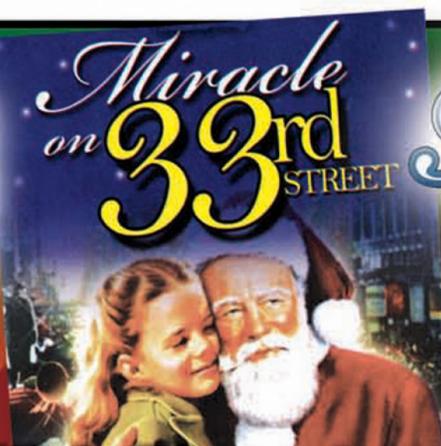




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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

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Houstonians Excited About Bahamasair's New Non Stop Service Into Houston From Nassau



Executives of Bahamasair's sales, marketing and operations team along with The Bahamas Tourist Office met with the City of Houston Airport Systems to finalize inaugural details at Houston Bush International Airport. Bahamasair's non-stop service will begin November 16, 2017. From left to right are: Earnestine Moxyz, Woodrow Wilson, Julian Collie, Dupree Smith, P.J. Sands, Jennifer Basden, Margo Rose, Laurell Burrows, Prescott Young and Caroline Schneider, Director of Airport Initiatives at IAH.

Employees of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation (MOTA), along with executives of Bahamasair and Bahamas tourism industry partners, recently spent a week in Houston conducting sales and public relations blitzes to top tour operators, travel agencies airport executives and media professionals, in that area. The team was on a mission to promote Bahamasair's new twice weekly, non-stop services into Houston's Bush International (IAH) Airport from Nassau.

The new 737-500 series service will depart IAH at 8:00 a. m. and arrive Nassau at 11:00 a. m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Its out-bound flight from Nassau's LPIA departs Nassau at 4:00 p. m. every Sunday and Wednesday, arriving into Houston by 7:10 p. m.

Led by Woodrow Wilson, Sr. Sales Manager at Bahamasair and Prescott Young, Area Manager at The Bahamas Tourist Office (BTO) Houston, The Bahamas team comprised Bahamasair's sales, marketing and operations executives, employees of the BTO Plantation and Houston offices as well as representatives from the British Colonial Hilton Resort and Majestic Tours.

In addition to promoting Bahamasair's low introductory round trip rate of \$445 per person, with first bag free, the group also used the opportunity to highlight the multiple vacation destinations that are all open for business and available in The Bahamas' 700 islands chain.

Eighty of the top-producing travel agencies in nine key markets in the greater Houston and southwest Texas areas were visited. Seminars and presentations were also conducted to top tier producers and suppliers of Unique Vacations, Vacation Express, Vacations To Go, AAA Travel, Apple Vacations, Travel Spectrum, Modern Vacations Funjet 500 Clubs, Travel Lifestyles and Sandals as well as members of the Professional Travel Agents Association of North America. The team also exhibited at the Zina Garrison Fun Day in MacGregor Park. The consumer event attracted a wide mixture of people from government officials and professional athletes to senior citizens and neighborhood children.

Millions of Houstonians were educated about The Bahamas' destination and Bahamasair's new non-stop service and introductory rate specials when the team participated in live radio broadcasts on the top two radio stations in Houston; Cumulus' KRBE 104.1 FM Roula & Ryan show and Radio One's KMJQ Majic 102.1 FM K.G. Smooth show. Response to the live broadcasts which, were also streamed on line, was immediate as listeners phoned in and shared their excitement of the news, via social media.

Both KRBE and KMJQ stations plan to conduct "Bahamas flyaway and come along" promotions to their listeners. KRBE's "Bahamas come along", which is scheduled for November 30 through December 4, 2017 at the Warwick Hotel on Paradise Island will mark the first time the station has conducted a fly away promotion to a Caribbean destination.

"Our 1.7 million listeners are already fully engaged and excited about this promotion. We believe that as a result of this unprecedented trip, our listeners in Houston will become ambassadors for life for The Bahamas and we are so excited about this great opportunity to work with The Bahamas," said Tim Gratzner, General Sales Manager at KRBE.

"Pleased with the overall success of the sales blitz and radio promotions, Bahamasair plans to make The Bahamas flyaway and come along event, an annual one for the stations," said Mr. Wilson. KMJQ Majic 102.1 FM will conduct a Bahamas fly away sometime in February 2018.

The Bahamas executives also conducted one on one interviews with Scott Vogel, Vice President of Editorial Content for Sagacity Media, publishers of Houstonia Magazine, Portland Monthly, Seattle Met and Sarasota Magazine. Houstonia, the largest magazine in Texas, will feature The Bahamas in its February (2018) issue as well as on line on its website.

"We are extremely happy with the caliber of agents our team visited and the consistent interest and positive comments we received from the travel agents and tour operators about doing business with The Bahamas. The interest in The Bahamas and our presence in Houston have been phenomenal. People are excited about the multiple options available in The Bahamas and are enthusiastic about Bahamasair's new non-stop service and attractive price point, which will do wonders for us. This now bridges the gap for Houstonians to do business with us in The Bahamas, and we could not be happier," said Prescott Young, Area Manager BTO Houston.

The team also met with officials from IAH Airport to finalize details, inaugural day formalities and activities for Bahamasair's arrival from Nassau and departure from Houston, on November 15 and 16, 2017, respectively.

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This Broadway-style Christmas show features a cast of over 300 performers of all ages (even infants), who push themselves further each year to put on a show that's more dynamic, more challenging, and more amazing than the last. It's an award-winning show that has been astonishing people of all types and ages for years. I have been to this pageant a handful of times, and every time I am mesmerized. This is an elaborate production performed by the First Baptist church parishioners (regular people, not actors) and they deliver it better than Hollywood. They make all the costumes and perform all the numbers with acts that contain tons of people on stage at the same time. I remember the first time I went. I was in awe from the get go and to this day, still cherish the experience of this, unique and inspiring production. They even have a full manger scene with live animals, including camels. Incredible to see!

Why you can continue going year after year without seeing the same show is because there is always something new each year that can't be missed. For example, this year's ALL NEW Opening Number honors the way we celebrate Christmas in South Florida. With our combination of warm holiday weather and community of diverse cultures, we all know the holiday season in our part of the world is incomparable, and this year they are celebrating our uniqueness and our place in the Fort Lauderdale landscape. The Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant features festive scenes with familiar carols in a turn-of-the-century setting, a concert of inspirational contemporary songs, and a musical drama of the nativity and life of Christ, portraying the timeless truths illustrated in the life of Jesus. The promise of two thousand years ago is realized again each time they tell the Christmas story, as a new hope arises in our hearts as they celebrate that hope with us. This is a one-of-a-kind celebration that brings together family, friends, and loved ones for one joyous night or afternoon of entertainment and celebration.

A little background on this wondrous production: more than thirty years ago, the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant premiered for the very first time at a nearby civic auditorium. On their 10th Anniversary, they celebrated the opening of their current auditorium inside their church, custom-designed for this annual presentation of the Christmas story. For their 20th Anniversary, they introduced a new grand Austrian Curtain and new settings for both acts of the program designed especially for this production by **George and Goldberg**. This design firm's credits include the Winter Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the El Capitan Theatre, the Millennium Village at EPCOT, Super Bowl XXVI, and televised concerts. In addition, the stage was designed by Broadway designers **Peter Wolf** ("Peter Pan") and **Bill Eckart** ("Cinderella"). The Silver Anniversary of the Christmas Pageant provided a time of reflection and expansion, with new flying effects, more original music and a cavalcade of new costumes.

Opening Night was on Thursday, November 30th, and it will run 15 performances through Sunday, December 17th. Plan ahead for the ability to pick the date and time that fit perfectly into your family's holiday plans. For the complete schedule of performances, go to www.christmastickets.com.

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Let's run down the wonderful places that will be having holiday festivities this great time of year (in date order). The great thing about this year is there aren't many that share the same night, so more parties spread out over more nights. Love love love this time of year!

The first party of the season is being held at **Jimmy Soderlund's Lyon's Den** in Pompano Beach on Saturday, December 2nd starting at 6pm, and yes **The Blues Brothers** will be performing that night at 8pm. There will be a free buffet, raffles and giveaways. See ad on page 16 for details... **Buster's Doughboys & Clam Cakes** in Plantation is featuring **Snow Tunes**, a musical affair production Holiday Revue on Sunday, December 3rd from 5pm to 8pm. See ad on page 4... **American Legion Post 142** Auxiliary in Pompano Beach is hosting a Children's Party on Saturday, December 9th (ad is on page 19)... The fun and lively **Just 1 More** in Fort Lauderdale is having their party on Thursday, December 14 starting at 9pm. There will be a free buffet and drink specials. Don't miss their Ugliest Holiday Sweater contest on Saturday, December 2nd. What a hoot that will be. See ad on page 6... **Murphy's Tavern** in Fort Lauderdale is having their Anniversary and Christmas party on Friday December 15th starting at 6pm. See ad on page 13... On Saturday December 16 starting at 8pm, **Jester's Sport's Bar** is having a hell of a celebration with Happy Hour prizes until 10pm and \$2 drinks for ladies until midnight. They are also having a Homestyle Ham Buffet and Santa's special grab bag. Check out their ad on page 4... Also on Saturday, December 16th, from 8pm on, **Kelly Brother's Irish Pub** is having their celebration. There will be music food and drink specials. See ad on page 15... **33rd Street Wine Bar** is celebrating on Sunday, December 17th with music by **Lyn Baldwin** from 8pm to 11pm. Check out that ad page 17, where you can also see **Fishtales Restaurant & Night Club's** Guest Appreciation Party on Wednesday December 20th from 6pm to 9pm. There will be music by **Cruzin' (Steve & Suzi Cruz)** from 5pm to 8pm and **Fusion Band** from 9pm to 1am... **Nick's Italian Restaurant & Upstairs Supper Club** is celebrating with special holiday hours on Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day. **It Takes Two** will be the entertainment on those days. See ad on page 6... On a side note, there are many places having Christmas dinner specials on Christmas Eve or Christmas day, so take a good look herein and see what's being offered at each place. One to mention, since it's a rarity to do something like this on Christmas is **Seaside Grill Restaurant** offering an all you can eat Christmas Holiday Feast on Christmas Day. It includes unlimited Prime Rib (cooked to temperature), Glazed Salmon and Honey Baked Ham with numerous vegetables. This is not a buffet. All items are served hot and fresh to your table from their kitchen. See ad on back page.

A WARM BIRTHDAY WISH TO CONNIE FRANCIS

On December 12th, **Connie Francis** is celebrating another year young. Being a long time friend of the Around Town Newspaper founder, **Patrick Mascola**, we have been in Ms. Francis' company many times, and what a great lady she is. We here at the Around Town Newspaper would like to wish Connie a very Happy Birthday.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY, **Rick G, Arnie Steinberg** and **Valerie Tucci** will be performing at **Our Place Bar & Grill** in Boca Raton on Friday, December 8th starting at 7pm. Those of you who have seen these three perform at **Bobby Rubino's** in Pompano know that this event will be a treat. See ad on page 12. 2901 N. Federal Highway, 561-750-9745, www.ourplacebocaraton.com...Reminder from last issue, the Tiki Bar Grand Opening at the **American Legion Post 142** in Pompano is on Saturday, December 2nd at 1pm. Support our veterans and enjoy the pig roast with all the fixin's and much much more. See ad on page 19 for details... Also, don't forget about **Rick D'Alessandro's** birthday bash at **Buster's Doughboys & Clam Cakes** on Tuesday, December 5th starting at 5pm. As stated in last issue, it will be a really fun evening of specials & prizes, with live entertainment by **Surf Party**, **Beach Boy's Tribute**.



