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“Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.”
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1. **ASTRONOMY:** How large is Jupiter's giant "red spot"?
2. **U.S. STATES:** Which is the only U.S. state that begins with the letter "p"?
3. **HISTORY:** Who was the last man to walk on the moon?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** The average person speaks how many words in a day?
5. **MOVIES:** In the movie "The Wizard of Oz," what did the Tin Man want from the wizard?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a guanaco?
7. **BIBLE:** In the Old Testament, who was Abraham's first wife?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What two states border Lake Tahoe?
9. **WEATHER:** What was the fastest wind speed ever recorded?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first U.S. president to declare war?

- ANSWERS**
1. Twice as big as the Earth
 2. Pennsylvania
 3. Eugene German
 4. 7,000 to 20,000 words
 5. A heart
 6. A camelid native to South America
 7. Sarah
 8. Nevada and California
 9. 253 mph gust registered on Barrow Island,
 10. James Madison

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

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www.sota.org or contact Judy Marini at 954.644.9049. Proceeds fund and enhance the Symphony of the Americas outreach programs throughout Broward County.

Interesting Facts About Easter

- Easter has been named after Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess. The symbols of the goddess were the hare and the egg.
- Apart from English and German, the name of 'Easter' has been derived from Pesach, the Hebrew name of Passover festival.
- Right from ancient times, egg has been regarded as a

- symbol of rebirth in most of the cultures.
- The customary act of painting eggs is known as Pysanka. Just like Passover which is dependent on the phases of the moon and has different dates each year, Easter is also a movable feast.
 - Easter always falls between March 22nd and April 25th. The first Easter basket was given the appearance of a bird's nest.
 - Chocolate eggs were made for the first time in Europe, in the 19th century. Till date, they

- remain one of the favorite Easter treats.
- Easter is the top-selling confectionery holiday in the west, second only to Halloween.
 - On Easter, 76% people bite off the chocolate bunny ears first, while 5% bite the feet first and 4% eat the tail first.
 - The custom of giving eggs at Easter dates back to the time of the Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans.
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It was unbelievable. We were sitting at the Casa Calabria bar in the Ocean Manor Resort and all of a sudden we hear the wonderful sounds of bagpipes. As we looked about to see where the beautiful music was coming from, the **NYPD Emerald Society** enters the room and engulfs it full force. It was an unbelievable sight to see, absolutely breathtaking. It literally brought tears to my eyes. These are loyal, patriotic Americans who shall always honor their Irish heritage. It doesn't get any better than that. Everyone was in awe and everyone had their phone cameras out taking photos and videos of the impromptu show.

We had come to find out afterwards that they were going from place to place to perform their magnificent music. It was unbelievable that we just happened to be at this one place just at the right time when this fantastic group of men honored us with their performance. We were thrilled that we were there. What are the odds?

The Emerald Society has left an indelible mark of honor in the fabric that police work is made from. As time moves on, they remain as constant as the green fields of Ireland. From young rookie cops lining up to join for the first time to old-timers talking of the good-old days, the Emerald Society continues to play an important role in fostering and promoting Irish heritage while being a proud member of the **New York Police Department**. **SOUTH FLORIDA LEGENDS 3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT FISHTALES ON 33RD ST**

I remember when **South Florida Legends** Owner **Paul Piazzolla** started at **Fishtales Restaurant & Nightclub** and I wondered if these tribute performances would last as an ongoing weekly event, and boy they sure have. It's been three years and still going strong. Every week on Monday night starting at 8pm, Paul features a different look-a-like and sound-a-like tribute performer who packs the house. They are really that good, and how refreshing it is for us to watch these performers. It's something to do that is unique, instead of the same old same old.

To commemorate this milestone accomplishment, there will be a big anniversary bash at Fishtales on Monday, March 26 starring **Tina Turner** and **Diana Ross**. The celebration will include a complimentary glass of champagne and cake. Make your reservations as this celebration will fill up fast. If you can't make this performance, go to Fishtales website www.fishtaleson33rd.com.



Ellen Schweitzer
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NYPD Emerald Society



Paul Piazzolla



Tina Turner tribute performer



Diana Ross tribute performer



Patrick Mascola

com and see the upcoming schedule for each Monday night. It's a great night of entertainment and let's not forget, Fishtales has GREAT food. 3355 NE 33rd Street, Fort Lauderdale.

When I think about this, it really is more amazing than it sounds. Here is a guy (Paul Piazzolla) who started out in the business as an Elvis Tribute Artist in 2007, and after ten years, has built his company to what it is today. It is evident from the performances that South Florida Legends takes pride in having the finest quality acts ranging from solo tributes, band tributes,

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PATRICK MASCOLA STILL MISSED VERY MUCH

On March 25th it will be one year since we lost our dear friend and founder of this **Around Town Newspaper**. We know that Pat is still watching over us and we hope he is smiling proudly at what we are doing. It isn't the same here without him, as we do miss the contributions Pat made on a daily basis, but we honor him as we work with him in our thoughts every day.



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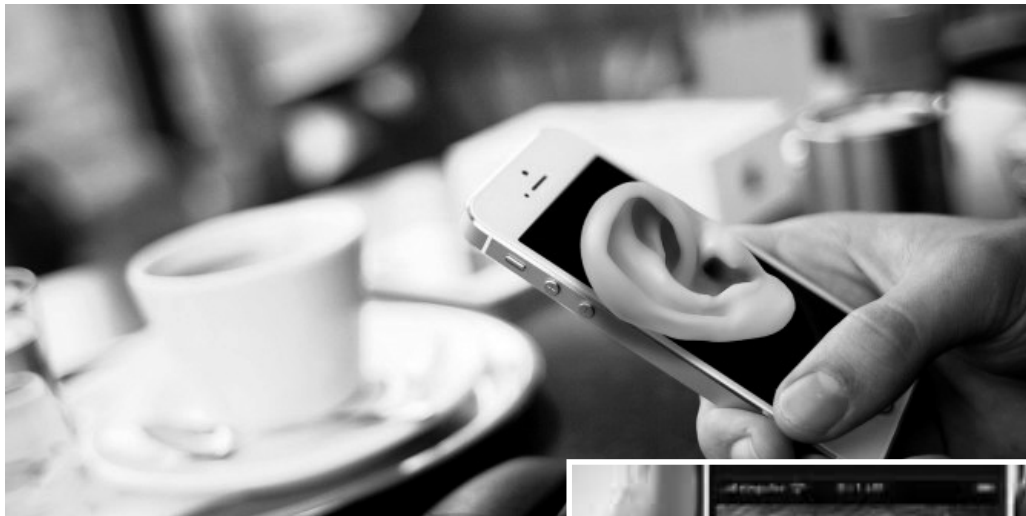
Is your cell phone listening to you?

At one time I would say no, but now there is a big question in my mind. I know the NSA, CIA, and a number of other 3-letter agencies have been doing this for years. We just recently moved our office from Pompano Beach to Ft. Lauderdale and Ellen and I were talking about movers for the office move. What do you think popped up on my phone? That's right, you guessed it, a mover! My phone was lying on my desk about 6 feet from us. I did not search for a mover or ask Google to find me a mover because I had already talked with a friend of mine and he was doing the move. If the phone was listening in that's how they knew I was moving. I started to look into how many other people have seen this happen. I could not believe how many people had the same thing happen to them. Is there nowhere you can have privacy anymore?! I heard that if you have the Facebook app, they listen in. Facebook denies this. I also wondered how many apps out there that also listen in for whatever reason; there's more than you think. Facebook has always denied using smartphone microphones to gather audio from people's real-life conversations and then use that data to serve advertising. But can they be trusted to tell the truth? I found many users who say that Facebook does listen. Here are a few examples: A Facebook user is so convinced his conversations are being monitored that he switched off the microphone on his smartphone and, sure enough, there haven't been any more 'strange coincidences' since. Tom Crewe, 28, a marketing manager from Bournemouth, was immediately suspicious in March when he noticed an advert on Facebook for beard transplant surgery. "Only hours earlier he'd joked with a colleague about them both getting one, as they remained smooth-faced, despite their age." I had my phone's Facebook app switched on at the time. Within a few hours, an ad came through for hair and beard transplants,' he says. 'I just thought: "Why have I been targeted?" I'd never Googled "hair or beard transplants" or sent an email to anyone about it or talked about it on Facebook. The fact that the ad for beard transplants was so unusual and specific made him suspect his phone had been eavesdropping. I'd just eaten a Peperami, and it was a few hours before lunch, and a colleague joked how he didn't think this was a particularly good thing to have for breakfast. Again, I'd never googled the product or mentioned it on Facebook or anywhere online. It's just something I buy during my twice-a-week shop at Tesco. Then I get an advert for it. This happened within two weeks of the beard incident.' I saw articles and got information and turned off the Facebook app's access to my phone's microphone. I've not noticed it happening since then."

I don't know about you, but this would freak anyone out. It's bad enough when big brother is listening and watching, now we have every tech giant out there listening in. One thing technology experts agree on, is that the ability to create technology that can randomly sweep millions of conversations for repeated phrases or identifiable names, definitely exists. It's not too big a stretch to think of this technology developed to sweep conversations as a marketing tool. When you look at your cell phones they are small computers that can just about do what a laptop can do.



