lauderdale 954-630-0235

www.gioiarestaurant.org

Take a trip to old world Italy. With a genuine Italian atmosphere, Gioa delivers the authentic taste of Italy and home style cooking with a modern twist. Perfect for any kind of gathering, they will cater to your needs. From corporate meetings & parties to milestone birthdays & celebrations, their team looks forward to providing guests with an unforgettable experience, using the finest ingredients and products. Delicious lunch & dinner specials offered daily.

NICK'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & SUPPER CLUB

3496 North Ocean Drive Ft. Lauderdale 954-563-6441 www.nicksfortlauderdale.com Serving Lunch and Dinner

A two floor structure with dinner served on both levels and an upper deck balcony patio. Dancing and entertainment is featured Fri, Sat & Sun. There is a 5 to 7 p.m. happy hour every Fri. Menu offerings include all Italian favorites at moderate prices. This is a very busy place with a large cruising bar.

PAOLO'S PIZZA & PASTA OF BOCA

1365 W. Palmetto Park Road Boca Raton 561-245-7563 www.paolosofbocaraton.com

Lunch and dinner is served 7 days a week from 11am to 10pm. Paolo's is a local favorite that has an

extensive selection of popular Italian dishes. Paolo's serves various varieties of pizzas, subs, wraps, calzones, appetizer's, salads entrees, seafood, pasta and deserts. They also have a kids menu and lunch specials daily. "Always free delivery".

UMBERTO'S OF LONG ISLAND

2870 E. Atlantic Blvd. Pompano Beach 954-784-7110

www.umbertospompano.com

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.

Are we living in a Banana Republic?

rying to overthrow an election is Treason. The Democrat National Committee and Hillary Clinton are guilty of a number of crimes. By paying for a false Russian Dossier to overthrow an election and using the FISA warrant to spy on your opponent, as well as using the media to promote this false dossier, is wrong on so many levels. This is something you would see in a third world country. If the Democrats think that this is legal, then what have we come to? The secret society just got caught trying to overthrow an election. My question is how many other elections have been decided by these elitists who want to control our elections and our way of life. The American public needs to wake up and see that the mainstream media is helping them accomplish their goals by feeding the people false information; it is called brain washing. Wake up and take the "Red Pill".

The elites have used our FBI, our DOJ and our intelligence agencies to try and overthrow a dually elected President of the United States. The FBI and DOJ, as well as the intelligence agencies are supposed to uphold the Constitution, which they took an oath to do. We also expect them to uphold the law and not look the other way when applying the law. People should be going to jail for these violations. That includes whoever works at these agencies that helped to cover it up. We know that most of the people working in these agencies are good and honest, hard working people. Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican it should

not matter. We are all Americans and believe in a system of laws, which would treat us all the same. No one is above the Law. I was sent an email, which covers this fairly well.

- 1. The so-called Russian Dossier, the creation of Fusion GPS and former British spy Christopher Steele, is a political document namely, opposition research, created for the Democrat National Committee and Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign.
- 2. Using what it knew was opposition research paid for by the Clinton campaign, in October of 2016, the FBI and DOJ obtained a FISA warrant from the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to install a wiretap to spy on Hillary Clinton's opponent the Trump campaign, specifically Carter Page. This spying would last for a year.
- 3. It should be noted that the FISA Court was set up to stop foreign terrorists. The fact that the FBI and DOJ would use this court to not only wiretap an American but to wiretap a presidential campaign belies belief. Why Obama's FBI and DOJ used this court as opposed to a normal court is obvious. As you will see below, a normal court probably would have denied the wiretap.
- **4.** Worse still, in the summer of 2016, Obama's DOJ had already opened a counter-intelligence investigation into the Trump campaign. The fact that nothing from that months-old partisan investigation was used to obtain the Page wiretap is revealing.
- **5.** According to the Nunes memo, an "essential" part of the FISA wiretap application was the Steele dossier, which again is a partisan political document created for the Clinton campaign.
- **6.** So essential was this partisan dossier, Andrew McCabe, the disgraced former-Deputy







Director of the FBI, admitted in December that "no surveillance warrant would have been sought" without the dossier.

- 7. Not only did the FBI knowingly use a document from a partisan campaign to obtain a FISA warrant to spy on the competing campaign, the FBI knew the dossier was mostly "salacious and unverified." We know this because disgraced former-FBI Director James Comey told us so in June of 2017.
- **8.** According to the Nunes memo, "Steele told [former FBI official Bruce] Ohr, he "was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being president."
- **9.** Ohr, who was part of the FBI's anti-Trump Russian investigation, was not only friendly with Steele, Ohr's own wife worked with Steele at Fusion GPS doing opposition research (the dossier) against Trump for the Clinton campaign.
- 10. Despite a) knowing the dossier was opposition research paid for by the Clinton campaign; b) knowing the dossier was "salacious and unverified"; c) knowing Steele was desperate to destroy Trump d); the breathtaking conflict of interest in having an investigator's own wife working on the dossier, the FBI still went to the FISA court to obtain permission to spy on Hillary Clinton's opponent.
- **11.** In order to obtain a warrant to spy on the Trump campaign, all of the conflicts of interest above were withheld from the FISA court an indefensible (and possibly illegal) lie of omission.
- **12.** Even worse, in order to legitimize a warrant request based on a piece of partisan opposition research they knew was "salacious and unverified," the FBI and DOJ used a media report to bolster the findings in the phony dossier. The FBI and DOJ told the court that the media

report was independent verification of the dossier. But this was not true, and, according to the Nunes memo, the FBI and DOJ knew this was not true. The truth is that the phony dossier was the source of this media report.

- **13.** Also hidden from the FISA court was the fact that the FBI obtained Steele as a source but had to fire him in October of 2016 when, in a bid to use his phony dossier to derail the Trump campaign, he leaked his information to the far-left Mother Jones magazine.
- **14.** Although the FBI and DOJ were willing participants in pushing a "salacious and unverified" narrative against a presidential candidate (primarily through media leaks), this was all hidden from congressional investigators. To begin with, for months, while under oath, Comey said he did not know where the dossier came from, meaning from the Clinton campaign. The Wall Street Journal explains: We also know the FBI wasn't straight with Congress, as it hid most of these facts from investigators in a briefing on the dossier in January 2017. The FBI did not tell Congress about Mr. Steele's connection to the Clinton campaign, and the House had to issue subpoenas for Fusion bank records to discover the truth. Nor did the FBI tell investigators that it continued receiving information from Mr. Steele and Fusion even after it had terminated him. The memo says the bureau's intermediary was Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, whose wife incredibly worked for Fusion.
- 15. All of this dishonesty occurred under Comey, the man our media now holds up as a living saint, a man so desperate to destroy Trump, he not only oversaw those committing the above abuses, he leaked classified information to the news media in order to see a Special Prosecutor appointed against Trump, which his pal, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, immediately did.

And finally...

16. Much of the "salacious and unverified" material in the dossier came from the Russians. In other words, those disgusting dossier lies about Trump's personal behavior came from Russian operatives. So there is no question that it was the Clinton campaign, Democrats, Steele, the FBI, and DOJ who colluded with the Russians to rig a presidential election.

