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First Responders Honored with 2018 Humanitarian Award by American Red Cross at Dine & Dock Fundraiser

"The mettle of the First Responders was tested more than ever in 2018. It was one of the most challenging in the Broward Chapter's 101 years, starting with Hurricane Irma followed by the Parkland Shooting. Disaster response incidents put our community to the test," said Paula Prendergast, Executive Director of the Broward Chapter of The American Red Cross.

Four of those First Responders will be honored at the Dine & Dock fundraiser, taking place on Thursday, September 27th in the Panorama Room of the Pier Sixty-Six, starting with a lavish cocktail reception, with the stunning sun set as a backdrop.

"We're delighted to have this opportunity to honor our community leaders for their humanitarian efforts and I want to thank our celebrities who will be auctioning off some unique personal experiences that will help raise funds to support our mission in Broward County," Paula added.

This year, Barry Skolnick along with first responders Frank Herrera (Margate Fire Rescue), Captain Matthew Whiteshield (Margate Fire Rescue), Captain Monica Maldonado (Oakland Park Fire Rescue) and Samuel Willson II (Oakland Park Fire Rescue) will be presented with the 2018 Humanitarian Award. All honorees embody the spirit of the American Red Cross through their contributions to the welfare and quality of life of South Florida residents.

The event begins with an ultra-chic VIP Reception at 5:30p.m. in the marina on a stunning Ocean Alexander motor yacht thanks to MarineMax Yachts; the no. 1 yacht dealer in the world. Guests can mix and mingle with access to our VIP Celebrities/CEOs. Champagne, a custom cocktail and appetizers will be served during this stunning affair hosted and donated by Potions in Motion of Boca Raton, FL.

The networking Welcome Reception hosted by JM Family Enterprises, Inc. will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the beautiful Panorama Room. Guests will enjoy a variety of delicious food stations and fabulous cocktails along with more networking and access to local celebrities and CEO's.

At 7:30 p.m. Event Chair, Alexandra Bader, will kick off the program as the Humanitarian Honorees receive their prestigious awards. Following the Humanitarian Awards will be a high-energy VIP Celebrity auction. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on Celebrity/CEO auction experiences. To date, celebrity experiences attendees can bid on include:

-Elaine del Valle, Award-Winning Actor, Writer, Director and Produce

-Mathias Kiwanuka, Vice-President and COO Wandering Wines, Former NFL Player

-Randy Ramsey, Co-founder, and President of Jarrett Bay Boatworks

-Carol Strickland, CEO Mermaid Vodka

-Carey Chen, World Renowned Marine Artist

-John Lloyd, Commentator, and Former Pro Tennis Player

-Chef Geppart, Private Chef

All proceeds raised from this year's Dine & Dock will benefit the American Red Cross and aid in their response to local disasters, ranging from home fires to hurricanes. The Red Cross provides relief and comfort to assist families and entire communities in their time of need.

For more information, visit redcross.org/dineanddock or visit us on Twitter and Facebook at @SFLRedCross. Sponsorship opportunities for Dine & Dock are available by contacting Paula Prendergast at (954) 702-9261.

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Salome's Stars

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about their intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpios do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

top ten

Brand-Name Passwords

1. myspace
2. mustang
3. linkedin
4. ferrari
5. playboy
6. mercedes
7. cocacola
8. snickers
9. corvette
10. skittles

Source: Virginia Tech/Dashlane

Leslie, Tim, Elizabeth, Valerie, Jill and Melissa

Denise and Debbie (Happy Birthday)

Lucas, Debbie (Happy Birthday) and Swanny

Sue, Jeanne, Donna and Tom

Gail, Kerry and Liz

It was a great turn out for Owner Debbie's Birthday Party @ BIG DOG STATION

Ranae, Sue, Scott and 'Mississippi Bonnie'

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** In Shakespeare's "Macbeth," who orders the deaths of Lady McDuff and her children?
2. **GAMES:** How much does it cost to land on the Income Tax square in the game of Monopoly?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the official language of Angola?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What is the professional name of a person who makes arrows for a living?
5. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president first appointed Eleanor Roosevelt as a delegate to the U.N.?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** What is a gorgon?
7. **HISTORY:** What area of Alaska did gold seekers rush to in 1897 after the discovery of gold was reported?
8. **ENTERTAINERS:** What famous 20th-century actress was born with the name Margarita Cansino?
9. **BIRTHSTONES:** What birthstone is typically associated with the month of March?
10. **HUMAN ANATOMY:** What part of the brain is responsible for balance and posture?

ANSWERS

1. Macbeth
2. $200 or 10 percent of your worth
3. Portuguese (it was a colony of Portugal)
4. A fletcher
5. Harry Truman
6. Gorgons have hair made of serpents and can turn anyone who looks at them to stone.
7. The Klondike
8. Rita Hayworth
9. Aquamarine
10. Cerebellum

Everyone Has Something to Offer

Ellen Schweitzer

"TOWNBEAT"

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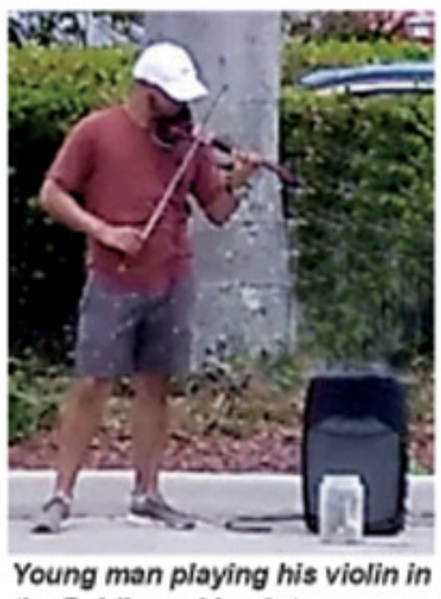
Before I get into what events are coming up in this splendid town of ours, wanted to share something that happened to me last Sunday afternoon when I pulled into the Wilton Manors' Five Corners Publix Supermarket. As soon as I opened the car door, I could hear very loud but amazing, soothing music. Looking all around while getting out of the car, I was thinking, where is this beautiful music coming from? All of a sudden, there he is. In the parking lot, a young man in his late twenties is playing a violin (or fiddle) hooked into an amplifier. It sounded incredible! Yes he was looking for donations, but a big difference from the person who stands on the corner asking for money. This young man was working for his money. He has a gift and is using it to make money. It goes to show you that everyone has something to offer.



Young man playing his violin in the Publix parking lot

Alan Brownfeld

Mike Umile

BIG WEEKEND CELEBRATION FOR FISHTALES 12TH ANNIVERSARY

Wow, how does another year gone happen so fast? There is one good thing about time moving too quickly, and that's the annual events we look forward to each year. On the top of that list is **Fishtales Restaurant & Nightclub's** anniversary celebration, with this year commemorating 12 years strong. Owner **Cathy Vassallo** knows how to throw a party, and on her weekend anniversary bash, her talents shine. It's always packed with fun and there's always outstanding food, drinks and live entertainment.

The festivities will be all weekend long, starting on Friday, August 31st and ending Sunday September 2nd. Along with the giveaways, raffles and happy hour specials, as always at Fishtales, the music line-up is talent filled. Make sure you wear your dancing shoes. Friday night features **Smokin Aces**, the best of Rock, Pop, Punk, Dance, Disco, Country and Funk. On Saturday night, **Havoc 305** will take the stage. For over fifteen years, this band has been performing Top 40 hits from every decade, starting with the 60's all the way through today. Sunday Night, **Rogue Theory**, featuring Harry Bayron, who has mastered the electric fiddle, can play just about anything a rock band plays. This band is so impressive that they played at **Matt Damon's** wedding in the Bahamas a few years back. For you Early Birds, enjoy **Roy Michaels** on Friday from 5pm to 8pm and on Sunday from 4pm to 7pm. On Saturday, enjoy **"Trish" Fire & Ice** from 5pm to 8pm. With all entertainers, there's enough fun for everyone and with performances so infectious, you will just have to get up and dance. See ad on page 9 for details.

SWEET 16 REVERSED (61) BIRTHDAY BASH FOR A GREAT GUY & OWNER ALAN BROWNFELD

Help us celebrate our friend **Alan Brownfeld's** 61st at **Mickey's Tiki Bar** on Saturday September 1st starting at noon. As always at Mickey's, the friendliest bar in town, it will be a really fun event with live entertainment. Alan is one of the coolest guys we know and his cheerful party personality rubs off on everyone. He and his staff always make you feel welcome. Wouldn't miss this celebration for anything.

Go sing a song on Karaoke Mondays. You never know when or what kind of contest Alan will do. On Wednesdays, the talented Shannon Battle entertains during Happy Hour from 5pm to 9pm. Enjoy Bike and Cruise Night every Thursday night, welcoming all bikes custom cars, jeeps and trucks. On various Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, enjoy live music. Every Sunday after FREE breakfast and church (starting at 11am), my favorite of Mickey's happenings: spectacular Bloody Mary Sundays. No run of the mill Bloody Marys here. Theirs can include anything from mac & cheese bites, slider bites, hot dogs, egg rolls and empanadas to shrimp, lobster, Alaskan crab legs and anything in between. You can't get a top notch Bloody Mary anywhere else in this town with all these kinds of extras. See ad on page 21 for more details and location.

"THAT 80'S PARTY" AT JUST 1 MORE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

You Like 80's theme parties? Well owner **Mike Umile** of Just 1 More is planning a doozy on Saturday, August 25th starting at 9pm. The party will include drink specials and a DJ. Get in your best 80's attire and laugh it up as you reminisce the decade of big hair, the birth of punk, skinny ties, shoulder pads, aerobics, leg warmers, scrunchies, fingerless gloves, wide belts, head bands and memorable music that introduced music videos and MTV. See ad on page 4.