IT'S MY OPINION
with RICK SCHWEITZER



They are tracking devices, which are always close to us where ever we go. They are collectors of a vast amount of information including audio information. We have been giving our computers a lot of information for a very long time. We have been doing searches on various search engines including Google. All of that information goes into big databases and now, our voice is becoming one of those inputs and so marketers can now use that information to direct advertising your way. You are now wondering how can I protect myself from my cell phone listening in. The best way is to not allow app's access to your phone's microphone. **iPhone Users:** Click on Settings > Privacy > Microphone. You will find a list of apps that have requested access to your phone's mic. Scroll through and turn off the apps you do not want to have access. **Android Users:** Click on Settings > Apps. Go to each app and adjust the microphone access setting. Unlike Apple, who does not publicize any of the voice data it stores through Siri, Google is pretty transparent giving you full access to your audio. First, you'll need to be signed into your Gmail or Google account. Once you've done that, type "history.google.com/history" into your web browser. You'll be taken to a hub, which contains your entire digital footprint, so be careful, it could make for some grim reading. This includes Maps searches and YouTube videos you've watched. Under the tab Voice and Audio Activity, you'll find a list of recordings in chronological order.

If you've ever used voice search on Google, you'll see a list of audio recordings that you can play back and listen to right now. Few people realize that the data is there. Google is relatively transparent, in that it allows you to review what has been collected, but it doesn't go out of its way to publicize that it's there. Most other companies that record you don't let you see what they have at all, and it's far from clear what they're doing with the audio. If you worry that your smartphone might be listening in to your conversations, you're not alone. The Internet has many stories about digital eavesdropping. Many people feel

that conversations they've had within earshot of their phones have been used to tailor advertising. As more smartphones, smart TVs, and smart toys start to listen in on us, it's going to be very hard for anyone to track where all the data is flowing, because every company wants to connect to its own cloud service. Oh, by the way when you heard it went to the cloud just remember it went to a hard drive in some company's office. They say cloud like it is some magical storage device in the sky. Talk about selling people a bill of goods that's just a storage hard drive, which backs up information. Google has turned millions of phones into listening devices that can capture intimate conversations even when they aren't in the room. The Silicon Valley giant states on its terms and conditions that it keeps these recordings for "improving speech recognition against all Google products that use your voice". Billions of annual web searches, location and email data allow it to target the population with specialized marketing and there is no reason why it couldn't do the same with your voice data, too. If you do decide to listen to you

recordings be prepared you might not want to hear what has been recorded. But there might also be all lots of salacious gossip that you wouldn't want anybody else to hear. You'll be shocked to hear what it's picked up, however. A person discovered recordings from when the phone's owner was not in the room and even revealed a romantic interlude

between two mystery colleagues. It is possible to stop Google from storing so much info in the future. You have to go back to "Activity controls" and under "Web & App activity" you should see a blue toggle. You can switch this off, but be warned, you have merely "paused" the recordings so keep checking back on a regular basis to ensure that the terms and conditions don't change in the future and you aren't auto-enrolled when a new Android update comes along. Watch out for these great apps that keep coming out, they might give you some special features but are they also recording everything you or a friend is saying. These files are accessible from absolutely anywhere in the world as long as you have an Internet connection. That means any device that is signed into your personal Gmail or Google account can access the library of your deepest, darkest secrets. WOW, that's an eye opener! It's time we got a handle on all the spying on us whether it is the Government or Giant Technology Company's. I don't buy this 'well if you don't have nothing to hide why worry.' I don't think its anyone's business what you do as long as you're not breaking the law! It's called Privacy.

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





“Tomb Raider” - mostly very predictable, and disappointing

Alicia Vikander, Dominic West, Kristin Scott Thomas PG-13 118 Min WB

With brand recognition of the utmost importance in today’s blockbuster landscape, it is no surprise that we’re being served up a reboot to a franchise based on a video game. Or maybe it’s a prequel? Or a direct adaptation of the game series? It doesn’t really matter, because this movie is completely disposable. Serving as an origin story to some degree, this Lara Croft (Alicia Vikander) is a brash adrenaline junkie ready to self-destruct at any moment. She’s not yet the gun-toting badass we

woeful final act. . While Jolie’s casting and portrayal matched the look and attitude of the video game heroine, Alicia Vikander brings a leaner and less mean Lara Croft to the big screen.

Angelina Jolie brought the bad-ass female archaeologist/adventurer to life with a lot of swagger, but Vikander’s Croft is more physically and emotionally vulnerable, full of fight, but yet to realize her potential,

intellectually or in practice. The quality both characterizations share is intelligence and guts, but 2018’s “Tomb Raider” is an origin story.

Seven years after the disappearance of her father, wealthy businessman and adventurer Lord Richard Croft (Dominic West), Lara is a woman with no plan. Obviously intelligent, she’s content trying to be a mixed martial artist and working as a bicycle messenger. She wouldn’t have to work at all, if she would just sign the documents declaring her father legally dead so she can inherit his company and his fortune, but she’s having a very hard time letting go of the hope that her father, whom she idolizes, is still alive.

When company officer (and Lara’s former legal guardian), Ana Miller (Kristin Scott Thomas), finally convinces Lara to swing by the office and sign those papers, Lara receives a Japanese puzzle box that her father left her. Solving the puzzle leads Lara to the discovery of what her father was really working on when he disappeared



“Tomb Raider”

know she will become, but Vikander has a raw physicality that suits the role. It’s a shame then, that she’s hamstrung by an astonishingly bad script. Clichés abound in a plot that relies on clunky exposition, signposted twists and flimsy character motivation, and that’s even before the laughably

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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- trying to find the tomb of a legendary Japanese queen who supposedly possessed the power of life and death. Still hoping to find her father alive (or at least learn what happened to him), the clues lead Lara to Japan where she hires a reluctant but down-on-his-luck boat captain (Daniel Wu) to take her into the Devil’s Sea to a remote island which is notoriously difficult to reach. Upon reaching the island, Lara discovers the ruthless Mathias Vogel (Emmy nominee Walter Goggins) leading an expedition to find the tomb for a mysterious international organization.

Vikander’s “Tomb Raider” is a joyless, by-the-numbers actioner. In spite of Vikander’s considerable talent she feels miscast as the tough and determined young adventurer. With the understanding that this is a Lara Croft origin story, it just becomes mind-numbing to see her beaten up throughout the movie, while none of the actors’ performances rise about the level of serviceable. The script features unnecessary dialog, characters whose motivations make little sense and a story which is mostly very predictable, and disappointing. ★★ out of ★★★★★

“A Wrinkle in Time” - finished product is just plain, mediocre!

Storm Reed, Chris Pine, Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon PG 109 Min Disney

I was very much looking forward to “A Wrinkle in Time.” I had no prior knowledge of its source material, so I was seeing it as an original film that was hitting theatres sometime soon. That time has now come, and although I’m someone who tries to see the best in every film that I watch, there’s no denying that this one just doesn’t quite feel right. Not to say this is a bad movie by any means, but here’s why it fails to reach its potential on multiple occasions.

After her father disappears and ends up somewhere distant in the universe, his daughter Meg is sent by three women on a quest through time and space to locate him. Accompanied by her younger brother and newfound friend, the three of them embark on a strange journey across the universe. With unique visuals surrounding each and every scene, the epic scale, and emotional impact, should win over the tween-teen viewers. Aside from those elements, this is a fairly sloppy movie that tries a little too hard to be unique.

Without ruining the film, it relies very heavily on the character of Charles Wallace to heighten certain aspects of the story. For that reason, the film suffers from a few laughable lines of dialogue, due to the fact that Deric McCabe may not have been the right kid to cast in this particular role. I was taken out



“A Wrinkle in Time”

of many dramatic moments, simply because I just wasn’t buying into the way he was delivering his lines.

On top of that, the three goddesses Mindy Kaling, Reese Witherspoon, and Oprah Winfrey are present for a purpose, but they could’ve easily been excluded from the film once they bring the main characters to the places they need to be. They’re quite annoying and simply unnecessary when it

came to the story itself. Witherspoon was solid, but that’s only because she had more things to do with her role than the others.

One of The most frustrating parts about this film is that Chris Pine is great in this movie and the conclusion of the third act felt earned and I found myself emotionally invested and caring about certain characters. The reason that aspect of the film is frustrating is that the film deviates too much from his character and it just feels like it drags quite a while before reaching him. That’s a huge problem, especially when reflecting on the fact that the runtime is only 109 minutes.

In the end, “A Wrinkle in Time” may have been a much better film with a few re-writes and about 20-30 minutes added on in order to expand the world a little more. The editing felt choppy at times, certain characters appear in places without explanation, and the solid visuals aren’t enough to elevate the sloppy plot execution. True, there are a few great performances and the core story is worth watching, but there are too many problems surrounding that element to really send anyone out to see this film in theatres. This is a neat and complex idea that would’ve worked as a much grander and elongated epic.

Director, Ava Duvernay tried a little too hard to impress here and the finished product is just plain, mediocre! ★★ out of ★★★★★

This is Paul Levine, Cut-Print-That’s-A-Wrap!

Entertainer/Singer Jimmy Cavallo's 91st Birthday Party was a smash - held at NICK'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT



Jimmy Cavallo blowing out the
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The Ferri Family First Cousins Reunion: (front row) Terry, Gail, Victor, Shelly, Dolores and Toni - (back
row) Michael, Ellen Robbie, Laura, Tim and Tony @ GALUPPI'S

Has Free Agency Hurt All Major Sports?

Today there is no loyalty in sports. The game is all about money. Love of the game is all in the past. Take the NFL as an example. As of last week all teams can negotiate with players, and it turned out to be a big payday as the new year's business began. A lot of teams have to clear salary cap space so they can pay these players exorbitant amounts of money. This will continue for quite awhile. This is the reason ticket prices go up every year. Take the Dolphins; they released linebackers Lawrence Timmons, Julius Thomas, Ndamukong Suh and running back Jarvis Landry. Now that these players are gone, the Dolphins have \$25 million to play with for the acquisition of new players.