I'm wondering when the American people will wake up to what's going on. They still believe everything they see on the mainstream media as gospel, even though said media is owned by the far left who tells them what to put out to the people and what not to put out. Here is a good example: Former Navy SEAL Craig Sawyer says that over 3,000 pedophiles belonging to an elite satanic pedophile ring have been arrested, amid a total blackout by the mainstream media. Why didn't the mainstream media talk about this?? The mainstream media is worse than the media in Russia. Where is the outrage from the public? There is none because the sheeple do not investigate what's going on around them. I guess they want to be ruled by the elites and told what to do and when to do it. Have they forgotten that our Forefathers fought the British to get away from being ruled by an elite king?

This didn't happen overnight. The elite bought the mass media over the years and now only tell you what they want you to know. It's time to wake up, ask questions and do some research. Why do you think they hate Trump so much? He is a danger to their elitist system they have set up to rule over the masses. Now they try and set Trump up with their own memo to counter the one that Nunes committee put out concerning the FISA warrant to spy on Americans. I'm sure they have put information in their memo that is top secret so Trump has no alternative but to redact some of it. Then they will turn around and say that he redacted it because of political reasons. I smell a trap!

That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it.

"The Greatest Showman" - a three-ring treat!

Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Effron, Rebecca Ferguson PG 105 Min Fox

Get ready to be entertained, big time! "The Greatest Showman" is a big, splashy, old styled Broadway musical that deals with big moments, big characters, and big emotions.

P.T. Barnum (Hugh Jackman) is an unemployed salesman trying to provide a life of luxury and imagination to his wife Charity (Michelle Williams) and two daughters. He opens a theater in New York City and hires folks with unique appeal, a bearded woman, a little person, Tom Thumb and other so-called "freaks" plus a couple of trapeze artists. The show garners some controversy but still attracts crowds. He reaches out to a rich playboy, (Zac Efron) to help out with his finances. Zac is reluctant but he quickly falls in love with Anne, a trapeze performer.

wonderful Broadway musical days, and it looks great on the big theater screen. I was particularly fond of the choreography. It is Spectacular! There's a rooftop dance among hanging sheets that reminds us of the classical MGM musicals.

The Oscar-winning musical team behind the great tunes from "La La Land" wrote some wonderful songs for this film. The opening number "The Greatest Show" threw me for a loop. The song getting the most attention and my favorite is "This is Me" about accepting one's self like a "Let it Go" type from Disney's "Frozen." There wasn't a song that didn't engage me at some level, either musically, performance-wise, or even presentation,

and that's one of the most important aspects for this musical

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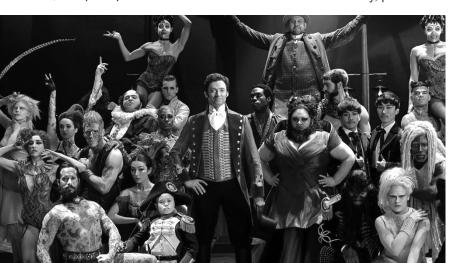
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Jackman, might just be blessed with more charisma than anyone on the planet, and so when he has that twinkle in his eye, you're willing to go on whatever journey with the man. This has been a passion project of his for years and he puts his all into being a captivating conman who can get high on his own hokum. He's leaping off the screen to entertain and his dexterity and natural showmanship parlay well into bringing life to his character.

Efron is an appealing actor you in with his adeptness at

who can so easily pull you in with his adeptness at comedy, acting, and dancing. It's been a while since Efron hoofed it up on the screen and he hasn't missed a step.

The direct sincerity of the entire production is somewhat called into question by its very sanitized approach to the P.T. Barnum's story. One way of looking at his "freak show" was that he was empowering the less fortunate and providing a safe space for them to call a community and earn a wage in a discriminatory job market. Barnum gave them a



"The Greatest Showman"

Barnum achieves enough success to force his way into the upper class, New York High Society. However, he doesn't feel they will accept him, so he reaches out to a famous renowned opera singer, Jenny Lind (Rebecca Ferguson). He convinces her to come to America with plans of a cross-country tour for his newest star, soaking up every standing ovation from the upper class.

With his focus distracted, Barnum is in danger of losing those acts that are close to him.

"The Greatest Showman" is a loving tribute to those

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sense of dignity. Another way of looking at it is that Barnum was exploiting people who had no other options and selling tickets for the public to indulge its morbid curiosities.

Barnum was a fascinating figure before he even conjures up the idea for his circus. He was an abolitionist who dropped out of school at 15, owned and operated a newspaper by age 21, was jailed for libel, he exposed a credit scheme to gain his theater. He fought in the Civil War, and was a purveyor of any ridiculous and ghastly theatrical stunt, including an enslaved African woman's autopsy to prove she was really 160 years old!

Barnum is a complicated historical figure with a wealth of anecdotes that would make great storytelling potential. Barnum became a poor kid with great aspirations, most of which seems to be either joining the rich elites or sticking it to them and their snooty sensibilities. Likewise, being a champion of the "freaks" is naively unsophisticated for a man as craven for publicity as Barnum. His character arc is that he wants to stick it to the rich elites, than he wants to be accepted by them, and then he learns the errors of his ways and goes back to appreciating his family and life's comfortable pleasures. It's a strange stop-and-smell-the-roses sort of lesson, and it's even weirder when Barnum seems to lose interest in his community of the unusual performers he's gathered.

All the performers are charming and the songs very catchy. The story of P.T. Barnum is sanitized with mixed results but the wonderful feeling enjoying this film, is undeniable and worked its magic over me.

If you want to be entertained, big time, and you are missing the big Broadway musicals of old, "The Greatest Showman" will be a three-ring treat for you and anyone else you bring to the theater!

 $\star\star\star$ and 1/2 \star out of $\star\star\star\star$

"The Shape of Water" - very charming and original

Sally Hawkins, Michael Shannon, Rickard Jenkins, Octavia Spencer Rated R for language & adult situations 119 Min Fox Searchlight

"The Shape of Water" is written and directed by Guillermo del Toro, and is easily his best film since his masterpiece, "Pan's Labyrinth."

The story focuses on Elisa, played by Hawkins. She's a mute woman who works as a janitor at a government research facility in 1962 Baltimore. While working, she notices scientists bring in a creature that looks like a combination of a fish and human. They experiment on the creature, thinking that it might help the US in the space race. When no one is around, Elisa goes to where the creature is held out of curiosity. She then starts communicating with the creature and forms a romantic bond with it. Eventually, she decides to break the creature out of the facility after she learns it's going to be killed. It's a very unique story.

The concept of the film was heavily inspired by "Creature from the Black Lagoon," but besides



"The Shape of Water"

that film, there are also many things to explore in "The Shape of Water." It's very easy to see the similarities between this film and "Pan's labyrinth." It also features a lot of biblical references and many other classic films, (which I don't want to get into any details about it because I do feel like it'd be me giving away the film). For all of its themes, elements, and the entire cast, the film manages to

be so well done!

This original story is a little bit like "Splash" or "Beauty and the Beast," but is easily the most unique movie I've seen this year. It is a rather strange story. What you think will happen doesn't happen and what you think will never happen does happen. It makes for a simple but odd story that may turn a few people off.