ANOTHER ROUND OF SINGING AUDITIONS FOR AMERICA'S EXTREME TALENT SHOW

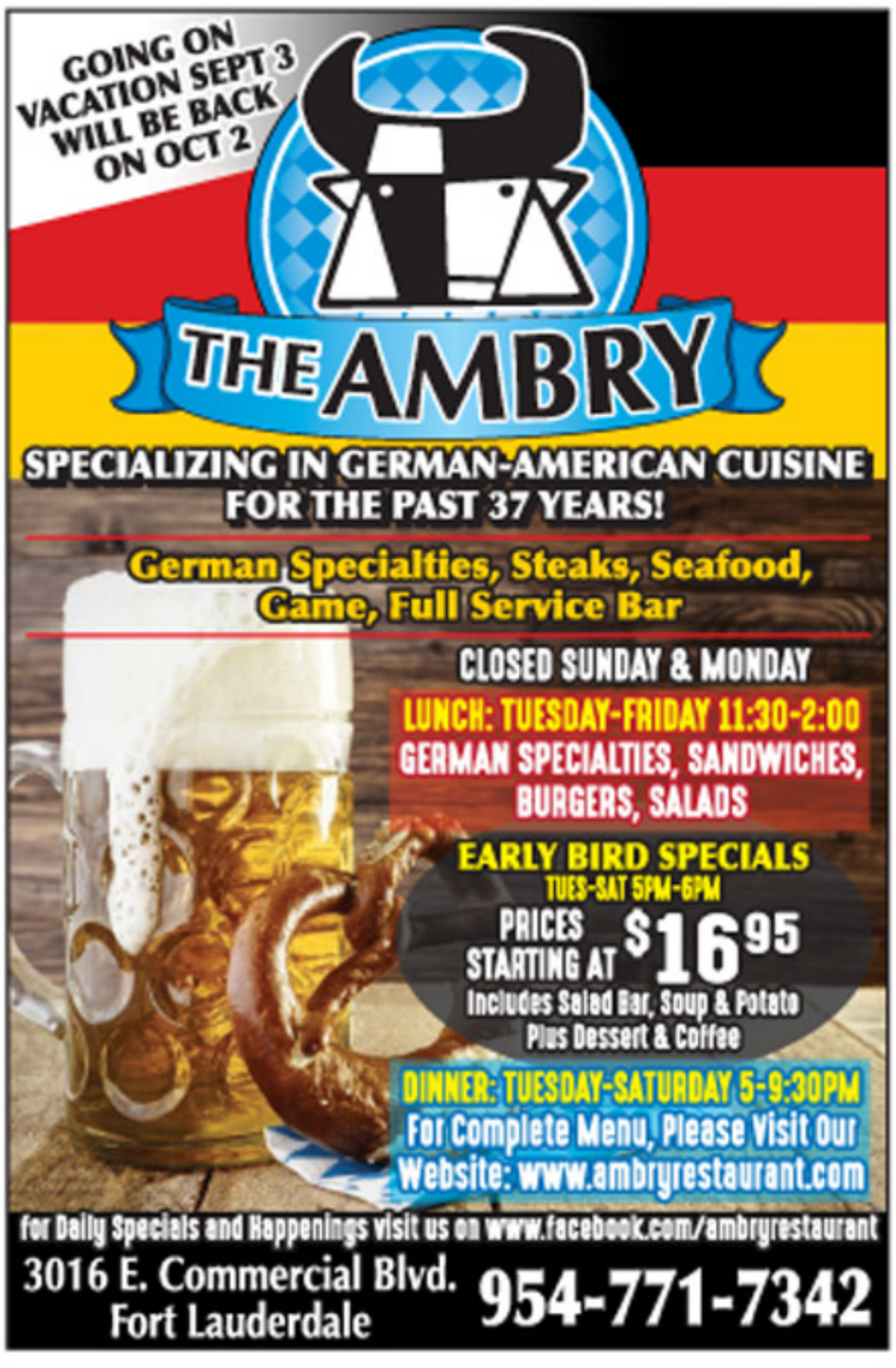
America's Extreme Talent Show ("A.E.T."), the new music competition series, is holding more auditions on Saturday August 25th from 1pm to 5pm at **Rip's Sports Bar and Grill / Diamond Strike Lanes.**

Hopefuls are vying for a shot at superstardom on this new music competition series, as A.E.T. is a guaranteed recording contract with **iCan Entertainment Music Worldwide**. For more information, see www.aetsing.com. See ad on page 15.

ODD AND ENDS

Reminder from last issue, Join owner **Jeff Hallick** and his staff in their three year anniversary celebration at **Brew Fish Bar & Grill** on Saturday, August 25th from 5pm to close. There will be live entertainment, a D.J. in the Brew Cellar, free keg and barbeque while supplies last, free shots from Promo Girls and drink and food specials. Go out and enjoy the anniversary offerings! 200 East McNab Road, Pompano Beach, 954-440-3347, www.brewfishpompano.com.

TO ALL: please help in obtaining gift certificates, baskets and other raffle items, small or large, for the Betty Davis Benefit on Sunday October 21st. The more we can offer, the more money we can make for this beautiful selfless lady. All gift and financial donations are being accepted at **Barrett's Sports Bar** in Oakland Park (see Kathy Mckenzie), **Fountains Lounge** in Sea Ranch Lakes (see Diana Jones) and **Murphy's Tavern** in Fort Lauderdale (see Marlene Damore). See flyer on page 21.



AMERICAN

ANGLINS BEACH CAFÉ
2 Commercial Blvd.
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea
954-491-6007
www.anglinsbeachcafe.com
Have a romantic sunset dinner overlooking the pier and beach. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Have a traditional New England lobster roll, soft shell crab sliders, or mama's country fried chicken. If fish is on your mind then either the catch of the day or fish and chips.

BAMBOO BEACH CLUB TIKI BAR AT THE OCEAN MANOR BEACH RESORT
4040 Galt Ocean Dr,
Fort Lauderdale
954-566-7500
www.bamboobeachtikibar.com
Open every day 7am-2am (till 3am on Fri & Sat).
This beach club tiki bar is one of only a few places in our area that is located right on the beach. There is no better way to enjoy a meal and/or drink then gazing at the beautiful ocean. The breakfast menu is served until 11:30am and the All Day Menu is extensive. There are more than 30 appetizers, 30 sandwiches & wraps, 20 salads, 5 flat breads, pizza w/over 10 toppings available, and 25 entrees. Fresh fish and seafood are their specialties.

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

BUSTER'S DOUGHBOYS & CLAM CAKES
8320 W Sunrise Blvd.
Plantation
954-765-6665
www.bustersdoughboys.com
New England Seafood at its finest with everything and anything that is traditional New England. Extensive menu including but not limited to Maine lobster, ipswitch clams, steamed & baked stuffed clams, lobster rolls, fresh shucked oysters & clams, seafood platters, fish dishes, homemade doughboys, clam cakes, fish & chips, chowder, and much more. You will love their secret family recipes and casual dining experience, which includes an ice cream bar. Serving lunch & Dinner, open 7 Days from 11am (12pm on Sun) to 10 pm (2 am on Fri & Sat).

COUNTRY HAM N EGGS BAR & GRILL
2671 E. Oakland Park Blvd
Ft Lauderdale
754-202-0253
www.countryhamneggs.com
Serving Breakfast & Lunch from 7am to 3pm.
This beautifully renovated spot has an extensive menu. Breakfast is served any time you want and a full bar / lounge area offers a nice touch. Mid day happy hour is from 10am to 3pm Mon - Fri with 1/2 price well drinks, house wine, draft & domestic beer.

DIAMOND STRIKE RIPS SPORTS BAR & GRILL
2200 N Federal Highway
Pompano Beach
954-941-0968
www.diamondstrikelanes.com
Diamond Strike/Rip's offers a very extensive menu with large portions for great prices. Included are many item selections of appetizers, pizza, wings, wraps, salads, sandwiches (hot and cold), fried chicken & shrimp baskets, and a variety of burgers, dogs, and side items. Come enjoy great food and drinks while you bowl or while you watch your favorite game. Bucket specials and Food Specials for every game.

FISHTALES RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB
3355 NE 33rd Street (on the Galt)
Ft. Lauderdale
954-689-2344
www.fishtaleson33rd.com
A restaurant and nightclub with a full kitchen that offers very good food at reasonable prices. Two for one drinks and 50% on selected appetizers Mon-Fri from 11am to 8 pm. $6.99 Lunch specials Mon-Fri, and ITB & HIP discounts 7 days a week from 10 pm to close and Mon all day until close. Every Thurs, 16oz Prime Rib Special for only $25.95. Live entertainment 7 nights a week, Tues - Fri during happy hour and Sat & Sun afternoons.

LESTER'S DINER
Four Locations:
Fort Lauderdale, Margate,
Pompano Beach & Sunrise
www.lestersdiner.com
Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner & Open 24 hours daily
An authentic 50's style restaurant and home to the infamous 14oz coffee cup. This signature landmark has been a family owned and operated business in South Florida for over 43 years. It's the perfect place, whether you are on the go and need a quick bite, or you want to stay and enjoy a full dinner with family or friends. Lester's provides all your dining needs, not to mention their fabulous desserts of all makes and models, baked fresh every day on their premises.

MURPHY'S TAVERN
2925 E. Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
954-491-3430
This long time establishment is a local favorite offering a great neighborhood feel. Their kitchen is open every day from 11am to 10pm, serving lunch and dinner pub food, which includes delicious tavern style sandwiches, Irish favorites and ribs. Daily lunch and dinner specials are offered. Open 7 days a week from 7am to 2am.

NIKKI'S KITCHEN
1 N. Ocean Blvd, Suite 102
Pompano Beach
954-532-2771
www.nikkisorangekitchen.com
Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner, open daily from 8am to 10pm. American homestyle classic cuisine with a Mediterranean twist, using only the best & freshest organic ingredients, including eggs, coffees & teas, milk, greens, naturally fed poultry, grass fed beef & wild caught seafood. Go on their website & check out their extensive variety of menu items. Full liquor bar serving organic spirits & free valet parking.

OCEANS GRILLE
3704 N. Ocean Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
954-565-7703
www.oceansgrille.com
Open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 9 am to 11 pm
This local favorite is known for its neighborhood food and ambiance featuring generous portions of food using only the freshest ingredients. Their fun and tasty menu items make Oceans Grille your home away from home. Although there are too many items to list, their menu includes melt in your mouth Turkey and Ham Melt, Gilled Rueben, Tuna Melt, heapen high sandwiches of Mahi, Kielbasa and Steak and Oh My God Specialty Burgers.

OUR PLACE
2901 N. Federal Highway
Boca Raton
561-750-9745
www.ourplacebocaraton.com
Located inside the Boca Raton Plaza Hotel & Suites, their staff offers you delicious food and refreshing beverages in a comfortable atmosphere. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner inside at their dining room or bar or sit poolside at the Tiki Bar for a more relaxed feeling. Serving some of the best home-cooked food since 1997; from their famous hot roast beef sandwich to their fresh seafood dishes and homemade salads. In addition to a popular food selection, they offer daily specials and have regular entertainment.

RUSTIC INN
4331 Ravenswood Road
Ft. Lauderdale
954-584-1637
www.rusticinn.com
Lunch-Dinner (7 Days)
This is a world renowned restaurant celebrating over 60 years in business, serving a huge menu of seafoods, steak, ribs, poultry, Maine lobsters and of course their famous blue garlic crabs and other crustaceans, including huge snow crab legs and soft shell crabs when in season. This is an informal sprawling 600 seat restaurant in four separate areas on a canal. Get ready for loud slams from the crab crunching mallets when rapped on the table to celebrate someone's birthday or anniversary. A great place to bring the children.

SEASIDE GRILL RESTAURANT & TIKI BAR
1406 N. Ocean Blvd.
Pompano Beach
954-783-3193
www.seasidegrill.com
Seaside Grill offers the finest sea side dining in Pompano Beach. The local seafood restaurant is a unique gem located directly ON THE OCEAN. Visitors and locals alike are drawn to the beautiful views, delicious seafood, original cocktail specials and live music. Whether you intend to dance the night away or simply enjoy one of the chef's delicious specials, you will undoubtedly enjoy your experience. Open 7 days serving from 11:30 am. Tiki Bar Kitchen is open from 11:30am to 9pm, serving bar bites, salads, sandwiches and select entrees.

SPANX THE HOG BBQ AND SALOON
147 S. Cypress Road
Pompano Beach
954-590-8342
www.spanxthehogbbq.com
Open for lunch and dinner every day, Spanx's friendly staff will serve you the greatest tasting wings, ribs, sandwiches, grass salads, and many other barbecue foods. With weekly specials and Hog Party Packs, you can eat in, take out, get delivery, or take advantage of one of their specialties; catering. With 33 TVs throughout the restaurant and adjoining newly renovated bar/saloon, a great place to watch any sporting event. You can also play your favorite games; pool, darts and foosball. Drink specials daily and there is also a late night menu.