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The 1916 Sample-McDougald House Museum presents a new Holiday Home Tour now through Saturday, January 6, 2018. To celebrate the history, architecture and spirit of the holiday season, the Sample-McDougald House has partnered with community volunteers and area businesses to showcase holiday décor throughout the almost 5,000 square

foot Georgian Colonial-revival home. This **NEW** historic holiday home tour features the imagination of interior designers, artists and volunteers who have re-imagined the home as if family and friends have come to visit to celebrate the season. Individuals and businesses selected a room to decorate and have used beautiful decorations to tell the story of their room. The Holiday Home Tour will feature the talents of the following: Pam Euston

in the Living Room; April DuBois in the Dining Room; Carrie Bennett in the Pantry & Kitchen; Gordana Whitley, Steve Mutter & Lindsay Packer of Ferguson Kitchen & Bath Gallery in the Parlor; Randy Thompson & Michael Wescoe in the Salon; Fannie Gill with Centennial Bank in the Master Bedroom; and, Cheryl Cook (McDougald Family) and the McDougald Family in the Children's Bedroom.

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Broward County's Central Broward Regional Park will host a new and spectacular family friendly event this holiday season, the Chinese Lantern Festival produced by Hanart Culture. The 8-week Lantern Festival is a totally immersive experience among Chinese culture, multi-hued "The Wild" animal lantern displays, live entertainment, authentic Chinese food, hand-made gifts by Chinese craftspeople, and more. The Festival doors will open Tuesday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. and runs for an 8 week period, Thursday through Sunday evenings, until its Grand Closing Festivities on Monday, January 15, 2018.

The Chinese Lantern Festival is an unparalleled experience, a modern take on the ancient art of lantern-making. Twenty artists from China will be working on-site for weeks in a temporary 'lantern factory' to create exquisite scenes that include animals from throughout the world. This year's theme of "The Wild" will feature amazing works of art in the form of different animals from lions to dinosaurs, giraffes to panda's—even a herd of zebra's will form dreamscapes of color and motion.

In addition to walking amid the lanterns, visitors can witness live kung fu performances and coaching by martial arts champions. Plus, traditional folk art demonstrations by 5 mainland China craftspeople. Visitors will experience up close the arts of Clay sculpturing, Cartoon portraiture, Folk Embroidery, Dough Modeling, Paper Cutting, and Straw Weaving. Keepsakes will be on sale to take home for memories.

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Does the NFL think its fans are stupid?

The NFL is considering a new solution to the anthem protest problem, if players continue to protest through the rest of the season. According to the *Washington Post*, the NFL will debate a rule change that will keep teams in the locker room during the anthem. **Are you kidding me! Do they think the fans are that stupid?** When is Commissioner Roger Goodell going to grow a pair and start treating the players as employees, instead of owners! We have the tail wagging the dog here. This latest move they are thinking about, keeping the players in the locker room until after the Star-Spangled Banner is played, is only going to make the fans more upset. When are they going to get the message that when you sit, or in this case, stay in the locker room until after the Star-Spangled Banner is played, it shows the same disrespect for the veterans and our country. The current policy that has players and coaches on the sidelines for the national anthem was implemented in 2009. Players who have not been present on the field, or those who have not stood for the anthem, have not been fined or disciplined by the NFL. 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. However, they would rather piss on our flag and veterans and Roger Goodell is allowing them to do it. It's not about free speech or anything like that, because when you work for someone you have to go by their rules or go work somewhere else. They have all the time to protest or whatever they want to do on their time, not the fans' time. 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.

NFL ticket sales at *TickPick* slumped 17.9 percent this week, compared with the prior week, their steepest decline since 2014, while sales at *TicketCity* plunged 31 percent. For pro football games in September, ticket sales at *TicketCity* are down 16 percent from a year ago. The NFL has already lost millions due to the ticket sales and loss of sponsors. They will rake in roughly \$4.6 billion in television fees from CBS, Walt Disney-owned ESPN, Comcast-owned NBC, Fox and DirecTV, that will equally be shared with its 32 teams this year. The NFL commands such a rich bounty because advertisers pay up for football's huge ratings. The television money is a big reason why the average NFL team is worth \$2.34 billion and the average NFL player earns \$2.1 million. The networks that televise the games barely mention the protests anymore. **But**



IT'S MY OPINION
with RICK SCHWEITZER



Tail wagging the dog



the fans have not forgotten.

If the NFL loses its fan base, it will also lose Television ratings, and as a direct result lose TV revenue. Who's going to pay those overpaid football players if the television money drops? Remember, it's only entertainment. The fans can lose interest and find something or somewhere else to entertain themselves.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Most of you have heard of the Deep State. If you haven't, then it's time you found out. In the United

States, the Deep State is an alleged entity that coordinates efforts by government employees and others to influence state policy without regard for democratically elected leadership. It has often been dismissed by numerous journalists and academics as a conspiracy theory. The question you have to ask yourself is, if it does exist, wouldn't they want controlled media and academics to denounce it? Most people still think the Federal Reserve is part of our government. **Authors Eustace Mullins (1983) and Gary Kah (1991)** cover a lot of this information through their books. "Foreigners use their command of the New York Fed to manipulate U.S. monetary policy for their own and, as Kah asserted, to further their global political goals, namely the establishment of the sinister New World Order". Citibank, Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Bankers Trust Company, National Bank of North America, and the Bank of New York (Mullins, p. 179) together own about 63 percent of the New York Fed's outstanding stock. Mullins then showed that many of these banks are owned by about a dozen European banking organizations, mostly British, and most notably the **Rothschild Banking Dynasty** ("The RBD"). Through their American agents, The RBD is able to select the board of directors for the New York Fed and to direct U.S. monetary policy. Mullins explained. The question is if they were part of our government, why is it we can't audit them?

Congressman Ron Paul has been trying to get a bill passed through the congress to do just that and can't get anywhere. Remember, they control our entire monetary system!

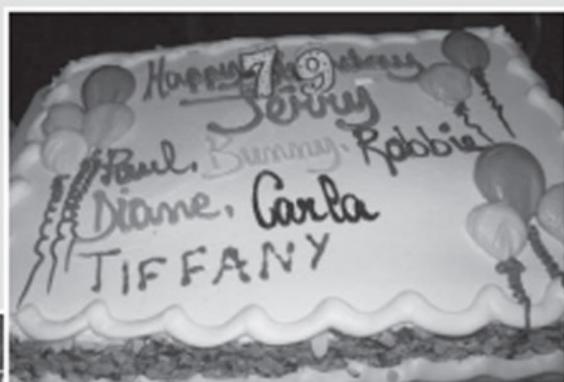
Mr. Lou Gamboa for his research of the Constitution and our banking system: Lou Gamboa is a national speaker on the subject, and has spoken on numerous radio programs in an effort to educate the public. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT CONGRESS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO COIN (CREATE) MONEY AND REGULATE THE VALUE THEREOF. IN 1935 THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT CONGRESS CANNOT CONSTITUTIONALLY DELEGATE ITS POWER TO ANOTHER GROUP. (Reference 22, P. 168). **Rothschild**, a London Banker, wrote a letter saying "It (Central Bank) gives the National Bank almost complete control of national finance. The few who understand the system will either be so interested in its profits, or so dependent on its favors, that there will be no opposition from that class... The great body of the people, mentally incapable of comprehending, will bear its burden without complaint, and perhaps without even suspecting that the system is inimical (contrary) to their interests." [The bankers created the legislation for the FED] In 1913, before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, Mr. Alexander stated: "But the whole scheme of a Federal Reserve Bank with its commercial-paper basis is an impractical, cumbersome machinery,

is simply a cover, to find a way to secure the privilege of issuing money and to evade payment of as much tax upon circulation as possible, and then control the issue and maintain, instead of reduce, interest rates. It is a system that, if inaugurated, will prove to the advantage of the few and the detriment of the people of the United States. It will mean continued shortage of actual money and further extension of credits; for when there is a lack of real money, people have to borrow credit to their cost."

The Federal Reserve Bank ("The Fed") began with approximately 300 people or banks that became owners in the Federal Reserve Banking System (stockholders purchasing stock at \$100 per share - the stock is not publicly traded). They make up an international banking cartel of wealth beyond comparison (Reference 1, 14). The Fed banking system collects billions of dollars (Reference 8, 17) in interest annually and distributes the profits to its shareholders. The Congress illegally gave the Fed the right to print money (through the Treasury) at no interest to the Fed. They create money from nothing, and loans it back to us through banks, and charges interest to us on our currency. The Fed also buys Government debt with money printed on a printing press and charges U.S. taxpayers interest. Many Congressmen and Presidents say this is fraud (Reference 1,2,3,5,17).

Who actually owns the Federal Reserve Central Banks? The ownership of the 12 Central banks, a very well kept secret, has been revealed: **Rothschild Bank of London, Warburg Bank of Hamburg, Rothschild Bank of Berlin, Lehman Brothers of New York, Lazard Brothers of Paris, Kuhn Loeb Bank of New York, Israel Moses Seif Banks of Italy, Goldman, Sachs of New York, Warburg Bank of Amsterdam, and Chase Manhattan Bank of New York** (Reference 14, P. 13, Reference 12, P. 152) **Presidents Jackson, Lincoln, and Kennedy** tried to stop this family of bankers by printing U.S. dollars without charging the taxpayers interest (Reference 4). Forty percent of our personal federal income taxes go to pay this interest. **The FED's books are not open to the public. Congress has yet to audit it.** If you want to know who controls the Deep State, maybe you should start with The Federal Reserve.

Nick's Italian Restaurant & Upstairs Supper Club Had A Multiple Birthday Party - Everyone had a great time and the cake was delicious!



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Entertainer Johnny C, Jersey Joe, Gina and Ralph @ BOBBY RUBINO'S



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Dean Middlebrooks and Joanie Dinna @ MURPHY'S TAVERN



Laura and Tim Fitzgerald enjoying Happy Hour @ ZUCKERELLO'S



"Wonder" - the entire family should see this film together!

Julia Roberts--Owen Wilson--Jacob Tremblay--Mandy Patinkin
Rated PG 103 Min

It's truly a Wonder that I got to see not one, but two wonderful motion pictures in one week. What a wonderful motion picture experience, indeed! Our

While it's nothing groundbreaking for its genre, it serves up a hefty helping of emotions, both good and bad. Wonder stars veteran actors Owen Wilson and Julia Roberts in the roles of the parents of Auggie, and they were Wonderful!

Both Owen and Julia did a great and Wonderful job of acting. Owen portrays a funny, typical dad that we would all want to have around as our own parent. Julia also did a great job, especially in a couple of emotional scenes...which are many.