As for me, I felt odd at first, but by the middle, it won me over. Once I decided to just go with the flow, I enjoyed this movie. At its heart, this is a simple, sweet romance story with bits of drama, fantasy, sci-fi, horror, thriller, and even a little social commentary thrown in. The cinematography is great as this movie looks beautiful. The music score from Alexandre Desplat is very lovely to listen to, and the acting performances across the board are pretty damn good,

In the end, "The Shape of Water," is a strange movie, but ultimately very charming and original, especially in this time of sequels and reboots.

★★★ and 1/2 ★ out of ★★★★

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- 2. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan
- 3. Hostiles (R) Scott Shepherd, Rosamund Pike
- 4. The Greatest Showman (PG) Hugh Jackman,

- Michelle Williams
- 5. The Post (PG-13) Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks
- 6. 12 Strong (R) Chris Hemsworth, Michael Shannon
- 7. Den of Thieves (R) Gerard Butler, Jordan Bridges
- 8. The Shape of Water (R) Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer
- 9. Paddington 2 (PG) animated
- 10. Padmaavat (NR) Deepika Padukone, Anupriya Goenka



Top 10 Movies On Demand

- 1. Blade Runner 2049 (R) Harrison Ford
- 2. It (R) Bill Skarsgard
- 3. American Made (R) Tom Cruise
- 4. The Foreigner (R) Jackie Chan
- 5. Happy Death Day (PG-13) Jessica Rothe
- 6. The Snowman (R) Michael

- Fassbender
- 7. The Mountain Between Us (PG-13) Idris Elba
- 8. Dunkirk (PG) Fionn Whitehead
- 9. Acts of Violence (R) Bruce Willis
- 10. Despicable Me 3 (PG) animated

Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Sales

- 1. Blade Runner 2049 (R) Warner
- 2. It (R) Warner
- 3. The Foreigner (R)

- Universal
- 4. Happy Death Day (PG-13) Universal
- 5. My Little Pony: The Movie (PG) Lionsgate
- 6. The Snowman (R) Universal
- 7. Dunkirk (PG) Warner
- 8. American Made (R) Universal
- 9. Despicable Me 3 (PG) Universal
- 10. The Mountain Between Us (PG-13) FOX

Philadelphia Eagles Upset New England Patriots In **Super Bowl LII 41-33**

n one of the most exciting Super Bowls played, the Eagles overcame a Patriots lead in the final minutes of the game. The game ended with New England's Tom Brady throwing a Hail Mary, which was batted down in the end zone. Philadelphia's backup quarterback, Nick Foles, played a tremendous game and was voted the game's most valuable player. Remember, Foles was the backup to Carson Wentz who went down with an injury early in the season. Now the Eagles have a dilemma next year. Who will be the starting quarterback, Foles or Wentz?

In a losing cause, Brady threw for over 500 yards, which is a Super Bowl record. It looks like next year all the Patriots' players should be back.

This great win was the Eagles first Super Bowl win ever. "Congratulations Eagles on a great

BECKHAM FINALLY GETS THE GREEN LIGHT TO BRING MLS TO MIAMI

Now the real work begins, from naming the team and building the stadium, to playing the games. Beckham hopes fans will fill the stadium and have an identity with the team. The formal go ahead from MLS was at a gathering in downtown Miami at the Adrienne Arsht center. The club will begin play in 2020 at a temporary site to be determined before moving into a permanent 25,000 seat stadium in Overtown.

In my opinion, this location is in the worst location possible. What fan in their right mind will drive from Palm Beach County or Broward County all the way down to Overtown. The stadium should be built in a central location near 195, 1595 or the Florida Turnpike.

Miami-Dade County Commissioners voted last June to sell the three remaining acres needed to complete the Stadium Parcel for \$9 million. United, Miami and Beckham purchased the remaining 6 acres from private owners. "Good luck David on your purchase of the team." **HEAT RECEIVE AN EXEMPTION DUE TO THE**

SEASON ENDING INJURY TO DION WAITERS

The Miami Heat have been provided an added





Nick Foles





Tom Brady



Dion Waiters

Salary-Cap flexibility by the NBA in advance of next Thursday's NBA trading deadline. The relief comes with a March 12 deadline and can be used to acquire a player whose contract expires by the end of this season.

The Heat had been waiting for the NBA to formally sign off on their determination that Waiters, who underwent surgery two weeks ago, would be sidelined until at least June 15. The team can do one of two things: 1. Sign a freeagent for the balance of the season or 2. Trade for a player in the final year of their contract; excluding players with additional options on their deals. As of this writing the Heat are 29-23 and tied with Washington for first place in the Southeast Division. "Good luck Heat on the rest

of the season." WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR THE

MARLINS IN THE 2018 SEASON?

Although the Miami Marlins had two World Series championships years ago, they have never prevailed in winning. Despite having a major league franchise for 25 years, South Florida still faces questions about being a great baseball market.

In promoting his new job as an analyst with ESPN, Alex Rodriguez, a 14 time All-Star, has discussed his ideas on how to fix the Marlins. He thinks Miami has a lot of benefits. They have a diverse fan base with great knowledge of baseball. Mainly, Rodriguez's fix revolves around getting local players. He thinks that the best players in the world reside within 500 miles from the stadium. On that note, the Marlins' top prospect is Coral Springs native Lewis Brinson, who was acquired in a trade from the Milwaukee Brewers in exchange for Christian Yelich. "Good luck Marlins in building a winning team."

DOLPHINS LOOKING TO ACQUIRE A YOUNG QUARTERBACK IN THE UPCOMING DRAFT

Miami Dolphins' Vice President of Football Operations, Mike Tannenbaum, brought up the idea of possibly taking Oklahoma Quarterback Baker Mayfield, if available, with their first round pick. Head Coach Adam Gase and new Offensive Coordinator Dowell Loggains attended the first day of Senior Bowl practices. Mayfield and Allen, two of the five quarterbacks mentioned as draft prospects, are worthy of a first round pick. Tannenbaum, who has a reputation for being active on the trade front, mentioned that the Dolphins aren't committed to pick number 11, hinting that Miami could move either up or down in the draft.

Dolphin Quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who is on track to make a full recovery from ligament surgery, is expected to be named next year's starter. Jay Cutler and Matt Moore, who served as back-ups since 2016, are all slated to become unrestricted free agents. "Good luck Dolphins in the upcoming draft."

SPORTS TRIVIA

A. What team did the Dolphins beat in the last Super Bowl they won?

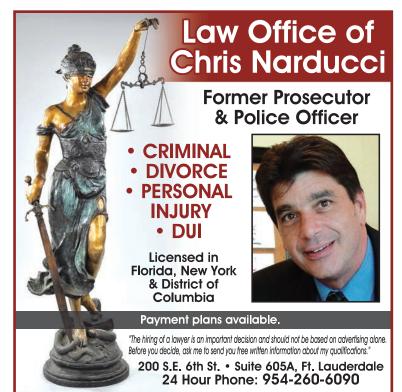
- 1. Cleveland Browns 2. Green Bay Packers
- 3. Kansas City Chiefs 4. Minnesota Vikings 5. Chicago Bears
- B. How many NBA Championships has Charles Barkley won?
- 1. Zero 2. One 3. Two 4. Three 5. Four

in his entire 16-year career B. #1 Charles Barkley never won a Championship January 13, 1974

A. #4 The Dolphins beat the Minnesota Vikings

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If you have any comments or questions please e-mail me at charlieschneider65@yahoo.com or at aroundtownnews@yahoo.com





By Chris Richcreek

- 1. Four players have hit at least 250 home runs for the Philadelphia Phillies. Name three of them.
- How many times did New York Yankees legend Mickey Mantle have a season in which he had 40 or more home runs, but did not have 100 or more

RBIs?