The acquisition of Danny Amendola from the New England Patriots will be a big plus for Ryan Tannehill. Tannehill will be able to throw short out passes to Amendola. Also the signing of Kansas City Chiefs receiver Albert Wilson will replace Jarvis Landry, who was sent packing to the Cleveland Browns.

The biggest concern for the Dolphins is if Ryan Tannehill is healthy. I think the Dolphins will look for a quarterback with their first round pick. My prediction is that the Dolphins will go 9-7 this year. "Good luck Dolphins in the upcoming draft."

HOW FAR INTO THE PLAYOFFS CAN THE HEAT GO?

In order to get deep into the playoffs you need to beat the weaker teams in the league. Last week the Heat couldn't get past the lowly Sacramento Kings, as they had a lot of injuries during the season. Regardless, the Eastern Division is very weak,



and as a result the Heat will still be able to finish second. In the Western Division it is a different story, as you have teams like Houston, Portland, Oklahoma City, Golden State, and San Antonio who are all solid teams. Hopefully the Heat will make it deep into the playoffs. "Good luck Heat in the playoffs."

MARLINS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Spring training will be over in 10 days and so far no casualties. There are nine pitchers and only three will make it into the rotation. Manager Don Mattingly will have some tough decisions to make on who stays and who goes.

Starlin Castro is the latest addition to the team, as he was included in the Giancarlo Stanton trade. Castro is having a good spring training and he is happy to be with a team who is in the rebuilding mode. Mattingly is going to put Starlin in the number 3 batting position. He is due to make \$10.86 million on a team that has dropped all good players recently. Who knows if he will be around next year, as Jeter is trying to save money. Predictions are that the Marlins will lose about 100 games this season. Lets hope that this is not the case. "Good luck Marlins this upcoming season."

SPORTS TRIVIA

A.What National Hockey League Team

won 4 consecutive Stanley Cups in a row?

1. Boston Bruins 2. Detroit Red Wings 3. Toronto Maple Leafs 4. Montreal Canadians 5. New York Islanders
- B. What Major League Baseball Team won 5 consecutive World Series?
 1. Brooklyn Dodgers 2. San Francisco Giants 3. New York Yankees 4. Boston Red Sox 5. Philadelphia Phillies

ANSWERS
A. #4 Montreal Canadians won 4 consecutive Stanley cups from 1956-1960
B. #3 The New York Yankees won 5 straight World series from 1945-1953



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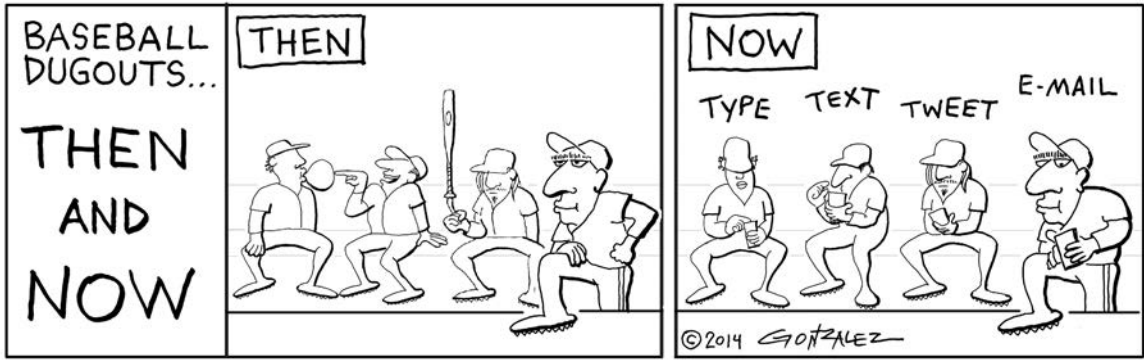
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By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2017, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw made his seventh consecutive Opening Day start, tying a franchise record. Who else did it?
2. Who has led the American League in runs scored the most times?
3. Clemson's Deshaun

- Watson set an ACC record in 2016 by throwing for 580 yards in a game. Who had held the record?
4. How many consecutive double-double seasons of points and rebounds did San Antonio Spurs great Tim Duncan have to start his NBA career?
5. Who was the last Edmonton Oilers player before Connor McDavid in 2017 to win the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL regular-season MVP?
6. How many consecutive years did Dale Earnhardt Jr. win NASCAR's Most Popular Driver Award?
7. Name the last time before 2017 that four American

- women made up the semifinals of tennis' U.S. Open?
1. Don Sutton (1972-78).
2. Babe Ruth, eight times (1919, '20, '21, '23, '24, '26, '27 and '28).
3. Stephen Morris of Miami, Fla., threw for 566 yards in a game in 2012.
4. Thirteen seasons (the 1997-98 season through the 2009-10 season).
5. Mark Messier, in 1990.
6. Fifteen years.
7. It was 1981 (Tracy Austin, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Barbara Potter).

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EASTER EGG HUNT AT COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 24, 10 a.m. Children ages 2 – 2nd grade are invited to bring their favorite

basket and HOP on over for a FREE Easter Egg. In addition, there will be face painting, photo stations, refreshments, and prizes. 10001 W. Commercial Blvd., Tamarac. Communitycc.com

ROYAL EGG HUNT

March 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dress as your favorite prince or princess, bring your basket and join a magical quest for eggs. Children will be divided into age groups for the egg hunt. There will also be face painting, arts & crafts, rides and more. Bring your camera and take your picture with King Bunny. Admission \$5. Sunrise Athletic Complex, 11501 NW 44th Street, 33351. sunriseatl.com

SIT. STAY. SAY CHEESE!

March 25, 6-8 p.m. Bring your furry friend to visit the Easter Bunny and have a special commemorative photo made. This event is not open to exotic pets, and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Coral Square, 9469 W. Atlantic Blvd., Coral Springs. eventbrite.com/e/easter-bunny-pet-photos-tickets-42727198200

ANNUAL SPRING BONNET CONTEST

March 27, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Make a bonnet to wear to this event and you could win a prize. 12 p.m. The Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center Campus, 301 NW 103rd Ave., Pembroke Pines. ppines.com

ECO EGGSTRAVAGANZA

March 29, 10 a.m.-5p.m. YAA celebrates spring with this day of "greener" fun and

invention that encourages families to understand that art can be an instrument for positive environmental change. EGGstravaganza is YAA's egg drop competition. Children will use their creativity and ingenuity to create cradles or parachutes to protect eggs surviving the fall from a 50-foot fire truck crane operated by the Davie Fire Department at 2 p.m. Will your egg survive the fall? Egg Drop kit: \$2. Prizes will be awarded for uncracked eggs. Regular admission fees apply. Young at Art Museum, 751 SW 121 Ave, Davie. youngatartmuseum.org

FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

March 29, pre-event starts at 6:30 p.m. Ages 7-12 at 8 p.m. Ages 13-17 at 8:15 p.m. Ages 18 & up at 8:30 p.m. Each Egg Hunt has thousands of prize- and candy-filled eggs for participants to discover. Find the "special eggs" and receive an exciting prize or Easter basket. Enjoy refreshments, outdoor activities with friends, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Registration begins March 15. Constitution Park, 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. deerfield-beach.com

TEEN TWILIGHT EGG HUNT
March 29, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. It's an evening "Egg Hunt" in the dark for Cooper City middle-school students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Bring your flashlight to find special hidden eggs at the Pool and Tennis Center. There is no charge for the evening of fun, but participants must pre-register at 954-434-4300, #233 by March 27. 5350 SW 90th Ave., Cooper City. coopercity-fl.org

EGG HUNT SPRING TRIATHLON & DUATHLON

March 31, 7 a.m. The Egg Hunt duathlon & sprint triathlon is a family affair at C.B. Smith Park. Spectators can take part in a multitude of activities during and after the race, including an Easter egg hunt for children. CB Smith Park, 900 N. Flamingo Road, Pembroke Pines. multirace.com/events/114

EGG HUNT SPRING TRIATHLON & DUATHLON

March 31, 9 a.m.-noon. Egg hunt will kickoff at 10 a.m. sharp for ages 0-8 years old. Additional activities include inflatables, train rides, petting farm and much more. Pictures will be available with the bunny at a small cost. Bamford Sports Complex, Pine Island Road, Davie. davie-fl.gov/963/Upcoming-Events

COOPER CITY ANNUAL EGG HUNT
March 31, 10 a.m. Hop on over to the Cooper City Sports Complex and enjoy a morning of fun. Don't forget to bring your own basket and a camera to take a picture with Peter Cottontail. The event is for toddlers (must be able to walk) to 5th-graders. 10300 Stirling Road, Cooper City. coopercityfl.org

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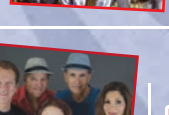
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Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was famed Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius who made the following sage observation: "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

* The United States isn't the only country that has an accolade to recognize excellence in the film industry. Here the awards are known as the Oscars, but other nations have their own names: In Canada they're known as Genies, in France they're Cesars, in Russia they're called Nikas, in Mexico they're Golden Ariels, in Spain they're known as Goyas, and in the United Kingdom they're called BAFTAs (formerly the Orange British Academy Film Awards).

* Those who study such things say that fully one-third of all your brainpower is used for vision.