ASIAN

RAINBOW PALACE CUISINE OF CHINA
2787 E. Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
954 565-5652
www.rainbowpalace.com
Serving Dinner and Lunch
This award-winning restaurant for over 25 years, is a must try. No chop suey here. Strictly gourmet Chinese cuisine at its finest. Exceptional decor, formal service. Prices moderate to high. Full bar, extensive wine list. Reservations suggested. Serving dinners 7 days; Lunch Wed, Thur & Fri. Proper casual attire or jackets.

GERMAN

AMBRY
3016 E. Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
954-771-7342
www.ambryrestaurant.com
This is a family owned and operated Lauderdale landmark restaurant by the Huber family. There are several separate intimate dining areas and a bar. Three with fireplaces. All German favorites prevail. Menu does offer American dinners. The Prime Rib is a house special, excellent. Portions are large, service is friendly. Prices are reasonable. With dinners is a tasty fresh salad bar. Bar/Lounge is always a happy busy spot. Open for lunch Tues thru Fri and dinner Tues thru Sat (Closed Sun & Mon).

CYPRESS NOOK
201 McNab Rd.,
Pompano Beach
954-781-3464
www.cypressnook.com
Breakfast and Lunch served daily until 2pm. Open for Dinner on Wed through Sat from 5pm to 10pm
Long established popular restaurant, a German-American haven nestled in a slight niche just east of Cypress Road. It seats only 46 and always seems to be packed with waiting folks. All American-Breakfasts are huge. As are the huge lunch offerings. Prices are extremely moderate, Food taste and quality products are excellent, as is the service.

IRISH

KELLY BROTHERS IRISH PUB
3045 N. Federal Hwy.
Ft. Lauderdale
954-630-2856
www.kellybrothersirishpub.com
Their friendly warm staff, great food, happy hour, lunch & dinner specials, and many fun events. They have one of the best cooks in town, Chef Iggy. Iggy's kitchen, along with Moe, is open for lunch and dinner, serving the finest in International Cuisine. Dine in or take out, with catering also available. Reserve their upstairs lounge for any kind of party, meeting, sporting event & more. In the Biz specials too! Open Mon-Thurs 11am-2am, Fri & Sat 11am-3am & Sun 12pm-2am.

ITALIAN

BOCA'S BEST PIZZA
119 W. Palmetto Park Road
Boca Raton
561-367-7227
DAVIE'S BEST PIZZA
4120 David Road, Davie, FL
954-791-6077
www.bocasbestpizzabar.com
Serves specialty pizza's, wings,salads, and more. They have lunch specials. Open for lunch and dinner. Dine-in or take-out. They also deliver. Hours:Mon-Sat 11am Sun 12pm-12am

CASA CALABRIA AT THE OCEAN MANOR BEACH RESORT
4040 Galt Ocean Dr.
Fort Lauderdale
954-566-7500
www.casacalabriaftl.com
Open 5pm to close Tues through Sun (closed Mon).
With its authenticity of the Calabria Region in Italy, this is where the "real" Italians go. It's beautiful décor and ocean view location is a perfect match for their superb homemade Italian food. A 5 star location and 5 star food, with very reasonable prices. Happy Hour from 5pm to 7pm Sun through Fri includes two for one drinks on almost everything, and an appetizer menu that serves signature specialties for only $6, $7 and $8 each. With piano music nightly, they also have a unique salumeria (deli case) and cool espresso bar.

COCO PAZZO
2724 E. Commercial Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
754- 265-7116
www.cocopazzofortlauderdale.com
Out for a romantic evening, celebrating a special occasion or hosting a corporate dinner, Coco Pazzo will cater to your every need. Delicious Italian cuisine prepared by an award winning chef, a great selection of wine to choose from and excellent homemade desserts. Experience the pleasurable flavors of their Italian back-home cooking. Happy Hour cocktails are served Mon through Fri from 4pm to 7 pm and enjoy their fine assortment of tasty appetizers. Open Mon through Sat 4pm to 10:30pm (closed Sun) with plenty of free parking! There is also live music every Thurs, Fri and Sat.

GG's of NY
San Casa Plaza
5440 N. State Rd. 7,
Ft. Lauderdale
954-484-0400
http://www.ggsofny.com/
Lunch and Dinner
Step inside and you are instantly transported to Brooklyn, the location of some of the best restaurants in New York. A wonderful aroma of fresh baked dough in the garlic rolls and of course the signature pizza, add some Italian music and enjoy. Early dinner menu starts at 2 for $22.The wine list is very extensive so give yourself some time to relax and enjoy.

GIOIA RISTORANTE
3330 NE 33rd Street
Fort Lauderdale
954-630-0235
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Soon there will be an alternative to the NFL (No Fans Left)

IT'S MY OPINION *with* RICK SCHWEITZER

Well here we are with Football regular season starting shortly and we still have players who are kneeling or putting their fist in the air when our National Anthem is played. I guess the players and owners haven't gotten the message yet! They are still being paid, so they don't care how much they insult our veterans, our flag and the fans. Maybe it's time for a new league. From what I hear, an eight-team league can start playing a week after the Super Bowl in February 2019. NFL executive **Bill Polian** and the television and movie producer **Charlie Ebersol,** with investments from Silicon Valley firms as well as their partners CBS, will show a few games on its main channel and some on its cable network. They will also launch a smart phone app on which fans will be able to stream games and play fantasy football. This new league will also aim for two-and-a-half hour games (NFL games generally last at least three hours). To achieve that, there will be no kickoffs or extra points, only 2-point conversion plays and a 30-second play clock, as opposed to the NFL's 45-second clock. There will also be no television timeouts, which will lead to about 60 percent fewer commercials.

Ebersol, whose father, **Dick Ebersol**, ran NBC sports for many years and was involved in the old XFL league, said each team would be owned by the league, which would reduce the likelihood of teams being sold and of infighting among owners about the direction of the business. The league will also draw from the pool of undrafted college players and others who are not on an NFL roster. "**This is not a development league**," Ebersol said. "There are tens of thousands of players who don't have a job, which translates into hundreds of "**Kurt Warners**" a reference to the quarterback who spent time playing in the indoor Arena Football League before putting together a Hall of Fame career in the NFL He said the league would appeal to the tens of millions of fans who play fantasy football but must stop playing once the NFL season ends.

The NFL has been engaged in constructive discussions with the Players Association. Meanwhile another year has gone by with revenue's down and less fans coming to games and/or watching games. "**The NFL has agreed to delay implementing or enforcing any club work rules that could result in players being disciplined for their conduct during the performance of the anthem.**" This is another example of the tail wagging the dog. When are the owners and the NFL going to manage the employees (players)? I would like to see them get away with this if they were working for a private company. They think because they are athletes, and get paid very well I might add, that they can tell the owners what the players will do or not do. The players union runs the league, not the NFL. They seem to forget a fan can switch to Baseball, Golf, Soccer, Nascar or college sports to be entertained. It seems to me that any one of the NFL players who wanted to make a statement, they could easily get a national televised show to have them on to make whatever statement they wanted. Fans go to games to enjoy themselves and be entertained, not to watch players disrespect our veterans or our flag. The sooner the NFL and the players learn that football is entertainment and nothing more, the sooner they might get their fans back, *as long as they stop disrespecting our veterans and our flag*.

But now it looks like there will be a choice for fans, who will be able to watch professional football next year when the new league starts. Maybe this is what we need to get the owners to act like owners, instead of letting the paid players protest during the Anthem. Maybe if enough fans stop watching or going to the games, the owners will not be making enough money to pay these primadonnas' salary. Then maybe they will understand that Fans go to watch them play football not see them disrespect our country. Just maybe a little competition from another football league will hit them where it hurts, and they can thank all the primadonnas for getting this new league started. The owners have to know that this new league will cut into their dollars because TV will now have to cover another football league, so those dollars, which now is going only to the NFL, will be split with the new league. Let's face it folks: the primadonnas have taken the fun out of watching the game. *That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it.*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Mystery solved! Controversial websites purchased by Democrats. Dozens of **web addresses implying US senators were "forsale"** have been mysteriously and quietly purchased online, which was originally thought to have been the Russians getting ready to meddle in our November elections. **The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee acknowledged** that it had quietly purchased the addresses, which use a new Internet suffix **"forsale"** for at least 27 incumbent senators facing re-election this fall and in 2020, without telling the senators.

The addresses, now **controlled by the Democratic political group, include the names of mostly Democrats, but also some prominent Republicans too.** The **group masked** its role in the purchase **to ensure its identity, as the buyer remained anonymous**. The practice of buying politically related web addresses to use them later online or prevent rival campaigns from using them has been done for decades. **However, now that criminal charges have been filed against Russian agents,** it has taken on a new importance as they were accused of meddling in the 2016 US presidential election.

Intelligence chief **Dan Coats** cautioned earlier this month that the "warning lights are blinking red" and that "the digital infrastructure that serves this country is literally under attack." The **mysterious "forsale" purchases set off alarms at the Capitol**. *The Associated Press* found **roughly 280 political web addresses registered under the "forsale" domain, targeting President Donald Trump, the GOP, Supreme Court and National Rifle Association, as well as individual Democrats and Republicans. The anonymity sought by the Democratic group should be troubling to everyone**.

I don't think they have good intentions. Otherwise, they would not have tried to hide their identities. Is this how the left runs a free and honest election? Transparency is what is needed in our elections. The public is tired of the lies from the media, the illegal voting and the corrupt officials. The CIA and Deep State needs to stop the propaganda being broadcast on the mainstream media. The people who haven't awakened yet need to take the red pill and wake up to the fact that the mainstream media is lying to them.

Dangerous Situation: California Public Utility Fumbles Radioactive Storage Story from Liberty Planet

While California is busy sweeping poop off public sidewalks and making sure restaurants don't give their patrons plastic straws, there is a disaster waiting to happen in **San Onofre**. Canisters containing radioactive waste from a now-defunct nuclear power plant, which are stored in unsafe conditions, pose a threat not only to tens of thousands of people who visit the world-famous San Onofre beach, but also large nearby population centers such as Los Angeles and San Diego. The San Onofre **nuclear power plant was shut down in 2012 due to a leak** caused by the plant operating the reactor outside allowable limits for both pressure and temperature. However, the plant still stores over 3.5 million pounds of lethal radioactive waste. On August 3, 2018, one of the waste canisters nearly fell from 18 feet up, as it was being loaded into a temporary transport carrier. If the canister had burst open, it would have released as much radiation as the infamous Chernobyl disaster released back in 1986.

Even so, no one would have heard of the incident had it not been for a courageous whistle-blower who works on the site. **David Fritch**, an experienced safety professional that works at the site and witnessed the near-disaster, spoke about the incident in a public meeting held on August 9. The accident has highlighted a number of serious issues surrounding the San Onofre plant and its nuclear storage policies. For the last five years, the plant's nuclear waste canisters have been stored in containers 20 feet under water. However, this storage option is only acceptable as a temporary form of storage, not a long-term one. In 2015, The Coastal Commission granted a permit, allowing the waste to be stored in a dry-storage bunker in the city, in spite of the fact that there are many serious problems with doing so. First of all, the storage facility would be built in close proximity to large cities and a major highway. What is more concerning is that the **area is earthquake prone**. In addition, the **storage containers are made with thin walls** that are no more than 5/8" thick, even though most countries storing radioactive material use canisters with walls that are up to 20" thick. Furthermore, the San Onofre canisters have not been proven safe and **do not have a seismic rating**. There is also no way to detect cracks in the canisters until after a leak has already occurred.

