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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases mid-week, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on their behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR PIA FERRO

It's always sad when someone we love dies, but it's even more trying when they go before their time at a young age, like **Pia Ferro** did. Pia was a huge supporter of the hospitality industry, being a loyal patron of the many great bars and restaurants in our town. She always said hello to everyone accompanied by a huge smile. We offer our sincerest condolences to her family and close friends.

On Thursday, March 22nd from 7pm to 11pm, **Murphy's Tavern** is hosting a Celebration of Life for the wonderful Pia. **Roy Michaels** will be performing, along with other friends. As you may know, Pia was the Founder of **Kiss Cancer Good-bye Foundation** where all proceeds went to North Broward Hospital Cancer Survivors. For the last four years, she orchestrated a benefit every year in March. In Pia's honor, there will be a 50/50 raffle on this night with all donations going to the Foundation in her name. In addition to the 50/50, they will also be accepting donations. There will be time to say a few words about Pia and tell a few Pia stories, so swing by Murphy's on March 22nd and honor this wonderful vivacious lady and share some of your memorable Pia stories.

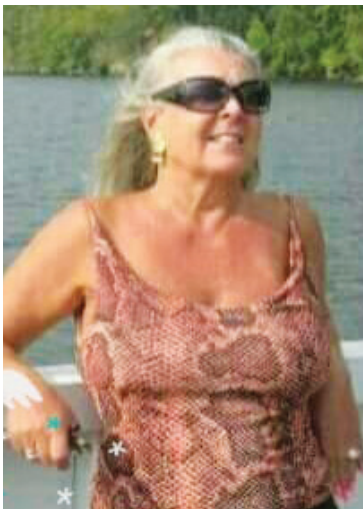
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Growing up in the suburbs of New York City, we used to head up to the **Catskill Mountains** for school trips and family outings. Being a resident of South Florida now for almost 30 years, when I saw the ad in this issue for **Acra Manor** in the Catskill Mountains, it brought back so many wonderful



Ellen Schweitzer

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Pia Ferro

memories. Wow, is it different from here, but in a good way. As much as I love it in our South Florida paradise, there is nothing like the Catskills anywhere else in the country. Beautiful with clean and crisp air, the kind that when you take a deep breath you feel euphoric. Unique, with so much nature. If you have ever been there, you know exactly what I'm talking about. If not, it is something that should be on your bucket list. It's just a different and special experience. Check out their ad on page 18.

POMPAÑO PIER FOOD TRUCK ROUND UP

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Protecting Our Children In Schools

The recent mass shooting in Parkland is very sad indeed. I can't even imagine how those parents feel. The only thing I can hope for is this kind of thing doesn't happen again. I know this: we must take action against this happening in the future. Our children deserve to have an education without this kind of tragedy in their future. Guns are not the problem; it's the person behind the gun that's the problem. This particular sick person was known as a problem child. He had many problems in schools, was kicked out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland and was diagnosed with an emotional and behavioral disorder. There were several calls into the FBI and the local police department. He should have been flagged as a person who has mental issues and not be allowed to buy a gun. This did not happen.

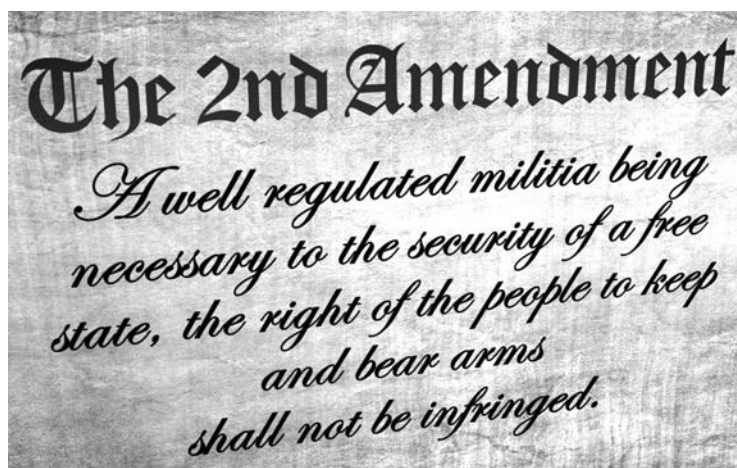
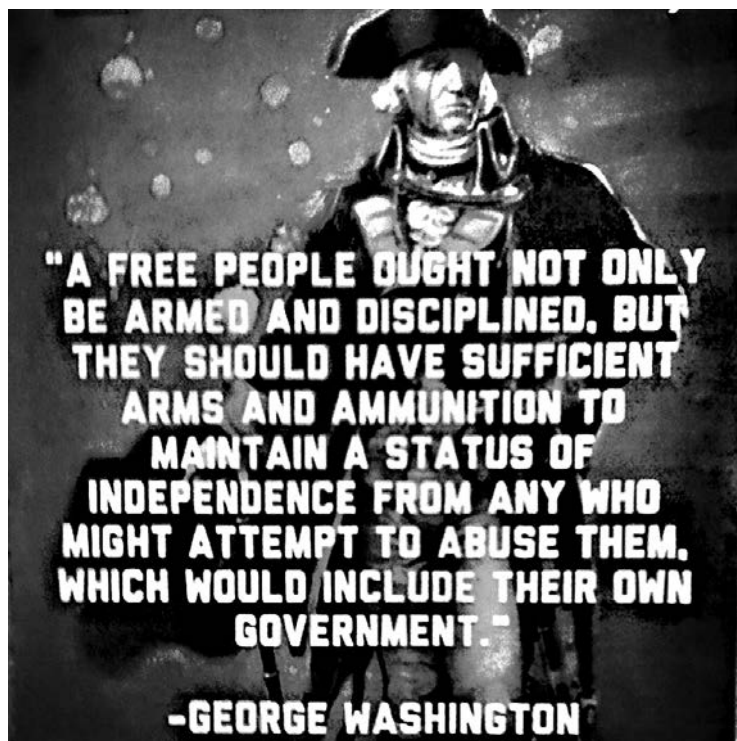
I will not be a Monday morning quarterback and belittle the FBI and the local police department. God knows they are dedicated people and put their lives on the line constantly. They surely didn't want this to happen. I only want to come up with a solution that will solve and prevent this from occurring in the future. As mentioned earlier, guns are not to be blamed, just like cars are not to be blamed when someone gets killed in a car crash. This is somehow missed by the left. They think "ban all guns" or "ban certain guns" and somehow the criminal will not kill because there was a new gun law passed. If you believe for a moment that a criminal cares about gun laws, I have some nice property in the swamps to sell you.

Let's talk a little about gun free zones. The **Gun-Free School Zones Act** came into effect in 1990 to make schools safe. However, all these zones do is create targets for deranged madman to unleash death upon the innocent. There seems to be an up-tick of lunatic shooters opening fire on innocent people in gun free zones. Of course, instead of the left and the media connecting the dots, realizing that it is the gun free zones that are the issue, they instead focus on guns instead of the deranged person who is committing the crime. Just over the last several months, there have been shootings in a church and a high school that both happened to be gun free zones, leaving parishioners and students vulnerable to harm. The best way to defend our children in their schools is to do away with so-called "gun free zones" and place concealed firearms in the hands of highly trained teachers who want to be armed in an effort to give teachers a way to protect students and themselves from these sickos. Many believe this is the best opportunity that our children and loved ones will have should a madman choose to strike again. Let's face it, by the time police get there, the damage is done. Also, if the schools implement extra security personnel on the property, the security officers would most likely be at a totally different location on campus then where the shooter is.

One West Texas school district has put this theory to the test and the results are exactly as expected much to the chagrin of gun control advocates and leftist loonies. **Claude Independent School District** has several staff members that carry concealed weapons on school grounds. A sign in front of Claude ISD campuses shows that the district has multiple staff members who carry concealed weapons. Parents who have children at the school say they feel very safe and comfortable knowing their staff *are* armed and ready to protect them if they have to. **Since at least two years, the district has had staff members who carry concealed weapons.** Staff members who carry are required to practice at a shooting range once a month. They also train with the **Armstrong County Sheriff's**



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Office and the Department of Public Safety.

Parents say they feel very safe sending their kids to school with this type of preparedness. Let's face it, our children are the most precious people in our lives and they deserve the best protection we can give. In addition to arming those teachers who wish to be armed, we can put police sub stations at each school, which would give added protection. I believe that we do not have a shooting problem. What America has is a broken people problem. One of the many problems we have is the destruction of the family unit and the complete eradication of God from homes, schools, etc... Until we address the problem of broken families and people, mass murder and school shootings are going to continue, and as society continues to break down, they will happen with increasing frequency. We can only become aware if a student is having problems. Get them appropriate help, whether it is counseling or psychiatric help.