However, the real scene stealer in "Wonder" is Jacob Tremblay, the young actor that portrays Auggie. As an actor, and especially a kid actor, he is solid in the role. He does a wonderful job showing emotions and making the audience feel and care for him. It is safe to say, that Tremblay has a bright & wonderful future in the film industry ahead of him. The supporting actors in the film are fine, especially Mandy Patinkin as the school's Principal.

For "Wonder," the easiest way to judge its quality is by looking at the emotional reaction it draws from the audience, the lovability of its main characters, and the effectiveness with which it tells its story.

We all know, and some of us even were, the kid in school that got picked on because he or she was



"Wonder"

first Wonderful feature is "Wonder. By the way, if I use the word, wonderful too many times, I did it deliberately!

"Wonder" tells the story of a young boy named Auggie who was born with numerous physical disabilities and a deformed face and is centered on his struggles as he tries to fit in at an ordinary school.

"Lady Bird" - lovely, wonderful, memorable, beautiful

Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf, Tracy Letts

Rated R (for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying) 93 Min

Sometimes, some actors make really great directors because of the work they get out of their cast. Not all of them have a great visual sense, but the performance quality may make up for it. It's rare that a filmmaker comes from the acting pool who is the entire package, someone who speaks in the rhythms of cinematic storytelling, someone who knows just where to put the camera, how to use editing to enhance a mood, and make music choices to work perfectly in sync with the people on the screen.

Greta Gerwig's directorial debut finds incredible actress, Saoirse "Brooklyn" Ronan once again escaping a hum-drum foreign country (this time Sacramento) for the lights of the big apple. Great acting (especially Laurie Metcalf as the long suffering mom) and snappy dialog abound but for those hoping for more after the jolting opening scene, the story is a more late adolescent coming-of-age story

With "Lady Bird" her debut feature as writer/director, acclaimed indie actor Greta Gerwig, we have what I think is one of the best directorial debut by a performer, and her film is easily one of the best pictures of 2017.

Listen, folks, let's not be confused by the title! This is not, a biopic about a former First Lady.

"Lady Bird," tells the story of Christine "Lady Bird"



"Lady Bird"

McPherson who, in 2002, faces her graduation from a Catholic High School. She is an intensely confident person, who dreams of fleeing the nest and escaping the mundanity of Sacramento for college somewhere on the east coast, perhaps New York.

She and her best friend Julie (Jonah Hill's younger sister Beanie Feldstein) exist on the outcast spectrum of students, munching on Communion Wafers and cracking each other up with talks of masturbation, boys, and popular girls.

At home, she's stifled by her intensely controlling mother who works as a Mental Health Nurse and is married to a depressed, unemployed but kind husband.

The film sets up the central relationship of mother and daughter so perfectly in its opening scene as they return home from a college tour. Lady Bird worries that people can tell she's from Sacramento, which she calls "the Midwest of California". They argue about work ethic, which leads to a shocking yet hilarious end to the scene. There's so much resentment, anger, and yet, true care on display, all of which will find their way into the rest of the story.

Although on the surface, this can be described as your typical coming-of-age story, it's the tone, the writing, the performances, the direction, and the

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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different. I was one of those. Yep!

Anyway, the movie allows us as an audience to sympathize with Augie's struggles. We root for him whenever he is down, we cheer for him whenever he is up. And while I never cried in the theater, there were plenty of moments when I felt genuinely happy or sad because of the way the film is presented, thanks to the director, Stephen Chbosky. The effectiveness of his storytelling is wonderful!

I thoroughly enjoyed "Wonder" and the story that it told. It reminded me that dramedies made to evoke an emotional response aren't always poorly made. Some are truly well-assembled and worth my viewing time, and it makes me very happy when I can find them.

"Wonder" should be required viewing for every child from kindergarten through high school. The entire family should see this film together! Viewing the movie has the potential of really positively affecting the lives of millions of children and hopefully eliminating bullying in school and online forever.

One more time! "Wonder" is Wonderful!

★★★★ out of ★★★★★ my highest rating!
Wonderful!

mother-daughter bond that sets it apart. With that, we know this film will have something more on its mind than boobs and drunken nights, although they do play a part here as well! It's really, though, perhaps the best depiction of a parent/child relationship with all of its conflicting emotions butted up against each other, since "Terms of Endearment."

A scene where they argue in a thrift shop only to come together over the perfect dress illustrates this point wonderfully. By emphasizing the prickly bond between mom and daughter, director, Gerwig upends the tropes often seen in many high school stories. Oftentimes, these tales are about the girl getting the guy and it's to this movie's credit that this relationship will help Lady Bird figure out who she is and what she wants to be. However she's gonna meet other guys. Lady Bird, will have a few failed relationships, but she'll incorporate them just as she does with the sights, smells and sounds of the hometown she can't wait to escape but may some day learn to appreciate.

Her last year in school carries a lot of the humor in the film, from her run-ins with a strict but caring Nun, played by Lois Smith. Much is presented in breezy montages that don't have that cheap, lazy storytelling quality we're so accustomed to getting. The actors feel so comfortable on camera, making this a joy to watch from beginning to end. This movie grabbed me when I least expected it to do so. It's with this attention to the writing, editing and cinematography, that Gerwig, establishes herself as a formidable filmmaker. Greta Gerwig is the real deal. So is this lovely, wonderful, memorable, beautiful film. ★★★★★ out of ★★★★★ my highest rating!— Wonderful!

This is Paul Levine, Both "Lady Bird" and "Wonder" are two of the best films of the year! Both are Not to be Missed!

Cut-Print-That's a-Wrap!

Dream On!

by Mindy Leaf

Kevin Black is back! Back in time to one of his (and our) favorite musical eras. And back to staging and directing blockbuster hits at Margate's Stage Door Theatre (with two popular productions co-running in both theaters this season, it's as if he's never left).

Black's latest, *Dreamgirls*, is a nostalgic romp through the Motown sound of the sixties to early seventies — a decade defined by major strides for women and minorities in the entertainment industry. But as is always the case when looking back toward "the good old days," the times were never all that good for everyone. Breaking racial barriers didn't shield talented black women from the effects of sexism, the brutality of ruthless ambition, or the entanglements and heartbreak that often accompany tender young lives.

Loosely based (or not so loosely, depending on whom you ask) on the experiences of successful rags-to-riches R&B groups like The Supremes and The Shirelles, *Dreamgirls'* original name of "Dreamettes" even echoes The Supremes' first moniker, "The Primettes." Despite numerous similarities in their story lines — heartily endorsed by original Supreme member Mary Wilson while disputed by Diana Ross — book writer Tom Egan insists his original script was simply inspired by the musical legends of his youth.

Whatever the case, the show features larger-than-life characters whose musical and promotional talents take a back seat to no one. The episodes of their lives, vibrantly portrayed in song, abound with themes of familial and romantic love, friendship, jealousy, anger, betrayal, and eventual forgiveness. The show spans ten years, culminating with a farewell performance among the three original vocalists (and a fourth replacement addition) before they disband and bravely go forth to pursue new, individual passions. It was a pleasure to watch these strong-willed and super-talented young ladies grow both personally and professionally. Despite setbacks and disappointments, they managed to stay



Stage Door Theatre rocks and sizzles to the beat of rhythm-and-blues in their latest outstanding musical production, *Dreamgirls*. Photo by George Wentzler.

afloat and even thrive within the treacherous, male-dominated waters of the era's pop music industry.

Music and lyrics by Henry Krieger include so many memorable numbers, you'll find yourself singing and humming show tunes days — and even weeks — later. It's no wonder that *Dreamgirls*, which opens with a talent contest (all great performances) at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater, was nominated for 13 Tony awards after its Broadway debut in 1981. (They won six.)

Dreamgirls is all about the music, and the songs: they represent both currency and reputation. An early hit "Cadillac Car" loses its place on the charts when recorded as a cover by an established white pop band (Dave and the Sweethearts aka Joshua Conner, Natalie McPherson and Sandi Stock). But first we get to enjoy full-blown versions sung by our show's magnificent stars: Curtis (Don Seward), Jimmy (Elijah Word), CC (Andre Russell), Marty (James White), later joined by Dreamettes Effie (Sarah Gracel), Deena (Charisse Shields) and Lorell (Sheena O. Murray). They sound fantastic but at this point (just starting out) they feel there's nothing they can do to reclaim their song.

Contrast this scenario to what happens ten years

later. Effie, always a force to be reckoned with and the strongest/loudest voice on stage, strikes out on her own with a slow, soulful rendition of "One Night Only." Manager Curtis can't stand her showing up his choice for the girls (he insists a fast, Disco-style dance beat is the wave of the future) and has his reconfigured *Dreamgirls* trio (sans Effie) release the same song to a pop, Disco vibe. Through payoffs and illicit maneuverings, his version begins to rise above Effie's ballad on the charts. But this time her manager takes legal action and fights back.

Managers can't always be trusted, they are often manipulative and self-interested, but can also make or break careers. When they fall in and out of love with their talent — as Curtis did first with Effie and then with Deena — it can break up not only groups but families, as well. (Take the seven-year affair between married Jimmy and young-and-impressionable Lorrell. Or Effie's secret, fatherless child.) There's plenty of personal growth to be achieved throughout the decade of the show — and not just musically. Happily, despite all their cuts and scrapes, the protagonists end on a rousing, positive note.

Every voice in this elaborate musical filled with show-stopping song-and-dance numbers was pitch perfect and top notch. My compliments to choreographer Danny Durr and musical director James Weber. The simple yet striking bi-level set design by Ardean Landhuis, whose talents include lighting design, was all that was needed to showcase the large, professional cast of 18. Changes between scenes and musical numbers were kept smoothly running thanks to tech director Paul O'Donnell, stage manager Nancy Clay, ASM/sound engineer Rushnay Henry and ASM/backstage Amanda Eisele.

And what can I say about Jerry Sturdefant's never-ending, dazzling costume designs that were so impressive that had the cast been less talented, they would have been downright distracting! The ladies' sparkling gowns and even the lads' flashy tuxedos present a kaleidoscope-like fancy-dress show of their own.

Dreamgirls is playing through December 10 at Stage Door Theatre, 8036 W. Sample Rd., Margate 33065. Call the box office at 954-344-7765 for tickets. Or go to stagedoorfl.org where you can also check out their entire smokin' 25th-anniversary-season line up.



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In celebration of the Holidays, the Symphony of the Americas, under the direction of Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, invites you to join them for its festive Holiday performances at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 pm, and Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:45 pm. Featuring Florida's Singing Sons Boychoir, and the Girl Choir of South Florida with the full Symphony of the Americas on stage, as well as a special visit by Santa, holiday selections include music from Nutcracker, Sleigh Ride, White Christmas, and more.

Tickets begin at just \$20 (with a second ticket for FREE) for the Rosemary Duffy Larson Matinee on Dec. 3, and just \$62 (with a second ticket for FREE) for the Stephen A. Keller Dec. 5th evening performance.

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Do You Know Your Christmas Trivia? True or False...

1. While the children sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for the third time, you remember there being mention of nine golden rings.
 2. Baking cookies is a time-honored tradition for the holidays. When baking cookies you don't need to preheat the oven anymore, just stick them in and get the show on the road!