Storage problems aren't the only danger that local residents face. As David Fritch recently pointed out, the workers handling the radioactive canisters don't have the training needed to do the job right. Many of them have not been around nuclear materials beforehand and the work culture does not put a priority on safety. One would also be tempted to **question the expertise level of executives at Southern California Edison**, the public utility charged with handling the San Onofre power plant. The Chairman of the Edison Community Engagement Panel likened the near-disaster to a workplace safety issue. Apparently, he misses the obvious fact that an accident at a normal construction site does not have the **potential to kill tens of thousands of people**. However, what is known at this point, the state does not have any sort of evacuation plan should a disaster occur. Given the fact that workers handling the waste seem unconcerned about safety protocols, and those managing them have clearly not been completely honest with the general public, one can only hope that those who live in the area surrounding the plan remain safe and free from harm for the foreseeable future.

Atlas Restaurant Group's Ouzo Bay: Escape to the Mediterranean in the Heart of South Florida

Spacious Mizner Park Cornerstone Features Upscale Dining Experiences, Private Event Opportunities w/ Emphasis on Greece's Blue Zone Diet

Ouzo Bay, opened by **Alexander** and **Eric Smith** of the Baltimore-based **Altas Group**, brings award-winning Mediterranean cuisine with a strong Greek influence to Boca Raton's Mizner Park. The Atlas Group's first location outside their Baltimore success, Ouzo Bay Boca Raton offers South Florida diners with a high-quality dining and nightlife experience. The beautiful, upscale Mizner Park center is a perfect place for Ouzo Bay's first location outside Maryland. It's a great opportunity for them to serve high-quality seafood and ingredients in an authentic Mediterranean estiatorio to the South Florida market, which is so known for fresh fare.

To create an authentic experience from atmosphere to cuisine, Ouzo Bay's interior is a modern reflection of Greek influences, featuring blue accent lighting to facilitate an upscale yet relaxed dining destination.

When you sit down for a meal or a drink at Ouzo Bay, you feel like you've been transported to the serenity of the Mediterranean. The sights, smells and tastes infuse the full experience. In order to provide a completely authentic experience, Ouzo Bay is a genuine, upscale format that lends itself to a memorable night out with friends, family or coworkers.

Inside, the full bar opens to an expansive 225-seat dining room that leads to a wood-ceiling rotunda and exhibition kitchen, private dining areas and a private cigar lounge and billiards room that comfortably seats 30. A 100-seat wrap-around covered patio features an indoor-outdoor bar, waterfall installations and alfresco seating options.

Executive Chef **Andrew Donovan** is responsible for Ouzo Bay's award-winning unique menu offerings. Known for his Mediterranean cooking style, Chef Andrew has introduced South Florida diners to the Blue Zone diet found in Greece, which is heralded for its health benefits and life-extending properties. The Blue Zone refers to a handful of locations across the globe whose general health markers are above average. They use fresh fish flown in daily to create signature dishes, along with fine-quality cuts of grass fed lamb, prime beef and organic chicken prepared with a focus on Mediterranean flavors and a strong Greek influence. Although the portions are generous, the dishes are light and satisfying, complemented by Ouzo Bay's posh full service bar, serving hand-crafted cocktails, small batch whiskeys and a wine list featuring Greek wines.

Their menu selections are so extensive and amazing, that a look on their website at the menu is definitely warranted. Highlights include Dover Sole flown in fresh daily from Holland; Bronzino flown in from Patras, Greece; Grilled Octopus tossed with sweet onions and red peppers in a red wine caper vinaigrette; and 5-Pound Australian Lobster Tail served with grilled vegetables and roasted lemon potatoes. Traditional desserts make the perfect ending to any outing.

Last week, the **Around Town Newspaper's Rick and Ellen Schweitzer** were invited to a 12 people media dinner at Ouzo Bay put together by **The Gab Group**, and when The Gab Group is involved, it's always a fun and impressive event. With the Company's Founder **Michelle Soudry** at the helm in an enclosed glass private room, the media gathering included an array of appetizers and desserts with an entrée of one's choice in between. The attendees marveled at the restaurant's large size, beauty and Mediteranean look. So stunning and welcoming.

While enjoying cocktails and wine, the group nibbled on generous portions of Flaming Saganaki (a melt in your mouth cheese with brandy), Spanakopita (Spinach Pie), Lamb Meatballs, Grilled Calamari, Dolmades (Grape Leaves) and the most tender Grilled Octopus ever. These generous and scrumptious samplings were more than enough to exemplify how great the food is at Ouzo Bay, but to insure they had the full experience of this delicious Blue Zone Diet cuisine, dinner was also included. They each ordered an entrée off the menu, which was savored by all. Rick got the Hokkaido Sea Scallops with Rainbow Cauliflower Gremolata, Saffron Braised Leeks and Ouzo Cauliflower Crema, which he loved. Not a speck of food left on the plate. Ellen had the Maryland Crab Cakes, Jumbo Lump Crab, Mustard Aioli and Spinach Rice, which was better than any Crab Cake she had in the best restaurants in Maryland. And that rice? It was to die for. Others enjoyed freshly

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Ouzo Bay

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flown in fish, specialty land items (i.e. Lamb) and the Australian Lobster Tail was even at the table. People tasted each others' meals and all were impressed with how flavorful everything was. The evening was wound down with uniquely made delicious Baklava **and** Loukamades. In addition to all the great food and drinks, the service was impeccable. The staff outdid themselves in every way. They did not skimp on one single thing.

We want to thank The Gab Group's Senior PR Executive **Kristen Skladd** for inviting the Around Town Newspaper to this wondrous event, and also thank General Manager **Brian Bagley** and Chef Andrew Donovan, who made the experience exceptional. An extra special thank you and praise to The Gab Group Founder Michelle Soudry for making sure everyone had an outstanding evening.

Ouzo Bay has captured the attention of South Florida diners by consistently delivering high-quality dining and nightlife experiences in their swanky interiors, offering health-forward dishes simply by nature of their adherence to Blue Zone ingredients. From happy hour and power lunches to bridal showers and holiday gatherings, Ouzo Bay provides an atmosphere and hospitality that fosters a memorable experience.

Celebrate the real deal in Greek cuisine without booking a flight. As mentioned earlier, Ouzo Bay brings the Mediterranean to you with daily wild catches from around the world, grass fed lamb, and prime dry aged meats. The Bronzino arrives from Patras, the herbs were harvested yesterday and the kalitsounia recipe is from Crete. Say Opa! In their world class bar and lounge, handcrafted cocktails, small batch whiskeys and one of the most extensive Ouzo selections on the East Coast will have you writing postcards back home to your loved ones. A Special Sunset Dinner menu everyday from 4pm to 7pm includes a complimentary appetizer and dessert with every entrée AND a FREE bottle of wine with the purchase of two entrees. What an amazing deal! In addition, there is $3 Ouzo, $4 house wines, $5 draft and bottle beers and $6 cocktails. Enjoy the talented live music at night from Thursday through Saturday.

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Bar Area

Lamb Chops

Spanakopita (Spinach Pie)

Grilled Octopus

What do the Boston Red Sox and the Miami Marlins Have in Common?

The answer to that question is one number, and that is 100. The Red Sox are on track to win 100 games and the Marlins are on track to lose over 100 games. What does this all mean? It means the Red Sox can go with 5 solid starting pitchers, whereas the Marlins can only go with one dependable pitcher. The Red Sox have Pitcher Chris Sale, a possible Cy Young winner in the American League. The Marlins don't have any pitcher who will win 15 games or more.

How about in the hitting category? The Red Sox have J.D. Martinez, who leads the League with 38 home runs and 104 rbi's, with 40 more games to play. Mookie Betts has 100 runs and will probably be the American League Most Valuable Player. On the Marlins' side, the entire team is lucky if anybody hits more than 25 home runs. Who do the Marlins have in any category pitching or hitting? "NO ONE"

Co-Owner Derek Jeter decimated this team and now you see a last place finish. Marlins' fans deserve better than last place. Their farm team has been weakened and needs to be built up. Owners who buy franchises with little money, should be able to keep the good players and not trade them to unload salaries. The three best franchises in baseball that are not afraid to spend money are the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, and LA Dodgers. Every year these three teams make the playoffs. There is an old saying; "The rich get richer and the poor get poorer". This applies to Baseball, as well.

This year there were three teams that had the division wrapped up by the All Star break: the Red Sox, the Houston Astros and the Cleveland Indians, as there were more bad teams this year who were out of contention early on.

As of the beginning of this week, the Marlins are in last place with a record of 50 wins and 77 losses. "Best of luck Marlins in rebuilding this team for the 2019 season."

MIAMI DOLPHINS PRE-SEASON HAS BEGUN

Of course the Dolphins lost their first two pre-season games to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Carolina Panthers. In the pre-season games, most of the better teams keep out the majority of their starting players so they won't get injured. Although, I don't think that the Dolphins have put together a good offensive plan yet. It takes three or four games for the coaches to figure out who will stay and who will go.

As far as defense goes, the Dolphins have a good defensive team. Regarding the offense, Quarterback Ryan Tannehill has to get more reps to know the players moves. Hopefully Running Back Frank Gore will be a good addition to the team. Danny Amendola will win the job as a slot receiver and it looks like Minka Fitzpatrick will get the job as slot cornerback. Their 4th round pick, Kalen Ballage, is out with a concussion. Other than a few minor injuries (so far), the Dolphins should be full tilt for opening day at home on September 9th against the Tennessee Titans. My prediction is that the Dolphins will go 9-7 for the season and possibly make it as a Wild Card team. "Good Luck This Season."

SPORTS TRIVIA

A. What College Football Team did Joe Namath play for?
1. University of Georgia 2. University of Alabama 3. University of Tennessee 4. University of Mississippi 5. University of Kentucky

B. What was the last team NFL Coach Vince Lombardi coached?
1. Green Bay Packers 2. Minnessota Vikings 3. Washington Redskins 4.Cleveland Browns 5. New York Giants