There is a reason, after all, that mass shooters target schools and other "gun free zones." It's because no one will be shooting back. Remember Columbine happened during the Clinton Gun ban. A mentally disturbed person or a criminal care a less about gun laws. They are going to break the law anyway. When I hear people saying let's ban guns, do they really think that will be the solution? **Don't they realize that a criminal will get a gun no matter how many laws you pass? They will get them on the black market.** The only person a new gun law effects is a law-abiding citizen, the people you don't have to worry about anyway. We need to make sure a mentally disturbed person cannot get a gun. Their name needs to be put on a national list so when they try to buy a gun, it comes up and denies their gun purchase.

Governor Scott has come up with some very good solutions for our state. Scott, a Republican, is submitting a plan to the GOP-controlled state legislature that includes raising the age on gun sales to 21, banning the sale of bump-stock attachments that enable rifles to rapid fire, and spending at least \$450 million on mental health and "hardening" schools with metal detectors, bullet-proof glass and other enhanced-security measures. I don't think making our schools prisons is the answer, but I do believe in being prepared for the event if a shooter, whether it's a student or Isis terrorist, comes to school to do damage. I believe an armed properly and trained teacher can keep them at bay until the police arrive. Remember, they are not expecting anyone to shoot back at them. Chicago, who has one of the highest if not the highest gun deaths in the country, also has the strictest gun laws. So more gun laws won't help.

Reports show that more people are killed with knives than rifles. **The FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR)** for 2016 shows more than four times as many people were stabbed to death than were killed with rifles of any kind. And because the category of rifles covers every type of rifle, this means there would be an even greater divide between the number of people stabbed to death versus those shot to death with an AR-15 or similar rifle. According to FBI: UCR Table 12, there were approximately 374 people shot and killed with rifles of any kind. There were 1,604 people killed with "knives or cutting instruments." Table 12 also shows that more people were killed via the use of "hands, fists, feet, etc.," than were killed by rifles of any kind. In fact, the tally shows that the death numbers were not even close. While approximately 374 people were shot and killed with rifles, roughly 656 people were beaten to death with "hands, fists, feet, etc." On September 26, 2016, Breitbart News reported similar gaps between rifle/shotgun homicides and stabbing homicides. FBI's UCR figures showed the number of people killed with rifles and shotguns combined in 2015 was approximately 548. Nearly three times that many approximately 1,573 people were stabbed or hacked to death. This is not to diminish the deaths of those who did die via a rifle. But it does show that the Democrats' relentless focus on banning "assault weapons" is a focus on something that is not used for homicide with anywhere near the frequency of knives and/or fists and feet. Let's protect our kids, but let's get the attention where it's needed most; on the mentally ill and the terrorist.

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

Hoorah!! St. Patty's day is coming up and we have a number of restaurant/bars that are celebrating this great day, which happens to be on a Saturday this year. Look in our paper for the many great parties and celebrations going on Around Town. **REMINDER** – Easter is early this year, on Sunday, April 1st, so make your reservations now.





“Game Night” - popcorn entertainment that works

Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams
Rated R (for language, sexual references and some violence) 93 Min WB

If you’re looking for an entertaining ride at the movies, here’s why I think you should check out “Game Night.”

Good comedies are extremely hard to come by these days. For every great one, there seem to be roughly a dozen terrible ones. That’s not a great track record to have, but in all fairness, the great ones feel like such a breath of fresh air when they hit theatres and are talked about positively in the

but I think you’ll be hard-pressed to assume that you’ll see a better mainstream comedy in the coming months of 2018.

“Game Night” follows a group of friends who gather together for a night of board games and charades once a week. An old friend and brother of one of the regular players shows up to play. Giving them an invitation to his place to continue



“Game Night”

public eye. So, I think you can see where I’m going with this. “Game Night” is one of the best comedies I’ve seen in quite some time. It doesn’t break new grounds in terms of humor, but when a movie can hold your interest and keep you engaged even when there’s no comedy in a specific moment, it’s doing something right. It’s rare for me to say this,

well-written. I found myself laughing both at the humor itself and how writer Mark Perez was able to callback certain moments and extend jokes to make them even funnier as the film progressed. On top of that, this movie is filled with twists on top of twists. Some of them are played for gags and others for either drama or character development. Not

their tradition elsewhere, a murder mystery night turns into a night of twists on top of twists. Are people actually being murdered? Are the double-crossers really double-crossing? These are questions that constantly come up throughout this movie and that’s precisely what made it such a good movie as a whole. I loved the fact that it didn’t try to come up with stupid bathroom jokes as filler.

The comedy pace in “Game Night” is fast, terrific and very

“Red Sparrow” - not a must see, but still worth seeing

Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton, Jeremy Irons Rated R (for strong violence, torture, sexual content, language and some graphic nudity) 141 Min Fox

“Red Sparrow” starring Jennifer Lawrence as Dominika Egorova, a Russian ballerina whose career is ruined by a badly broken leg and whose uncle extorts her to then join a honey pot spy program in order to keep her sick mother cared for. In this brain washing program, people are taught to control their targets through whatever means will work, whether it is sex and blackmail or money.

Her first target is a US agent, played by Joel Edgerton, who had himself turned a Russian official to the American side and she is to find out who the mole is. Twists and turns galore result. Jeremy Irons and May-Louise Parker play smaller, but important parts and are always a delight to watch at work.



“Red Sparrow”

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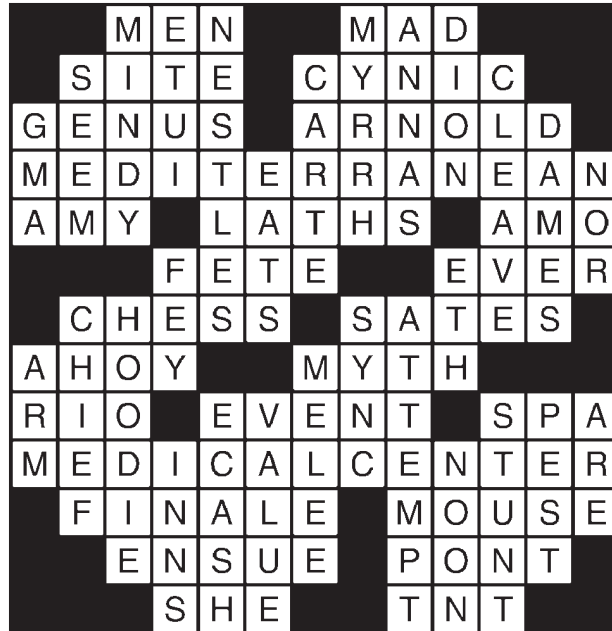
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This is Paul Levine, Cut-Print-That’s-A-Wrap!

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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only does this movie have a great script in terms of comedy and drama, but this is a unique film from a visual standpoint. Whether they make the town look like a board game or use the camera as a character, “Game Night” is a very well-shot movie. The way this movie transitions from scene to scene or how it makes you feel like you’re watching/playing an elaborate game yourself was very inventive.

In the end, I honestly can’t think of any glaring issues, other than the fact that many cliched tropes are used in order to make certain plot devices easy to accomplish. Yes, there are a few easy ways out that are taken here, which can definitely lead to some eye-rolling moments from audiences, but that’s to be expected for a comedy like this.

From the fun premise to the well-executed story overall, and the addition of hilarious gags and surprisingly emotional moments, “Game Night” is a complete blast. This is the definition of popcorn entertainment that really works. Even though it’s not perfect, it’s perfect for what it sets out to accomplish, which is to keep its audience engaged in laughter! ★★★★★ out of ★★★★★

It is true that “Red Sparrow” without Jennifer Lawrence would just be so-so. She is the center of the movie and with minimal acting she tells us everything we need to know. It’s just a look into her eyes and you are inside everything she has to experience or endure!

“Red Sparrow,” at times, is a film containing graphic brutality and sex in service to the story. It is not filled with over the top action scenes like “John Wick” and “Atomic Blonde.” It relies more on character and dialogue, but where there are action pieces, they are certainly well done. There are many coincidences and more plot holes than swiss cheese at times, but the characters kept me interested and wondering what position they would end up in at the end.

Jennifer Lawrence once again shows that when she is not in a franchise film, she shines. “Red Sparrow,” is not a must see film, but it is still worth seeing. ★★ and 1/2 ★ out of ★★★★★



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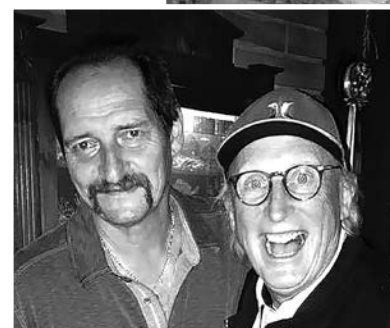
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Marlins In A Rebuilding Mode

Exhibition games this spring are more of a look and see for manager Don Mattingly as everybody is fighting for a spot on the roster. This is how it goes when a team is rebuilding. Measly crowds of less than 1,900 are attending these spring training games.