3. During a holiday party at your home, someone spills red wine on the living room carpet. Pouring club soda on the spot as soon as possible lifts the stain.
 4. After cutting down a tree, it's dead, so it no longer needs water. Go ahead with decorating by adding lights and ornaments.
 5. Roast turkey is a favorite entrée during the holiday, but you should never store a turkey in the refrigerator already stuffed.
 6. As one of the many sights and sounds of the season, "The Nutcracker Suite" is a classical holiday ballet set to the music of Beethoven.



7. The hectic pace of malls and stores means standing in long lines, but shopping closer to the big day saves more money than shopping early.
 8. Shopping, buying and spending are three big holiday words that can get you into a financial mess come January. Use cash rather than credit cards or debit cards, and when the money is gone, consider the

shopping finished.
 9. If a child asked you to list the names of Santa's reindeer you would say: Dasher, Prancer, Ponder, Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Vixon, and don't forget Rudolf.
 10. Plants such as Christmas cactus, poinsettias and paperwhites add color fragrance and legend to the season. Buy a Christmas cactus or poinsettias ready to bloom, but paperwhites, a cultivar of narcissus, must be forced into opening for the holidays.

ANSWERS 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True

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Is The Plaza At Oceanside One still having Construction Problems?

Nikki's Orange Kitchen at the northwest corner of A1A and Atlantic Beach Blvd has been flooding out and owner Nikki Marchelos was like, what's going on? It doesn't smell like rain water. What happened was that since June of this year, the building management was trying to blame their plumbing issues on her contractor because her restaurant was flooding out every time it rained. Her contractor, Tom Bennett, told her back in June that this has nothing to do what he had done. He did everything to code and obtained approval

from the city. The city indicated that it was all up to code and everything was perfect. He said it must be the building has their pipes messed up, so when he connected the pipes that were supposed to be correct, those pipes are transposed. Now they are trying to pin the plumbing issues on her? Her contractor and the building supervisor were there for four and a half hours with a city official and after a thorough analysis

on all the piping, they came to the conclusion that it indeed was not Nikki's fault. She was so impressed on how the city official handled things. He actually told her that the last thing he wants to do is to shut her down. I know what THEY put you through (which will be explained a little later). However, with the water overflowing in her place, it is a city code violation so he had no choice but to shut her down until it's fixed. Nikki came to that building in good faith to make a difference in the community because they needed a nice family community restaurant there. So then why hasn't it been fixed already?

This building has had issues from the start, including the plumbing and what's wrong has been from the get go, years before Nikki came there. Now the building is just starting to do some repair work on the pipes. Looks like all they did was lift some tile to make it look like they are attempting to repair it, but it's all B.S. It's just to keep Nikki quiet. She doesn't even know if they are using a contractor, because they are not talking to her. In the meantime, her business is shut down and she can't re-open until the building fixes the plumbing issues. I spoke to the engineer on site to find out what was going on and when the repair would be completed, but he couldn't give me a time frame at all. According to Nikki's plumber, the repair is a one day job. So then WHY hasn't it been fixed already? Nikki believes it is because they want to wait until the season is over. This way she is out of business and out of there. But WHY would they want that? They should consider themselves lucky that Nikki's Orange Kitchen is there, this beautiful looking and healthy restaurant. Apparently, the tenants don't want any retail businesses there. The Home Owner's Association fights very hard to keep people from opening up. One man who spent a lot of money to get in is now not opening because of them. Nikki was told that the tenants never expected any of the spaces to be occupied and never wanted the flow through traffic. They don't want any traffic. Don't want any cars coming in or out. Her response, "But this is so beautiful down here, it should be occupied. It only adds value".

In conjunction with not wanting any retail businesses in the building, the Homeowner's Association is nasty and has been trying to destroy Nikki's business since day one. She hasn't talked about it because she tries to stay posi-



tive, but one thing they are doing to her is suing her for the God Bless America mural on the restaurant door. This is not a big mural. It's a hand painted mural from a local artist that is on the middle of her door taking up only about a quarter of it. Originally Nikki had Happy Memorial Day, then Happy 4th of July, then Happy Labor Day. Now she has God Bless America because nothing was coming up and she figured just leave it as God Bless America because that covers everything. So now the Home Association is suing her for the God Bless America mural. Nikki called a lawyer and he said that there is nothing in the bylaws that says you can't have a mural. It only says that if you have a sign, you need to get

an approval. So she said let's just go back and see if they will approve it. He went back because she was going to erase it and have it redone for the holidays. To reiterate, she doesn't have anything dirty or offensive on her door. It's beautiful. Nikki is very patriotic. On her mom side, they fought in the Civil War. One ancestor, James Turner Sykes name is in a very important document and books in Washington because he fought the British. Her Brother was in Vietnam, in the Air Force. Her father was in the Navy. She comes from a long line of good heart-felt Americans who love this country and who will fight for this country. Not only is Nikki a patriot, she is a very good person, a humanitarian, who goes the extra step for everyone who comes into her restaurant. Even when someone is not very nice, who as Nikki says is maybe 1% of the people who come in, the other 99% are fantastic. She just chalks it up to this person must be having a bad day, and she actually feels badly for them. She even gives the workers in the building 50% off. This is how wonderful this woman is. She was raised to be compassionate, respectful and kind, and to respect and honor authority.

When she first occupied the space almost two years ago, it was an entirely different board. The man in charge at the time, David Ornell, was super nice and he said that she could have any sign she wanted on her place. Her sign was approved in writing by that board. By the time she opened up, it was a totally new board and Mr. Ornell had sold his place and moved. The new board started giving her a hard time, all because of the sign. She told them that it was approved and asked "why now don't you want to approve me?" She has been stepped on, harassed and abused in every which way.

She even made sure she did everything right and even put in items better than needed to make sure it was top notch. Her menu is organic and healthy. She put the God Bless America sign in May and in August the Homeowner's Association sent her a notice that she couldn't have the mural on her door. She called a lawyer, the same lawyer she had to call to get her sign up. He went to the Association and said you guys are being ridiculous. This is a beautiful sign that says God Bless America. Nikki is going to change them as the season changes and can we just get approval. They said no. They didn't even review it. It was an immediate denial. In the meantime, the harassment doesn't stop. They even changed the security personnel who have been instructed to bully and harass Nikki. She was told by some of

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the workers in the building that the manager of the building told them not to ever go into her restaurant, not even for coffee and remember, she gives all the workers 50% off. Don't go in there because we're on bad terms. No good relations were his exact words. Nikki said "really? I don't feel that way. I don't have a problem with him. What's he talking about?"

Another example: Apparently no signs on the entrance plaza were damaged from the hurricane, but the building still took all the signs down and won't put them back up. They gave no reason why the signs are not back up and no reason why Nikki can't re-install her sign (they have it in storage). As mentioned previously, looks like they are waiting for the season to pass as they are out to DESTROY her. What this has done to her and what it has done to her family. All the

good that she has put into place there, everything good, a fresh healthy juice bar, a good smoothie bar, beautiful breakfast, beautiful lunch, beautiful dinner and they have done everything in their power to destroy it.

She had customers sitting outside one day after Hurricane Irma and the President and the Vice President of the building came down and were talking right in front of the customers. They were talking about the pipes and what has to be done, etc...and the customers are sitting there trying to eat their food. No one else was sitting outside and the two men made sure they had their conversation right on top of the customers. Finally Nikki's husband Spiro told them to move away. Nikki has been so nice to all of them at the building, and they have done nothing but bully her. She has never seen anything like it. How can they treat people this way, and how can they treat such a beautiful person like Nikki so horribly? If the problem is a defect in construction in the building would she have a right to sue for loss of business and damages?

What Is Toys For Tots?

In 1947 Diane Hendricks asked her husband, Bill, a major with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in Los Angeles to deliver a doll she had made to an agency that gave toys to needy children at Christmastime. He soon discovered that no such agency existed, so Diane encouraged him to start one. That Christmas, Bill and a group of Marine reservists delivered 5,000 toys.

The project was so successful that, in 1948, the Marine Corps adopted the Toys for Tots program and extended it across the nation. And so the legendary holiday charity was born. For the first national campaign, Walt Disney designed a poster for the program, as well as the Toys for Tots logo that is still used today. Through the years, celebrities have continued to lend their stature to the program.

In 1956, Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee, and Vic Damone recorded a Toys for Tots theme



song written by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Tim Allen, and Billy Ray Cyrus are among those who have volunteered their time and talents.

Since 1947, more than 335 million toys have been delivered to nearly 160 million children in approximately 500 communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Without a doubt, the U.S. Marines play a major role in bringing joy to America's needy children at Christmastime.

Toys for Tots continues to be a popular charity with celebrities. In 2003, the New Jersey Nets Dance Team pitched in to support the Marines in their toy drive.

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Christmas Gift Trivia

What is the Origin of Gift Giving?

The first gifts given at Christmas were from the Magi (Wise Men) to Baby Jesus. Later, in Roman times, gift giving was popular during Saturnalia, a winter solstice celebration. The tradition as we know it today is derived from St. Nicholas, a bishop who was known for giving children presents. His long flowing red and white bishop’s robes were the inspiration for Santa’s modern-day costume. St. Nicholas Day, celebrated on



December 6, marks a day for gift giving throughout Europe. **Did You Know?**

You can spend your holidays in these destinations: Christmas, Florida; Santa Claus, Indiana; Noel, Missouri; and Rudolph, Wisconsin. The Salvation Army collection kettle evolved from a large stewing pot set out in the streets of San Francisco in 1891 to

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Bordered by Deerfield Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach is centrally located in Broward County, easily accessible to I-95, Florida's Turnpike, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and Executive Airport. Now hailed among the top real estate markets in the region, the city is undergoing a massive revitalization with a significant amount of new development. The seaside town boasts the Pompano Beach Pier, Holy Cross Hospital—a top ranked hospital in the tri-county area, marina, a Greg Norman designed golf course and a premier tennis center. In addition, the city's new creative arts district houses the new Pompano Beach Cultural Center, Ali Cultural Center and Baily Contemporary Arts Center.

"We have procured a great location and are introducing a very competitive price point for this area," said Sean Lin, principal, Aspire Real Estate. "Arya is a collaboration of very respected names in the industry that will ensure this project not only reflects the new vision of Pompano Beach as it undergoes a renewal, but also offers a quality, value-oriented investment for buyers." Arya will be walking distance to the beach and just a five-minute walk to the water taxi. The new Fishing Village offers six oceanfront acres



Arya Balcony Rendering (west view)



ARYA Exterior Building Rendering



ARYA Unit C Interior Living Room and Kitchen

views from floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding glass doors; contemporary kitchens and bath cabinets with quartz countertops; top-of-the-line stainless steel Bosch appliances; smart home packages; and laundry rooms with washers and dryers. End units will include wrap-around balconies with glass railings. The building will also be pet friendly.

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of shops and restaurants and a promenade linking the Intracoastal Waterway to the ocean.

Lin added, "We hope to help establish a new energy here. Pompano Beach will mirror what happened in Sunny Isles and Fort Lauderdale, cities that are walkable, beach oriented and conveniently located."