Chris Sale

Mookie Betts

Frank Gore

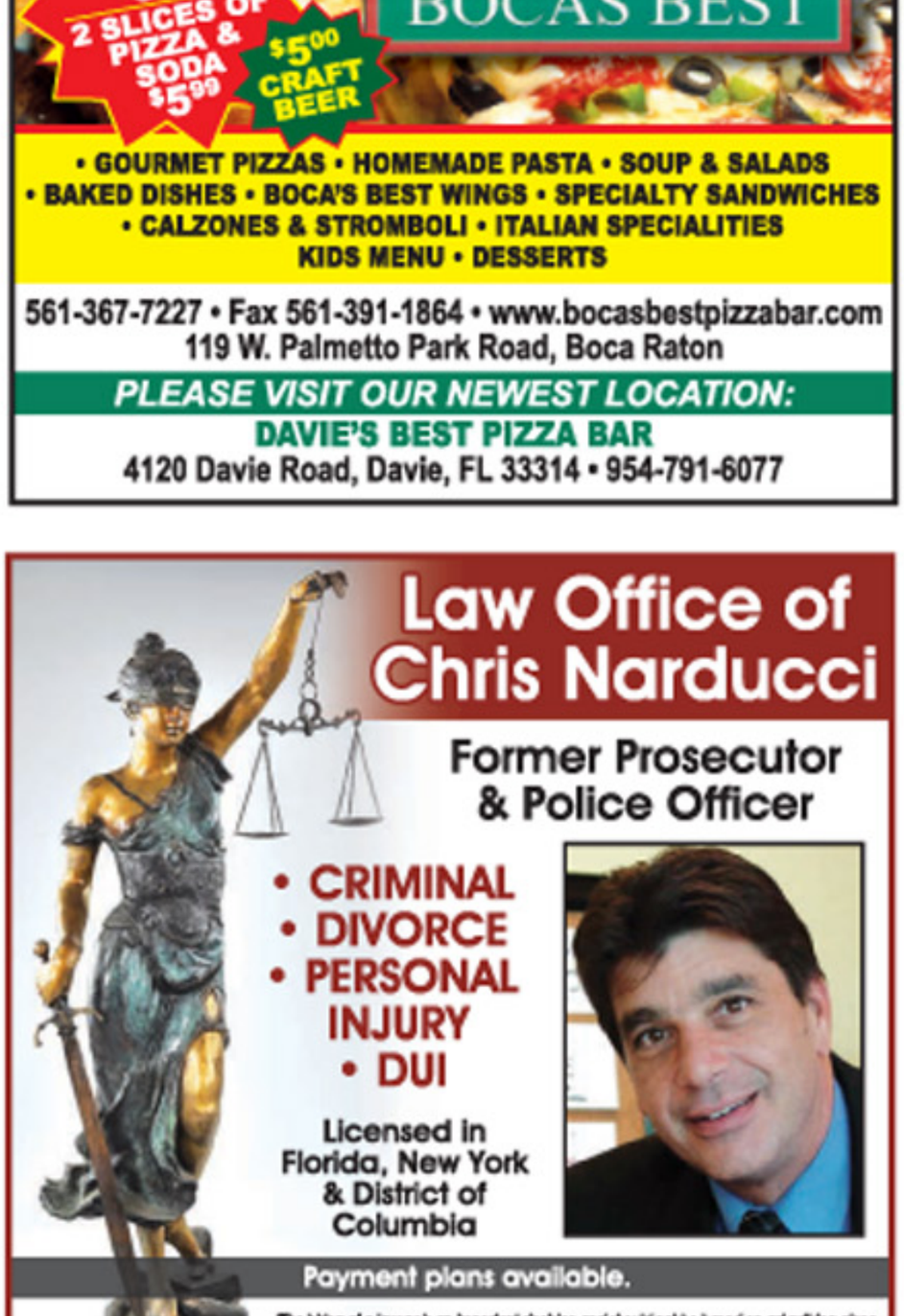
Kalen Ballage

ANSWERS

A. #2 Joe Namath played for the University of Alabama under Coach Bear Bryant
B. #3 Vince Lombardi coached last for the Washington Redskins in 1969

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

"Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion."
- Michael Jordan



Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" - you have to "see this to believe it"

John David Washington, Adam Driver, Topher Grace, Harry Belafonte
Rated R for Language 135 Min Focus-Features

Spike Lee's latest film, "BlacKkKlansman" is powerful, emotional, and definitely hard to watch in a single sitting where all of the disturbing ideology is thrown at you repeatedly like a punch to the belly. The film is supposed to be based on the true story of the first black cop in Colorado Springs, Ron Stallworth.

Stallworth, (played brilliantly by John David Washington) calls the KKK's contact number and joins "the organization", but when it's time to meet the Grand Wizard he sends his white Jewish colleague, Flip (Adam Driver) to play "the wasp".

"BlacKkKlansman"

That alone shows that this film is representing the KKK as dogmatic and dim-witted since they don't realize a "black/jew cop" is quickly becoming a valued member. HOLY SHEET!

The secondary story is Stallworth falling for the leader of the Black Student Union who forcefully helps him understand the reality of their situation. On one hand, he tries to mend the hatred toward cops, while on the other he tries to show that he has just as much skin in the game. His relationship with her seeps into his motivation for his job. This is a source of conflict for Flip, who is the one physically with these deplorable people "on the front lines."

Spike Lee stated in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter: "Why this works is because it's a film that deals with the early 70s. However, it's still contemporary at the same time, so it's relevant. It's not a relic of the past. It's happening today, it's happening NOW!

I could not agree more. Many days I fear for the future because of the revitalized hatred that echoes a time in history I hoped to never witness. There are events over the last couple of years that make me feel like we could be returning to that time period. Let's hope not!

Though the film is more geared toward the primary hatred of Blacks, it does not shy away from the hatred of Jews and all "non-Aryan" people.

I believe everyone should see this monumental film, but know that the rhetoric is hard to hear, especially because of how constant it is."

What truly makes this film great is the performances by John David Washington and Adam Driver. I think it is clear they were genuinely motivated to do right by this story and our society. Their performances were incredible as they easily segued from making us laugh at the preposterous nature of the plot to silencing us in suspense as we watched to see what happened next.

As Spike Lee says: "It is not a KKK buddy cop film, but to see the chemistry between those two together (Adam Driver and John David Washington) is absolutely amazing!"

What makes this film "easier to watch" is that it does what I have always believed is the easiest way to learn the truth. Telling a serious story, by adding the use of comedy.

Imagine this! A Black man infiltrates the KKK and becomes the chapter leader with the help of his Jewish friend? -YOU SAY WHAT?-Folks, you really have to "see this to believe it."

This is a very powerful film. Probably the most powerful film you will see this year!

The last five minutes are more powerful than the rest of the film put together! When we take the story from the 70s and then move it as the story of today, we get a wake-up call that cannot, and should not, be ignored.

We are witness to clips of the riots and marches in Virginia 2017, clips of the real David Duke, and other riots.

All of these images and videos are leading to the final image of the film, which is the American Flag upside down with the stars at the bottom. If the flag is upside down it is a signal for distress in dangerous times.

Spike Lee is clearly saying that our country is in distress and these are dire times where if we do not do something soon, the dangerous onset of hate will only spread.

It was that image that sent the entire preview audience in the packed theatre into a pin-drop silence. When it disappeared, the applause began!

"BlacKkKlansman" is the not to be missed film of the summer! ★★★ and 1/2 ★ out of ★★★★

"Papillon" - 1973 remake. Why?

Charlie Hunnam, Rami Malek, Eve Hewson Rated R for Violence, Language 117 Min
Bleeker Street Films

I wish producers would stop trying to remake great classic motion pictures. They just don't work. The problem with writers today, there is no originality!

The original film, "Papillon" 1973, is still one of my favorite films. Steve McQueen was fantastic in the lead role, of Henri Charriere. Dustin Hoffman was at his finest as Louie Dega. This 1973 film, is very memorable, with unforgettable performances, shocking action scenes and psychological thrills and twists. I cannot say enough good things about this classic film.

Fast forward, it's 2018. Now comes the "Papillon" remake. Why?

The autobiography of Henri Charriere, one of the very few people to successfully escape from the notorious French penal colony of Devil's Island, served as the basis for "Papillon." Both films tell the true story of two men who forged a lasting friendship out of one of the least friendly of situations imaginable; serving time in one of the world's most notorious prisons.

"Papillon"

The new film is directed by Danish filmmaker Michael Noer who works from a script that claims to be a more faithful interpretation of Charrière's memoirs and book of his ordeal than was the '73 original.

Oh, yea? Well, I disagree with that claim.

The lead performer, Charlie Hunnam, as Henri, (he really resembles the late McQueen) is up against a tough task as McQueen's Charriére/ Papillon is widely considered one of the actor's very best. Hunnam never rises above the material he is given, and as a result, his Papillon is but a fragile shell of the legendary Steve McQueen.

The Dustin Hoffman, counterpart Degas, is played by Rami Malek.

We learn very little of Degas' backstory which is a bit disappointing as his character, as originally written, is the most interesting of the two; a refined millionaire without the social or physical tools to survive prison life.

It is difficult to avoid the distinct impression that Malek went back and watched Hoffman's performance and is channeling his counterpart's neurotic mannerisms and gravely voice. It did not work at all for me.

Without a unique take or totally different vision, it baffles me, why anyone felt this classic prison tale needed a revisit. We are told because it more accurately follows Charriére's story. If that is true, then the original itself wasn't that far off.

This film's tagline tells us that this is the greatest escape adventure ever told. While that may indeed be true, the movie that tells the story certainly never achieves the same heights. ★★ out of ★★★★

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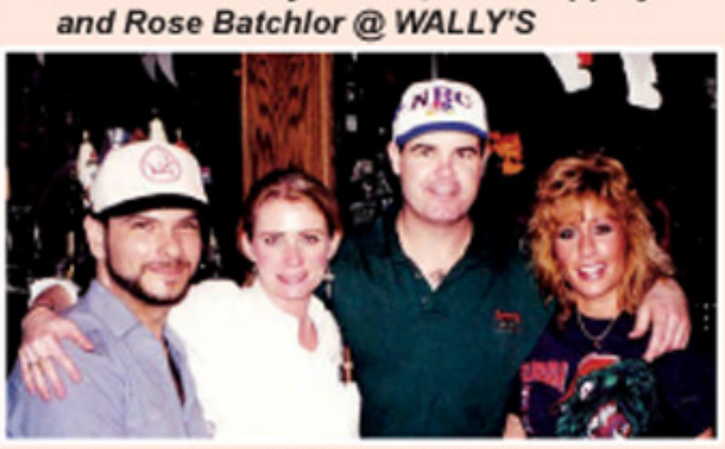

G.M. John, Angel, Manager Bobby and Fran @ BW-3 BAR & GRILL

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was American author, journalist and psychoanalysis researcher Judith Viorst who made the following sage observation: "Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford -- but you'll take him anyway."

* In the TV show "Charlie's Angels," it was a requirement that each of the stars had eight different outfits for each episode.

* The country of South Africa has a grand total of 11 official languages.

Joy, Denise and Eddie having fun @ BUSTER'S DOUGHBOYS & CLAM CAKES

Steve (Happy Birthday) and Sherri Brown celebrating @ RIP'S SPORTS BAR/DIAMOND STRIKE LANES

Dean Middlebrooks singing to his love, Joan Dinna, during Friday Night Karaoke @ AMERICAN LEGION POST 222 OAKLAND PARK

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Evelyn and Angela with great dining and partying @ COCO PAZZO

Kaye Francis and Bartender Al Wolf @ BOBBY RUBINO'S

Entertainers Jon Rose and Cecilia Roy @ 33RD STREET WINE BAR

Jill Margolius, Arik Ederi and Mel Margolius (Happy Birthday) celebrating @ SPANX THE HOG

Nancy and Eric Gilbert with Mom (Happy Birthday) and Dad Celebrating @ AMBRY RESTAURANT

Mary Frances and Mary Ann enjoying the music @ OUR PLACE

Dean Middlebrooks, Gila Craig, Joan Dina, Ellen and Rick Schweitzer and Nick and Ruth Gaggiano hanging out @ BARRETT'S SPORTS BAR

Friends Lori Ann Zecca and John Zecca (not related) @ FISHTALES

Owners Vito and Frank with Chef Luca (middle) @ OCEAN MANOR'S CASA CALABRIA

Nick Gaggiano, the Incredible Johnny L and Courtney Shaw @ GEORGIE'S ALIBI

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Miki Roberts having a great time with Karaoke Host Lou Laino and his lovely wife Cindy @ LYON'S DEN

Excellent Ocean Dining Views @ SEASIDE GRILL RESTAURANT AND TIKI

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Bartenders Taylor Fairbanks and Billy C. @ BREW FISH BAR & GRILL

Happy Birthday to a great Bartender, Marlene Damore, celebrating @ MURPHY'S TAVERN

Vinnie and Alexis Promuto with Pru Lewis @ CORAL RIDGE YACHT CLUB

John Offerdahl's Gridiron Grill-Off Dishes Out Details On This Year's Festivities – Including Many New Additions

South Florida's Most Highly Anticipated Grilling Competition Evolving into Premier Food, Wine & Music Festival with New Concert Series, Pit Masters Event and Tailgate Experience

The team behind John Offerdahl's Gridiron Grill-Off Food, Wine and Music Festival today revealed exciting details surrounding the can't-miss grilling competition, which will this year become a full-fledged, weekend-long food, wine and music event. Making its return to the Pompano Beach Amphitheater beginning Friday, November 9, the festival will include three nights of live concerts, a new BBQ Pit Masters competition, and the ultimate tailgate experience during the Dolphins vs. Packers game on Sunday, November 11.