- Ahmmon Richards set a University of Miami (Fla.) record in 2016 for most receiving yards by a freshman (934). Who had held the record?
- Who was the last No. 1 overall draft pick by the Philadelphia 76ers before Ben Simmons in 2016 and Markelle Fultz in 2017?
- 5. How many years had it been before 2017 that the San Jose Sharks won a regulation NHL game in Buffalo?
- 6. In 2017, Lewis Hamilton set the Formula One record for most poles won (72). Who held the old mark of

- 68?
- 7. How many Wimbledon singles finals has Roger Federer been in during his 20-year pro career?

7. Eleven, with eight wins. 6. Michael Schumacher. 5. It was 12 years (2005). 4. Allen Iverson, in 1996.

ceiving yards on 46 catches in 3. Michael Irvin had 840 rehome runs, 94 RBIs). runs, 97 RBIs) and 1960 (40 2. Twice -- 1958 (42 home (259) and Pat Burrell (251). Ryan Howard (382), Del Ennis 1. Mike Schmidt (548 homers),

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Mangos Las Olas Reopening with New Era Vision on Feb 14

ollowing a year of renovations under new ownership, Mangos, the popular Las Olas landmark, is reopening its doors to the public on February 14th and will be open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and musical entertainment from 11am to 2am. The official grand opening party will be on Sunday, February 18 from 6pm-10pm. All are welcome to attend and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and

Bruno Vaccari purchased the establishment from the legendary John Day in January 2017 with the goal of revitalizing one of the most iconic venues on the boulevard. Vaccari and his staff worked hard to maintain the mainstay and its original concept, while improving the atmosphere for a more contemporary and refined memorable experience. A stellar staff and dynamic environment, along with superior customer service and masterful culinary delights will pump life into the city for all locals and foodies alike.

Vaccari enlisted Alessandro Manzo (former GM of Segafredo Brickell) as General Manager of Mangos, which now includes a massively modern and chic interior. The venue comprises of a colorful dining section both inside and outside for those looking to pleasure their palettes. It also includes a separate club area with two full bars, black leather couches, illuminated waterfall wall decor, multiple TVs, a DJ booth and white LED lightup tables for VIP bottle



service and light bites.
Skillful DJs, peppy dancers, live music and other variety acts will provide sensory appeal to all "Mangoers".
For corporate events and private parties, there are several rooms available for rent, complete with the highest quality video, audio and lighting equipment useful for presentations and other entertainment purposes.

The menu at Mangos has also undergone a facelift, now boasting American fusion cuisine with bursts of Mexican, Peruvian and Italian flavors, all curated by award-winning Chef Francesco Giuzio (former Chef at Bocce in Midtown Miami). A diverse menu offers an assortment of options, ranging from an incredible selection of fresh whole fish to the most mouthwatering Certified Angus Beef. The dessert spread is equally delectable, featuring favorites such as the "Mangos Cheesecake" staple. Whether you're indulging in a quick lunch with your coworkers, having a small appetizer at the bar, or munching on a midnight snack in the club, the cuisine at Mangos is sure to rouse vour taste buds!

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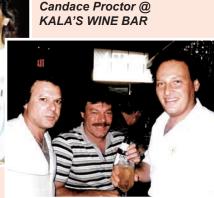
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Kathy McKenzie @ SHARK BAR & GRILL



by Samantha Weaver

- * It was 19th-century French novelist and poet Victor Hugo who made the following sage observation: "Men hate those to whom they have to lie."
- * If you're planning to visit the Hawaiian island of Kauai, you might want to trek up to Mount Waialeale. If you do, though, be sure to take an umbrella, as that mountain holds the distinction of receiving more rainfall than any other place on Earth, with an average of about 40 feet -- yes, feet -- of rain annually.
- * When archaeologists discovered the tomb of King Tut, one of the objects they found inside was a bronze razor -- and it was still sharp enough to use.
- * Those who study such things say that all mammals, from rodents to elephants, urinate for approximately 21 seconds. This is now known as the "Law of Urination."







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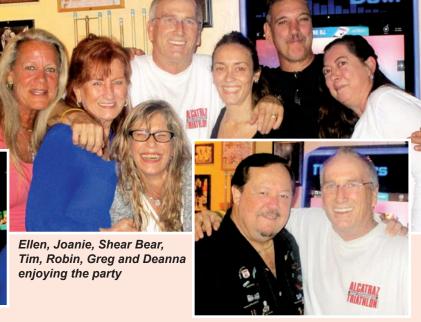
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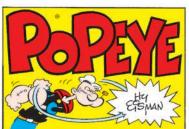








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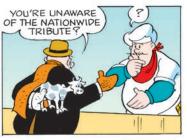


















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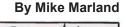


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Moments THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- * On Feb. 10, 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer. Man ultimately defeated machine. however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.
- * On Feb. 11, 1858, in France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, first claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The 18 apparitions occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes.
- * On Feb. 19, 1942, right after Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066, authorizing the removal of any or all people "as deemed necessary

or desirable." By June, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans on the West Coast were relocated to remote internment camps.

- * On Feb. 20, 1902, famed Western photographer Ansel Adams is born in San Francisco. Adams founded "Group f/64," which was dedicated to promoting deep-focus photography and the use of "straight" images free from darkroom trickery.
- * On Feb. 21, 1828, the first printing press designed to use the newly invented Cherokee alphabet arrives at New Echota, Georgia. Within months, the first Indian language newspaper in history. The Cherokee Phoenix, was published.

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Love Is In The Air

alentines Day is February 14. Here are the top ten "gee, I didn't know that" trivia questions for the day:

- 1) Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne? *Dom Perignon*.
- 2) Which was Shakespeare's most romantic play? *Romeo and Juliet.*
- 3) What kind of flowers are traditionally given to symbolise love? *Red roses*.
- 4) What other gift sometimes accompanies a bouquet of red roses? *Chocolates*.
- 5) What was first created by Pope Gelasius in 500 AD, then deleted from the Roman Calendar of Saints by Pope Paul VI in 1969? St Valentine's Day.
- 6) 'Valentine' was the name given to which kind of early Christian? *Martyrs*.
- 7) What day is Valentine's Day held on? February 14th.
- 8) According to the Legenda

Aurea, or The Golden Legend, a fictional work written by Jacobus de Voragine around 1260 AD, who wrote the very first Valentine's message on the eve of his execution? *St Valentine*.

- 9) Who did the fictional St Valentine send his message to? *The daughter of his jailer.*
- 10) What had St Valentine allegedly done for his jailer's daughter? Cured her blindness.