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by Samantha Weaver

* It was 20th-century French journalist, poet, aristocrat and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupery -- best known for his novella "The Little Prince" -- who made the following

sage observation: "A designer knows he has achieved perfection not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

* Eggplants weren't always the deep purple color we know today; originally, the vegetables were white. The color, paired with the ovoid shape, is how the eggplant got its name.

* If you live in Rochester, New York, you're doubtless used to dealing with the hazards and inconveniences of snow and ice. It's America's snowiest city, after all, averaging 94 inches every winter.

* Those who study such things say that paternity leave can have significant domestic impacts. Research shows that men who take a few weeks of leave when they have an addition to their family spend more time on domestic chores and taking care of the kids than men who don't. They cook more, and they're even 50 percent more likely to do laundry. The most interesting finding, though, is the fact that these changes are long-term; the effect tends to last the rest of a man's life.

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* The first wristwatch was made by an English clock-maker in 1571. Described as "a wristlet in which there was a clocke," the watch was presented as a gift to Queen Elizabeth I.

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Q: I am so sad that "Teen Wolf" is over, and I especially love the actress who played Kate. Can you tell me more about her? - Brayden F., via email
A: Jill Wagner - who's been the hostess of "Wipeout" and

"Handcrafted America," and co-starred in "Blade: The Series" and "Stargate: Atlantis" - is now in the mood for love and Christmas. Jill stars with Luke Macfarlane in "Karen Kingsbury's Maggie's Christmas Miracle," which premieres Sunday, Dec. 10, at 9/8c on Hallmark Movies and Mysteries. The story centers on Maggie (played by Jill), a high-powered attorney trying hard to balance career with being a single mother to her young son, Jordan. Casey (played by Luke) owns a local cafe and finds solace in tutoring

kids despite having lost his wife a few years ago, and Maggie hires him to help Jordan.

I spoke with Jill recently, and she is excited for her fans to see her in this role, telling me: "I loved the fact that the characters lived in a truly flawed environment, just as we all do, with real problems that cause deep emotions. I loved that the script has a lot of heart. [Playing a mom] is a super-challenging role that I hope I pulled off."

Jill has a busy year coming up, with "Handcrafted America"

getting a season-four pickup. "I also have a movie called 'Braven' coming out next year, where I play opposite Jason Momoa as his wife, and that's a bit of a thriller."

Q: Do you have any more information about the new "Fantastic Beasts" film? - Tracy L., via Facebook

A: Warner Bros. has revealed that the title will be "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," with a release date of Nov. 16, 2018. In it, we have a younger Albus

Dumbledore, played by Jude Law, and the introductions of Theseus Scamander (Callum Turner) and Leta Lestrange (Zoe Kravitz), as well as a mysterious woman with no name (Claudia Kim). Johnny Depp is back as Grindelwald, along with the return of Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler and Alison Sudol. According to Warner Bros., in this installment, Grindelwald escapes custody and sets about gathering followers to his cause: for True Bloods to rule over all nonmagical beings.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter, softened
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
- FROSTING:**
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - 3 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3 to 4 tablespoons milk
 - Colored sprinkles
- DIRECTIONS**

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in ricotta and vanilla. Combine flour, salt and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.



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INGREDIENTS

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- 1 fluid ounce peppermint schnapps
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- creme de cacao
 - 1 cup ice cubes
 - 1 small candy cane (optional)
- DIRECTIONS**

Pour the heavy cream, vodka, schnapps, and white creme de cacao into a cocktail shaker over ice. Cover, and shake until the outside of the shaker has frosted.



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New England Patriots End The Dolphins' Hopes For Making The Playoffs

After their 35-17 loss to the Patriots, it looks like the Dolphins are in disarray and are calling it quits for the rest of the season. Last year was basically a fluke. It seems in the past, the team quit on the Coaches, Joe Philbin, and prior to that it was Tony Soprano. Now it's Adam Gases' turn. After all the changes, you would think the team would be improving, but they are still dysfunctional.

They now have lost 5 games in a row and are 4-7, and are only still in the conversation because Buffalo is at 6-5 and the Jets are 4-7. The Dolphins have one of the worst offenses in all of Pro Football, as well as in franchise history. The Dolphins are weak on defense too. When the team started out in training camp, everybody had high hopes for the team. The loss of Ryan Tanehill at the beginning was the means to the end. It has been a bad year for quarterbacks and injuries have taken its toll for all teams. Looking to the future, there isn't an outstanding quarterback in the 2018 draft.

There are only 3 good NFL teams this year: the New England Patriots, the Minnesota Vikings, and the Philadelphia Eagles. All the other teams are sub-par. When the quarterback goes down, it seems most teams can't win. An example of this is Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay. He makes a huge difference, as they may miss the playoffs. The Dolphins next two games are at home against the Denver Broncos and then the New England Patriots. They are 4-7 and tied for last place with the New York Jets. "Good luck Dolphins on the rest of the season."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GIVES THEIR BLESSING ON TRADING GIANCARLO STANTON

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said the Marlins' new ownership group headed by Bruce Sherman and Derek Jeter should be able to make their own decision on what they think is best for the franchise. The idea of trading the best player in franchise history is an unpopular one with



large segments of their fan base. New owners do come in and evaluate the state of the franchise. Previous owner, Jeffrey Loria, signed Stanton to a 13 year \$325 million dollar contract in November 2014. His salary balloons to \$25 million in 2018, and then he is still owed \$295 million. Management is looking to cut the payroll big time and try to have a winning team with a "cheaper" payroll. The Marlins main need is good pitchers. Hopefully they get what they need. "Good luck Marlins in the 2018 season."

HEAT NEED LESS TURNOVERS PER GAME

The recent game they played at home against the Washington Wizards they committed 17 turnovers. This isn't consistent to be considered a winning team. By committing these turnovers, the other team turned it into 26 extra points.

Coach Eric Spoelstra said the turnover issue has been an overriding problem that has plagued the team since the beginning of the season. Let's hope they get over their turnover problem. "Good luck Heat on the rest of the season."

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It has been quite awhile since we have seen the Canes in the top ten standings. Today we see the Stadium full of cheering fans. Finally, a coaching change with Al Golden out and Mark Richt in. Their win against Virginia was their 15th win in a row going back to last year. The upcoming college football game playoff against Clemson may determine if they make it to the final four. Clemson handed the Hurricanes its worst loss two years ago. "Good luck Canes in the Big Game against Clemson."

SPORTS TRIVIA

A. What NFL player holds the record for most rushing yards in a season?

1. Walter Payton
2. Eric Dickerson
3. Emmitt Smith
4. Adrian Peterson
5. O.J. Simpson

B. Who holds the record in the NFL for most receiving yards in a season?

1. Terrell Owens
2. Randy Moss
3. Isaac Bruce
4. Jerry Rice
5. Larry Fitzgerald

ANSWERS
A. #2 Eric Dickerson holds the record for most rushing yards - 2,105 yards in 1984
B. #4 Jerry Rice holds the record for most receiving yards - 22,895

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

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

- Vikings@Falcons 1:00pm
- Pick Game
- Lions@Ravens 1:00pm
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- Patriots@Bills 1:00pm
- Take Patriots lay points
- 49ers@Bears 1:00pm
- Take Bears lay points
- Buccaneers@Packers 1:00pm
- Take Packers lay points
- Colts@Jaguars 1:00pm
- Take Jaguars lay points
- Broncos@Dolphins 1:00pm
- Take Dolphins lay points
- Panthers@Saints 1:00pm
- Take Saints lay points
- Chiefs@Jets 1:00pm
- Take Jets plus points
- Texans@Titans 1:00pm
- Take Titans lay points
- Browns@Chargers 4:05pm
- Take Chargers lay points
- Rams@Cardinals 4:25pm
- Take Rams lay points
- Giants@Raiders 4:25pm
- Take Giants plus points
- Eagles@Seahawks 8:30pm
- Take Eagles lay points

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

- Saints@Falcons 8:25pm
- Take Saints plus points

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

- Colts@Bills 1:00pm
- Take Bills lay points
- Vikings@Panthers 1:00pm
- Take Vikings lay points
- Bears@Bengals 1:00pm
- Take Bengals lay points
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- Take Chiefs lay points
- Lions@Buccaneers 1:00pm
- Take Lions lay points
- Titans@Cardinals 4:05pm
- Take Cardinals lay points
- Jets@Broncos 4:05pm
- Take Jets plus points
- Redskins@Chargers 4:05pm
- Take Chargers lay points
- Eagles@Rams 4:25pm
- Take Eagles lay points
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- Take Steelers lay points

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By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2016, Jayson Werth tied a Nationals franchise record for consecutive games reaching base (46). Who else did it?
2. Name the player in the 1970s who led the American League in triples and home runs in the same season.
3. When was the last time

before 2016 that the Big Ten had four teams ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll during the season?

4. Who was the last San Antonio Spurs player before Kawhi Leonard (2015 and 2016) to win the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year Award?
5. In 2017, Nashville's Frederick Gaudreau became the third rookie since 1927 to score game-winning goals in consecutive games in the Stanley Cup Final. Name either of the first two.
6. When was the last time before 2016 that golf was played in the Summer Olympics?

7. Name the golfer who, in 2017, set a record for the lowest 18-hole round in a men's major championship?

ANSWERS
1. Rusty Staub, in 1970, when the franchise was located in Montreal.
2. Jim Rice, in 1978 (15 triples, 46 home runs).
3. In October 1960, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio State and Purdue were ranked in the top 10.
4. David Robinson, in 1992.
5. Pittsburgh's Jake Guentzel (also in 2017) and Boston's Roy Conacher (1939).
6. It was 1904.
7. Branden Grace, at the British Open.

Eaton and the Miami Dolphins to Award Free Ephesus LED Sports Lighting System to a Miami-Dade or Broward County High School Football Field

The Miami Dolphins and power management company Eaton today announced a community programming initiative – "Light Like the Pros" – in which one deserving Miami-Dade or Broward County high school will receive a free Ephesus state-of-the-art LED sports lighting system valued at more than \$100,000.

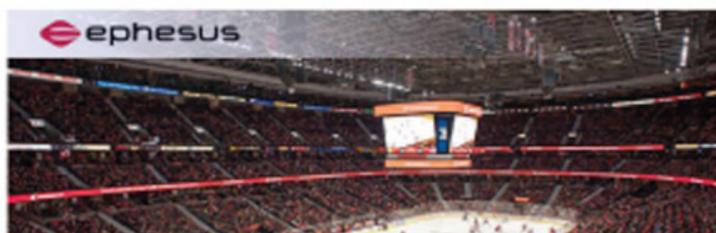
"We look forward to providing one deserving high school football field in South Florida with a state-of-the-art LED lighting system offering many of the same benefits of the system at Hard Rock Stadium," said Mike Lorenz, president, Eaton's Ephesus Lighting business. "Over the past five years, professional sports teams have learned to understand the benefits and reliability of an LED lighting system. It's now time for high schools and municipalities to have the same benefits available to them."