"The Gridiron Grill-Off has experienced tremendous success over the years, continuing to surpass our expectations," said John Offerdahl, the founder of the event and a former Miami Dolphins All-Pro Linebacker. "This year, we have really turned up the heat, adding new entertainment leading up to the grand event and other fun surprises. This will no doubt be our biggest and best event yet."

Each year since 2010, the Gridiron Grill-Off has paired celebrity chefs from South Florida's finest restaurants with NFL legends to create signature grilled dishes. During the November 2018 event, attendees will enjoy the grilling competition, complemented by several additions including new sponsors, live entertainment, a cornhole tournament, a refreshed silent auction and more.

The Gridiron Grill-Off Concert Series powered by the Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB's Underground Music in Partnership with AEG Presents kicks off Friday, November 9 with a live performance by Vince Gill, the first of three concerts surrounding the grand event. Gill will be followed by Sister Hazel and Barenaked Ladies, who will perform on Saturday, November 10. Wrapping up the grilling weekend, Daughtry will perform Sunday evening, November 11.

In addition to the new concert series, this year's event will debut an all-new, kid-friendly Pit Masters competition starting at 12

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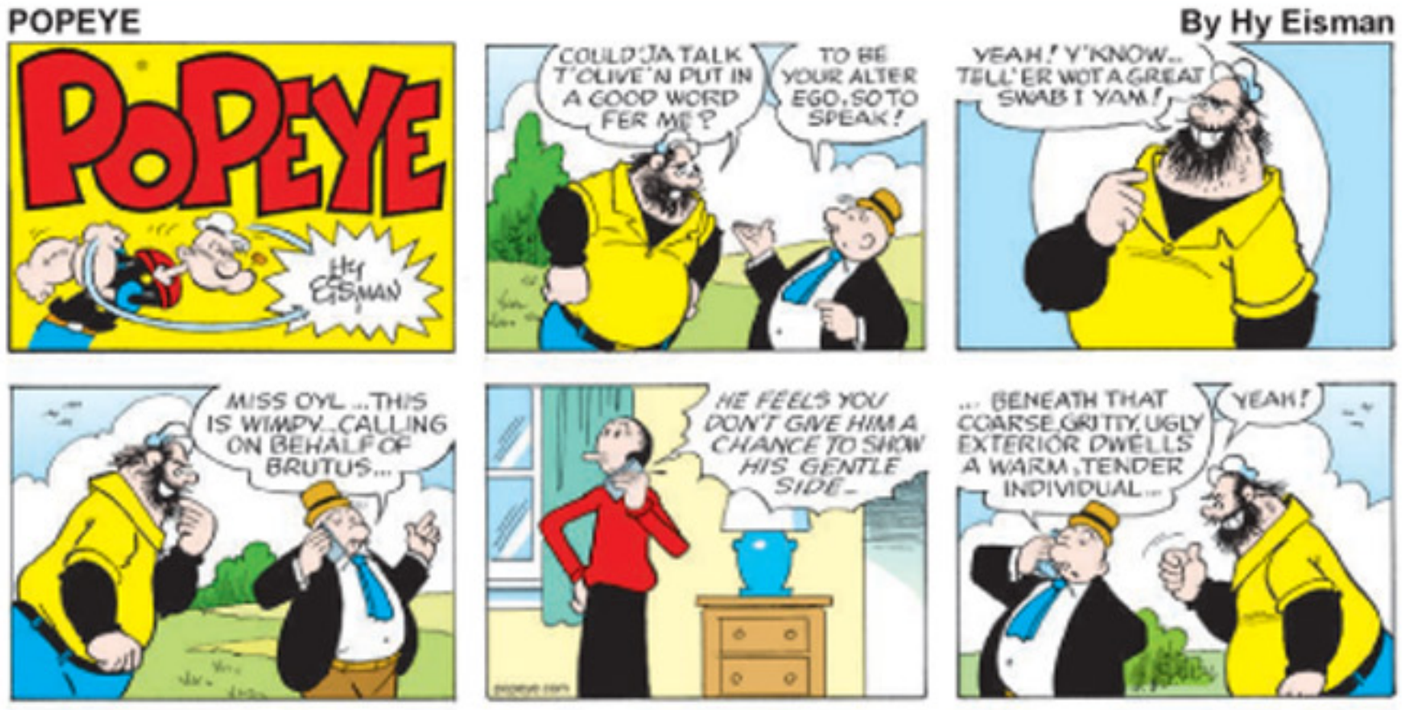
POPEYE

By Hy Eisman



AMBER WAVES

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THE SPATS

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OUT ON A LIMB

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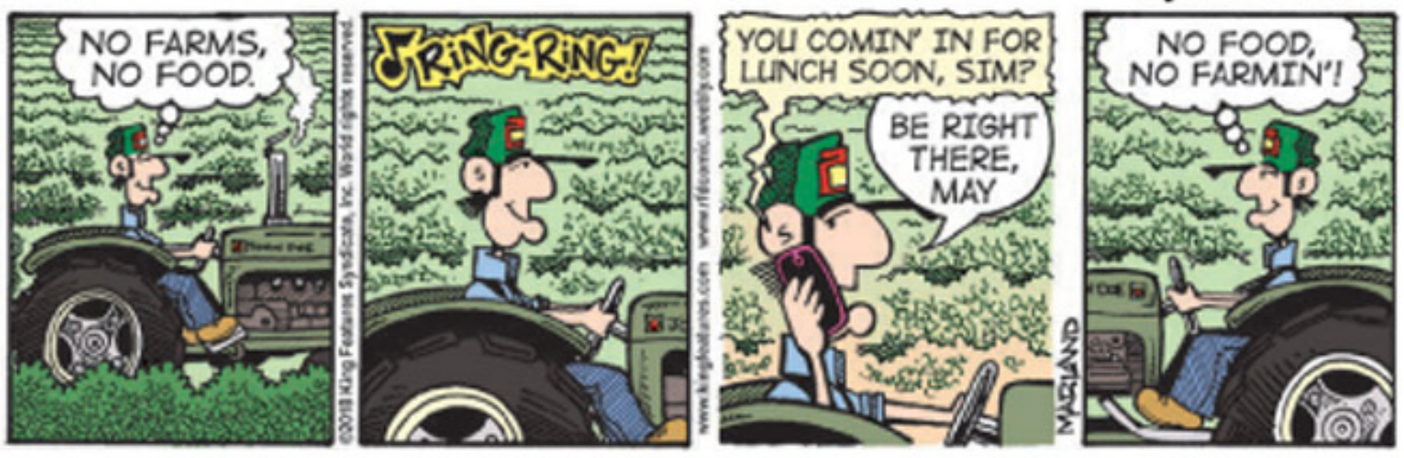


JUST LIKE CATS & DOGS

By Dave T. Phipps

LAFF-A-DAY

"Mr. Merrill isn't seeing anyone this morning. He broke his glasses."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner

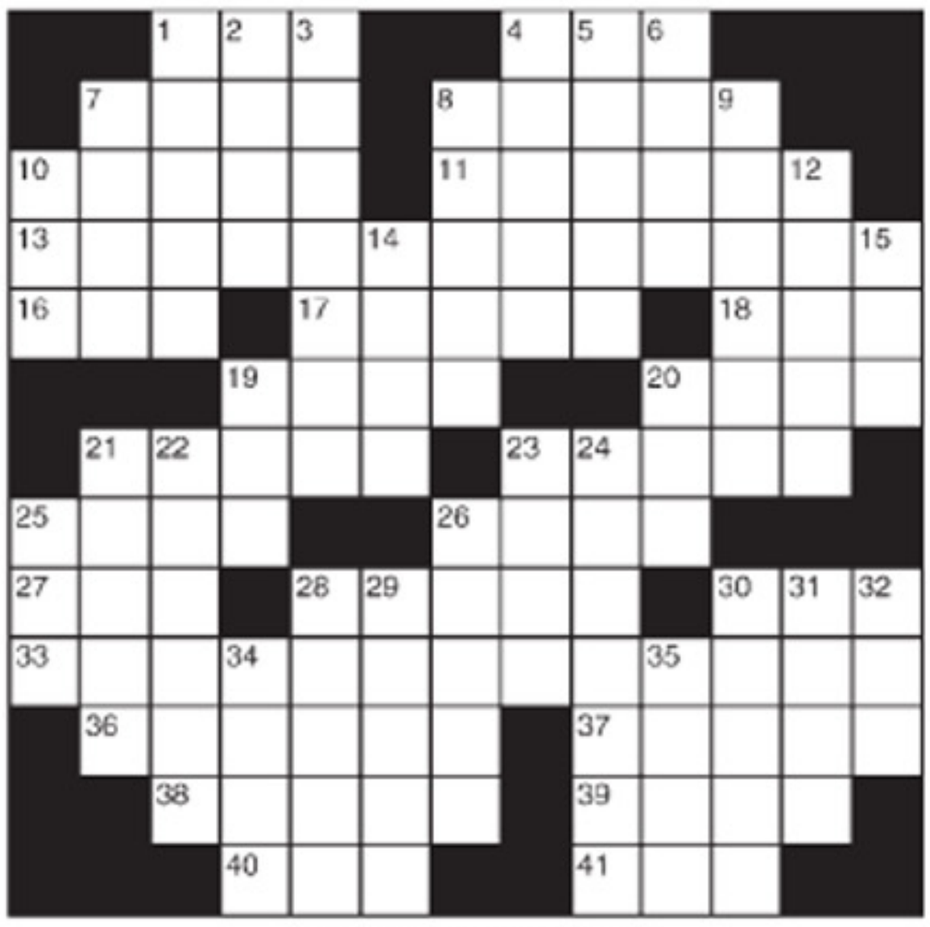
King Crossword

ACROSS

1 — -relief
4 "Conan" network
7 Easter flower
8 Baby's ailment
10 Traffic cone
11 Moon mission name
13 Shakespeare's best-known query
16 "I'll take that as —"
17 Carolers' tunes
18 Vast expanse
19 Coloring agents
20 For fear that
21 Corporations
23 Paperhanger's need
25 Scrawny
26 Dull sound of impact
27 Performance
28 Show smug satisfaction
30 Pi follower
33 TLC makeover series
36 Abrade
37 Film
38 Shocking weapon
39 State
40 High deg.
41 Aviv lead-in

DOWN

1 "The Hobbit" hero
2 Lotion additive
3 Thesaurus entry
4 "Fiddler on the Roof" star
5 Rorschach pictures
6 Riverbed deposit
7 Rhone city
8 Christmas candy
9 Storage area
10 Bake sale org.
12 Not just plump
14 Shad delicacies
15 Chow down
19 Parched
20 "Acid"
21 Botanist for whom a reddish-purple flower is named
22 Unbroken
23 Excellent, in hip-hop parlance
24 Self-service diner
25 Pussy foot?
26 Carrier
28 Grind the teeth
29 Ran easily
30 Make merry
31 Barber's concern
32 Raw rock
34 Snare
35 Worked on a loom



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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* **On Aug. 24, 1814,** during the War of 1812, British forces overwhelm American militiamen and march unopposed into Washington, D.C. Most congressmen and officials had already fled. The British officers dined that night at the deserted White House as the British troops began setting the city aflame.