Trades of Stanton, Yelich, Ozuna and Gordon just about depleted their offense. It's bad enough that they have only one legitimate pitcher in Jose Urena. A lot of players are tired of going back and forth between the minors and the majors. Mattingly is looking for good base stealers, who are not afraid to get thrown out.

So far in the Milwaukee trade for Yelich, Lewis Brinson has been hitting .400 through the first 5 games. Sandy Alcantara, the prospect they got in the Ozuna trade from the Cardinals, was scheduled to get his first start this week. Wei-Yin Chin, the Marlins highest paid player, has been recovering from a torn ligament in his elbow. He was "damaged goods" all last year and there is the possibility he may not come back this year.

Up to this point, the Marlins have won the last 4 out of 6 games with 1 tie. Hopefully when the regular season starts they will do the same. Although the Marlins are predicted



to lose 100 games and finish last in their division this year. Florida fans deserve better, and hopefully they will prove the pundits wrong. "Good luck Marlins in the upcoming season."

IS TIGER WOODS ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL?

Just recently, Tiger Woods had a good outing in the Honda Classic as he finished in 12th place. It looks like he could be on a roll. This was Wood's best finish on the PGA Tour in the last three years. Jack Nicklaus was surprised how well Tiger played. He is learning how to play again both mentally and physically.

Moving forward will be more practice sessions at the nearby Medallist Golf Club. If history is any indication, Woods will play in the Arnold Palmer Invitational in three weeks. "Good luck Tiger in the upcoming events."

IS DWAYNE WADE THE GO-TO GUY FOR THE HEAT?

In last week's 4 games, the Heat was down to their last possession and Wade shot the winning basket. It looks like the old days when he was always the go-to guy in the dying seconds of a game. Coach Eric Spoelstra says Dwayne loves these moments in front of huge crowds. Wade lost his agent about a month ago, which was tough for him to handle.

Since he returned to the Heat, Dwayne Wade has led Miami in the 4th quarter with 5.2 points and 4.3 shots per game. This is a new system that Wade has to learn,

as he is playing with a lot of new players. Fans are happy that Wade has come back to Florida. As of March 5th, the Heat are 33-30, 2.5 games out of first place in the Southeast Division and still in playoff contention. "Good luck Dwayne and the Heat the rest of the season."

SPORTS TRIVIA

A. What NHL team did Bobby Hull play for?
1. Detroit Red Wings 2. St. Louis Blues 3. Chicago Black Hawks 4. Boston Bruins 5.



Lewis Brinson



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Toronto Maple Leafs
B. What NBA Team did Wilt Chamberlain play for?
1. Detroit Pistons 2. Cleveland Cavaliers
3. New York Knicks 4. Boston Celtics
5. Philadelphia Seventy Sixers.

A. #3 Bobby Hull played for the Chicago Blackhawks
B. #5 Wilt Chamberlain played for the

ANSWERS

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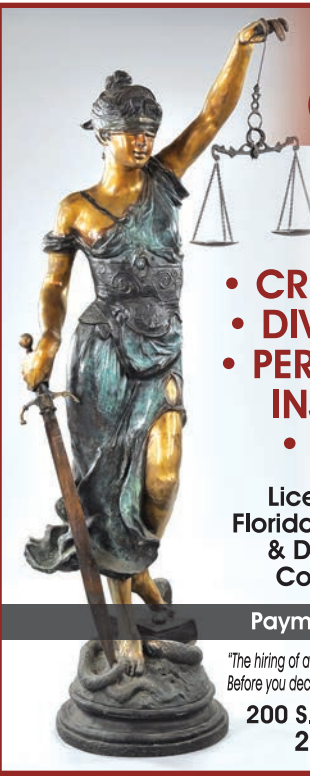
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Sports QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- When was the last time before 2016 that the Chicago Cubs lost a post-season game by a 1-0 score?
- How many times did Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio have more home runs than strikeouts in a major-league season?
- Which Big Ten football team was the first to go to the Rose Bowl?
- Who was the first NBA player to officially record a quadruple-double?
- Name the last NHL player before Washington's Alex Ovechkin to start a season with back-to-back hat tricks.
- How many consecutive yearly Directors' Cups has Stanford won for having the most success in Division I college athletics?
- Who was heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano's final bout against before retiring with a 49-0 record?

ANSWERS

1. It was 1918, when Boston's Babe Ruth shut out the Cubs in the first game of the World Series.
2. Seven times (1937, '38, '39, '40, '41, '46 and '48).
3. Michigan, in 1902.
4. Nate Thurmond, for Chicago in 1974 (22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists, 12 blocked shots).
5. In 1917, Cy Denny, Joe Malone and Reg Noble all did it.
6. Twenty-three.
7. Archie Moore, in 1955.



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As long as you celebrate safely, St. Patrick's Day can be fun for all. Here are a few facts about the Irish holiday:

- St. Patrick's Day celebrates the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but the United States on March 17, 1737, in Boston.
- More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States. New York City and Boston host the largest.
- There are roughly 35 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry, more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland**.
- You may hear some phrases in Gaelic/Irish on St. Patrick's Day. The most common: Erin go braugh = Ireland forever; slainte = good health/cheers.

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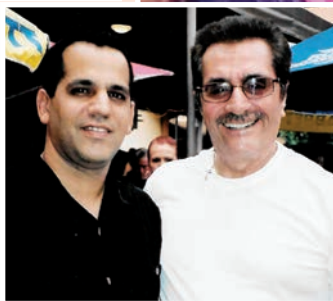
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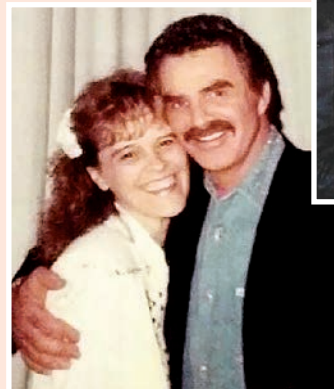
Owner Dick Cami, Alan Olinick and Dominick Miniaci @ TOP OF THE HOME



Owner Dick Spinner (center) with staff Candy and Yolonda @ TOWN HOUSE



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Finnegan, drunk as usual, walks into the church confessional. The priest waits and waits for Finnegan to say something. Finally, the priest pounds on the wall of the confessional box.

"Ain't no use in knocking," Finnegan yells back.
"There's no paper on this side either!"

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish Fun Facts

- ♣ Ireland's top-three symbols are the Celtic cross, the green shamrock, and the harp.
- ♣ 88% of Ireland-born citizens are Roman Catholic, and 45% of them attend mass every week.
- ♣ Ireland is free of snakes, moles, weasels and other species.
- ♣ 9% of Ireland's population are redheads.
- ♣ Cats are Ireland's favorite pet over dogs by a margin of 2 to 1.
- ♣ In Dublin, there's a pub for every 100 people.
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© will kick off the celebration of two big days of St. Patrick's festivities, music, food and antics starting on Friday, March 16th at 4:00 pm. The Hearse, with a huge Cast of Characters marching behind it, will arrive promptly at 6:00 pm. The Big Dog Station is located at 3148 NE 12th Avenue, Oakland Park (NE corner of Oakland Park Blvd & Dixie Hwy), and is a favorite local Pub with a huge Tiki Bar outside.

"This is our 14th Annual Finnegan's Wake and people just love it. Its great fun and a spoof of an "Old Fashioned Irish Wake", of which the real meaning is "a tribute and a true celebration of life!" says Owner and Producer of Finnegan's Wake, **Connie Davis**. Every year, people come decked out in their Irish finery to watch the annual ritual, one of the most unusual events they have ever seen, "Finnegan's Wake", and believe it or not...the Police escort with sirens, the Hearse and a cast of characters, the Priest and Nun, St. Patrick,



Irish Princess, Weeping Widow, Pall Bearers, Pipers, the Leprechaun Brigade, and of course the mourners and weepers. Hundreds of them, spilling out into the street, patiently waiting the arrival of poor old Tim Finnegan, one of Ireland's finest, and there isn't a dry eye in the crowd.

On Friday, March 16th, around 4 pm, the crowd will begin to gather at the Big Dog Station. "It just isn't St. Patrick's Day if you don't go out and participate in the "hilarity and goings on" that make up St. Patrick's Day celebrations", says Davis. The Big Dog Station will be open for breakfast, lunch & dinner both days, serving up the one of the best Corned Beef & Cabbage in town, Guinness, continuous Irish music, including the talents of **D.J. Michael Swan**, a performance by the Pipers, some good old fashioned Irish Sing-A-Longs and plenty of Shenanigan's!