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March 31, 10-11 a.m. Hunt for over 50,000 eggs. First 500 children receive a free pair of bunny ears. Free. Prizes and children's arts and crafts, plus a special visit with Peter Rabbit and more! Two locations: Pines Recreation Center, 7400 Pines Blvd., and Pembroke Shores Park, 501 SW 172nd Ave. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. ppines.com

HOPPIN' INTO SPRINGS

March 31, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Families with young children, ages 3-7, are invited to this egg hunt. There will also be a DJ and a special appearance from the Easter Bunny. This event is free and open to Coral Springs residents, but participants must register in advance online or at the Coral Springs Gymnasium. coralsprings.org/living/events/hoppin-into-spring

WESTON'S ANNUAL ROYAL EGG HUNT

March 31, 10 a.m. Egg hunts for children 10 and under. Arrive at the park by 9:15 a.m. The egg hunts will be held on baseball fields 1-4. There will be over 30,000 candy-filled eggs so bring a basket or bag for collecting. "Golden" eggs earn an additional prize. After the Egg Hunt, take photos with the Royal Bunny, enjoy the bounce

houses and have fun until noon. Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston. westonfl.org

SPRING EGG HUNT

April 3, 6:15-7 p.m. Bring baskets to hunt for eggs and enjoy other spring activities. Ages 3-8. Coconut Creek residents, \$10; non-residents, \$15. Coconut Creek Community Center, 1100 Lyons Road. coconutcreek.net

EARTHFEET

April 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free event offers a unique opportunity to enjoy nature and get up close and personal with wildlife at the beautiful Sawgrass Nature Center. Nature Exhibits, community garden info, children activities, and plant giveaways. Sawgrass Nature Center, 3000 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs. sawgrassnaturecenter.org

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Q: Is it true that bunnies have good eye sight?

A: Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?

Q: What did the grey rabbit say to the blue rabbit?

A: Cheer up!

Q: Why did the farmer feed crayons to his chickens?

A: He wanted them to lay colored eggs!

Q: What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A: Hot cross bunnies!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

A: EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

Q: What do you call Eas-

ter when you are hopping around?

A: Hoppy Easter!

Q: Why was the rabbit rubbing his head?

A: Because he had an eggache! (Headache)

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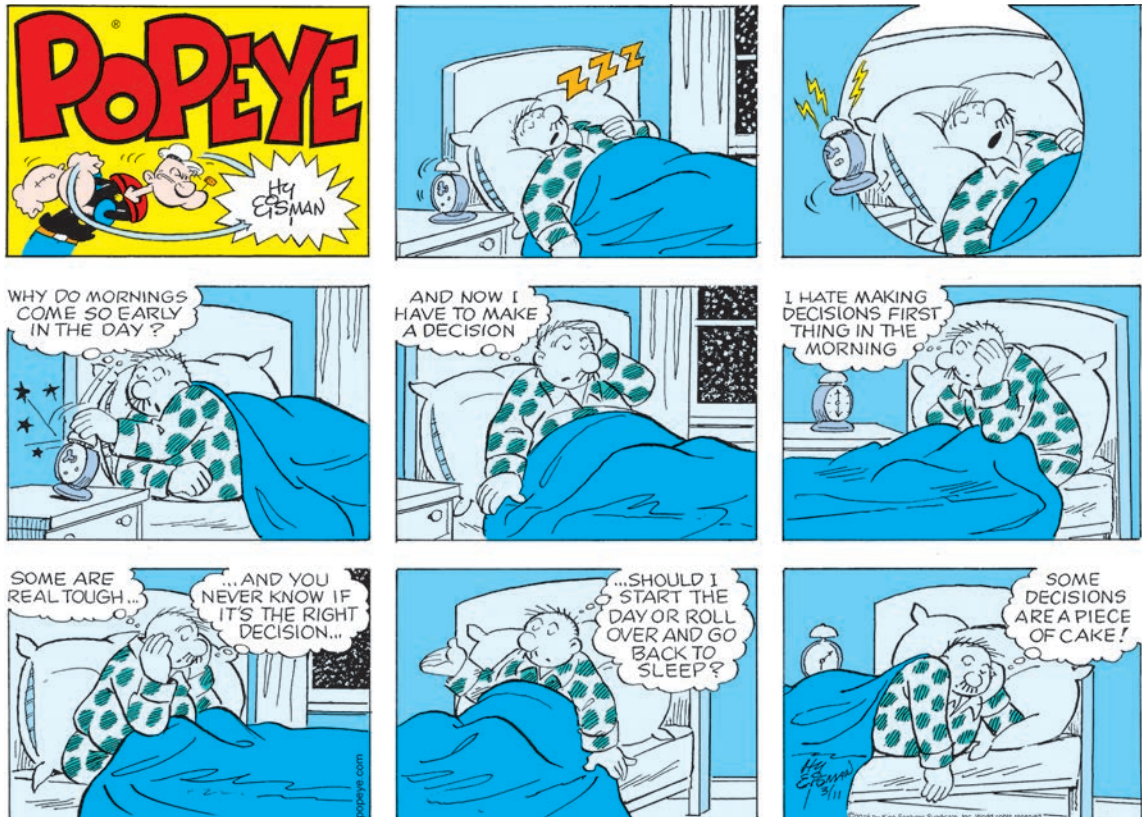
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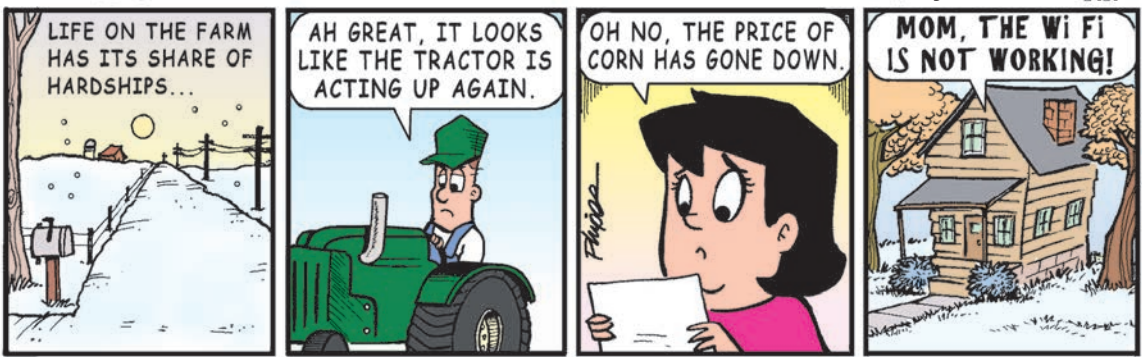
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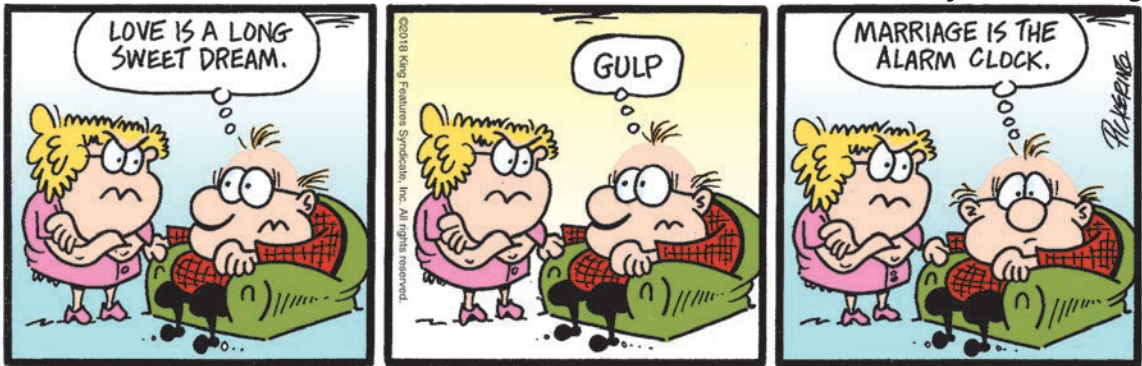
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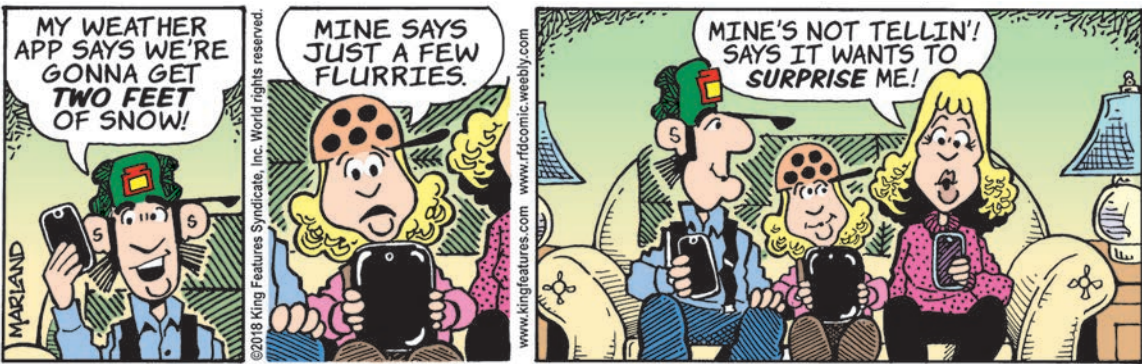
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JUST LIKE CATS & DOGS
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 4 Facebook contribution
- 8 Undergoes recession
- 12 Carnival city
- 13 Arthur of tennis
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- 22 Authoritative order
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- 25 Diamondback, e.g.
- 29 Present
- 30 Stinky
- 31 Praise in verse
- 32 False teeth
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- 35 Make one's way
- 36 "Annie Hall" director
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- 26 Cabana's location
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- 33 Doubly thick
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- 40 Be overly fond of
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Moments
in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

for the nearly \$1 million (in today's dollars) worth of tea dumped into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773.