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Don't Forget To Get Your Flowers For Valentine's Day







Owner Jesse Franz at Flowers Galore in Oakland Park

etting flowers is one of the simple joys in life and buying fresh flowers for yourself or even better, someone you care about feels wonderful. You hear people say that spending money on something that's going to die within a week is a waste. Really? How can something with beauty that smells so soothing and gives you such a lift when you glance at them every day be a waste. Flowers are an inexpensive joy. And no offense to the food stores, but there is nothing like getting flowers from a real florist. Their arrangements are beautifully put together and so much better than any bundles you pick up at the grocery store and try to arrange yourself. Not to mention that they don't last as long as flowers from a florist. Yes you may pay an extra \$15 or \$20 more than at the grocery store, but their extra beauty and longevity is what you are paying for. For Valentine's Day especially, you want to get the best of the best.

There are many florists in town but there is one that stands out when it comes to product, price and service. It's Flowers Galore on 4900 N Dixie Highway in Oakland Park. If you look at their website, it tells it all. They have so many different arrangements, all beautiful,

all huge, and all lasting for 1 to 2 weeks, depending what kind of flowers you get. Owner Jesse Franz bends over backwards to make sure you get exactly what you're looking for. There are deals and specials daily, not to mention free delivery for local orders. It feels great when your love or friend arrives with flowers in hand, but getting a flower delivery makes your heart skip a beat. It dials the wonderful gesture up a notch. And again, for Valentine's Day especially, you want to do the best for your loved one.

Although Jesse sells to the general public, this isn't a conventional florist, where as you drive by you can easily see it from the road. This is primarily a wholesaler, so his shop is in a commercial one story building and therefore not so obvious. As you are driving on Dixie Highway, it is the third building south of Commercial Blvd on the east side of the road. Again, it is 4900 N Dixie Highway, so pull into the strip where the building has a big 4900 on it, and you will see the store when you pull in. Normally Jesse's vibrant Flower's Galore Van is in the lot, and you certainly can't miss that. See ad on this page and give a call, visit his website www. flowersgaloreftlauderdale. com or just pop on in his shop. Jesse will welcome you with a big smile.



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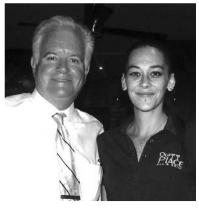


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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

As the 90th Oscar Awards approach on March 4, many films need to win Oscars to help their grosses. The clear box-office leaders, from the end of the year were "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," with a cost of some \$100 million and a \$822 million gross (\$567 million more than the original "Jumanji," with Robin

Williams); "Dunkirk," \$100 million cost and \$526 million gross; and "The Greatest Showman," \$84 million cost and \$260 million gross. Seven-time nominee "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" cost \$12 million and has grossed \$72 million, while "Lady Bird," which cost \$10 million, has grossed \$42 million.

Great friends Sharon Tamayo and Jennifer Gross laughing

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"Call Me by Your Name" cost \$3.5 million and has earned \$17 million, and "The Disaster Artist, with James Franco (who won a best-actor Golden Globe but

didn't get an Oscar nod), has recouped its \$10 million cost with \$28 million in grosses. Gary Oldman's bravura performance as Winston Churchill in "The Darkest Hour" cost \$30 million and is over \$100 million in grosses. Some of these films will benefit from Oscar wins, especially if best-actor nominee Gary Oldman, best-actress nominee Frances McDormand and best supporting actor nominee Sam Rockwell (both for "Three Billboards") win.

"The Shape of Water" won a

Golden Globe for its director. Guillermo Del Toro, and has grossed \$52 million, recouping its \$20 million cost. But "All the Money in the World," despite replacing Kevin Spacey's scenes with Christopher Plummer (who received a supporting actor nomination), is struggling to recoup its \$50 million cost. "Molly's Game" has grossed \$43 million off its \$30 million cost, and "I Tonia" has nearly balanced \$11 million-plus cost with its \$20 million gross. "The Post" cost \$50 million

(mostly because of the salaries of Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg) and has grossed \$83 million. Streep's best actress nomination is helping, but don't expect her to win. Finally, "The Phantom Thread," despite being three-time Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis' last film, has recouped only \$10 million of its \$35 million cost. Winning Oscars can change all of the above ... stay tuned.

Seeking Connection and Grace

by Mindy Leaf

s the play opens, a spotlight shines on a rare occurrence for a therapist: She talks. Or rather "communes" with the audience by presenting a succinct soliloquy on how we all are desperately searching for the light behind a closed door. It's a theme that runs throughout **Communion** -- a play in three acts by Obie-award winning playwright Daniel MacIvor, currently playing at Fort Lauderdale's most hidden gem of a black-box theater, Empire Stage.

Communion centers around three women in search of connection -- and possible spiritual redemption -- who come together at a major crossroad in their lives. Each must face a troubled past before committing to the next stage of personal growth. Within that process, a mother, daughter, and the mother's therapist come to realize that only by freeing themselves from falsely comforting habits (addiction, Fundamentalism, professional and relationship ruts) can they summon the grit to cross that threshold into a more authentic future. MacIvor further points out that the actors play two sides of themselves -- in effect, portraying two women, depending on whom they're with. "How can we connect with other people if we change so much person to person?"

he asks.

The issue of identity is but one challenge the actors undertake in this all-engrossing, multifaceted slice of life. Leda, a two-year-clean, lifelong alcoholic, atheist and now cancer victim, describes to her therapist, Carolyn, yet again, her dream of being confronted by a door she is too afraid to open. During the session Leda also rails against life, her therapist, and the "born-again" daughter she hasn't seen in six months and can't bring herself to visit. In typical "therapy" style, Carolyn continually questions her points -- "In your dream, can you change what you imagine lies behind that door?" But at session's end, she allows herself to feel compassion and gives Leda the "permission" she so desperately seeks, advising: "Go and see your daughter."

In Scene Two, mother and daughter meet, each eager to get the other to listen. Annie, whom Leda fondly remembers as a bright, angst-ridden and





An uncomfortable, unbreakable, mother-daughter bond. Kim Ostrenko and Jenna Wyatt search for clarity, connection and redemption from therapist Jacqueline Laggy (not pictured) in Primal Forces' searing production of COMMUNION by Daniel MacIvor, now playing at Empire Stage.

sarcastic teen, had but recently gotten out of jail for setting an abortion clinic on fire. Apparently she'd gone from acting out as an adolescent to creating havoc for a religious cause. Yet Annie presents herself as a submissive evangelical wife who wears dresses ["Do the redeemed also live in the Middle Ages?" Leda asks] and is intent on saving her mother's soul.

We soon discover Annie got married seven months earlier and is six months pregnant. When Leda is devastated at not having been invited to the wedding, she's countered with: "You didn't tell me every time you went on a two-week bender." It takes all of Leda's patience and determination to finally get her daughter to sit down and hear her say that she's dying of cancer.

Then Leda fills the spotlight, reciting: "Open the door, there will be light, light is made of love." In Scene Three we discover Leda has passed, having spent her final months with her daughter. Annie seeks out Leda's therapist for answers about her mother, but finds Carolyn packing up

her office after deciding she's not particularly good at her job. She's also conflicted about her personal relationship. So now it's Annie's turn to rail against Carolyn (much resembling her mother, the therapist says) for having "hardly known Leda at all."

We do learn that growing up with an alcoholic mom left Annie to fend for herself or take care of her mother and all her subsequent life choices are reactions to her mother's neglect. This may explain why she sought out the rigid clarity of the Fundamentalist Church. But in the end, her incorrigibly enquiring mind saves her from herself.