And now... the sirens from the Police Motorcycle escort are blaring, the Hearse is arriving, the Pipers are playing, the Celebrity Pall Bearers don their white gloves, the cast of characters all marching behind the hearse, the crowd waits patiently while the Coffin is slowly brought inside the bar. The flowers are placed, the Coffin is opened and finally, there he is, "Tis Himself, poor ol' Tim Finnegan" with a "wee bit" of Jameson in his pocket and the mourner's begin to file past for a look and a prayer. You can hear them whisper, "Ah, he looks a tad better than he did last year!" Connie Davis says, "With the Irish music blaring, it's time for a Sing-a-Longs...everyone breaks into "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin".....and this is when you realize that there is no one, no, there is no one, that knows how to throw a party quite like the Irish!"

For info contact Finnegan's Wake of Ft. Lauderdale © Owner Connie Davis at 954-383-2285 or conniedavisre@aol.com or Big Dog Station at 954-561-4304.

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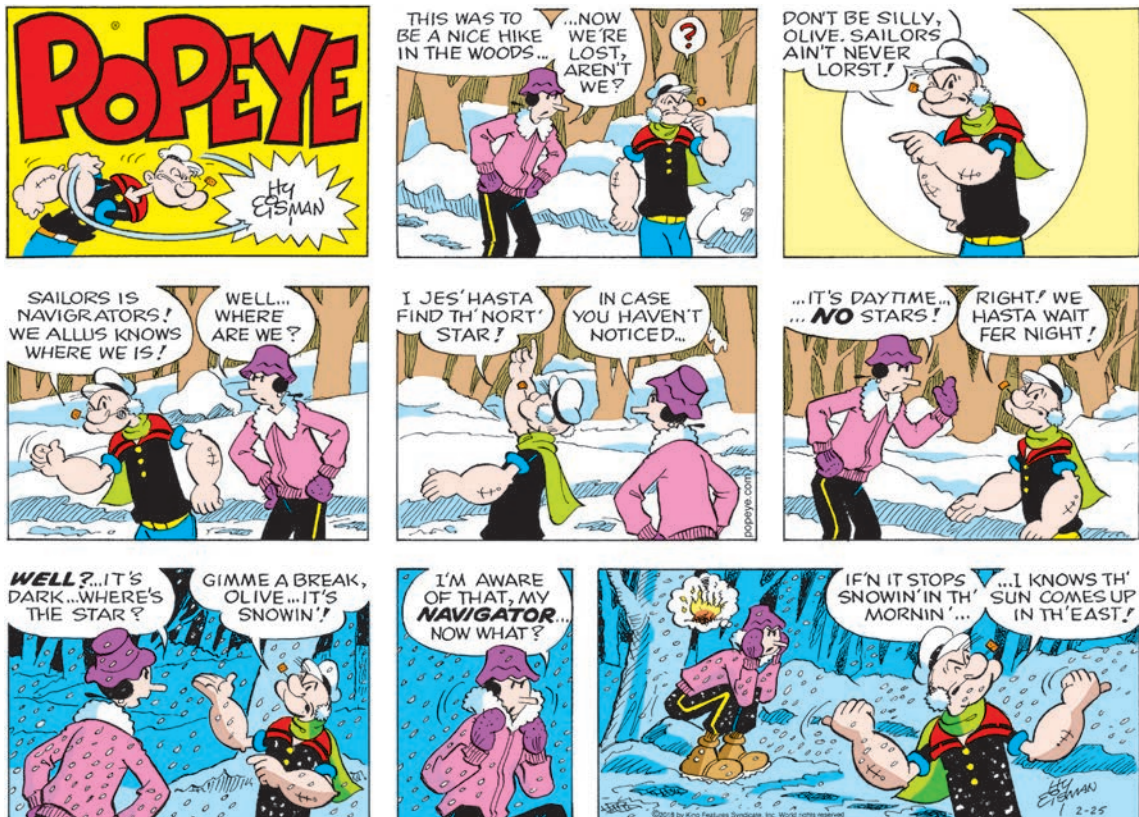
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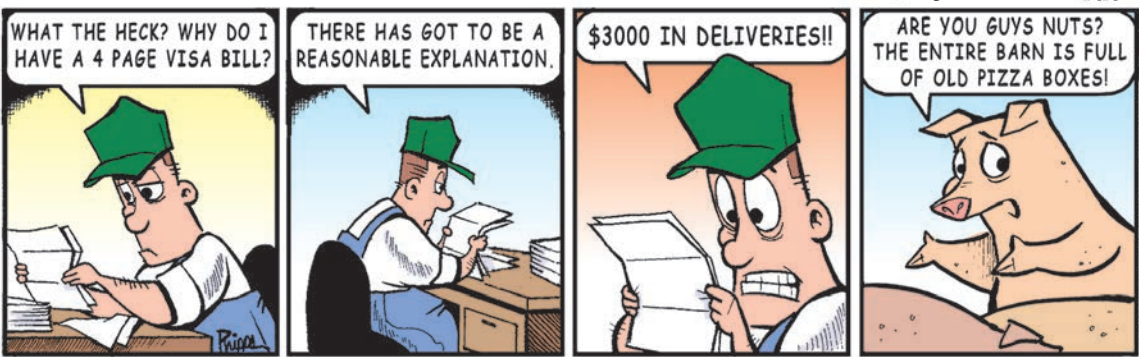
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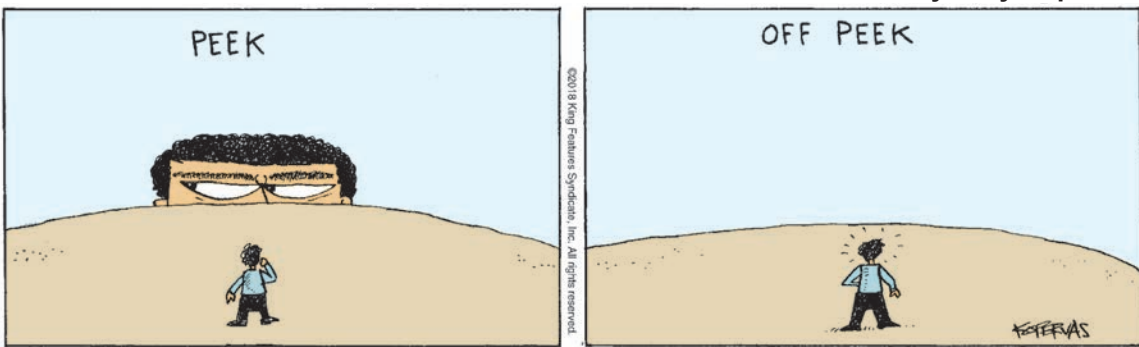
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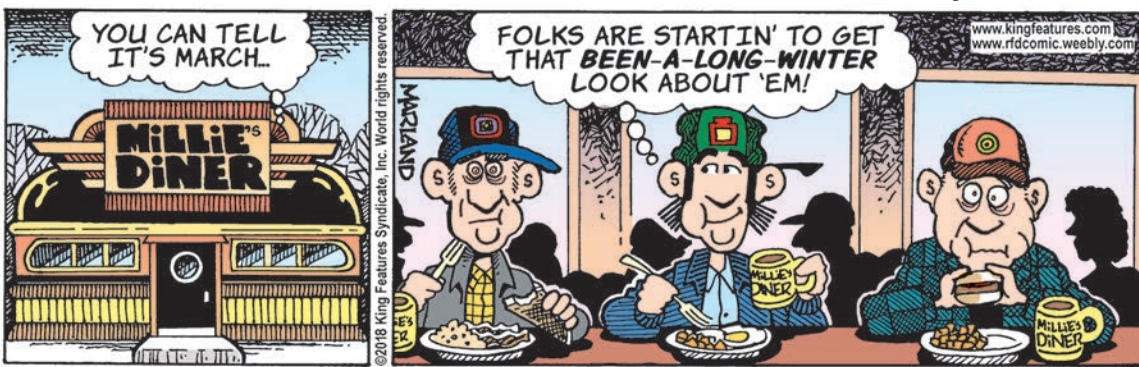
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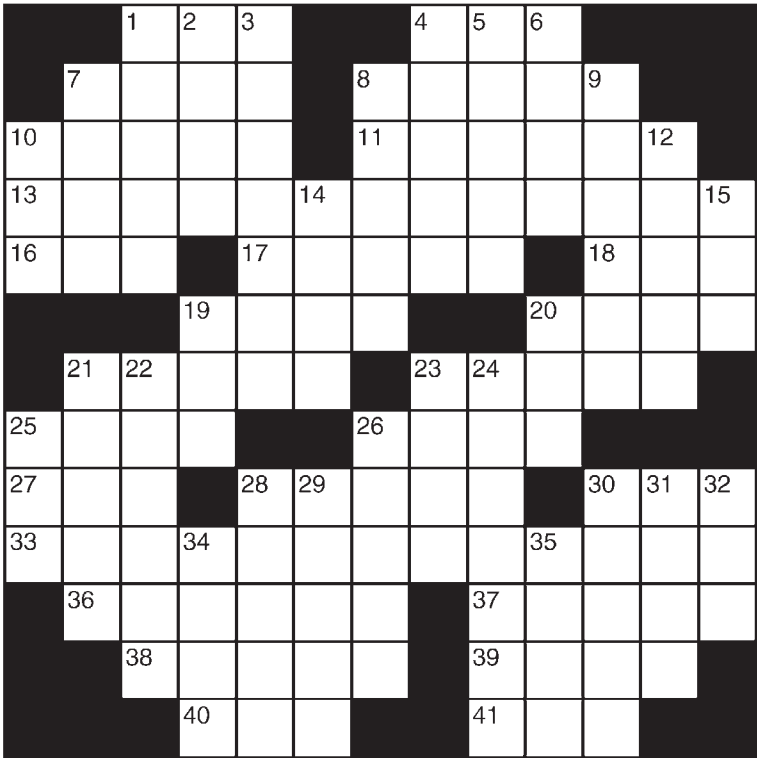
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chaps
 - 4 Insane
 - 7 Location
 - 8 Skeptical sort
 - 10 Original "Trivial Pursuit" edition
 - 11 Traitor
 - 13 Monopoly
 - 16 Winehouse or Poehler
 - 17 Wooden strips
 - 18 I love (Lat.)
 - 19 Big party
 - 20 Always
 - 21 Fischer's game
 - 23 Cloys
 - 25 "Hey, sailor!"
 - 26 Legend
 - 27 — de Janeiro
 - 28 Occurrence
 - 30 Hot tub
 - 33 1970s TV hos-
- DOWN**
- 1 TV's "The — Project"
 - 2 Needle case
 - 3 Gets snug and cozy
 - 4 Gift from a wise man
 - 5 Paquin and Pavlova
 - 6 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
 - 7 Appear to be
 - 8 — blanche
 - 9 Stick firmly
 - 10 "Today Show"
- Across**
- 36 Ending that may be grand
 - 37 Point-and-click device
 - 38 Follow
 - 39 Bridge, in Brest
 - 40 That woman
 - 41 Powerful stick
- Down**
- 12 Knighted women
 - 14 Chows down
 - 15 Neither mate
 - 19 "30 Rock" star
 - 20 Biblical verb ending
 - 21 Main
 - 22 Sweatshirt that can cover your head
 - 23 Harmonization
 - 24 Try
 - 25 Upper limb
 - 26 Brawl
 - 28 PayPal
 - 29 currency
 - 30 "Beat the Clock" chal-lenge
 - 31 Nuisance
 - 32 Exist
 - 34 Quaint stop-overs
 - 35 Middy