The program encourages high schools and other facilities that host high school football games in Miami-Dade or Broward counties to apply for the free energy-efficient LED lighting retrofit solution at Dolphins.com/LightLikeThePros. The contest is open to high school football facilities in Miami-Dade or Broward counties that currently have a sports lighting system. Applicants must provide a short essay about the limitations, problems and issues with their current lighting system, and how an energy-efficient LED lighting system can benefit the school, its students and the entire community. Deadline to enter is December 23, 2017.

"Here within the Miami Dolphins we support a mission to transform the lives of youth football players by instilling character building and reinforcing safety standards that help to increase football participation and grow a new generation of Dolphins fans," Miami Dolphins Senior Vice President of Communications and Community Affairs Jason Jenkins said. "We're supportive of this community initiative to better illuminate a high school field in South Florida for the betterment of their athletes and we com-

mend Eaton for stepping up and supporting high school football in South Florida."

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In addition, Eaton will be a supporting collaborator of the prominent Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game presented by Broward College. The popular postseason contest, in partnership with the Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) and Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC), will feature top prospects from local high schools. Top youth football players from Broward and Miami-Dade County that play in the American Youth Football League (AYFL), Florida Youth Football League (FYFL), Great Miami Pop Warner, Gold Coast Pop Warner, Miami Xtreme, National Youth Football League (NYFL) and Youth Academic Sports League (YASL) also will participate in games throughout the day. Top high school coaches will lead the youth football all-star teams, creating the opportunity for mentorship and development of youth coaches.

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I like to compare the holiday season with the way a child listens to a favorite story. The pleasure is in the familiar way the story begins, the anticipation of familiar turns it takes, the familiar moments of suspense, and the familiar climax and ending.

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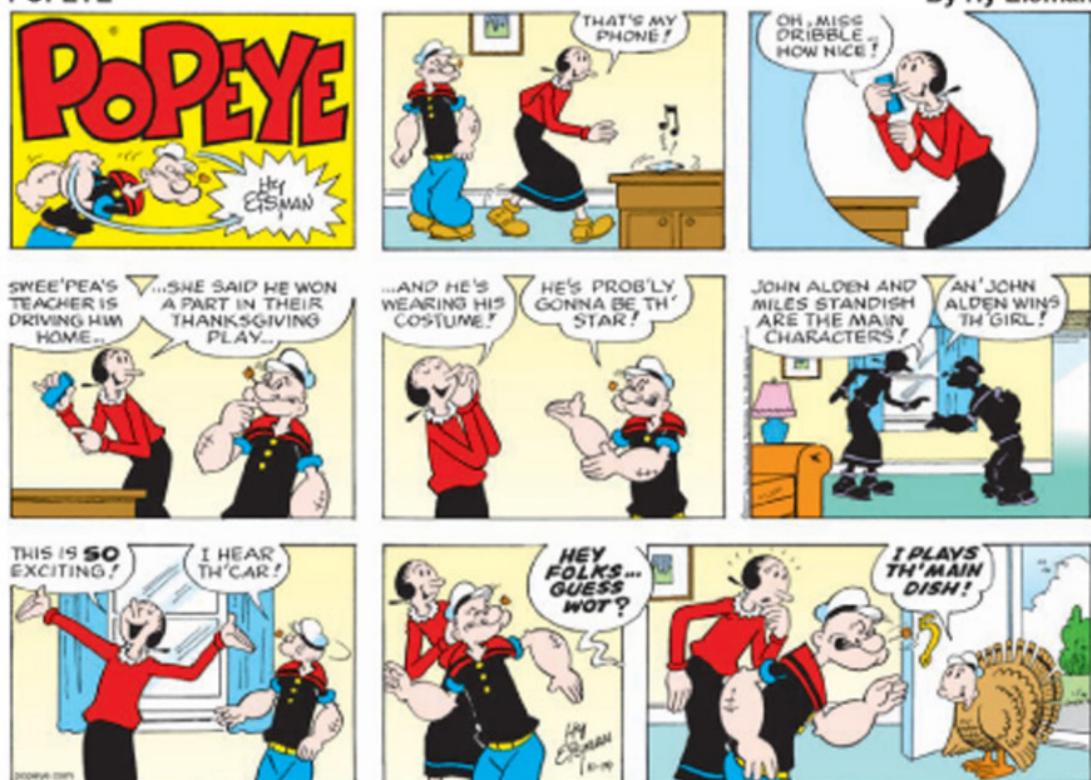


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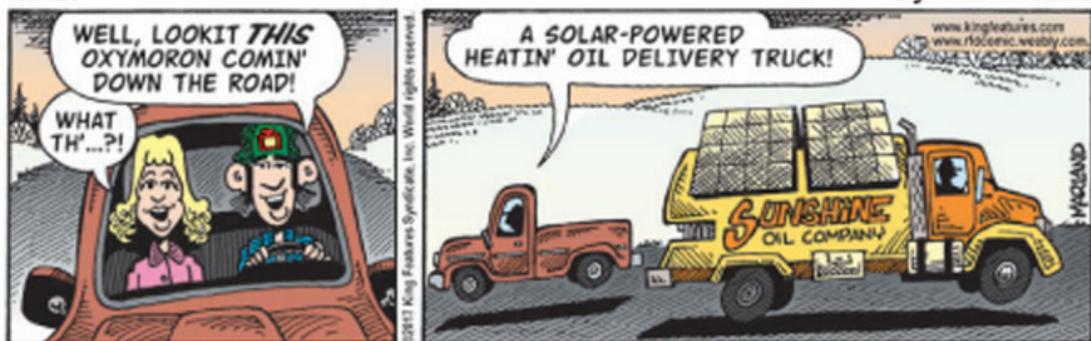
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 - 8 Secondhand
 - 12 Have bills
 - 13 Color quality
 - 14 "The Thin Man" heroine
 - 15 Hotel personnel
 - 17 Cole Porter's "Let's —"
 - 18 Willingly
 - 19 From then on
 - 20 Jousting garb
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 - 7 "Of course"
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 - 11 Social engagement
 - 16 Friend of
- ACROSS**
- 37 Fragment
 - 40 Mediocre
 - 41 Actress Gilpin
 - 42 Noble
 - 46 "— go brag!"
 - 47 Sandwich treat
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- 19 Vail gear
 - 20 Charitable donations
 - 21 Stench
 - 22 Mariah or Drew
 - 23 In the thick of
 - 25 Place setting component
 - 26 Squalid site
 - 27 Needle holder
 - 28 "Phooey"
 - 30 Flex
 - 33 Electrician's job
 - 34 Spill the beans
 - 36 Apportion
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Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

* On Dec. 1, 1913, Henry Ford installs the first moving assembly line to mass produce an entire automobile, reducing the time it takes to build a car from more than 12 hours to 2 1/2 hours. Ford divided the Model T's assembly into 84 discrete steps and trained each worker to do just one.

* On Dec. 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack. Darragh took notes, which she sewed into her coat before passing them onto American troops.

* On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city.

* On Dec. 11, 1936, Edward VIII becomes the first English monarch to voluntarily abdicate the throne following his scandalous decision to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

* On Dec. 12, 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean. Detractors had told him the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less.

* On Dec. 13, 1776, American Gen. Charles Lee leaves his army, riding in search of female sociability at Widow White's Tavern, even though Gen. George Washington repeatedly urged Lee to reinforce Washington's position on the Delaware River. British soldiers captured Lee at the tavern two days later.

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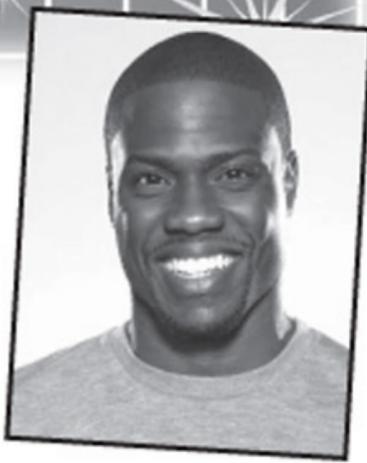
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Vacation & Travel

The 6 Best U.S. Destinations To Visit For Christmas

"Home for the Holidays" is a familiar refrain during December. But for a growing segment of Americans and international travelers, Christmas time has become a popular time to travel.

For some, it is easiest to take time off of work in the period between Christmas and New Year's, since things tend to slow down at the office as many are away from the holidays. Also, many families lived scattered throughout the country, so Christmas holiday in a fun location makes sense. In some cases, traveling during Christmas can also be affordable if you know where to look for travel deals.

Here are some of the most popular places in the U.S. to visit during Christmas. Some of these destinations are the usual suspects—New York City, Chicago—while others may surprise you. Use this information to plan your own Christmas travels or simply to get in the Christmas or travel spirit.

NEW YORK CITY

If you can swing it, a trip to New York City at Christmas is well worth it at least once in your lifetime. New York City makes it onto every best destinations list, but it is especially gorgeous during the holidays with all the lights and the snow, making it a favorite destination for many Christmas travelers.

New York is famous for shopping, so it's a great place to find unique gifts as well as find everything on your own wish list. New York City also boasts many holiday traditions, such as the holiday-themed windows at New York's famed department stores. There is the giant pine Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, the lighting of which is celebrated with a special ceremony and musical performances. Another attraction that brings scores of tourists to New York City during the holidays is the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, a Broadway-style show put on by the famous, high-kicking Rockettes at the even-more-famous Radio City Music Hall. Or go see the Nutcracker by the New York...**MORE CHICAGO**

The Windy City certainly has the brisk weather conditions to deliver a White Christmas—or at least a very, very cold one. However, tourists go to Chicago for Christmas for its big-city activities, such as viewing the millions of lights on the Magnificent Mile and enjoying Chicago's German heritage at the popular Christkindlmarkt, a German Christmas market filled with holiday crafts, traditional wooden toys, and German food and drink. Like New York City, Chicago also has a giant Christmas tree, which is set up in Daley Plaza and inaugurated each year with much fanfare. Also check out the Annual Christmas Around the World Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

COLORADO

A ski holiday at Christmastime makes sense for a lot of travelers, as snowy slopes and cozy chalets evoke the sights of the holidays. One of the most popular places to go for skiing in the United States is Colorado, which is home to the chic resort towns of Aspen, Vail, and Steamboat Springs. You can celebrate at Victorian Christmas at the Breckenridge ski resort. Santa trackers will also know that Colorado is home to NO-



New York City



Chicago



Colorado



Puerto Rico

RAD, the governmental agency that tracks Santa's gift giving course on Christmas Eve. Not sure where to stay? You can find family-friendly ski deals and discounts on places to stay with our guide on how to save money on a ski trip. Or have an urban Christmas in Denver and see the Zoo Lights at the Denver Zoo, let the kids ride the Holiday Carousel, and sip high tea at the Brown Palace.

FLORIDA

Florida is an obvious choice for the holidays. Most of the state enjoys mild temperatures, even in December, making it ideal for those who want their white Christmases to be made of sand and not snow. In addition to beach destinations, Christmas travelers to Florida also like to visit Walt Disney World, which is decked out in true, over-the-top Disney style. Take the kids to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party or to see Epcot's Candlelight Processional.

Or check out Christmas in Miami, where the holidays have a more Latin flavor. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, you can find boat parades and festive light displays in many cities throughout the state, such as the Night of Lights in St. Augustine.