Annie tells Carolyn how she watched her father-in-law's (a church leader) abject fear as he lay on his deathbed, despite all the talk of Jesus and a life of prayer. In contrast, her mother, who's content to believe in nothing, lay peacefully accepting her exit from this world. In fact, she'd called Annie over to say, "The door is now open." "Go through it," Annie says. "It's open for you," replies her mom.

This play may sound heavy and it does leave a lot to think about both during and after, but it's also, believe it or not, EXTREMELY funny! Like when Leda says she misses 16-year-old "sarcastic" Annie who when asked what she called her new stepmom, answered, "Moron." Or when Leda reminisces about how she loved going to mass as a kid because she could watch the "Catholic fashion runway" a.k.a. communion line. MacIvor's play is loaded with such zingers and one-liners that have the actors delivering both comedy and gutwrenching tragedy in the same breath, individually, and through rapid-fire exchanges that are nothing short of awe inspiring.

For the fantastic production we must pay tribute to Primal Forces' co-founder and play director Keith Garsson and the amazing talents of Jacqueline Laggy as Caroline, Kim Ostrenko as Leda and Jenna Wyatt as Annie. This relatively young theater company has always managed, as its name implies, to produce plays that reveal the primal forces that inspire, challenge and ultimately connect us as human beings -- a mission particularly welcome in today's divisive culture. Or as Garsson says simply: "My path has been to get away from commercial theater and to get [audiences] interested in smaller dramas done in small spaces, focusing on emotion rather than razzamatazz."

For an emotional, breathtaking theatrical experience, replete with dark humor and sure to inspire post-show conversation, head on over to Empire Stage where Communion is playing through February 11th. 1140 N. Flagler Drive, Ft. Lauderdale 33304. 954-678-1496. Tickets at www.primalforces.com.



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Argentinean-Italian tenor
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Quasimodo in the world, performing the lead role in The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Other lead roles have included La Traviata, Il Barbiere di Sevilla and Rigoletto in Milan, Italy. Mr. De Antonis brings the same passion and energy into his live concert performances; his solo recital one-man show, "Who said that Opera is Boring?" was reviewed as a "truly unforgettable evening," with his voice described as "an attractive, ardent and supple instrument that he wielded to passionate effect."

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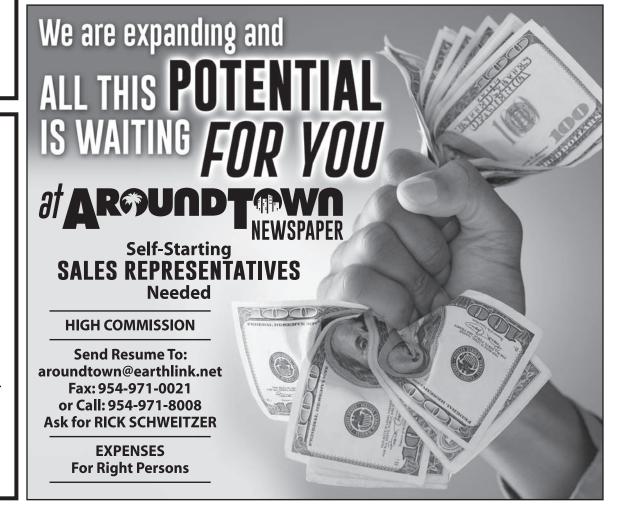
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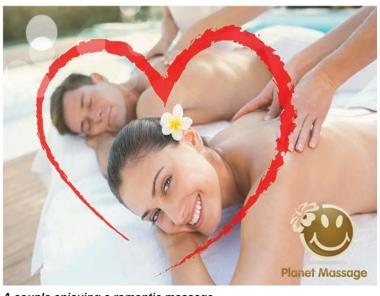
f course, you don't have to wait until Valentine's Day to luxuriate in a romantic 'Couples Massage' at Planet Massage Urban Oasis. But it could certainly add to the Romance of that special day. Imagine... the soft glow of scented candles, eclectic music and getting a massage next to that very special person in your life. Their cozy spa is just steps from Las Olas Boulevard – at 320 SE 10th Court - and offers plenty of free parking, two couple's suites and an outdoor Bamboo Garden Massage area! All lucky ladies receive a fresh rose and premium chocolates on Valentines weekend as well. Planet Massage also offers a full line of skin care services, perfect for keeping everyone beautiful in the Florida sun.

"Our specialty couple's massage comes complete with organic warm scented oils, aromatherapy and a Fire & Ice foot reflexology treatment. A take home bag

of treats to allow you to continue your lovely spa experience at home," says Clinical Director and lead therapist Mark Lohmann. There are actually several packages to choose from, including their Standard Deluxe Couples Fusion Massage, Organic Coconut Orange Massage, the Warm Stone Bliss... a house favorite where warm stones and fragrant oils are used to gently melt the knots and stress away; or their decadent "Chocolate Peppermint Couples Massage!" OMG...

You can also make an appointment for their 'Mobile Massage Team' to come to your home, office, yacht or hotel. Oh yes, a 'Couples Massage EGift Certificate' makes the perfect Valentines gift! It's available 24/7 online.

Visit www.planetmassage.com to get an idea of the many services available, from sports injury therapeutic



A couple enjoying a romantic massage

massages to wellness and holistic spa treatments... they even have medical massage, mediation, wellness coaching and stretching classes. Call Mark at (954) 763-1619 or e-mail him at Mark@planetmassage. com... tell him Kevin sent you...

Cathy Rollins Offers Double Header in February Pre-Valentine's Day Dinner & Show & Lunch With Extraordinary People - Mary Bush Shipko

Cathy Iannucci-Rollins is one of the most innovative and creative producers in South Florida. Through her Standing Room Only Productions, she's doubling up in February with her 2nd Annual Pre-Valentine's Day Buffet Dinner & Show on Sunday, February 11th at Galuppi's. Guests will enjoy the hilarious Tim Hawkins and dynamic vocalist Jeanne Lynn Gray, whose "honey touched voice" excites audiences. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m., with the show starting at 6:30 p.m.

And what a dinner!! Caesar



Jeanne Lynn Gray



Tim Hawkins

Salad, Chicken Marsala or Grilled Salmon, Wild Rice, Penne Pasta ala Vodka. Dessert, with tea, coffee or soft drinks. There is also a cash bar and free parking. The price is \$45.00 per person, which includes dinner, the show, taxes and gratuity.

Wait... wait... there's more! On Monday, February 26th, Cathy resumes her very popular Lunch With Extraordinary People. And what an extraordinary person she will be presenting... trailblazer, aviation pioneer and author May Bush Shipko. Ms. Shipko, born into an aviation family in Fort Lauderdale in 1949, was one of the first women in the United States to fly for any airline and the first woman pilot hired by Howard Hughes' Airwest. She will be talking about her book, "Aviatrix", an engaging memoir....an amazing story! Add to that an amazing lunch, starting with a complimentary



Aviatrix

Mimosa! Lunch and the program is only \$20.00.

Both programs take place at Galuppi's Restaurant at 1103 North Federal Highway in Pompano Beach. For reservations, call Cathy at (954) 791-7555 or e-mail info:crollinssro@aol.com.

SOCIETY FLORIDA FASHION ESSENTIALS

Gold Coast Jazz Society Presents The South Florida Debut of Willie Jones III All Stars On Valentine's Day

Tradition...Innovation...Creativity is the theme of the Gold Coast Jazz Society's

Concerts this season, and the South Florida debut of Willie Jones III All Stars certainly fits that bill!