Answers on Page 8



*** On March 9, 1781,** the Siege of Pensacola begins as Spanish naval force of more than 40 ships and 3,500 men land at Santa Rosa Island in Florida. The flotilla survived a hurricane before beginning two months of constant artillery and cannon bombardment of British forts.

*** On March 10, 1927,** engineer Robert Kearns is born. Kearns patented a design for a type of windshield wiper and later won multi-million dollar judgments against Chrysler and Ford for using his concept without permission.

*** On March 11, 1818,** "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus," by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is published. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.

*** On March 19, 1931,** in

an attempt to lift the state out of the hard times of the Great Depression and stem the drop in population, the Nevada legislature votes to legalize gambling. A year later it legalized divorce.

*** On March 20, 1965,** President Lyndon Johnson notifies Alabama's Gov. George Wallace that he will call up the Alabama National Guard to supervise a planned civil-rights march to protest voting discrimination against Selma's black population.

*** On March 21, 1980,** President Jimmy Carter informs a group of American athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States will boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. It is the only time the U.S. has boycotted the Olympics.

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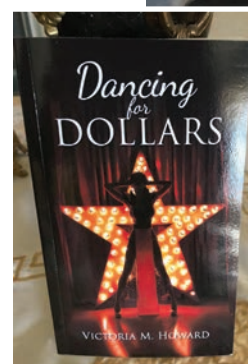
Victoria M. Howard is Florida's own Jacqueline Susann

Philadelphia has **Jacqueline Susann**, the U.K. has **J.K. Rowling**, California has **Jackie Collins**, and New York can claim **Danielle Steele**. These famous women authors have written novels that went on to become legendary blockbuster movies, such as *Valley of the Dolls*, *Harry Potter*, *Hollywood Wives* and *Secrets*.

Well, South Florida can now proudly add local author **Victoria M. Howard**—the author of the novel that's taking the nation by storm called *Dancing For Dollars*. The media is ironically calling it "the modern day *Valley of the Dolls*."

After re-locating to Florida in 1998, the former beauty queen became a broadcaster and host of a radio talk show called 'Beauty and the Shrink'. Along with renowned N.Y. psychiatrist Dr. Fred Levenson, the duo answered relationship questions from perplexed callers. Victoria also hosted a live dating game held in the Boca Raton Blue Martini called 'The Kick 'Em to The Curb Dating Game,' which was the modern day version of the old DATING GAME. Adding to that Ms. Howard wrote a relationship column for *Around Town News*, called 'Dear Victoria.'

So how did Victoria start



a career of writing when she grew up training and racing Standardbred racehorses? "Well, it was really a dare from my girlfriends. We were on a cruise when they asked me to write a book on why most women are

attracted to the Bad Boy." She wrote the book and called it "Why Women Love Bad Boys," which immediately got her featured on Fox & Friends. The book has since been translated and is sold in 15 countries worldwide. "This launched my career-- thinking 'this is easy'-- but I soon discovered like 'starving artists and musicians, authors devote 60 hours a week and unless you get real lucky, the publishers make all the money.'"

The unconventional Howard is unlike most other authors who stick to one genre. The diversified author has written books on relationships, self-help, spiritual, children's and even horses. "This is my fifteenth book, but my first shot at a

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Victoria M. Howard

Continued from Page 18 novel. One of my very dear friends, Mike Crocco, a legend of South Florida who owned dozens of nightclubs in the area sadly passed away last year. I dedicated the book to him and hope I made him proud. Mike graciously allowed me to interview some of the dancers at his Fort Lauderdale gentlemen's club. After speaking to them I decided to write a fictional Jackie Collins book about the life of an exotic dancer," adds Howard. "Ecdysiasts, or strippers, get bashed a lot and this is so unfair! Some of these girls were single mothers; others were students dancing to pay for their tuition to better their future."

After Howard hired THE HOLLYWOOD TRINITY in California to help promote the book, *Dancing For Dollars* took off! It has been featured in The Huffington Post, The Red Carpet Report, The Hollywood Daily Star, Splash Magazine, The Las Vegas Informer, and social media numbers have gone viral with over 200,000 impressions on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Linked-In. *Dancing For Dollars* will be featured in The New York Times on February 25. Presently it is rocketing quickly up Amazon's best-selling list.

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"Every woman can relate to one of the characters. Being the optimistic romantic I am, I transformed Francesca

into Hollywood's new sex siren; Bella opens a N.Y. Modeling agency; Mika is the Madam to Washington D.C.'s powerful and ruthless politicians, and Abigail--well you have to read the book to find out Abby's fate," laughs Howard. "The one thing I'm thrilled with is that I portray these diverse women as not

sex objects, but real women who have feelings. The four bond and are supportive and loyal to one another, helping each other through the darkest times. It shows that women who came from totally different backgrounds and were subjected to some type of abuse---prevailed! And I wanted to write the story

based here in our wonderful state."

Dancing For Dollars can be purchased online at Amazon or Author House.

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For interviews or book signings, please contact Doris Bergman@Theberggroup@aol.com.



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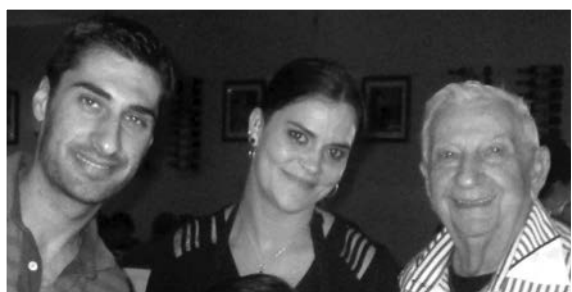
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Comedy Central

by Mindy Leaf

If you need a laugh, or want to laugh your head off, Fort Lauderdale is the place to be this month for comedy in all shapes and sizes. You can catch a Seinfeld-style, one-man show, a zany musical set back in the days of King Solomon, or even an ancient Greek farce written by the "Father of Comedy" himself whose political satire and feminist leanings are as strident and hilarious as anything you'll find on the contemporary stage. So fasten your seat belts, theater-lovers of South Florida, you're in for a wild, funny ride.