Another great reason to visit Florida at Christmas is to visit Christmas, a little town near Orlando that has become a favorite



Alaska



Florida

place to get one's holiday mail postmarked.

PUERTO RICO

Why go to Puerto Rico during Christmas? Besides the fact that you'll enjoy a break from the cold weather up north and actually catch a tan while everyone else gets paler, Puerto Rico is a very special place to spend the holidays. Puerto Rico has its own set of Christmas traditions, ranging from decorations and storytelling to wonderful, wonderful food.

While the Christmas season in Puerto Rico can begin as early as November, Nochebuena, or Christmas Eve, is Puerto Rico's most anticipated holiday event. If you want to be part of the world's longest holiday season, which starts in November and ends in February, Puerto Rico is where you need to go.

ALASKA

You have to be really committed to the idea of a cold, white Christmas to want to head to Alaska for the holidays. But for some people, Alaska is the North Pole. In fact, since 1952, thousands of children who have written to Santa with their Christmas wishes have sent their letters to the Santa Claus House in North Pole, Alaska (near Fairbanks). The Santa Claus House also writes letters back to kids, indeed a very exciting prospect for a child still moved by stories of Saint Nick. Wintertime is also prime time for catching the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, in Alaska.

There are a number of Christmas festivals and events in Alaska, including Christmas-themed ice art sculptures. Adventurous types can even try dog sledding. Indeed, if you can handle the chill and snow, Alaska provides a picture-perfect place for spending Christmas.

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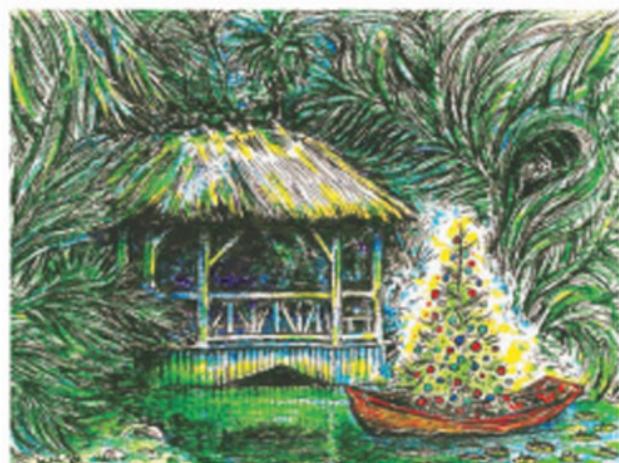
Enjoy An Enchanted Week Of Holiday Magic At The Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens presents an inaugural fundraising event like no other... an enchanted week of Holiday Magic featuring a holiday soiree for the adults, a whimsical wonderland for the kids and delightful evening tours and entertainment for the entire family. Wow! Talk about getting into the spirit of the Holidays!

This weeklong event, generously sponsored by the Business History Group, kicks off Friday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. with a fully catered holiday soiree by A.Alexander Catering; complete with designer decorated trees and wreaths available at auction and for purchase. Broward Women's Choral Group will entertain the crowds with sounds of the season and Santa and his elves will be roaming the estate spreading holiday cheer.

Bonnet House will be open for self-guided evening

tours Saturday, December 9th thru Thursday, December 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with exciting entertainment every night. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, December 9th - Recorded holiday music playing throughout the courtyard. Sunday, December 10th - Whimsical Wonderland with a children's book reading by author of *The Littlest Christmas Bush*, Janie Casoria, Christmas on the Keyboard with Larry Roberts, Santa and his elves and light snacks for the little ones. Monday, December 11th - A lovely evening of live holiday music played on the accordion by Larry Roberts. Tuesday, December 12th - Recorded holiday music playing throughout the courtyard. Wednesday, December 13th - A live performance by the Broward Center "Spotlights" Vocal Youth Ensemble: 25 children from the ages of 10 to 17 performing holiday music for all visitors. Thursday, December 14th - The Yuletide Carolers dressed in elegant and distinguished Victorian costumes, each one unique



Bonnet House For The Holidays

and hand-made specifically for The Yuletide Carolers. The quartet carries on the tradition of "Dickensian Caroling" by bringing a polished, professional look and sound.

For those who purchase a holiday tree or wreath, pick up will take place on Friday, December 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Admission for the kick-off party is \$50. Admission for the evening tours is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and free for kids 12 and under.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please call (954) 703-2614 or visit <http://www.bonnethouse.org/calendar/>.

Isabella and Gabriella Glazer Plan 7th Annual Bella's Kinship Group's Free Holiday Party At Nan Knox Boys & Girls Club

Grandparents raising their grandchildren is reaching epic proportions around the country. In Broward County, Isabella and Gabriella Glazer have been trailblazers in addressing the issues through Bella's Kinship Group. One of the components of the non-profit organization is to give several free parties throughout the year for children and adults. This offers kid a chance to socialize with others who are being raised by family members that aren't their parents and for the adults to meet with various social service agencies that can offer advice and support.

A case in point is their upcoming 7th Annual Holiday Party at the Nan Knox Boy's and Girl's Club, taking place on Saturday, December 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The party is free to children being raised by grandparents or other family members and, of course, the family member. Isabella and Gabriella are bringing some special people to make the holiday event a joy for young and old.

Kids and adults will be mesmerized by David Kaplan, Magician Extraordinaire. Ms. Ramona will also be on hand to paint faces and tell stories to the kids. In addition, many of the area's social nonprofit organizations will be on hand to answer questions and provide support for the grandparents while the kids are playing and having a fun time.

Then, Santa will be making a quick trip from his North Pole workshop to deliver his special Christmas magic, loaded down with toys for everyone! As the kids are getting their gifts, there will be Pizza and soft drinks and a Holiday Cake to top off what

promises to be a memorable event!

The Holiday Party is Sponsored by the Children's Services Council of Broward County and presented by Bella's Kinship Group. Working with the staff of Nan Knox, this event is made possible through the generous support of Philanthropist Linda Von Allmen and other benefactors, including the Amature Family Foundation, Christy Gumberg, Randee Lefkow, Susan Groaton and Kthy Molinet Drum.

For the second year, Beta Alpha chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Key Women Educators, is sponsoring a toy drive at Pine Island Bagel in Davie's Pine Island Plaza, at 8902 W State Road 84. Beta Alpha has chosen to support Bella's Group as one of their community projects. "We are also collecting gifts for the children to give to their caregiver(s) that will be distributed at the Holiday Party," said Betty Bunnell, President of Beta Alpha.

Space is limited... Please RSVP pronto! Nan Knox is at 832 N.W. 2nd Street in Fort Lauderdale. Visit <http://www.bellaskinshipgroup.org>, email Dr. Marietta Glazer, Executive Director of Bella's Kinship Group at bellaskinshipgroup@gmail.com or call (954) 842-5339.



Gabriella Glazer with Drs. Ira and Marietta Glazer and Isabella Glazer

The Epidemic of Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren

Nationwide, there are 2.7 million grandparents raising grandchildren. About a fifth have incomes that fall below the poverty line, according the Census figures. More grandparents are taking on the role of parents for their grandkids, as social service agencies try to place foster children in so-called kinship families. Their ranks are increasing. The number of grandparents raising grandchildren is up 7 percent from 2009. Experts say the trend is likely to continue as the nation responds to the opiate epidemic. Military deployment and a growth in the number of women incarcerated are other factors forcing grandparents to step into parental roles. (From Associated Press - Alejandra Cancino - February 16, 2016)

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See The "Venice of America" Via Water Taxi's Holiday Lights Cruise

"Looking for a GREAT way to get into the holiday spirit? Well... plan on taking the Water Taxi on one of their magical Holiday Lights Cruises!!" suggests Sales Manager Janet Langfur.

Fort Lauderdale is the "Venice of America" and there is no better way to enjoy our "Venice" than on the Water Taxi Holiday Lights Cruise. And... there's no better time than from December 4th thru December 23rd as Water Taxi will be running their Annual Holiday Lights Cruises, departing from their Stop #6, located under the 17th Street Bridge by the Hilton Marina Hotel.

Music will fill the air as you view the spectacu-

larly decorated homes and yachts on-board Water Taxi's 65' double-decker. Freshly popped pop corn is free throughout the cruise and holiday drinks will be available at the cash bar. On December 4th, 6th, 7th and 10th, there will be one cruise nightly, boarding at 5:45 p.m. and departing at 6:00 p.m. sharp! From December 11th thru the 23rd, there will be two cruises nightly, the first boarding at 5:45 p.m. and departing at 6:00 p.m. and the second, boarding at 7:45 p.m. and departing at 8:00 p.m. The enchanting cruises are an



Double Decker "Holiday Lights" Water Taxi

hour-and-a-half. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are free. Check schedule and purchase tickets online at www.watertaxi.com/holidaylights. Advance purchase/reservations are required. Call (954) 467-6677.

Broward County Medical Association Plans Holiday Social At BMW Fort Lauderdale Showroom

The Broward County Medical Association has planned a festive kick-off to the 2017 Holiday Season for all physicians in the area! On Thursday, December 7th, BMW of Fort Lauderdale will welcome the physicians and their guests to their new showroom at 1441 South Federal Highway from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"BCMA is pleased to have BMW of Fort Lauderdale as a corporate partner and welcomes physicians to become acquainted with the wonderful staff at the BMW of Fort Lauderdale dealership," said Cynthia Peterson, Chief Executive Officer of the Broward County Medical Association and the BCMA Foundation.



Cynthia Peterson

"Guests will enjoy food and drinks along with entertainment provided by Tom Caminiti – "The Tall Italian" – radio personality and DJ., and can enter to win door prizes."

Everyone is asked to bring one unwrapped children's toy that will be donated to Kids Can, an organization of kids helping kids. The mission of Kids Can is to "... unlock the potential in our children by empowering them with the opportunity to give back to the community and enrich the lives of children who may be less fortunate."

"The BCMA Foundation is making the main goal of fund raising in 2018 the "Physician Wellness

BCMA

The Broward County Medical Association (BCMA) dates back to 1926 with a defined mission to promote and preserve the highest standards of medical care and foster the ethical principles of the medical profession. Despite the increasing influence of business on health care, the BCMA works to uphold the standards of excellence in our medical community. The BCMA addresses the myriad of social, political and economic issues confronting patients. Input from the public on the health care needs of our community is welcome.

Program." Cynthia noted. The newly developed Program is designed to address the seriousness of physician burnout in our community. "The occupation of practicing medicine can be highly stressful and doctors face day-to-day challenges with emotional stress and work burnout. This can have an adverse effect on them personally, their practice and family life. Physician burnout is now a top concern across the United States".

Sponsors of the evening are BMW of Fort Lauderdale and PNC Bank. To make reservations, please call Cynthia at (954) 714-9772 or e-mail cpeter@bcma.com.

"Panthers in the Park" Outdoor Ice Rink At Huizenga Park

Oh, my goodness... as Shirley Temple might have said... for those of you who used to go ice skating, here's an opportunity to



Real Ice Skating at Huizenga Park

ly unveiled their "Panthers in the Park" outdoor ice skating rink at Huizenga Park, at 32 E Las Olas Blvd. The 80 feet x 40 feet ice rink

is housed under a clear tent. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m., with closures on Christmas Day and early closure (6:00 p.m.) on Christmas Eve. The rink

is open through Sunday, January 7th.