* On March 23, 1999, bestselling author Thomas Harris delivers his 600-page manuscript for his new novel, "Hannibal," to Delacorte press, more than 10 years after he had promised the book. It was his third novel featuring serial killer and cannibal Hannibal Lecter.

* On April 2, 1979, the world's first anthrax epidemic begins in Ekaterinburg, Russia (now Sverdlosk), killing 62 people. The Soviet government blamed tainted meat, but in 1992 the real cause was found: Workers at the weapons plant had failed to replace a crucial filter.

* On March 24, 1958, Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army. He had registered for the draft in 1953, but received an education deferment (and missed the end of the Korean War). Later he received another deferment because he was filming the movie "King Creole."

* On April 3, 1776, lacking sufficient funds to build a strong navy, the Continental Congress gives privateers permission to attack all British ships. Any goods captured by the privateer were divided between the ship's owner and the government.

* On March 25, 1774, the British Parliament passes the Boston Port Act, closing the port and demanding that the city's residents pay

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Cruise Interest in The Bahamas Remains Strong As Industry Expected to Grow



Bahamas government executives networking with cruise executives at a gala dinner hosted by the FCCA from left to right: Clay Saunders, Office of the Minister of Tourism; Linda Hepburn, Bahamas Consul General Miami; Andy Stuart, President & CEO, NCL; Christine Duffy, President, Carnival Cruise Line; Travis Robinson, Parliamentary Secretary, MOTA; and Carla Stuart, Sr. Director, Cruise & Maritime, MOTA.

More than 11,000 cruise and maritime industry professionals from around the world, including the Bahamas Minister of Tourism and Aviation (MOTA) Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar and the Hon. Frankie Campbell, Minister of Transportation and Local Government, attended the recent Seatrade Cruise Global Conference at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, March 5-8, 2018.

While at the conference the Bahamas delegation met with cruise executives of Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, MSC Cruises, Carnival and Disney Cruise Lines as well as executives of the Florida – Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA).

In addition to the high level meetings held, Ministers D'Aguilar and Campbell attended forums on the state of the global cruise industry as well as several geopolitical cruise sessions.

The Bahamas Maritime Authority along with the MOTA sponsored a cocktail reception for over 600 cruise industry executives at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort. The culturally infused reception, hosted by Cruise Line International Association (CLIA) and Seatrade, featured live Bahamian music performed by Paul Bodie and the Island Force Band, conch fritters, goombay smash and Kalik drinks and a junkanoo rush out by the Valley Performing Stars.

The Islands of The Bahamas were also recognized for its unwavering commitment and support to the cruise industry during the FCCA gala reception and dinner held at the Hilton Hotel.

According to Minister D'Aguilar, "The Bahamas

remains one of the top preferred destinations for cruise passengers to the Caribbean. We are well positioned to receive a large percentage of the projected 30 million cruise passengers in the months and years ahead and are working on programs to ensure that our visitors experience remain inviting, pleasant, authentic and enjoyable," he said.

"Plans are underway to reopen Festival Place, at the Prince George Dock, by summer of 2018," he said. Festival Place is home to over 45 local artisans who make Bahamian souvenirs, arts and crafts.

"Plans are also underway to expand the port of Nassau in order to accommodate newer and larger cruise vessels, interested in calling on The Bahamas. The creation of a 'living city' boardwalk along the sea wall, from Prince George Dock to Paradise Island Bridge is also planned to ignite life on Bay Street," Minister D'Aguilar said.

Additional cruise lines are expected to call on Nassau, Bimini and Grand Bahama beginning as early as Fall 2018 through 2020, further announcements will be made at a later date.

The premier industry event of the year, the Seatrade Cruise Global conference has for more than thirty years, brought together global government officials, port authorities, tourism agencies, industry suppliers and cruise executives from around the world, to analyze trends, discuss current issues and conduct cruise business.

Currently, The Bahamas is home to seven port of calls for the cruise lines, including: Nassau, Freeport, Castaway Cay, Coco Cay, Great Stirrup Cay, Half Moon Cay and Princess Cays.

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Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes to Perform At Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Saturday, March 31

Legendary performers Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes will take the stage in The Pavilion at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek on Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m.
 Tickets priced at \$35/\$50 per person are on sale now via Ticketmaster locations, online at Ticketmaster.com, or by calling 800-653-8000. The Pavilion box office will also open at 1 p.m. on the day of the show for on-site ticket purchases and will call

pickup.
 A rock/blues group from the Jersey Shore, Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes have been recording albums since 1976 and are closely associated with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.
 Among the plethora of hits the group has produced over the years include "Love On the Wrong Side of Town," "The Fever," "This Time It's For Real," Talk to Me," and their definitive fun-time cover of "We're Having A Party." Another hit, "I Don't Want



To Go Home," became Southside Johnny's signature song with its mixture of horn-based melodic rifts and soul-searching lyrics.
 In August of 2015, Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes released their first new album in five years – Soulttime! Garnering positive reviews, it was described at the time as a "collection of vintage-sounding contemporary soul."

Passover & The Environment

Moses was sitting in the Egyptian city. Things were terrible. Pharaoh wouldn't even speak to him. The rest of the Israelites were mad at him and making the overseers even more irritable than usual, etc. He was about ready to give up.
 Suddenly a booming, sonorous voice spoke from above:

"You, Moses, heed me ! I have good news, and bad news."
 Moses was staggered. The voice continued:
 "You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel from bondage. If Pharaoh refuses to release your bonds, I will smite Egypt with a rain of frogs"
 "You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to the Promised Land. If Pharaoh blocks your way, I will smite Egypt with a plague of Locust."
 "You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to freedom and safety. If Pharaoh's army pursues you, I will part the waters of the Red Sea to open your path to the Promised Land."

Moses was stunned. He stammered, "That's.... that's fantastic. I can't believe it! --- But what's the bad news?"
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An Evening with Sophia Loren at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek April 6

Seminole Casino Coconut Creek welcomes to the stage Sophia Loren, whom the American Film Institute calls one of the great legends of the golden age of Hollywood. AN EVENING WITH SOPHIA LOREN will be presented on Friday, April 6 at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-653-8000). The Pavilion box office will open at 1 p.m. on the day of the show for on-site ticket purchases.

In this South Florida appearance during the national tour of her show, the award-winning actress shares stories of her childhood in war-torn Italy, her family life and prolific career. Loren will be accompanied by Entertainment Tonight interviewer Bill Harris and she will also answer questions from the audience.

From beauty pageant runner-up at age 14 to a modeling career that paved the way for a successful big-screen presence, Loren has firmly established her legacy as one of the most famous International Film Stars of our time. After a series of popular Italian films in the 1950s, the screen siren caught Hollywood's eye and America's heart with a string of movies, including Boy on a Dolphin, Houseboat, Arabesque, and Heller in Pink Tights, starring with Hollywood's top leading men, including Cary Grant, Marlon Brando, Gregory Peck and

Paul Newman.

However, it was Loren's performance in the riveting Italian mother-daughter drama Two Women (La Ciociara) that made cinematic history. The New York Times called her portrayal of a strong-willed woman who endures an assault to spare her daughter from the horrors of war "profound." The role scored Loren an Academy Award – the first ever given for a non-English language role.

Loren expertly juggled European movies – garnering an Oscar nod for her performance in Marriage Italian Style – and American films such as El Cid and The Fall of the Roman Empire. The hit Italian comedy Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, which won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, featured a striptease by Loren's character, which was re-created in Robert Altman's comedy Ready to Wear.

In addition to the Academy Award, she has won a Grammy Award, five special Golden Globes, a BAFTA Award, Laurel Award, the Best Actress Award at the Cannes Film Festival and the Honorary Academy Award in 1991. In 1995, she received the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievements, one of many such awards.

In 1999, Loren was recognized as one of the top 25 female American



Screen Legends in the American Film Institute's survey – AFI's 100 Years....100 Stars.

A Passover Story

Morris calls his son in NY and says, "Benny, I have something to tell you. However, I don't want to discuss it. I'm merely telling you because you're my oldest child, and I thought you ought to know. I've made up my mind, I'm divorcing Mama." The son is shocked, and asks his father to tell him what happened. "I don't want to get into it. My mind is made up." "But Dad, you just can't decide to divorce Mama just like that after 54 years together. What happened?" "It's too painful to talk about it. I only called because you're my son, and I thought you should know. I

really don't want to get into it anymore than this. You can call your sister and tell her. It will spare me the pain." "But where's Mama? Can I talk to her?" "No, I don't want you to say anything to her about it. I haven't told her yet. Believe me it hasn't been easy. I've agonized over it for several days, and I've finally come to a decision. I have an appointment with the lawyer the day after tomorrow." "Dad, don't do anything rash. I'm going to take the first flight down. Promise me that you won't do anything until I get there." "Well, all right, I promise. Next week is Passover. I'll hold off see-

ing the lawyer until after the Seder. Call your sister in NJ and break the news to her. I just can't bear to talk about it anymore." A half hour later, Morris receives a call from his daughter who tells him that she and her brother were able to get tickets and that they and the children will be arriving in Florida the day after tomorrow. "Benny told me that you don't want to talk about it on the telephone, but promise me that you won't do anything until we both get there." Morris promises. After hanging up from his daughter, Morris turns to his wife and says, "Well, it worked this time, but what are we going to do, to get them to come down next year?"