First up, and last (he's on till March 25th) is **MY SON THE WAITER: A Jewish Tragedy**, the one-man show written by and starring Brad Zimmerman that's been touring nationally. As the show's title implies, the jokes are typically, self-deprecatingly Jewish, but the issues (like being a disappointment to one's mother) are universal. Anyone who's been to New York and met waiters/"actors" recognizes the type. But Brad's managed to make lemonade out of his lemons, presenting his life story in a most touching and humorous monologue filled with original server jokes, traditional Catskill-type sexist jokes (so charmingly delivered, we can forgive their misogyny) and spot-on sports analyses (golf, which involves no running or exertion is NOT a sport!).

This "Jewish fetus" didn't "become viable when he graduated from medical school" but rather, at the age of 42, finally found his calling as a stand-up comic. He was a popular opener for Joan Rivers and George Carlin, back in the day, and his one-man show comes fresh off a successful, 15-month, Off-Broadway run. See Brad run down his life and emerge victorious at NSU Art Museum's Horvitz Auditorium, One E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale 33301. Tickets at mysonthewaiter.com or call 1-855-HIT-SHOW.

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For comedy of biblical proportions, there's no need to brush up on the Old Testament (who knew the Book of Kings could be so funny!) when you can simply attend the royal court at Ft. Lauderdale's newly gilded Empire Stage. Where you'll bear witness to creative dynamo Ginger Reiter's latest, most delightfully funny (and at times historically accurate) musical comedy sensation: **KING SOLOMON & HIS 700 WIVES**.

The show stars Reiter's famous comedienne daughter, Sheba Mason, playing the Queen of Sheba (who else?), Joseph Long as her First Minister, Empire's owner (and owning the part) David R. Gordon as King Solomon, Ann Marie Olson as his golden-voiced, guilt-tripping mom, Bathsheba, and the impressive vocals of Mike Dinwiddle as Hiram, King of Tyre. And because there's no way little Empire -- or any stage for that matter -- can fit in 700 wives, we're blessed with the best harem dancers of the lot in Samantha Laney (also great vocals), Kitchy Celestina (an MTV dance competition winner whose belly is art in motion), Cara Hollich-Boll, and the many faces of transvestwife-wannabe Brian



Surrounded by his harem, his heart belongs to only one. David R. Gordon and Sheba Mason star in Ginger Reiter's new musical comedy, King Solomon & His 700 Wives, playing at Empire Stage and Showtime Performing Arts Theatre.

Bloomer who, when not gyrating with the girls, morphs into a messenger or Menelik, the Bar-Mitzvah boy.

Above it all, Cantor Manny Silver channels Rodney Dangerfield as the disembodied voice of G-d who "gets no respect." Heavily peppered with iconic/ironic words of wisdom, the play also features lacerating political satire. Like when Solomon decides to trim his labor budget by announcing: "We will use foreign slaves from one of the shithole countries to build the Temple." Old film clips of historic battle scenes culminate in a shot of "Yul Brenner and his army from the East." And among the screenings of classic biblical paintings, there's the lineup of "False Idols" where stone and clay figurines are followed by a fancy car and football heroes that will leave you laughing so hard, you'll be falling off your seat.

Reiter's original musical numbers (21 in all) feature orchestrations by Ike Reeves and Kurt Walter with choreography by Nikki Allred Boyd. They include such gems as "Just Marry The Girls" to assuage a pharaoh's anger at "shtupping" his daughter, "Something is Better Than Nothing" for practical business advice, and popular proverbs such as "From dust we come..." that concludes with "There's nothing new under the sun." To which I say: It ain't necessarily so. King Solomon & His 700 Wives is as shiny and new a musical as you'll see all year!

Playing now through March 18 at Empire Stage, 1140 N. Flagler Drive, Ft. Lauderdale 33304. 954-678-1496. Tickets at www.700wives.com or call 845-598-2850. 700 Wives will also be playing Boca at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Royal Palm Place, Boca Raton for 2 pm, Wednesday matinees on March 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 845-598-2850.

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Transitioning from a highly successful 2017 female-oriented season (two Best Theater awards, a Best

Actress and six Carbonell nominations), Thinking Cap Theatre (TCT) at The Vanguard is launching 2018 with yet one more feminist play. **WOMEN IN ASSEMBLY** by Aristophanes won first prize when first performed in Athens at the Festival of Dionysus in 393 BCE. The great comedic playwright's script remains so rich in social and political satire -- not to mention salacious and irreverent content (including the first instance of scatological humor) -- it might just as easily have been written today. Ingeniously reconstructed by director and TCT founder Nicole Stodard, Women in Assembly augurs more accolades for this year's "Back to the Future" series of classical and classically inspired performances.

Upon entering the theater, we're immediately struck by a scene that's both evocative of ancient Greece and totally original. Blue Man Group-like mannequins are posed among modern "columns" framing a blast-to-the-past video presentation that transports us through space and time. This preshow entertainment includes depictions of urn-art athletes running in short togas, Greek cartoons, and even a live webcam of our actors in their dressing room. All accompanied by lively pop music. Set designer/scenic artist Alyiece Moretto-Watkins made the most of The Vanguard's expansive performance space by including backstage areas in her creative, multifaceted set.

Musical director Patrick Watkins executed the sounds and rousing hit songs to which the "Greek chorus" both sing and dance throughout the show. Of special note is Noah Levine's striking, rubber-bodied antics as "Manniquin." He also portrays salivated-over heartthrob Epigionies in a hyperactive comedy routine that, once again, cements his standing as a popular TCT company member.

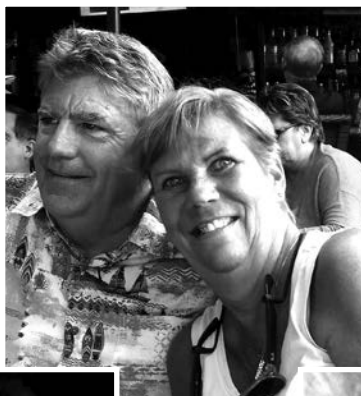
Sabrina Lynn Gore, another local favorite celebrated for her vocal and acting range, knocks it out of the park in her triple roles as Woman Four, Chorus Leader and Town Crieress. And a big welcome back to Sally Bondi who never shied away from playing ugly women: she makes a dynamite Old Hag. Speaking of older players, one can't help but admire the comedic chops of stage veterans Michael Gioia and Jim Gibbons who ranted their manly displeasure while wearing ridiculously short, women's shifts -- and heels -- without a slip up (literally and figuratively).

As for plot, Women in Assembly is a laugh-a-minute, role-reversal riot. A group of women dress as men in order to attend the "assembly"/congress in Athens, take over, and immediately establish a communal form of government where all goods, food, even lovers and children, are equally shared. The women take action because the men keep changing their minds and nothing gets done (sound familiar?). A motion to hand over the reins to the fairer sex is passed because "it's the only thing we've never tried." In this female utopia, the law of Sex on Demand means "uglies" must get satisfaction first. Predicting the elimination of crime (there would be no need), their leader Praxagora (Casey Dressler) declares: "I'll soon convert the law courts into food courts." And so on.

Prepare to be astonished, entertained, and gobsmacked by how much ancient Greek life mirrors our times. Women in Assembly, a not-to-be-missed comedy with music, is playing at The Vanguard, 1501 S. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33316 through March 18. For tickets call 954-610-7263 or go to www.vanguardarts.org or thinkingcaptheatre.org.



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St. Patrick's Day Traditions

Get the real story about this beloved Irish holiday and the patron saint it's named after. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century.

The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

ST. PATRICK'S DEATH AND THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

Did You Know? More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.

GROWTH OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums. In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

THE CHICAGO RIVER DYED GREEN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As Irish immigrants spread out over the United States, other cities developed their own traditions. One of these is Chicago's annual dyeing of the Chicago River green. The practice started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges and realized that the green dye might provide a unique way to celebrate the holiday. That year, they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river—enough to keep it green for a week! Today, in order to minimize environmental damage, only 40 pounds of dye are used, and the river turns green for only several hours. Although Chicago historians claim their city's idea for a river of green was original, some natives of Savannah, GA (whose St. Patrick's Day parade, the oldest in the nation, dates back to 1813) believe

the idea originated in their town. They point out that, in 1961, a hotel restaurant manager named Tom Woolley convinced city officials to dye Savannah's river green. The experiment didn't exactly work as planned, and the water only took on a slight greenish hue. Savannah never attempted to dye its river again, but Woolley maintains (though others refute the claim) that he personally suggested the idea to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many other locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore and Russia. In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use interest in St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the rest of the world. Today, approximately 1 million people annually take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions and fireworks shows.

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8 pm, Hark Rock Event Center, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood. \$55-\$125. Ticketmaster.

MAY 15
KENNY LOGGINS

8 pm, Hark Rock Event Center, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood. \$45-\$85. Ticketmaster.

