

Sales, special events, and more from the people who make Biscayne Times possible

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e have a lot to talk about for April, so let's dig right in.

With pelican bills decidedly pointing north toward their summer grounds, you know it's time again for the annual Pelican Party benefit supporting the **Pelican Harbor Seabird Station** (305-762-7633, pelicanharbor.org/pelicanparty2019). If you've never attended, you've been missing out on great food, drinks, musical entertainment, speakers, a handful of feathered friends, and a silent auction that benefits the great work performed by the station's crew. At this year's red-carpet soirée, Miami's oldest and largest wildlife hospital is celebrating 40 years of rescuing and rehabilitating sick, orphaned, and injured animals. Wildlife expert Ron Magill, whom many will recognize from Zoo Miami and television appearances, will be on hand as special guest speaker. The party takes place Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Miami Shores Country Club (10000 Biscayne Blvd.). General admission tickets are \$175. BizBuzz recommends, however, the \$225 VIP tickets, which include early-bird auction bids, more food, more entertainment, and endless champagne from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Organizers are still accepting auction items. Call for more info.

Join the **Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami** (61 NE 41st St., 305-901-5272) on April 5, during the museum's contribution to Pride Weekend, for a late evening of art, musical performances, and complimentary beer from Concrete Beach Brewing. ICA will stay open until 10:00 p.m. as part of its First Fridays festivities. Also, pencil in opening night, April 18, on your

social calendar, when two exhibits open concurrently. One is dedicated to Ettore Sottsass, a seminal figure of postwar thinking, architecture, and design. The other features a new series of works by interdisciplinary Diné artist Eric-Paul Riege, who will stage a durational performance involving a series of “weaving dances” inspired by the Diné, more commonly known as the Navajo Nation. The ICA is always *free*, but reservations are highly recommended.

This month’s eclectic roundup of activities includes a trip to science class. Solids, liquids, gasses. Ice, water, steam. Understanding the three common phases of matter seems simple enough when observing water melt and freeze in the kitchen, but sometimes matter acts in unexpected ways. The weird and entertaining world of these oddball substances is explored in “Strange Matter” at the **Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science** (1101 Biscayne Blvd., 305-434-9600), where hands-on activities help you understand what gives these materials -- such as ferrofluids and memory metals -- their intriguing and remarkable properties. Want your kids to enjoy this and other exhibits at night? While you’re out on, say, a date? Reserve a space Friday, April 12, for Kids Night at the Museum, which includes dinner and a late-night snack. Tickets are \$60 for the first child; \$40 each for siblings. Call for more instructions.

On Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m., **Martha/Mary Concerts** (305-458-0111, www.marthamaryconcerts.org) presents its annual Starburst concert, which features young talent at the start of their careers. Sahana Shravan, Giancarlo Llerena, and Valentina Paolucci will join founding artistic director Paul Posnak at the beautiful La Merced Chapel (on the campus of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 3220 NW 7th Ave.) to perform Bach, Beethoven, Sarasate, and Shostakovich. Tickets are only \$15 or \$20. Stay tuned for the Kevin Kenner concerts Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m., when Kenner explores humor in the music of Haydn, Schumann, Chopin, and Paderewski. The Saturday show is a special salon seating event for \$50, and includes champagne and dessert. Sunday is the more traditional recital for only \$15 or \$25. These performances are co-presented with the Chopin Foundation.

Do you ever wish that the fresh produce offerings from the **Legion Park Farmers Market** (6601 Biscayne Blvd.) came with a talented chef? On Saturday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., your dream can come true. Join farmers from the Little River Cooperative as they talk about the plant-based meal being prepared by chef Chantelle Sookram. Tickets for FarmerDirect Dinner #6 are \$35 for adults, \$10 for children, if you purchase online from www.urban oasisproject.org. Also, get into the *ring*

of things with a special performance-filled celebration of Earth and Arbor Days on Saturday, April 27. The market is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Yoga is at 10:00 a.m.

Meanwhile, **Bayside Marketplace** (401 Biscayne Blvd., 305-577-3344) is a great place to enjoy free music downtown all month long! Artists perform daily from noon to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays, and until 1:00 a.m. on weekends. Friday, April 5, is extra special. From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Segafredo Café and 305 Daiquiri Bar will feature food and drink deals, and the VIVA Classic Rock band will perform. On Thursday, April 11, Bayside hosts the 3rd Annual Downtown Jazzfest, while on April 12, the market will host a special Blue & Green Day that raises awareness about organ donations.

Up in Edgewater, **Rice Mediterranean Kitchen** (2500 Biscayne Blvd., 305-705-6090) is an instant hit with residents who love the fresh, well-prepared dishes at this new hangout. The chain began as Rice House of Kabob featuring fast-casual versions of Mediterranean and Persian specialties. But as the owners added restaurants, they also added a build-a-bowl menu that quickly became even more popular with diners. The big hits to try are the beluga black lentils, honey nut feta, spicy baba ganoush, turmeric turkey, salmon sweet potato cake, the kubideh platter, and joojeh salad. For Rice's first appearance in the

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, the restaurant is offering \$5 off an order of \$20 or more, but you must remember to bring the ad with you.

Looking for Argentine flair nearby in the Design District? **Palermo Restaurant and Wine Bar** (4582 NE 2nd Ave. 786-502-4460) has quickly earned a following, thanks to its quality South American dishes. Argentina is known for its beef, and you won't be disappointed by either the NY or skirt steaks here. There's also chicken, fish, and pasta for those requiring lighter fare. And, of course, empanadas! Mention the

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for a free glass of wine and 15 percent off your bill.

Perhaps you've gained a taste for opening up your own bar or alcohol-serving restaurant? Contact attorney **Steve Polisar** (305-672-7772, x 206) before you realize that there's no way you want to do this on your own and just give up. Steve has decades of experience in ushering you through the permitting process and will be able to advise you on the best path to your own business.