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More Fun Facts About Easter

• As per the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest Easter egg made till date, was

just over 25-ft high and was made of chocolate and marshmallow. Weighing at 8,968 lbs., the egg was supported by an internal steel frame.

- Red jellybeans qualify as the most favorite food stuff for kids on Easter.
- Easter is known by different names across the world. Some of them are: English - Easter,

- French - Paques, Spanish - Pascua, Italian - Pasqua, Albanian - Pashke, German - Oestern, Greek - Pascha, Norway - Paaske, Holland - Pasen and Swedish - Pask.
- Egg, bonfires & candles, lily cross, palm, bunny and lamb are the most popular symbols of Easter.
- Egyptians were initially the

ones who exchanged eggs to symbolize the resurrection of Christ. It was later that the tradition was passed down to early Christians.

- For Americans, Easter is the second most important candy-eating occasion of the year, after Halloween.
- In the mid-20th century, it used to take as much as 27

hours to make a marshmallow peep. Today, the time has been reduced to six minutes.

- Hot cross buns, made by European monks, are counted amongst the earliest Easter treats. They were given to the poor people, during the month of Lent.

Gershwin Redux

by Mindy Leaf

The music and songwriting team of George and Ira Gershwin are ground zero for many in musical theater -- namely, it doesn't get any better than this. Primarily celebrated for their Jazz Age contributions, just about all of the brothers' theatrical output -- comprising over a dozen Broadway musicals -- remains popular to this day. So much so that, for the past few decades, contemporary playwrights have dipped into the iconic Gershwin songbook to create "new" musicals from revamped period plots set to their beloved songs.

In the world of musical theater, it appears there IS life after death. The 1980's hit "My One and Only," starring Tommy Tune and Twiggy, included 17 Gershwin songs in this "updated" 1920's musical comedy. About a decade later, "Crazy for You," touted as a "new Gershwin musical comedy," co-opted 16 songs from various films and Broadway shows.

Both were popular and critical successes. As is **NICE WORK if you can get it**, the latest, 2012, Gershwin hybrid, which embodies a grand total of 22 recognizable favorites and won multiple Tony and Drama Desk awards. NICE WORK's book, by Joe Dipietro, was inspired by the famous writing team of Guy Bolton and P.G. Wodehouse -- so you know its storyline has got to be good as well.

This madcap musical is playing locally at our very own grande dame musical performance venue, Stage Door Theatre of Margate. Now is the perfect opportunity to get reacquainted with all those memorable Gershwin songs, belted out by an outstanding group of vocalists who are also fine actors. As a bonus, you'll get to enjoy Stage Door's A+ ensemble of young-and-gifted dancers who continually delight as chorus girls, vice squad or society boys.

Unlike many loosely connected (if at all) showcases that focus on a single artist's output, playwright Dipietro created a cast of picaresque characters whose unorthodox involvements underpin a touching, suspense- and surprise-driven story bursting with humor and pathos (well, mostly humor, being as it's set in a time of happy endings).

NICE WORK opens upon a rowdy, Prohibition-era



The oh-so-colorful cast of NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT gets down and dirty in a "new" Gershwin musical comedy, set in the time of Prohibition. Now playing at Stage Door Theatre of Margate. Photo by George Wentzler.

speakeasy where flappers sing and dance for all they're worth in gorgeous, sexily spangled costumes by Jerry Sturdefant. The impressive, solidly built set (the summer of 1927 was pre-video projection!) next turns into a hooch unloading dock. And suddenly we're at a ritzy Long Island beachhouse, complete with movable, danceable, grand staircases -- all masterfully orchestrated by set designer Randall Parsons with lighting by Ardean Landhuis.

Director Clayton Phillips could not have chosen a more formidable cast who completely embody their characters in looks, presentation, and stunning vocals. For once the "young and beautiful" leads are truly young and beautiful ... and can they sing! It's evident right from the start when spoiled playboy Jimmy (T.J. Lamando) and "unkissed" rough-and-tumble bootlegger Billie (Rebecca Tucker) team up for the titular song. Billie's feisty "Treat Me Rough," followed by the romantic duet of "S Wonderful," a rousing "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" and final reconciliation in the reprise of "Someone to Watch Over Me" are but a few examples performed to excellent choreography by Danny Durr and musical direction by David Nagy.

Dalia Aleman as sanctimonious teetotaler Duchess

Estonia is a formidable force of nature ... and vocal prowess. When drunk on spiked lemonade, she'll hold those high notes like you've never heard -- or seen -- belted from a floral centerpiece!

I don't know which is crazier -- the "duchess in the centerpiece" or the world's "finest interpreter of modern dance -- when she steps on stage, no one knows what she's doing."

The latter refers to Jimmy's supposed "respectable" betrothed, Eileen (Emily Freeman), whose dance moves are true madness. But her "Delicious" bath song -- popping out a retinue of bubble boys and girls -- is a wonder to behold.

Shy "Duke of Nowhere" Michael Schneider who woos Jeannie (Haley Jones) -- the "Chorus Girl Who Would Be Queen" -- touchingly portray their stop-'n-go romance in song with "Do It Again," followed by the forever comical "Blah, Blah, Blah" refrain. Meanwhile, grudgingly disguised-as-butler, bootlegger Cookie (Michael H. Small) hustles to keep up appearances, protecting the 400 cases of gin he's got hidden in Jimmy's beachhouse cellar. Gruff and put-upon, Cookie softens noticeably when praised by Jimmy as "the best butler ever" and even finds his soulmate in a fellow pretender, tunefully celebrated in "Sweet and Lowdown" and "Looking for a Boy."

Bursting upon the scene, again and again, is easily fooled Chief Berry (Michael Collins) and Jerry Weinberg as officious, conservative Senator/Judge Max Evergreen (Jerry Weinberg). The senator learns he's a "baby daddy" and had been kept in the dark because, as the boy's mother Millicent (Gail Byer) puts it to her son: "I couldn't bear the thought of you being raised by a Republican." When the senator expresses delight in having a son to take over his congressional seat, the heretofore idle-rich lad's worry that it would be a lot of work, is countered with: "No. It's the Senate." Act Two adds several such timely political rubs to the mix.

I'll end in the seasonal Passover tradition of expressing "Dayenu," the popular Seder song which states that only one (or a few) divine miracles "would have been enough." Only a few Gershwin songs "would have been enough" to entertain us, as would a simple compilation from their great songbook. In NICE WORK, we are blessed with an abundance of Gershwin favorites woven into a newish storyline set in one of our country's most colorful eras.

For your seat at a fabulous Jazz Age show, shimmy on over to Stage Door Theatre where NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT is playing through April 15th. The theater is located at 8036 W. Sample Rd., Margate 33065. Tickets at 954-344-7765 or www.stagedoorfl.org.



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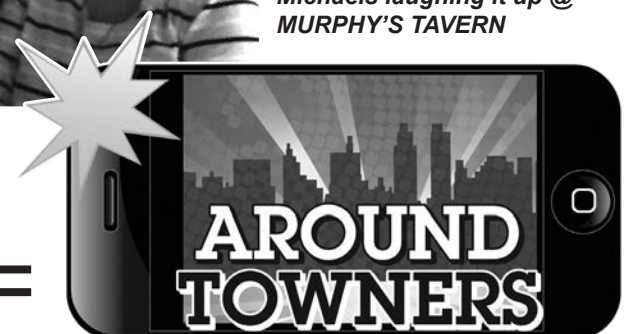
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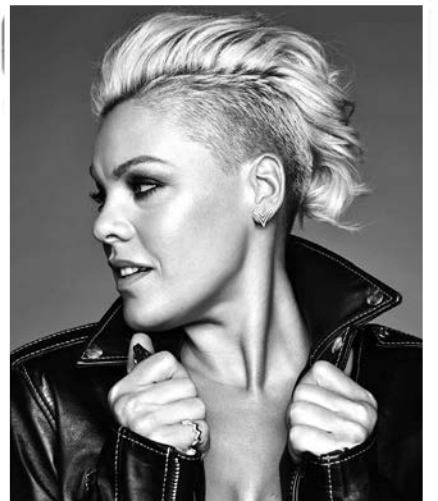
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BY KEVIN LANE

Friday Night Sound Waves Returns To Fort Lauderdale Beach... And Oh What A Line-Up!

The 8-month long Friday Night Sound Waves is now in its 3rd year and the line-up is fantastic! Just steps from the sand and under swaying palm leaves, this popular series of free musical programs returns to their home at the self-proclaimed "Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub", at Las Olas Boulevard and A1A. Concerts run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

Here's what's happening... April 6th Edan Archer County/Country Rock *Country Music Weekend*; April 13th Oriente Afro-Cuban Jazz; April 20th JD + Friends Joel DaSilva Blues Jam *HandsOn Broward Benefit*; April 27th Valerie Tyson Top 40 / Jazz / Motown; May 4th Turnstiles Billy Joel Tribute *Air Show Kickoff Concert* and May 11th Ladies of Soul Motown *Mother's Day Weekend*.

Widely recognized not only for the quality of artists performing, but also the wide variety of music genres, the series attracts an equally diverse audience at the family-friendly, weekend-starting event. Filling beach chairs and blankets, and lining the beach's landmark wave wall, the area comes alive with music, smiles and



Ladies of Soul

dancing as the day goes from sunshine to moonlight.

"We take great pride in the eclectic mix of artists we present each year," said Arianne Glassman, producer of Friday Night Sound Waves. "South Florida has such a wealth of talent and something for every musical taste, and we have come to realize the old saying, 'music has no language'; it attracts an audience as diverse as the songs played."