* **On Aug. 25, 1835,** the first in a series of six articles announcing the discovery of life on the moon appears in the New York Sun newspaper. "The Great Moon Hoax" described evidence of life forms including unicorns and winged humanoids resembling bats.

* **On Aug. 26, 1959,** the British Motor Corporation launches its newest car, the small, affordable $800 Mark I Mini. The diminutive Mini went on to become one of the best-selling British cars in history.

* **On Sept. 3, 1783,** the American Revolution officially comes to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing established the boundaries of America from Florida to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River.

* **On Sept. 4, 1957,** the Ford Motor Company unveils the Edsel. The car had a distinctive look, but not in a good way to many people. The big impact ring in the middle of its front grille looked (one reporter said) like "a Pontiac pushing a toilet seat."

* **On Sept. 5, 1972,** Arab terrorists known as Black September take Israeli athletes hostage at the Olympic village in Munich, Germany. Twenty hours later following a German ambush, 11 Israeli athletes, 5 Palestinian terrorists and a police official lay dead.

* **On Sept. 6, 1995,** Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. plays in his 2,131st consecutive game. Ripken went on to play 2,632 games in a row before voluntarily removing himself from a game on Sept. 19, 1998.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

RICK SPRINGFIELD with LOVERBOY
Pompano Beach Ampitheatre - Aug 28

JAY-Z, BEYONCE
Hard Rock Stadium - Aug 31

AUGUST 25
PRINCE TRIBUTE SHOW "PURPLE REIGN"
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $25-$45. Ticketmaster.

AUGUST 28
RICK SPRINGFIELD WITH LOVERBOY
7 pm, Pompano Beach Amphitheatre, Pompano Beach. $39.50-$149.50. www.theamppompano.org, 954-519-5500, or Ticketmaster.

AUGUST 31
AMY SCHUMER AND FRIENDS
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $72-$182. Ticketmaster.

AUGUST 31
JAY-Z, BEYONCE
7:30 pm, Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens. $74-$1,000. www.hardrockstadium.com 305-943-8000 or Ticketmaster.

SEPTEMBER 1
JO KOY
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $35-$75. Ticketmaster.

SEPTEMBER 7
K.D. LANG
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PAUL SIMON
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OCTOBER 4
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8 pm, BB&T Center, Sunrise. $167+. www.thebbtcenter.com, 954-835-7000 or Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 6
THE OFF COLOR COMEDY TOUR WITH KEENEN WAYANS, SHAWN WAYANS, TOMMY DAVIDSON, DAVID ALAN GRIER
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $50-$90. Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 12
MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER
7:30pm Broward Amaturo, Fort Lauderdale. $49-$69. www.browardcenter.org, 954-462-0222, or Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 13
JIM JEFFERIES
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $35-$75. Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 17
MAXWELL
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $51-$106. Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 19
BRETT ELDREDGE
7:30 p.m. Mizner Park Amphitheatre, Boca Raton. $50-$400. www.livenation.com or Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 28
TOTO
8pm, Pompano Beach Amphitheatre, Pompano Beach. $39.50-$79.50. www.theamppompano.org or 954-519-5500.

OCTOBER 28
ALICE IN CHAINS
7 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $50-$90. Ticketmaster.

OCTOBER 30
MARILYN MANSON
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $35-$90. Ticketmaster.

NOVEMBER 3
TRACY MORGAN
8 pm, Hard Rock Event Center, Hollywood. $50-$70. Ticketmaster.

NOVEMBER 4
TWENTY ONE PILOTS
7 pm, BB&T Center, Sunrise. $69-$458. www.thebbtcenter.com, 954-835-7000 or Ticketmaster.

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Star-crossed... and Uncrossed Lovers

by Mindy Leaf

THEATRE with JESSE J. LEAF
Around Town Theatre Critic

There's an old Yiddish adage that goes: Man plans and God laughs. We like to think we are in charge of our destinies. But even the most organized among us will admit that life-changing decisions are often left hanging in the balance by just one thread.

British playwright Nick Payne embraces that thread -- exponentially expanded through cosmic "string theory" -- in his markedly original play **CONSTELLATIONS.** It premiered at the Royal Court Theatre, quickly moved to West End, and won the Evening Standard Award for Best Play of 2012 whose playwright, then just 29, gained added fame for being their youngest winner ever. After successful runs in Europe and critical acclaim following Manhattan Theatre Club's 2015 Broadway debut, I'm happy to report Constellations is being mounted locally by the young and talented New City Players company at The Vanguard in Fort Lauderdale.

Jessica Schulte and Jordon Armstrong discover love, loss, and a universe of do-overs in New City Players' alternately touching and gut-wrenching production of CONSTELLATIONS by Nick Payne. Now playing at The Vanguard in Fort Lauderdale.

First we get to enjoy NCP's producing artistic director Timothy Mark Davis's short introduction into nothing less than the wonders of space, time, and the universe. We learn it's possible, through string theory, to unite the two great contradictory premises -- Einstein's theory of relativity and quantum mechanics -- into a "both are true" whole. And for the next 65 minutes of the play's run, we are asked to accept that parallel universes or infinite "multiverses" exist. (It's a great plotline I remember first encountering in early Superman comics, followed by many a sci-fi and fantasy adventure.) In Payne's vision, we are thrust into the quick-as-a-wink shifting life journey of two unique yet archetypal young people who meet, engage, disengage, only to meet again in multiverse encounters of the ordinary kind.

This may sound a bit convoluted (even otherworldly) but take my word for it, other than the play's name, the issues it presents couldn't be more grounded in the here and now. True, this is a performance like no other, with frequent reboots reminiscent, if anything, of fast-paced improv comedy where the latest phrase sets off a new scene. But the two sensitive young adults who inhabit each new "universe" in Constellations are inherently the same people. It's only through the change of a few words, actions or circumstances that the pattern of their relationship is impacted in one way or another ... or allowed to begin at all.

Marianne (Jessica Schulte) and Roland (Jordon Armstrong) first meet at a friend's barbecue where Marianne's idea of small talk is to challenge Roland to lick his elbow (it physically can't be done). This establishes her credentials as a charmingly unconventional scientist (in fact, she's a dedicated cosmologist) and Roland's reactions cast him as an earnest, regular guy who happens to earn his living in an extraordinary way (he's a rooftop beekeeper who harvests and bottles honey for sale at farmers markets).

Haven't we all, at times, noticed someone at a party, on the train, and wondered "What if"? What if we'd said hello, gotten together, spent the night, made a life? And if we do exchange numbers, what if we'd called sooner and actually gone on a few dates? Then what if we hadn't had that extracurricular office romance that ruined everything? What if he/she hadn't gotten sick? What if -- while being the same people -- we could have lived in a kinder, gentler universe? ... What if the outcome of a national election hadn't been flummoxed by "hanging chads" and Al Gore had actually become president in 2000?

The "What if?" quandary is also amply introduced by director Mary Elizabeth Gundlach in her program note. After exploring the concept, both personally and scientifically, Gundlach invites us to join the two persons onstage who are thrown into a storm of choices. To allow ourselves "to be vulnerable to the plot." Ending with: "Open yourself up to the possibility, the devastation and the hope, and you might just discover yourself."

In Constellations, the playwright parses many a typical arc in a relationship, highlighting how each side's actions affect the other and the couple as a whole. As an audience, we can't help rooting for this very real and vulnerable pair when the inevitable slings and arrows of life cause them to alternately turn to or against one another. In the final scene, where chance brings them to a ballroom dance studio after years apart, they agree to meet for drinks after class. And we are left hoping this latest encounter portends a universe of bright new beginnings; that their ongoing dance around each other will fugue into harmonic joy.

The director's choice to remain true to Payne's script by retaining all the Britishisms --including having her stars speak with British accents (which Americans Jessica Schulte and Jordon Armstrong did perfectly) -- was a wise one. While producer Tim Davis's decision to present this play "in the round" -- all the action takes place on an under-lit, starry-night sphere, as if the actors were indeed spinning in space -- was brilliant as well. Immersed in their private world with just some planetary-like globes of light shining from above, we all focus on their journey. In his capacity as sound designer, Tim Davis provided the perfect pitch of musical accompaniment to the scenes -- from romantic violins to more jarring notes of discord -- and no one could miss a shifting universe when it was punctuated by a resounding whoosh!

New City Players never cease to amaze me with their multifaceted creative abilities. It's a company where actors (like Davis) can also be sound designers and scenic designers (Ryan Maloney). And lighting designers (Joel De Sousa) can also be sound engineers. House manager Megan Degraaf became a stage manager for this play. The Vanguard's scenic designer Alyiece Moretto Watkins served as technical director, and star Jordon Armstrong is also listed as one of the carpenters. You might recognize Armstrong from my April review of his starring role as Rolfe (where this dialect coach also nailed a German accent) and Armstrong's costar Jessica Schulte arrived fresh from directing New City's most recent production of 'Art'. Way to go team players!

Constellations, which received rave reviews on Broadway, is now playing to rave reviews in Fort Lauderdale through August 26. You won't want to miss the opportunity to attend this show in the only universe you know. See it at The Vanguard, 1501 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33316. Tickets at newcityplayers.org. Or call the box office at 954-650-5938.

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Entertainers Rick G., Valerie Tucci and Bart Chuley with Cheryl Amenn @ BOBBY RUBINO'S

Gridiron Grill-Off

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p.m. on Saturday before the Grill-Off, which takes place at 1 p.m. Showcasing more than 40 pit masters competing to win the grand champion trophy and over $10,000 in cash prizes, the interactive competition will offer attendees the chance to sample a variety of recipes fresh off the grill and vote for their favorites.

Also, on Sunday, November 11, fans can cheer for their favorite team during the Dolphins vs. Packers game with DRAFT (Dynamic Restaurant Aboard Fire Truck). A 1986 fire truck turned into a kitchen on wheels, DRAFT provides the ultimate tailgate experience with a custom keg system including 12 taps, two southern pride smokers, six Samsung 55" LED large format displays and two Sony home theater systems.

A full roster of teams for the grill-off portion of the festival will be announced in the coming weeks. Participating restaurants this year include Beach House Pompano, Oceans 234, Naked Taco and Pelican Landing, among many others. In another new twist, 100 percent of this year's proceeds will benefit Offerdahl's Hands-Off Foundation and the Home Team Advantage Initiative, who will donate the funds to Broward College for grants and merit-based scholarships.

Tickets are now on sale at the event's all-new website, www.gridirongrilloff.com. General admission for the Gridiron Grill-Off are $85 per person, including all food and beverages at the Saturday event. Tickets to the BBQ Pit Masters event are $10 for adults and free for kids 4 and under, which includes (10) 1oz. samples of BBQ for voting (All other food and drinks are available for purchase and does not include access to the Grill-Off). VIP tickets, which include a gift bag and access to a private tent on-site with seating, shade, food and beverages, are $125 per person

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"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things."
~ Theodore Roosevelt

Calling All Angels

To help our friend Betty Davis!