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BRIAN WILSON

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MAY 26
GEORGE LOPEZ

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JUNE 1
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BY KEVIN LANE

Pioneer Women of Fort Lauderdale's 61st Annual Luncheon Program Tells The Story of the Bonnet House

“*F*or our 61st Annual Luncheon, we are privileged to have Bonnet House Curator Denyse Cunningham share the fascinating history of the historic estate,” said Pioneer Women’s Luncheon Chair, Dr. Claire Crawford. “Her Power Point Presentation is called: ‘Bonnet House Beach: a small stretch on the barrier island and the people who made it their own.’ It is composed of 71 slides of historic pictures and maps and covers a lot more than just Bonnet House.

This year’s luncheon takes place on Saturday, March 24th at Tropical Acres, the legendary Fort Lauderdale restaurant. There will be a Social Hour starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the program at 1:00 p.m. “History matters. Our view of history shapes the way we view the present and therefore, it dictates what answers we offer for existing problems and this fascinating glimpse of the Bonnet House is a perfect case in point,” Dr. Crawford pointed out. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a 35-acre, 1930s era estate located on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Nearby is Birch State Park, a tropical oasis that was once home to Hugh Taylor Birch, a prominent Chicago attorney, real estate investor and naturalist, who deeded 180-acres of his hidden paradise to the State of Florida in 1941.

“What many people might not know is that Birch also gave his daughter, Helen, 35 acres to the south of the park as a wedding present and oversaw the construction of what is now Bonnet House Museum & Gardens,” Denyse pointed out. Denyse will also share some details about the Bachelor’s Rose Ceremony, which was filmed at Bonnet House and aired on January 29, 2018.

Having previously served as the Curator at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens from 1996 to 2002,



Patrick Shavloske, Bonnet House CEO with Monica Estevez, Denyse Cunningham, Dr. Claire Crawford, and Patsy West, with a portrait of Evelyn Bartlett in the background

Denyse Cunningham returned in 2014 to oversee the restoration and preservation of the beautiful 35-acre estate in Fort Lauderdale.

“All of our members and guests love socializing with friends and local pioneers,” said committee member Patsy West. “They also love coming back to Tropical Acres, Broward’s oldest steakhouse and seafood restaurant; as it’s a restaurant that holds fond memories for many of us.”

Tickets are \$42.00 per person. Tropical Acres Restaurant is at 2500 Griffin Road in Fort Lauderdale. For information or to reserve a seat, call (954) 564 2293 or Email. Jubeeclark@aol.com.

Matta: On the Edge of a Dream - A Monumental Exhibition At New River Fine Art

The Hermitage Museum in Russia requested the loan of nine paintings and drawings for their one man show opening in September from New River Fine Art. But if you don’t feel like traveling to St. Petersburg, Russia... you can see them right here in Ft. Lauderdale at New River Fine Art, 914 East Las Olas Blvd. because they are in the gallery’s new exhibition *Matta: On the Edge of a Dream*.

This monumental exhibition features 60 original paintings, sculpture and graphics by Surrealist artist Roberto Matta (1911 – 2002). The exhibition runs through March 16th. Lisa Burgess, owner of New River Fine Art, states, “... to have this many museum quality works in a single exhibition represents an extraordinary collecting opportunity and a wonderful cultural event for South Florida residents and visitors.” “A visionary genius, Matta seems to have had the ability to foresee the future,” says Thomas Monahan, guest curator and author of the book *Matta: On the Edge of a Dream*, which features many of the works in the exhibition. Mr. Monahan, whose friendship with the artist spanned over 20 years, is also

helping to curate the Hermitage Museum exhibition.

Born in Chile, Matta started his artistic career in Paris as a student of Le Corbusier. He joined the Surrealist circle and exhibited with Salvador Dali, Andre Breton, Max Ernst and others before fleeing Europe at the outbreak of WWII. While in New York the artist’s ideas of space, time, energy, the cosmos and how Matta brought them together on canvas gave birth to the Abstract Expressionist movement and influenced artists such as Robert Motherwell and Jackson Pollock.

Matta’s work is held in many important museums, public and private collections including the Tate Modern, London, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, The Museum of Modern Art, NY, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris and the Pérez Art Museum Miami.

There is no charge to visit the gallery. A full color exhibition catalog is available. For more information, contact Lisa Burgess at (954) 524 - 2100 or lisa@newriverfineart.com.



Matta's On The Edge of a Dream

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New River Fine Art is one of South Florida’s oldest and most prestigious fine art galleries, specializing in 20th Century, Post War, Pop and Contemporary Masters as well as emerging artists. The gallery carries an impressive collection of paintings, sculpture, graphics and art glass. Their clients are assisted by an expert staff dedicated to providing the highest level of service. Whether you are interested in purchasing a special painting for your yacht, home or office... or are building a private or corporate collection, New River Fine Art’s consultants provide the resources to make acquiring fine art a rewarding experience.

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“An Evening by the Sea” At Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

The Friends of Birch State Park, Inc. is hosting its third annual “An Evening by the Sea” on the lawn of Terramar, Hugh Taylor Birch’s home overlooking the ocean in Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. The event takes place on Friday, March 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and includes a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, and music along with tasty food stations. Best of all, there are some wonderful honorees.

They are: I. Lorraine Thomas – Birch Lifetime Achievement Award; Carlos and Lisa

Rodriguez – Birch Legacy Award; Winterfest, Inc. – Birch Partnership Award and Bryan Moser, Moser Sprinklers – Birch Above and Beyond Award.

“All our honorees are dedicated to helping our community and, most recently, our beautiful 180-acre nature park, thrive,” said Gayle Butler, Executive Director of the Friends. Individual tickets are \$175. Past honorees have included the late Marti Huizenga and Joe and Wini Amatore among others.



“An Evening By The Sea”

The Leadership Broward Foundation Will Present An Epic “Fun Lunch” With Seven Honorees

The Leadership Broward Foundation will honor seven influential South Florida community leaders during its annual “Fun Lunch” on Friday, March 16th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Loyal event attendees and newcomers are invited to this epic event, which will include lunch and laughter, sponsored by the Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina. The lineup of honored guests includes: Ashley Boxer, Shelly Bradshaw, Joy Carter, Terry Frank, Tim Hogans and Michael Long.

“Leadership Broward is excited to, once again, present ‘Fun Lunch’ as we bring the community together to celebrate our outstanding honorees,” said Andrew Zullo, executive director of Leadership Broward Foundation. “We are proud to showcase our impressive roster of alumni who selflessly give their time and resources to help others.”

The “Fun Lunch” honorees echo the Leadership Broward Foundation’s mission to develop and inspire individuals to serve the South Florida community. This year’s unique theme will be “Gods & Goddesses,” with parodies of ancient Greek mythological figures such as Zeus, Poseidon, Athena, Apollo, Hera and Aphrodite. “Fun Lunch” will amuse guests as they enjoy a delicious lunch and stage presentation of the honorees.

“Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina is proud to support Leadership Broward Foundation and to recognize those who are making a difference in our community,” said Michael Berry, director of food and beverage at Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina.



Fun Lunch Honorees: Mike Long, Joy Carter, Shelly Bradshaw, Terry Frank, Ashley Boxer, Tim Hogans and Jene Kapela.

Tickets are priced at \$75 for current Leadership Broward members and \$100 for non-members. Call Andrew Zullo at (954) 767-8866 or andrew@leadershipbroward.org. Visit www.leadershipbroward.org. Pier Sixty-Six is at 2301 S.E. 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale.

Happy Birthday James Johnson & iFLY Fort Lauderdale Indoor Skydiving...

James Johnson, NBA player and #16 on the Miami Heat, recently celebrated his 31st birthday with friends at iFLY Fort Lauderdale Indoor Skydiving.

The 6-foot, 8-inch forward had always wanted to try indoor skydiving and finally got his chance. He was joined by Boo Robinson, Charles Wright, Diana Issa, Trey Stephens and Chef Rudy Poindexter.

And speaking of birthday’s, iFly Fort Lauderdale Indoor Skydiving kicked off its first birthday celebration with an evening of high-flying, family-friendly fun. Dozens of people enjoyed a live DJ, passed hors d’oeuvres catered by Roho Kitchen, refreshments, a photo booth and special pricing on flights.

The Fort Lauderdale location at 11690 West State Road 84 in Davie, is the 27th iFLY facility to open in the U.S. Since 1998, more than eight million customers worldwide have experienced human flight at iFLY in a variety of ways: as a fun excursion with family and friends, a student on an educational Science, Technology and Math (S.T.E.M.)



James’ friends join in the fun

James Johnson celebrating his birthday!

field trip, those with challenging physical or cognitive abilities, a professional skydiver or member of the

military for training, and a corporate customer looking for a unique team building activity.