The family-friendly event, sponsored in major part by the beach business community, is free to the public



Oriente Aldo López-Gavilán



Turnstiles

and open to all ages. For those unable to attend in person, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau will broadcast select dates throughout the series live on www.Facebook.com/VisitLauderdale, as well as **Hello Sunny TV**, viewable on AppleTV Gen4 and www.Sunny.org/TV.

For more information on the Friday Night Sound Waves, including details on **Southwest Airlines #WannaGetAway™ Air-Travel Giveaways**, visit www.FridayNightSoundWaves.com.

Broward College Hosts First Ever Seahawk Festival Featuring Wyclef Jean and Walshy Fire of Major Lazer Hosted by Miami's Own Irie

On Thursday, March 29th, Broward College will host its first **Seahawk Festival**, an all-day entertainment event including musical performances and engaging activities for current and prospective students and the general public. Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus in Davie, and will culminate in a concert headlined by Grammy Award-winning performing artist Wyclef Jean, plus special guests Walshy Fire who is a current member of Major Lazer, and Miami native IRIE.

"I am incredibly excited to be the special guest host of Broward College's first Seahawk Festival – a full day of activities, events, live music and a wonderful gathering for students along with their friends and families," said IRIE. "We are going to make the Seahawk Festival the event of the year!"

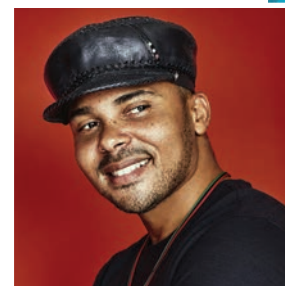
The Festival will begin with campus tours and

informational booths for prospective students, followed by Broward College student and local DJ performances. Festival goers also will enjoy food and beverage options from a variety of on-site food trucks. The grand finale for the all-day event will feature live performances by members of the Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network, followed by Wyclef Jean with special guests Walshy Fire and IRIE.

"This initiative will make the student life experience at Broward College extraordinary," said Don Cook, Broward College executive director of marketing and strategic initiatives. "In addition to supporting their



Wyclef Jean



Walshy Fire



IRIE

academic goals, we want to ensure the college experience offers extracurricular activities that celebrate culture, diversity, and inclusion. It's also a great opportunity

to open our doors to the community and further strengthen our relationship with its residents."

Tickets are \$15 per person for Broward College students and \$25 per person for the general public. Visit www.seahawkfestival.com or call (954) 201-6884.

Laila Ali To Speak At Broward College Speaker Series

The Broward College Speaker Series will feature yet another notable speaker... Laila Ali; world-class athlete, fitness and wellness expert, TV host, cooking enthusiast, founder of the Laila Ali Lifestyle Brand, and mother of two. She is also a four-time undefeated



Laila Ali

world champion boxer; host of CBS' "All in with Laila Ali;" and author of "Reach!," a motivational book for young women. She is the daughter of legendary boxing champion Muhammad Ali. She is also a major supporter of charitable organizations such as Feeding America and Peace 4 Kids.

Laila will be presenting her talk - Finding Inspiration Against All Odds – on Tuesday, March 27th at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Amaturo Theatre, 201 SW 5th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Emcee is Germaine Smith-Baugh, President and Chief Executive Officer at Urban League of Broward County.

Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at www.BrowardCollegeSpeakerSeries.com.

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Dan Rather To Speak At Final Broward College's Fifth Annual Speaker Series

Dan Rather, who has spent more than 60 years chronicling our world and nation, will be the final speaker in the Broward College's Fifth Annual Speaker Series. His topic will be "Rather Outspoken: What I've Learned From a Lifetime of Reporting". The program takes place at the Broward Center's Amaturo Theater on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Few can match the authority, experience, and perspective that the famed newsman brings to almost any subject. From politics, the media, current events, and our country's most pressing issues—to inspiring words of wisdom on leadership, education, social justice, civic involvement and the importance of philanthropy, Dan Rather speaks from the heart and treats audiences to a memorable encounter.

During 44 years at CBS, including 24 years as anchor of the CBS *Evening News*, he interviewed every president since Eisenhower and personally covered history-making events from the Kennedy Assassination through Viet Nam, Watergate, Tiananmen Square, the fall of the Berlin Wall, 9/11, and the Iraq Invasion. Known for humor, folksy "Ratherisms" captivating stories, and inspiring wisdom, Dan Rather's keynotes put you in the presence of a remarkable witness to history and our times—staying with audiences long after the final applause.

The Amaturo Theater is at 201 SW 5th Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at www.BrowardCollegeSpeakerSeries.com.



Dan Rather

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society To Honor Dev Motwani At History Makers Celebration

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society's History Makers fundraiser will honor Dev Motwani, president of Merrimac Ventures and founder and managing partner of Chieftain Residential. The festive evening takes place on Thursday, April 5th at the historic New River Inn starting at 6:00 p.m.. Guests will enjoy cocktails, food stations and dancing under the stars. The yearly History Makers event commends individuals who have made



Dev Motwani

an impact on the growth of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

"Dev Motwani has a longstanding investment in the past, present and future growth of our beautiful City of Fort Lauderdale and is committed to preserving our vital history in each property he develops," said Patricia Zeiler, executive director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. "In addition to real estate, Dev is dedicated to the arts, education and

a variety of nonprofit causes. We're pleased to spotlight his efforts and we invite the community to join us as we celebrate his achievements." The evening will also celebrate the city's 107th birthday.

Motwani plays an active role in the South Florida Community, currently serving on the board of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, Broward College Foundation, the Orange Bowl Host Committee and the Crockett Foundation. Motwani is currently involved with \$1 billion in development projects in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area.

For 56 years, the The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society has brought the stories of our diverse community to life through engaging educational experiences, innovative cultural exhibits, research and preservation of artifacts.

Tickets are \$100 and can be ordered by contacting Kamal Khan at (954) 463-4431 x 106 or info@flhc.org. The New River Inn is at 231 S.W. 2nd Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale. To learn more about the Historical Society, visit www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Announces Honorees for 26th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon

The excitement and exuberance of the more than 100 people who attended the recent Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward (HMHB) VIP Reception at Signature Grand was palpable, in no small part because of the Honorees who were announced. Those men and women will be the focal point of the 26th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon, taking place at Signature Grand on Tuesday, May 8th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Guests socialized and enjoyed Champagne; passed Hors d'oeuvres and Chef's Specials at several food stations before Linda Cichon, Interim Executive Director of HMHB, welcomed and congratulated the 2018 Honorees.

The 2018 Honorees include: Mothers of the Year: Dr. Traci Lynn Burton, Elyse Claprood, Barbara Effman, Nadine Floyd, Lovanne Lordenat, Roshia McCoy, MD, FAAP, Lani Mondek, Susan Nyamora, Eris Sandler, Holly Stracquadaine and Linda Trethewey; Father of the Year: Walter Honaman, Esq. and Guardian Angels: Yvette DuBose and Rep. Bobby DuBose.

Cichon recognized and thanked Commissioner Nan Rich and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz for their attendance and continuous support of HMHB and their Safe Sleep Initiatives. The HMHB Teen Leadership Council educated the guests with a presentation on the ABC's of Safe Sleep.

"Commissioner Nan Rich was instrumental in the passing of the Safe Sleep ordinance," said Holly Tobin, HMHB Board of Directors President. "The Ordinance will set a standard for all childcare facilities and family childcare homes requiring all personnel who provide care to infants to be properly trained on safe sleep procedures. The Ordinance also provides for a standard relating to staff-to-children ratios, as well as ensuring that cribs are up to code. Healthy Mothers,



Trecia Matthews Hosein, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Barbara Effman, Commissioner Nan Rich, Linda Cichon

Healthy Babies, our Safe Sleep Program Manager, our community partners, along with Commissioner Nan Rich worked on this ordinance for almost 2 years. The Ordinance passed unanimously!"

Lisa Eisdorfer, the HMHB Board Fundraising Chair thanked Signature Grand for generously underwriting this VIP event and introduced the 2018 Luncheon chairs Liz Gassew, Marisa Pacitti and Susie Lewis.

For further information, e-mail HMHBmothersday@gmail.com or call (954)765-0550.



2018 Mother's Day Luncheon Co-chairs: Susie Lewis, Elizabeth Gassew & Marisa Pacitti



2018 Honorees: (Front row) Lovanne Lordenat, Nadine Floyd, Barbara Effman, Elyse Claprood, Dr. Traci Lynn Burton, Yvette DuBose; (Back row) Susan Nyamora, Lani Mondek, Roshia McCoy, MD, Walter Honaman, Esq., Eris Sandler, Holly Stracquadaine, Linda Trethewey. (Not pictured: Rep. Bobby DuBose) Marisa Pacitti



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Holly Tobin, Roshia McCoy, MD, Randee Lefkow

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Nancy Pedicord and Lois Perkins Honored By Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Nancy Pedicord and Lois Perkins were accorded a well deserved "Thank You" at the recent Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Annual Meeting/Volunteer Thank-you Reception. The festive event took place at Dave & Busters in Hollywood, where guests enjoyed "light bites" and refreshments as they socialized.

"This very special tribute was coordinated by our two local advisory boards -Broward-Boca Raton and Miami-Dade - and designed to recognize outstanding volunteers, sponsors and corporate donors from the prior year," said Christina Landshut, Executive Director of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation South Florida Office. "And to have 10 past-presidents of the Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild there to support Nancy and Lois was so amazing!!"

Dr. Preston Campbell, CF Foundation's President/

CEO, was on hand to congratulate the honored volunteers and to give a science/research update.