On Wednesday, February 14, bring your sweetie to hear some Valentine's jazz featuring five worldrenowned musicians all in one place! Jazz drummer, Willie Jones III, is bringing his all-star group of friends to perform Love Songs and Lovers...the Ones You Have Forgotten.

This Valentine's inspired performance includes jazzy arrangements of love songs and jazz favorites with Willie Jones on drums, and his all-stars Terrell Stafford on trumpet, Robin Eubanks on trombone, Ralph Moore on sax, Eric Reed on piano, and Gerald Cannon on

Ever since 1997, when he moved to New York City from his hometown of Los Angeles, Willie Jones III has been one of the jazz capital's most prominent drummers. Whether functioning as a savvy bandleader or high-profile sideman, Jones applies to every context an abiding musicality and a tonal personality that, as Wynton Marsalis puts it, is "ever tasteful." His "West Coast swagger" gives Jones's playing a "looseness that isn't lackadaisical and an edge that isn't

overwhelming," says fellow band member Eric Reed.

"I still follow Billy Higgins' model," Jones says. "I'm always trying to support whoever I'm working with to make the music sound as good as possible. I have a good balance. I'll

continue to evolve as a leader, but I'll always play as a sideman—I still love learning and playing other people's music.'

The concert takes place at the Amaturo Theater of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale at 7:45pm. Single tickets are available for \$55 per person. Students and teacher tickets are \$10 with valid ID. To purchase

Robin Eubanks

Willie Jones III

Ralph Moore







Valentine's

Day is February

14th!

Kilwins

Eric Reed

Kilwins Will Open At 6:00 A.M. On Valentine's Day... For First Responders To Get Their **Sweethearts A Valentine!**

Kilwins Ice Cream, Chocolates & Fudge, at 809 East Las Olas Boulevard, has been 'the' destination for lovers to find the perfect Valentine gift for their sweethearts! And what owner Bill Renaud has learned over the last two decades is that in this fast paced world, many people wait until the last minute to get their Valentine... well, a Valentine that says "I Love YOU!"

"We decided to open at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14th to accommodate police and fire men and women who are First Responders coming off the night shift... and those reporting in," Bill said. "We hope that those people who go to work early; teachers, mail carriers, construction workers, physicians, nurses and others; will find that they can stop by Kilwins before they report in and pick up a really sweet Valentine!"

"All of our chocolates and treats are hand-made by our chocolatiers and master fudge makers," said Manager Leon Milne. "We offer hundreds of varieties of confections to choose from, ranging

from recipes that have been favorites for 70 years, as well as new collections. Kilwins has something for everyone, with prices to suit any budaet."

A case in point is their 3oz Family Assortment in a heart shaped box for \$9.99. Their 8.5oz heart box filled with a sampling of their decadent handmade Extraordinary Everyday Truffles is priced at \$29.99, where you can choose your own

selection of Valentine's Day Truffles! Another popular



One of the many Kilwins heart-shaped boxes of chocolates

selection is the 2lb assortment, which is in a heart shaped box filled with Kilwins most popular dark chocolates, priced at \$99.99. "We even have a limited number of Solid Chocolate Heart Boxes at \$29.99 which you can add a sweet gift to!" Leon added.

"Since most stores don't open until around 10:00 a.m. on Las Olas, it's easy to park near our store. Our staff will be on hand to help you choose the best Valentine gift and expedite the purchase," Bill added. First Responders and Military who show their ID will get 10% off and a Free Slice of Fudge (\$10-12 Value) with every purchase before 10:00 a.m.!

For information, call (954) 523-8338.

PINION Plans 5th Annual Casino Royale Event "For Your Eyes Only!"

Every month, Pinion hosts their members and guests at "Passion Hours," which are mini fundraisers and socials, annual luncheons and a golf tournament... to their Signature Event. This month, they are hosting a major fundraiser... their 5th Annual Casino Royale. This group is passionate about their mission... to raise funds for Special Olympics of Broward County and its athletes.

Plans for their Casino Royale, taking place on Friday, February 23rd at Presidential Aviation in the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, will include a Blackjack

tournament, Craps, Roulette and much more - "007 Style". Admire luxury cars showcased by Porshce West Broward, dance the night away, taste top secret cocktails and cuisine, and of course linger over the exclusive SILENT and LIVE auction! The fun begins at 7:00 p.m..

With a decidedly "James Bond" theme, guests are encouraged to dress in "...your most 'Shaken, but not Stirred Attire," according to PINION president Clio Connors. "Come **Bond** together to benefit Special Olympics Florida – Broward County!"

Pinion is celebrating its 26th Anniversary. Since its inception in 1991, Pinion has become the financial arm of Special Olympics Broward County, providing the program with the funds needed to give individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in the program.

Presidential Aviation is at 1725 N.W. 51st Place



Jet on over to Casino Royale

in Fort Lauderdale. Event tickets are \$100.00 per person. To RSVP, visit www.blacktie-southflorida.com.

SOCIETY FLORIDA FASHION & ESSENTIALS

There's Music In The Air...

Award Winning American Pianist, Athena Tsianos Is Featured Soloist At Chopin For All, Free Concert Series

On Saturday, February 10th, you can enjoy a solo piano recited by the gifted young pianist Athena Tsianos. It's a free concert, thanks to The Chopin Foundation of the United States and Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. The venue is the Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. The program, which features music by Chopin and the Beethoven's Sonata Op. 111; starts at 3:00 p.m..

Pianist Athena Tsianos is a proud Kovner Fellow and Vergottis Scholarship recipient at The Juilliard School,



Athena Tsianos

where she studies under the tutelage of Matti Raekallio. Her competition prizes include first place in The Rosalyn Tureck International Bach Competition, where she was also awarded the prize for best performance of a contemporary piece; first place in the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition; finalist in National YoungArts; and first place in competitions held by The Music

Teachers' Association of California.

As noted, this recital is free... not tickets required. Visit www.chopin.org.

Music at Mickel Concert Series Returns To Mickel Park... Featuring Ty Billings Band

Music at Mickel Concert Series is back at Mickel Park for 2018. On Friday, February 16th, it's the Ty Billings Band, performing alternative and classic rock hits. Every third Friday through April - from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. gather family and friends, bring a picnic, relax and enjoy several different genres of music under the stars. Admission is free, and food trucks will be on-site serving up tasty treats. Overflow parking will be available at St. Clement's Church, 2975 N. Andrews Avenues in Wilton Manors with shuttle service to Mickel Park every 10 minutes. For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130.



Ty Billings

Popular Bonnet House Museum & Gardens Concerts Under The Stars Are Back!

The 22nd season of Concerts Under the Stars, one of Fort Lauderdale's most popular music series at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. Come enjoy the finest young musicians in South Florida showcasing their talents at the Young Artist Music Series, starting with a performance by the Florida Atlantic University from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th. According to vocal director, Dr. Patricia Fleitas, the program will consist of solo and chamber music and represents various voice studies in the area of Choral and Vocal Studies.