“We’re so excited to be celebrating our first birthday at iFLY in Fort Lauderdale,” said Jim Braun, general manager. “We are especially appreciative to the South Florida community for embracing us when we first arrived. Since that day, we’ve introduced indoor skydiving to nearly 52,000 first-time flyers.

Cheers to many more years of delivering the dream of flight to everybody.”

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The Broward County Medical Association Plans First Women's Physician's Networking Social of 2018 At The Lenore Nolan-Ryan World Class Catering and Cooking School

"I am thrilled to cook with such a distinguished group of women physicians," Lenore Nolan-Ryan said. "The recipes I have created for their class will be healthy, delicious and easy to prepare. My hands-on cooking classes are fun and informative, with the emphasis on fun! I believe that friends and

associates that cook together, stay together!"

Lenore was referring to the first Broward County Medical Association's Women's Physician's Social Networking event of 2018, taking place on Wednesday, March 21st at the Lenore Nolan-Ryan World Class Catering and Cooking School at 3311

North Ocean Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, in the Galt Ocean Plaza. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and spirits!

"We are equally excited about our first BCMA Social Networking event for our Women Physicians, taking place at Lenore Nolan-Ryan's," enthused Cynthia Peterson, Chief Executive Officer of the Broward County Medical Association and the BCMA Foundation. Co-chairs are Dr. Gazelle Aram, Dr. Jennifer Capezzuti and Suzie Park, DO Candidate.

PNC Bank, Broad Cassel, Attorneys at Law, Sun-Trust, Pro Assurance and Tri-CPS – CPAs and Health Care Consultants are the evening's sponsors. This event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to BCMA Women Physician's Members, \$100 for non-members or \$150.00 to join and the event is free. Call Cynthia Peterson at (954) 714-9477 or e-mail cpeterson@bcma.com.

BCMA Recently Co-Hosted Social At BMW Of Fort Lauderdale Showroom

Cynthia Peterson was on hand to greet physicians, their spouses and significant others, friends and sponsors at the recent Women's Physician's Networking Social. The event was co-hosted with BMW of Fort Lauderdale at their new showroom, at 1441 South Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale. PNC Bank was also a co-sponsor.

Everyone was asked to bring one unwrapped children's toy that were donated to KidsCan. Those toys were going to be passed out to hospitalized children. KidsCan is an organization founded by kids for the purpose of helping other kids, according to Meagan Jacobowitz, a member of the Board of Directors of the non-profit.

"BCMA was pleased to have BMW of Fort Lauderdale as a corporate partner. Our physicians had the opportunity to view the spacious new showroom and get acquainted with the wonderful staff at the BMW of Fort Lauderdale dealership," Cynthia said.

After socializing for about an hour, and inspecting the many new BMW automobiles, BMW of Fort Lauderdale's general manager, Ken Loiseau took the microphone and welcomed everyone. Ken then introduced Dr. Ramsey Pevsner, recently installed as President of the BCMA Foundation, who is the 1st Osteopathic Physician and the 4th woman physician in the organization's history to become President. Dr. Pevsner thanked Mr. Loiseau and BMW Fort Lauderdale for their hospitality for such an outstanding event. Megan Jacobowitz then shared the mission of KidsCan. After that, he, Cynthia, Megan, Dr. Pevsner and Toni Cave from PNC Bank drew winning tickets for close to a dozen door prizes.

Following the awarding of the door prizes, everyone returned to socializing and enjoying the up-tempo music provided by Tom Caminiti - "The Tall Italian" – radio personality and DJ. "Our guests enjoyed a lavish selection of passed hors d'oeuvres, served by the attentive staff of Hugh's Catering as well as wine, compliments of BMW," Cynthia added.



Bob Wolfgram with Dr. Linda Cox (The 2nd female doctor to become President of BCMA Foundation in its 91 year history)



Ken Loiseau, Dr. Ramsey Pevsner, Meagan Jacobowitz, Cynthia Peterson and Toni Cave standing next to the electric BMW.



Wilson Cueva and Gamalys Alejandr with DJ Tom Caminiti – "The Tall Italian"



Maxine Jacobowitz with her daughter, Megan Jacobowitz



Dr. Gent Cash, Dr. Dana Wallace, and Attorney Andrea Eidelman



Toni Cave, Dr. Shannon Clemons and Dr. Vivienne Tai, holding some of the unwrapped toys for KidsCan

SOCIETY FLORIDA FASHION & ESSENTIALS

*Business For The Arts News Bytes...***Business for the Arts of Broward Seeks Entries From Artists For The 4th Annual Art & Soul**

Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) is seeking entries from established and emerging artists for the 4th Annual Art & Soul, taking place on Friday, April 27th at GALLERYone DoubleTree Suites by Hilton in Fort Lauderdale.

Work must be 2D and original in concept, design and execution. Works selected are based on originality, creativity, workmanship and artistic distinction. All work(s) must be submitted as a 300 dpi jpeg via email to Robyn Vegas at rvegas@bfabroward.org. Each jpeg of the work must be

accompanied by an Art & Soul artist's entry form. Artists may submit up to four different works for consideration that they personally have created. Artwork should be saved with the artist's name and title.

Final deadline for submissions is Monday, March 19th by 5:00 p.m. via email. Accepted artists will be notified by March 30th and will receive one complimentary admission ticket to Art & Soul. Visit www.bfabroward.org/programs/art-and-soul and click on "call to artists."



Art by former winner

Business for the Arts of Broward Cultural Tour Coral Springs, Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale

Business for the Arts of Broward (BFA) is hosting a tour of cultural sites in Coral Springs, Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16th. Presented by Hoffman's Chocolates, the fully-guided tour takes participants for an

exploration of the cultural treasures Broward County has to offer.

The tour destinations include the Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs Center for the Arts, Bailey Contemporary Arts Center, Ali Cultural Arts and Steven Greenwald

Design, where wine and cheese will be served. Participants will meet at the Coral Springs Museum of Art, 2855 Coral Springs Dr. (Suite A) in Coral Springs for lunch and return there at the end of the tour. Venues are subject to change.

The tour cost is \$50 and includes lunch, snacks, wine, transportation, networking, admission and guided behind the scenes tours. Guests are required to register by March 13th by calling (954) 940-5344. Limited space so register early! Visit www.bfabroward.org.



Caribbean Chillers

Kevin's Kwik Picks...

Music at Mickel Concert will feature the Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band Caribbean Chillers on Friday, March 16th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. They will be playing every hit from "Margaritaville" to "Cheeseburger in Paradise". So, gather family and friends, bring a picnic, relax and enjoy music under the stars. Admission is free, and food trucks will be on-

site serving up tasty treats. The park is at 2675 N.W. 7th Avenue in Wilton Manors. 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.



Dan Clancy

Jan McArt's New Play Readings' Series will feature "A Home" by Dan Clancy, taking place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12th at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, at 3601 North Military Trail in Boca Raton. Directed by John Tolley, it stars Niki Frith, Michael McKeever, Angie

Radosh and Clay Cartland. "A HOME tells the story of a Brooklyn family over the course of 60 years. "You will easily find your own story in theirs," according to Clancy. Tickets are available at \$10 each for 'A HOME.' Call (561) 237-9000, or go to www.lynn.edu/tickets for more information.



Loston Harris

The Gold Coast Jazz Society will present the Loston Harris Trio on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:45 p.m.. The Loston Harris Trio is a fixture in the New York City jazz scene and for more than a decade Harris headlined at the legendary Bemelmans Bar located in The Carlyle Hotel in Manhattan's storied Upper

East Side. The performance takes place at the Amaturo Theater of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. For tickets, call the Broward Center AutoNation Box Office at (954)462-0222, or go online to www.browardcenter.org or www.goldcoastjazz.org.

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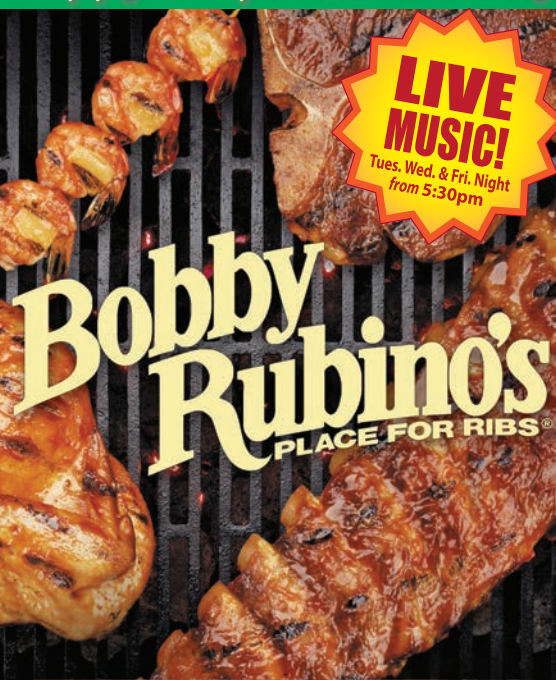
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