God knows Betty has supported all of us in the Hospitality Industry for the past 40 years! She's also had her own 40 year career. From Stan's Lounge, September's, Texan Steakhouse to B. Morley Real Estate.

She has always been the first in line to offer help to someone in need. Now, in her time of need we have an opportunity to show some love and be of service to this very special lady!

Betty has been struggling with cancer and could use a little help. Let's give her a whole bunch of help, all the help we can!

Sunday, October 21, 2018
2:00 - 7:00
American Legion Post 222
4250 NE 5th Ave., Oakland Park, FL

Hosted by Darrell House and Mark Alan.

50/50 drawing and prizes to raffle off.
Complimentary Buffet and Cash Bar.
Many Local Entertainers will be stopping by to perform.

Any and all donations are appreciated and proceeds will go directly to Betty. Gift certificates/cards or gift baskets. Any items large or small to raffle off will be much appreciated. All private donations for Betty will be accepted.

Three convenient locations for drop off.

Kathy McKenzie: Barrett's Sports Bar 4446 NE 20th Ave. Ft. Lauderdale
Diane G. Jones: Fountains Lounge 4709 N. Ocean Blvd. Sea Ranch Lakes
Marlene Damore: Murphy's Tavern 2925 E. Commercial Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale

Vacation & Travel

What's New in the Bahamas: New Airlift and Hot Summer Deals

It may be August, but summer is not slowing down in The Bahamas. With a recent uptick in tourism growth, airlines and hotels have taken notice, adding new services and offering hard-to-pass-up packages and deals through September 30th. There is still time to book your island getaway and enjoy all that The Bahamas has to offer.

It may surprise you to find out that **The Bahamas** is an island country consisting of more than 700 **(Yes 700!)** islands, cays, and islets in the Atlantic Ocean, encompassing 180,000 square miles of ocean space. Obviously there are too many islands to mention. However, some of the more popular ones (in alphabetical order) are the **Abaco Islands**, **Bimini**, **Eleuthera**, **Exuma**, **Grand Bahama** (where **Freeport** is), **Harbour Island**, **Long Island**, **New Providence** (where the Bahamas Capital **Nassau** is) and **Paradise Island**. Some of the more exclusive resorts are **The Atlantis** (Paradise Island), the newly opened **Baha Mar Resort** (Nassau), **Cocodimama Charming Resort** (Eleuthera), **The Cove Eleuthera, Memories Grand Bahama Beach & Casino Resort**, **Graycliff Hotel** (Nassau), **Resorts World Bimini**, and **Pink Sands Estates** (Harbour Island). However, there are many wonderful resorts, some all inclusive, at very affordable prices (see below).

The Bahamas offers us an easily accessible tropical getaway providing a benefit for travelers with the Bahamian dollar par with the U.S. dollar (no need to convert any money). Another benefit is the preclearance through U.S. customs and immigration in the Bahamas before you come home, so you do not have to tangle with it when you arrive in the states. It is very quick and efficient, so there is no need to arrive any earlier to the airport than you normally would. In addition to the various ways to get to certain Bahamian Islands by boat, Nassau and Freeport are only a 35 minute flight from Fort Lauderdale, with a modest roundtrip price of less than $250. Although Jet Blue and Silver Airways fly these routes, you can get the full Bahamian experience when flying on Bahamasair. They also fly direct to Marsh Harbor from West Palm Beach and you can fly to many of the Bahamian Islands direct from Nassau on Bahamasair.

More New Airlift - In addition to the aforementioned direct flights to Freeport, Nassau and March Harbor, Bahamasair has extended service from Miami to Bimini (15 minute flight) and Silver Airways has extended service from Fort Lauderdale to Exuma (GHB) and Eleuthera (TCB).

PROMOTIONS AND OFFERS

For a complete, up-to-date listing of deals and packages for The Bahamas, visit **www.bahamas.com/deals-packages.**

Nassau Paradise Island's Summer Hotel Deals – Nassau Paradise Island hotels, including Melia Nassau Beach, Sandyport Beach Resort, British Colonial Hilton, Comfort Suites Paradise Island and more, are incentivizing travelers to upgrade their beach vacation with a variety of new hotel offerings and value-driven packages. For more information, visit **www.nassauparadiseisland.com/travel-deals/.**

• **Melia Nassau Beach** Kids Stay Free – Offer valid for one child per paying adult, up to two children when two adults pay. Applicable for children under 12 years. Not valid on Classic Island View Room, Junior Suite room or any Suite categories.

• **Comfort Suites Paradise Island** Kids Stay, Play and Eat Free – This family-friendly retreat is offering free lunch and dinner to guests 12 and under with a paying adult. Children will have access to Atlantis' facilities including Aquaventure. Available to book through September 15, 2018.

• **British Colonial Hilton, Nassau** Free Breakfast and Dinner Package – Guests can start their morning off right with a buffet breakfast in Aqua Restaurant and finish the day with a three-course dinner. Available to book through August 31, 2018.

• **The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort, Bahamas** Stay Longer – Fourth Night Free – Guests who stay three nights at The Ocean Club can receive a complimentary fourth night with the "Stay Longer" offer. Available to book through August 31, 2018.

• **Sandals Royal Bahamian Spa Resort & Offshore Island** Summer Savings – This romantic retreat is offering 65 percent off with a minimum booking of 3 nights for couples seeking an affordable getaway. Available to book through December 26, 2018.

• **Baha Mar** Summer Spectacular – Book three nights at any Baha Mar property, including Grand Hyatt, SLS and Rosewood, and receive the fourth night free. Guests must book by August 31, 2018.

• **More Savings in Exuma** – This summer is the perfect time to experience The Exumas with savings at two of the islands hottest resorts.

• **Grand Isle Resort & Spa** Stay More Save More – Guests will receive 25 percent off when booking a vacation for seven nights; 20 percent off for a stay of five nights and fifteen percent off for a three night stay.

• **Staniel Cay Yacht Club** Private Pilots Deal – Fly into Staniel Cay airport and enjoy 20 percent off on nightly rates at Staniel Cay Yacht Club.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with the latest events and happenings in The Bahamas: **www.bahamas.com/events/.**

More Information on the Bahamas will be provided in future Around Town issues.

AROUND TOWNERS

Cherie Corridori with her husband, Entertainer Butch Corridori @ OUR PLACE

Denise Shuster and Walter Williams entertaining the crowd @ BUSTER'S DOUGHBOYS & CLAM CAKES

Entertainer Rick G., Estelle Chirtel and Sally McCune (Happy Birthday!) @ BOBBY RUBINO'S

Carlos Esquivel, Proprietor Candace, Artist Gabriela Esquivel, Manuel Esquivel and Gabriela Echeverria @ 33RD STREET WINE BAR

Blues Jam Night is always a lot of fun @ RIP'S SPORTS BAR/DIAMOND STRIKE LANES

Waitress Lisa Sovay with Bartender Taylor Fairbanks @ BREW FISH BAR & GRILL

Ray Z., Susan Walker, Dr. Zachariah, Betty Sedlak, Chip Starkey and Kathleen M. @ CORAL RIDGE YACHT CLUB

Heather Dawson and Anthony Davis loving the food @ AMBRY RESTAURANT

Jean Pleshek and Sandra Holmes @ FISHTALES

Owner Mike U (back) celebrating his birthday with daughter/bartender Nicole and Rick and Tiffany Coulthurst @ JUST 1 MORE

The Thursday night A-Team behind the bar, Kat and Lorraine @ SPANX THE HOG

Courtney Shaw and Nick Gaggiano @ OCEAN MANOR'S BAMBOO BEACH TIKI BAR

Lori Ann Zecca and Eric Hatcher enjoying the Karaoke @ LYON'S DEN

Francisco Calderon and Pat Pugliese enjoying Tuesday Night Karaoke @ MURPHY'S TAVERN

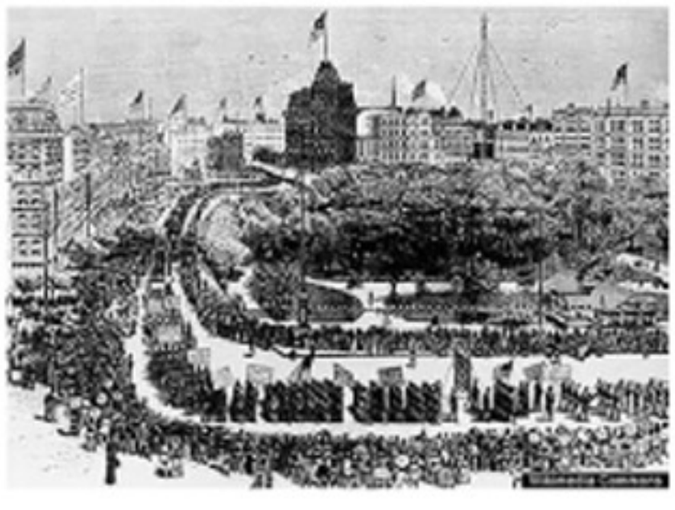
Brian Delano, Jeremy Wilcox and Amy Dicarlo loving Classic Rock with BREEZE @ SEASIDE GRILL RESTAURANT AND TIKI

Johnny and Sheila Rose with Helen Marie Baxter @ AMERICAN LEGION POST 222

10 Labor Day Facts That May Surprise You

Labor day, the celebration for anyone in the workforce, is quickly approaching. This year it falls on September 3rd, so we decided to share some interesting facts about Labor Day that you might not have known.

1. Nobody knows who actually started Labor Day.
2. Most Americans think of Labor Day as an American Holiday, but its origins is in Canada.
3. Americans worked 12-hour days seven days a week during the 19th century!
4. The reason of the observance of Labor Day was outlined in the proposal for the holiday. – "a street parade to exhibit to the public the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organization."
5. The first Labor Day celebration in the United States can be traced to New York City's Union Square on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. 10,000 workers marched from City Hall all the way to 42nd Street and then met with their families in Wendel's Elm Park for a picnic, concert, and speeches.
6. Oregon was first (in 1887), then Colorado, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey followed as the first states to declare Labor Day a state holiday.
7. The decision to make Labor Day the first Monday in September was approved on June 28, 1894. As such, Labor Day is always celebrated on the first Monday in September. Because of the extended weekend it is one of the busiest travel days in America.
8. Some of the first Labor Day Festivities included "speeches, a picnic, an abundance of cigars and Lager beer kegs mounted in every conceivable place". Why did this stop?
9. The "no white clothes after Labor Day" is actually symbolic to the uniforms that were worn.



Riverwalk Takes To the Water for its Summer Social Cruise

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will once again take to the waterways during its Summer Social Cruise on Friday, September 14th, 2018 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This 21 and over event will take place aboard the Anticipation IV from Anticipation Luxury Yacht Charters. Guests will enjoy an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dancing and great fun all while supporting Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Dress for the night is "summer social."

Enjoy a sightseeing cruise along the iconic New River and Intracoastal while marveling at the palatial homes along the various waterways that make up the Venice of America. Boarding begins at 6:00pm and will depart at 6:30pm sharp from 301 SW 3rd Avenue (in front of the Old River House restaurant).

Tickets are $40 per person and are available at Riverwalk Summer Social Cruise. Once again, the Summer Social Cruise is a 21 and over only event.

Additional information about this and other Riverwalk events can be directed to Maureen Potter at maureen@goriverwalk.com or (954) 468-1541 ext. 204..

Anticipation IV

New River view at night