More information can be found at FloridaPanthers.com/HolidayRinks.

relieve the thrill!! For those of you who haven't, here's your chance to enjoy the magic of the ice.

The Florida Panthers and the City of Fort Lauderdale recent-

Maus & Hoffman Offers Holiday Gifts Wrapped In Their Exclusive "Money-Wrap!"

Over the years, Maus & Hoffman, at 800 East Las Olas, has set itself apart from other stores in many ways, one of which is their unique Money Wrap! You can choose from sheets of uncut \$1 or \$2 bills from the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. They are sold only as gift wrap on M&H merchandise. The new one dollar bill sheet measures 26" x 30" for \$100.00 and the two dollar bill sheet measures 21" x 24" for \$140.00.

They also have a popular Catalog Outlet store near by – at 225 S Federal Highway - that offers a unique opportunity to make room for new merchandise, while offering men and women a chance to buy luxury clothing at 50% off year 'round'. And yes, you can have items from the Catalog Outlet wrapped in Money Wrap. "Maus & Hoffman has been on the



Maus & Hoffman's \$1 Money Wrap

Esquire magazine A-List for years now. This is the highest honor a retail store can receive, being among the select stores in the country," enthused Tom Maus, Jr.

Call (954) 463-1472 or visit www.mausandhoffman.com.

Music Fills The Air... Around Town

Seraphic Fire Presents Their Beloved Holiday Tradition At All Saints Episcopal Church

Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire brings its annual candlelit Christmas presentations to All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. The repertoire features traditional Christmas carols, uplifting African-American spirituals, and transcendent Gregorian Chants. Audience favorites include "Jesus Christ The Apple Tree," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "Mary Had A Baby," "Joy to the World," and "Adeste Fideles."

This one-of-a-kind juxtaposition of medieval chant traditions, spirituals of William Dawson, and other seasonal music, which the Miami Herald calls "gorgeous and evocative," has delighted thousands

of Florida concert-goers for more than a decade. The program is, in essence, an aural collage that celebrates the holidays through various musical perspectives that speak of angels, shepherds, and the holy family.

"It really isn't the holiday season until you hear a choir sing 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and 'Silent Night,'" says Founder & Artistic Director Patrick Dupré Quigley. "Our holiday concert is a sung Christmas card – images and messages that last with listeners throughout the season."

Since All Saints is at 333 Tarpon Drive, a block south of East Las Olas, why not dine at one of the Boulevards many great restaurants and make an



Seraphic Fire's Holiday Concert

even more memorable evening of it! For tickets or information, call (305) 285-9060 or visit at <http://www.seraphicfire.org/christmas>.

Chopin For All Free Concert Series Presents Timothy Jones... A Rising Star Of The Piano

On Saturday, December 2nd, the Chopin for All Free Concert Series will present Timothy Jones, the 20-year old Winner of the 2017 Music Teachers National Association's Piano Performance Competition.

The concert takes place at the Broward County Main Library, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Library is at 100 S. Andrews in Fort Lauderdale.

These free concerts showcase some of the most dazzling pianists on the planet! No kidding. And the Piano Recital by Timothy Jones, featuring the music of Bach, Mozart, and Chopin, is a case in point.

At the age of 20, Timothy has already established himself as an accomplished soloist, chamber musician and collaborative pianist. He won first prize in both the Junior and Senior division of the North Carolina MTNA competitions and first prize in the Russell C. Wonderlic competition. He was a prizewinner in the 2012 Austrian International Piano Festival Competition, which led to performances of Chopin's Andante Spianato et Grande-Polonais e Brillante with the Wiener Neu-

städter Instrumentalisten in Vienna, and other places in Austria.

Timothy finds pleasure and inspiration from a variety of musical genres. In addition to piano, Timothy is proficient in guitar, trumpet, and voice. As a singer, Timothy likes to express himself via acapella music, and is currently the music director of an award winning Johns Hopkins acapella group called the AllNighters. He currently studies under Marian Hahn at the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Folks, the concert is free and no tickets are required. Just show up for an amazing afternoon of music. These programs are presented by The Chopin Foundation of the United States and Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. For more about the Chopin Foundation, visit www.chopin.org.



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Jazz Diva, Ann Hampton Callaway Celebrates "Diva Power" At Gold Coast Jazz Society Concert

Tradition...Innovation... Creativity is the theme of this season's jazz concert series presented by the Gold Coast Jazz Society. All concerts in the series are presented at the Amature Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

On Wednesday, December 6th, the award winning jazz, cabaret and Broadway artist Ann Hampton Callaway will perform in a concert titled "Diva Power" at 7:45 p.m. She is a leading champion of the Great American Songbook who has made her mark as a singer, pianist, composer, lyricist, arranger, actress, educator, TV host, producer and is well-known as the composer/singer of the title song for the hit TV show "The Nanny." Her one-woman show, "Diva Power" brings



Ann Hampton Callaway

to life a soaring celebration of the legendary ladies who helped shape the soundtrack of her life - Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee, Anita O'Day, Edith Piaf, Etta James, Carole King and Joni Mitchell. In this rare intimate setting, Callaway takes a personal look at these iconic women who were trailblazers in music and whose careers,

voices and songs helped to shape Callaway's own artistry.

Single tickets are \$55 per person. Students and teacher tickets are \$10 with valid ID. To purchase single tickets, call the Broward Center AutoNation Box Office at (954) 462-0222, or online at www.browardcenter.org or www.goldcoastjazz.org.

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Celebrate The Holidays With Friends & Family - Two New Films To Brighten The Holiday At AutoNation® IMAX 3D Theater

With visitors from out of town, as well as friends, family and business colleagues taking some time off to celebrate the Holidays, what better way to do it than by taking in a movie at the AutoNation® IMAX 3D Theater! As most of our readers know, the IMAX recently emerged from an "Extreme Makeover," where the newest Laser projection technology was installed. The upgrade also includes an immersive, 12-channel sound system featuring 114 speakers capable of 52,000 watts of digital sound. HELLO! 52,000 WATTS!! And a six-story high screen... OMG!

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The very popular Polar Express will return this holiday season to the AutoNation® IMAX 3D Theater and will run thru December 13th. The Academy Award-winning team of Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump, Cast Away)



All Aboard... For The Polar Express

reunited for this inspiring holiday adventure based on the classic Caldecott Medal-winning children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

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Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Having taken her first steps into a larger world in Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015), Rey continues her epic journey with Finn, Poe and Luke Skywalker in the next chapter of the saga. Star Wars: The Last Jedi (also known as Star Wars: Episode VIII – The Last Jedi(3)) runs from December 14th thru January 18th. This epic space opera film was written and directed by Rian Johnson. It is the second film in the Star Wars sequel trilogy, following Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015). Watching this movie in the immersive IMAX 3D is truly AWESOME!

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

Guy Harvey Hosts "Family Fun Day: Holiday Edition"

Guy Harvey will host a free family fun day to kick off the holiday season on Saturday, December 2nd from Noon to 2:00 p.m.. Activities will include an animal show, Santa meet & greet, food, live music, kid's activities and enter-to-win raffles.

Dr. Harvey – the world-renowned artist, scientist, diver, angler, conservationist and explorer - will meet fans

and sign merchandise. Harvey is widely recognized today as the world's finest marine wildlife artist who combines his unique artistic talents with his background as a marine biologist to create marine wildlife art with an unmatched authenticity and visual appeal.

Proceeds from Guy Harvey merchandise sales benefit the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation (GHOF), a non-

for-profit organization that conducts scientific research and hosts educational programs aimed at conserving the marine environment.

This festive pre-holiday party takes place at Guy Harvey Enterprises, 10408 West State Road 84, Suite 104 in Davie. For more information, call 1 (800) 288-1227 or visit www.guyharvey.com.



Guy Harvey

Kilwins Ice Cream, Chocolate & Fudge Offers Great Holiday Gift Ideas

"Chocolate is the gift that is never returned!" Bill Renaud quipped.

Even before you step inside Kilwins Ice Cream, Chocolates & Fudge to be greeted by their friendly staff, the wafting aroma of fresh, hand rolled waffle cones will pull you back to a time when customer service meant going the extra mile to make each customer feel special. This tradition is still evident today. With an assortment of over a hundred different confections, both old fashioned and newly invented to choose from, Kilwins is a unique blend of old school charm and customer service with modern sensibilities. Kilwins, at 809 East Las Olas, has been a popular destination for locals and visitors for more than 20 years.

"All of our chocolates and treats are hand-made, and any time of day you can drop by



Manager Leon Milne shows off some of the tasty treats and their "Gift Tin"

and watch one of our chocolatiers or master fudge makers whip up a wide selection of different confections," owner Bill Renaud said. From classics such as pretzels and marshmallows to the exotic, like Twinkies and sliced oranges, Kilwins' chocolatiers work during the day to coat everything you could possibly imagine in their rich milk, dark and white chocolate.

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their "Gift Tins" – with the distinctive Kilwins Logo - which can be filled with your choice of anything in the store... Fudge, Brittles, Caramel Corns, Salt Water Taffy... well, the list goes on!

Bill added that "... we offer our friends some

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- and take you back to the day when singing Christmas Carols was the norm every year.
- 1) White Christmas
 - 2) Silent Night
 - 3) Santa Claus is Coming to Town
 - 4) O Holy Night
 - 5) Winter Wonderland
 - 6) Rudolph, The Red Nose Reindeer
 - 7) Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
 - 8) Joy to the World

- 9) Peace of Earth / Little Drummer Boy
- 10) Frosty the Snowman
- 11) I'll Be Home for Christmas
- 12) Here Comes Santa Claus
- 13) We Three Kings
- 14) Jingle Bell Rock
- 15) Silver Bells
- 16) Santa Baby
- 17) A Holly Jolly Christmas
- 18) We Three Kings
- 19) Jingle Bells
- 20) Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas



1. **LITERATURE:** What 20th-century author wrote a short story titled "Gimpel the Fool"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Sometimes called "the second most visited home in America," what Memphis,

3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only mountain in North America that exceeds 20,000 feet?
4. **FIRSTS:** Who became the first woman in the British Parliament in 1919?
5. **HISTORY:** The International Committee of the Red Cross won what prize in 1944?
6. **SCIENCE:** In forensic science, what is dermatoglyphics?
7. **MOVIES:** In one of the movie's classic songs, how much sugar does Mary Poppins say is necessary to make the medicine go down?
8. **MUSIC:** What is the classification for an album that sells 10 million copies?
9. **EXPLORERS:** What European explorer was the first to reach the Mississippi River in 1541?
10. **MEDICAL TERMS:** What is a more common name for the malady called pityriasis capitis?

- ANSWERS**
1. Isaac Bashevis Singer
 2. Graceland
 3. Denali (Mount McKinley)
 4. Lady Nancy Astor
 5. The Nobel Peace Prize
 6. The study of fingerprints
 7. A spoonful
 8. Diamond
 9. Hernando de Soto
 10. Dandruff

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