The Young Artist Music series, initially conceived as a

community outreach program, has become one of Bonnet House's most anticipated, successful and treasured programs. Each evening's activities take place in and around the colorful and fascinating house, one of our nation's most popular historic estates, with the concerts taking place on the veranda, under South Florida's beautiful starry skies.

Individual tickets start at \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. The price of admission also includes wine, cookies and coffee. Bonnet House is located at



Bonnet House at night

900 North Birch Road in Fort Lauderdale.
For more information on future concerts or to purchase tickets, call (954) 703-2614 or visit www. BonnetHouse.org/calendar.

Seraphic Fire Presents J.S. Bach: St. Matthew Passion At All Saints Episcopal Church

Hailed by the Miami Herald for Bach interpretations filled with "warm humanity," Artistic Director Patrick

Dupré Quigley leads Seraphic Fire in J. S. Bach's monumental retelling of the crucifixion scored for

double chorus and double orchestra. The concert takes place at All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. This program is made possible by a generous grant from The Clinton Family Fund, Bruce and Martha Clinton.

The St Matthew

Passion (German: Matthäus-Passion) is a sacred oratorio written by Johann Sebastian Bach in 1727 for solo voices, double choir and double orchestra, with libretto by Picander (Christian Friedrich Henrici). Its earliest verified performance was April 11, 1727 – Good Friday – at Thomaskirche in Leipzig. It sets chapters 26 and 27 of the Gospel of Matthew (in the German translation of Martin Luther) to music, with interspersed chorales and arias. It is widely regarded as one of the masterpieces of



Seraphic Fire's J.S. Bach

classical sacred music. It is the longest and most elaborate of all works by this Baroque master and represents the culmination of his sacred music and, indeed, of Baroque sacred music as a whole.

Since All Saints is at 333 Tarpon Drive, a block south of East Las Olas, why not dine at one of the Boulevards many great restaurants and make an even more memorable evening of it! For tickets or information, call (305) 285-9060 or visit at http://www.seraphicfire.org.



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Jan McArt Presents "Widow On The Loose" The 3rd In Her New Play Readings Series Of 2017-2018

Jan McArt, often referred to as the First Lady of Florida Theatre, says "... this promises to be one of the best we've ever presented here, and I can't wait to



Jan McArt... The First Lady of Florida Theatre

see how it plays out on our stage after a solid week of work with this marvelous cast and director."

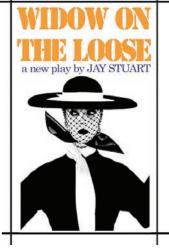
She is referring to "Widow on the Loose," a new play by Jay Stuart and the third show in the 2017-18 four-show season, which takes place on Monday, February 12th at Lynn University. The play is directed by Michael McKeever

Here are some thought provoking questions... Is it acceptable for a married woman to make love to a preacher, a car salesman and a mysterious hotel guest who keeps changing his identity? And, if a bellman has an affair with a guest, is it reasonable to still expect a tip?

The comedy features a cast that includes Jan McArt, Barbara Bradshaw, Jeffrey Bruce, David Lyle, Andy Rogow, and Ann Marie Olson. "Widow on the Loose" promises to be a GREAT evening of theatre!!

Jan runs this award-winning play reading series at Lynn, where playwrights get the chance Playwright Jay Stuart to bring a new play to life, working with a cast and a director for five days - rehearsing, rewriting, rehearsing, re-writing. Then, at the end of those five days, their new, polished, reworked play is presented to the public in performance, fully staged, with actors up on their feet, scripts in hand, employing





"Widow on the Loose"

minimal costumes, sets, lighting and sound, to aid them in the presentation of the new work.

The play reading takes place at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center on the Lynn University campus, 3601 N. Military Trail, in Boca Raton. Tickets cost \$10. Call 561-237-9000, or visit www.lynn.edu/tickets.

Andy's 16th Annual Family Pasta Dinner Benefitting LifeNet4Families

Hosted by Andy Cagnetta, CEO of Transworld Business Brokers, Andy's 16th Annual Pasta Dinner will once again benefit LifeNet4Families, an organization dedicated to providing necessary food, ancillary services and referrals to those in need in Broward County. This year's event takes place on Sunday, February 25th at the Signature Grand from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Casual attire is welcomed.

Attendees will enjoy a casual evening complete with a traditional, family-style pasta dinner. The event also focuses on the importance of family bonding by incorporating substantive activities for kids to teach them the importance of giving back through its Junior Chef Component. At the dinner, Junior Chefs are recognized alongside the Honorary Chefs for their accomplishments in fundraising, community service and leadership.

The 2018 Honorary Chefs are Marty Basson,

Basson Family Foundation; Fran Eppy, The Eppy Group; Ruth Friedlander, Community Volunteer; Joe Goldstein, Shutts & Bowen; Jeannie Hudson, Hudson Family Foundation; Ira Jaffe, EventNetUSA; Tony Segreto, Consultant and Speaker; and Ray Titus, United Franchise Group.

Andy's Family Pasta Dinner has raised an excess of \$1,000,000 for LifeNet4Families for the past 16 years and has

provided more than 1,000,000 meals to food insecure individuals and families in Broward County. In 2017, over 850 individuals and families attended the event raising over \$200,000.00.



Andy and Allison Cagnetta with 2017 Honorary Chefs

Tickets are \$50 per adult and include one child under age 13. Additional child tickets are \$25 each. Tickets can be purchased at www.andyspastadinner. com. Signature Grand is at 6900 West State Road 84 in Davie.

The Broward Center for the **Performing Arts Announces** Naming Of JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts has announced the naming of the JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level in recognition of multiyear support by JetBlue, the largest airline in Fort Lauderdale and a leading airline in other major

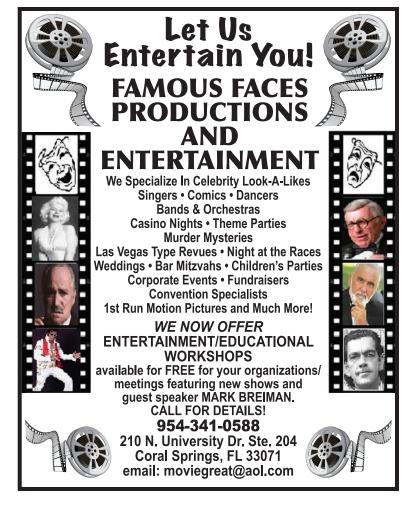
"We are delighted to announce this new partnership and welcome JetBlue on board as the exclusive airline partner," said Broward Center President and CEO Kelley Shanley. "JetBlue's mission to inspire humanity takes place both in the air and on the ground, and here at the Broward Center their support will allow us to inspire audiences. We share a commitment to creating a memorable customer experience and look forward to introducing guests to the JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level this season."

"We recognize our responsibility— to better the lives of our customers, our crewmembers and the communities we serve," said Nicole

Tesser, regional marketing manager, JetBlue. "The Broward Center contributes to the local community and South Florida tourism through the arts. Arts and culture and access to these resources are priorities for us as well for our neighbors, customers and tourists alike."

Located on the mezzanine level of the Au-Rene Theater, The JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level is the first of its kind in a performing arts venue and offers a unique allinclusive experience. Patrons enjoy world-class performances from plush, extra roomy theater seats or from the windows inside the lounge, and relax with plentiful hors d'oeuvres, desserts, coffee and premium beverages at the open bar.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.



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