"As the founding President of Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild, words cannot express how appreciative I am to have received this honor from the President and CEO of the Foundation, Dr. Preston Campbell III M.D., who came here from Bethesda, for this presentation," Nancy said. "However, it is because of the dedication and the really hard work of our members and our Guild's Board of Directors that have produced our fundraising events, such as our Bountiful Boutique and our annual luncheon and professional fashion show, which have raised \$ 3,000,000 over the last 29 years since our inception, for the research to cure cystic fibrosis. Lois and I have enjoyed working together through these many years, and still do."



Dr. Preston Campbell, Nancy Pedicord, Christina Landshut and Lois Perkins

Daniel Bennett Trio To Offer Jazzy Event At Bonnet House

New York based Daniel Bennett Group is set to perform at *Bonnet House Museum & Gardens* Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.. Enjoy a jazzy musical event you'll never forget on the magical Bonnet House Estate. Ticket includes complementary wine.

Saxophonist Daniel Bennett has been hailed as one of the most original and unpredictable musical voices of his generation. He can be heard throughout the world performing his award-winning compositions on saxophone, flute, clarinet, and oboe. The Daniel Bennett Group plays modern jazz, fused with elements of surf rock and avant-pop.

The Daniel Bennett Group has been featured in the New York City Hot House Magazine, Washington Post, Boston Globe, NPR, Indianapolis Public Radio, San Francisco Examiner, St. Louis Public Radio, and the Village Voice. The Village Voice raves, "saxophonist Daniel Bennett makes hay with an airy approach that's buoyant enough to conjure notions of East African guitar riffs and Steve Reich's pastoral repetition." Time Out New York describes the music as "hypnotic."

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at www.bonnethouse.org or by calling (954) 703-2614.



Daniel Bennett Trio

Join Big 105.9's Wil Shriner and Dave Lamont at the Humane Society of Broward County 6th Annual BIG DOG Men's Invitational Golf Tournament

The Humane Society of Broward County presents its 6th Annual Big Dog Men's Invitational Golf Tournament, to be held on Thursday, April 5th at the exclusive Fort Lauderdale Country Club. Join Honorary Chairs Wil Shriner and Dave Lamont of Big 105.9 and Event Chairs Cherie Marshall and Melody Saleh for a great day of golf while raising money to support the shelter's programs and services.

Prior to the tournament, all players will be treated to a lunch catered by DiSalvo's Italian Restaurant. The format this year is a 4-Person Shamble and the tournament expects 200 players between the North and South courses. Players will be able to enjoy a variety of beverages and snacks on the course throughout the day. Additional on-course contests include Closest to the Line, Closest to the Pin, Chipping Contest, Putting Contest, Paw the Dice, Pet Poker and Hole-in-One prizes. The tournament will conclude with a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner and awards presentation open to all players.

According to Event Co-Chair, Cherie Marshall, "The Big Dog Tournament has grown every year, and the success we've seen is rewarding to all of us and the animals." Event Co-Chair Melody Saleh added, "The players have a fun day of golf while the shelter's animals, programs and services benefit from the thousands of dollars we raise. The number of early registrations is on

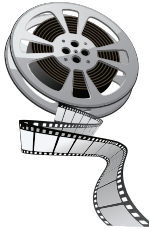


Wil Shriner, Melody Saleh, Cherie Marshall and Dave LaMont with some furry friends from the Humane Society of Broward County

target for an early sellout this year."


Players, as well as the general public, can support the fundraising efforts of this tournament by purchasing a prize drawing ticket. Winner of the prize drawing will have their choice of two getaways, a 6-nights at the Fairmont Resorts in Banff, Calgary and Lake Louise, Canada or a 3-night stay with 2 rounds of golf at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in North Bend, Oregon. Both trips include airfare and you do not have to be present to win. Additional prize information can be found at <https://humanebroward.com/events/bigdoggolf/prize-drawing/>.

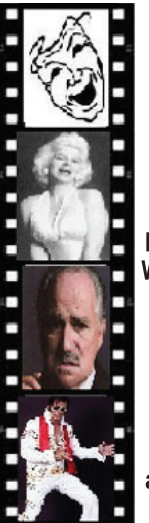
The Country Club is at 415 East Country Club Circle in Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.humanebroward.com/bigdoggolf or call Malory Kimble at (954) 266-6816.



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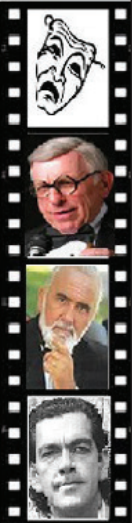



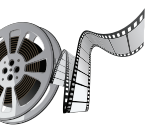


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29th Annual Easter Sunrise Service Hosted by the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club

Rev. Ray Wehrenberg will be delivering the sermon at the 29th Annual Easter Service, with traditional Easter music. The service takes place on Sunday, April 1st at 7:00 a.m. at Red Reef Park, 1400 N. Ocean Boulevard in Boca Raton... just north of

the Palmetto Park Road on A1A. There's free parking and everyone is invited to bring a beach chair or blanket for their comfort. There will be complimentary coffee and donuts. Call Tom Thayer at (561) 997-2112 or e-mail TomThayer@earthlink.net.



Rev. Ray Wehrenberg

Take A Journey With Cute And Lovable Pandas At The AutoNation IMAX Theater

Pandas are beloved around the world, and now they are coming to the big screen in the IMAX® original film "Pandas," a breathtaking documentary adventure and amazing experience for the whole family. "Pandas" is in IMAX 3D with Laser at AutoNation IMAX Theater.

At Chengdu Panda Base in China,

scientists are dedicated to protecting the species by breeding adult Giant Pandas in order to introduce cubs into the wild. This film follows one such researcher, whose passion leads her to initiate a new technique inspired by a black bear program in rural New Hampshire. What starts as a cross-culture collaboration becomes a life-changing journey for

an American biologist who crosses an ocean to join her; a scientist from Inner Mongolia; and a very curious female cub named Qian Qian, born in captivity.

The Museum of Discovery and Science is at 401 SW Second Street in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Call (954) 713-0930 for reservations by phone or visit www.mods.org.



Pandas... too cute for words!

How About A 3 Foot Chocolate Bunny For Easter... At Hoffmans... OMG!

This Easter, celebrate with a special gift from Hoffman's Chocolates. The South Florida-based chocolatier offers a wide variety of Easter-themed chocolates, confections and gifts. You'll find the perfect Easter Basket filler-items, like its Handmade Chocolate Eggs with a variety of fillings, Chocolate Easter Bunnies

ranging in sizes from 2.5 oz to as large as a 3-foot-tall Chocolate Bunny (30 lbs.). The chocolatier also offers already-assembled Easter baskets filled with Hoffman's Chocolates, delicious goodies as well as a plush toy. There are 8 stores in the area, including the one at 920 East Las Olas. Visit www.hoffmans.com.



A huge Chocolate Bunny!

Connecticut School of Broadcasting Now Offering Training At Pembroke Pines Campus

The Connecticut School of Broadcasting, the largest group of "hands-on, learn-by-doing" broadcast media schools, is now offering training in five areas – audio/video production, sports broadcasting, television, new media, and radio/podcasting – from its new campus at 9050 Pines Boulevard in Pembroke Pines.

"At Connecticut School of Broadcasting, we offer an accelerated, real-world training experience – only eight weeks for day classes, 16-weeks for evening

classes – taught by industry professionals who come from their studios to ours," says the school's founder and broadcasting legend Dick Robinson.

If anyone has ever dreamed of a career in the broadcast media, whether on-air or off, the Connecticut School of Broadcasting could be his or her first step to transform a dream into a rewarding career. All they have to do is participate in a CSB Studio Tour. Sign-up today at www.gocsb.com/request-info.

New Exhibit: Curious George: Let's Get Curious! Opens At The Museum of Discovery and Science

Honestly, I've been curious about Curious George since I discovered the loveable... and curious little monkey years ago while channel surfing. While this column isn't read by many children, if you have children... grandkids... nieces or nephews... foster kids... then let them know about this new traveling exhibit, Curious George: Let's Get Curious! Explore – that just opened. The gallery introduces young children into the world of Curious George, leading visitors on a fun,



meaningful interactive math, science and engineering-based adventure while emphasizing the central role that parents and caregivers play.

Based on the familiar characters in H.A. and Margret Rey's classic stories published by Houghton Mifflin, the new Curious George exhibit inspires young children's natural curiosity as they explore early science, math and engineering through hands-on interactive play. The immersive exhibit environment takes place in the neighborhood where Curious George lives with his friend, The Man with the Yellow Hat. Visitors will recognize familiar

characters and places featured in the classic stories and the television series.

Some of the fun things visitors will be able to do is to visit the apartment building and operate wheels to move Curious George on pulleys from window to window. Climb the fire escape and climb inside to play with color, light and shadow. At the Sidewalk Produce Stand, you can play customer or salesperson and explore shape, sorting, weighing and counting with fruit and vegetables. You can even climb into the

rocket Curious George took on his space adventure! Catch a glimpse of George in his space suit, then take a picture from the control station and e-mail it home. And that's not the half of it! To learn more, visit www.mods.org.

The Museum of Discovery and Science is located at 401 SW Second Street in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Call (954) 467-6637 or visit www.mods.org

Learn More About George's Creators

Learn new things about Curious George when you visit the Museum within the Museum. Follow H.A. and Margret Rey's work, the escape from France to safety during World War II that saved the Curious George manuscript, and Curious George throughout the years.

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