Speaking of county permits, city licenses, and government bills, here's a very friendly reminder from the tax collector's office (200 NW 2nd Ave., 305-270-4916) for **Miami-Dade County**: If still unpaid, your property taxes became delinquent on April 1. However, you have until May 31 to

pay what's due, and BizBuzz stresses that you do. After that, you'll have to pay a lot more in interest charges to get current. And if you wait two years, you might find your property sold to the highest bidder at an auction. The taxman always collects.

An even higher authority wants BizBuzz to remind you that Passover begins the evening of Friday, April 19. By then, observant Jewish readers will have rid their homes of all *chametz* (leavened foods and their ingredients), which is banned during the eight-day-long holiday. It's not going to kill you to go without those foods for a week, says Bubbe, but why not treat yourself before then with a kosher dairy-certified delicacy from

Nothing Bundt Cakes

(15400 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 112, 305-974-4536)? Christian instead? Celebrate Easter on the 21st with a bundt cake! Whatever you observe, clip the coupon in this month's

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ad and you'll receive a free bundlet with the purchase of one.

Wheat is a big no-no during Passover. It's also the source of one of the most common food allergies. You probably know somebody who's allergic to nuts, eggs, soy, milk, fish, or shellfish. Maybe one of these foods is the source of your allergic miseries. Call **Florida Center for**

Allergy and Asthma Care

(877-4-ALLERGY) for an appointment with a board-certified physician at any one of the area's 17 convenient locations. Find out exactly what you're allergic to and how the center can relieve your suffering.

BizBuzz and *Biscayne Times* bid adieu to longtime advertiser Plaza Tire & Auto (3005 NE 2nd Ave., 305-573-3878), which is closing shop. (For details, see page 37 of this issue.) Stop by and wish the Cortez family good luck in their next endeavor while you get one last oil change.

If you're now left looking for a new automotive center, drive up to **Honda of Aventura** (2150 NE 163rd St., North Miami Beach, 855-971-2975) for reliable servicing or repairs. The dealership fixes all makes and models, not just Hondas. Check the

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ad for coupons.

With spring in the air, the fashion plates in the magazines may give you some inspiration, but make the most of your budget with helpful advice from a local expert well versed in our challenging climate. Call owner Bianka Martin at **Biknx Beautique** (4338-A NW 7th Ave.,

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305-780-9905) to arrange a smart, street-style makeover that could turn you into the top trendsetter at your next get-together. Remember that proms and graduation parties are approaching. Bianka can also help grads with makeup, lash extensions, and accessorizing for those special nights.

But definitely leave that old haircut and dull color in high school, where it belongs, boys and girls. Give Hannah Lasky of **Hannah and Her Scissors** (6900 Biscayne Blvd., 305-772-8426) a call to set up a styling appointment at her

new

location on the Boulevard.

Students at **Allison Academy** (1881 NE 164th St., North Miami Beach, 305-940-3922) may want to wait for that new fancy do until after their April field trip to Everglades Holiday Park, where we hope the adventurous airboat tour isn't overly hair raising. This trip, an immersive 15-day excursion to Japan, and other extracurricular activities are among the many benefits to attending this highly rated school. Call the registrar for more information.

Proms aren't only for teenagers. Alumni who attended **Monsignor Edward Pace High School** (15600 NW 32nd Ave., 305-623-PACE) are invited to the 2nd Annual Alumni Fiesta on Saturday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. for an evening of great food, drinks, and dancing on campus. Reminisce with your fellow Spartan grads (1964 to the present) for only \$10.

Babies are a symbol of renewal and springtime, even though human infants can arrive in any season. Nevertheless, expectant mothers should attend a free maternal health and wellness fair Saturday, April 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the **North Shore Medical Center** (1100 NW 95th St., 305-835-6000). Activities include lectures, healthy snacks, prenatal yoga demonstrations, and safety exhibitions. Participants include doctors, social workers, and other professionals who can help even first-time moms prepare for this momentous journey with confidence. For more info, call 844-856-1502.

The *BT* welcomes **Sher Dental** (12000 Biscayne Blvd. #130, 305-891-2444) to our pages this month, and the office is welcoming new patients with a \$59 introductory deal that includes an exam, X-rays, and cleaning. Miami native Dr. Sydney Sher Segall focuses on making your smile beautiful inside and out. Not only will she repair those pearlies, she is also adept at using Botox and Juvederm to correct any smile issues taking place outside the mouth.

Four months in. Has your 2019 resolution to drop a significant number of pounds been fruitful? No? Sigh. We hear ya. How about getting medical help from **Jackson North Medical Center** (160 NW 170th St., North Miami Beach, 305-585-TRIM). The center offers several surgical routes to weight-loss success for patients whose scales are tipping at dangerously unhealthy levels. The next lecture is Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., and it's *free*

All the new technology, surgical facilities, and state-of-the-art operating rooms in the recently opened Skolnick Surgical Tower and Hildebrandt Emergency Center at **Mount Sinai Medical Center**'s (305-674-CARE) main campus (4300 Alton Rd., Miami Beach) have not hurt its national reputation in the least. Actually, the center was just named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by IBM Watson Health for the second year in a row. Mazel Tov!

A place for healthier readers to overnight is **Zenmotel MiMo** (7126 Biscayne Blvd., 305-456-7233), a new live-work-play concept in the MiMo Historic District. This 1939 jewel is an Art Deco building that's been renovated with computer access, high-speed Wi-Fi, and large-screen TVs for all your work and social needs. However, the meditative motif of the guestrooms is the source of their slogan "Your *om* away from home." Speaking of "home," mention the *BT* for a friends and family discount of 10 percent.

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