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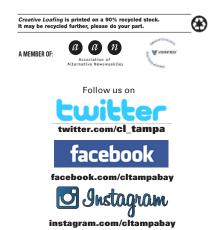
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SATURDAY: There'll be bodies of water on the Castle patio this weekend, but don't call 'em moats it's the Ybor nightlife staple's **11th annual Memorial Day Pool Party**. Sip on fruity cocktails while DJs spin industrial, gothic and more. Baggies provided (for your phone, sicko). *The Castle, 2004 N. 16th St., Ybor. 10 p.m. \$5. 813-247-7547.* **—Ray Roa**



COLOMBIAN EXCHANGE

SATURDAY: More than 325,000 Instagram followers can't be wrong, and this Town & Country gig from Colombian music superstar **Alzate** ("Traicion," "Ya Me Canse") almost slipped under our noses. If you need more Colombian culture in your life, then save July 8 for a Colombiano festival, too. *Cuban Civic Center, 10905 Memorial Highway, Tampa. 9 p.m.* facebook.com/pg/rumbaluzproductions. **–RR**





THE WORTH OF MIRTH

TUESDAY: Why take your creative entertainment in just one medium when you can enjoy two? This week's installment of the comedy goings-on at Iberian Rooster's Subcentral basement speakeasy features something special: a premiere of the short film *Living the Dream*, conceived and directed by Bay area comics John Jacobs and Elijah Hernandez. After the flick, a lineup of stand-ups featured in the film — including Tim Chirikalov, Ashley Dieudonne, Ashley Mostoller and Dan Hauff, among others — will do their thing on the Subcentral stage. *475 Central Ave.*, *#100, St. Pete. 9 p.m., \$10 adv./\$15 door. —* **Scott Harrell**





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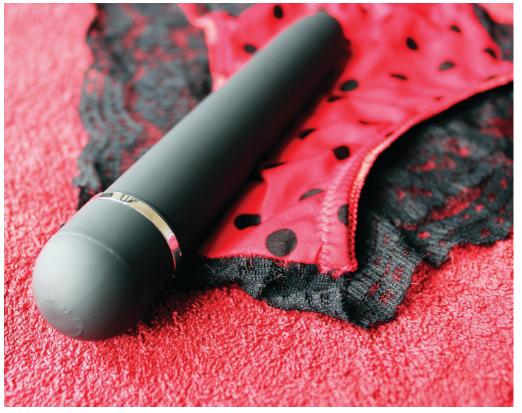
WEDNESDAY: Taste your way around the neighborhood of Tampa Heights, arguably Tampa's hottest new destination for local beverages and bites. The **Heights Urban** Food & Spirits Tour — part of Tampa Bay Food & Craft Beer Tours — takes participants to The Hall on Franklin, Heights Public Market and Steelbach at Armature Works and Ulele Spring Brewery for four to five samplings. Their intimate adventure kicks off along the Riverwalk. Get tickets online — space is limited. Water Works Park, 1710 N. Highland Ave., Tampa. 21 4th Ave. N., St. Pete. 5:30 p.m. tampabayfoodtours.com. — Meaghan Habuda



WHEELIE AWESOME

SUNDAY: This morning tour — by bike — allows Preserve the 'Burg and the Coast Bike Share crew to collaboratively celebrate May as National Bike Month and National Historic Preservation Month. Starting downtown at the Independent Bar, **Bikes and Beignets** leisurely cruises south to St. Pete's Deuces (aka 22nd Street South), a corridor with a rich cultural heritage where historic sites abound — including the iconic Manhattan Casino and Royal Theater. The place that puts the "beignets" in **Bikes and Beignets** is Chief's Creole Cafe; the tour's stop for those delicious squares of fried dough and coffee is housed in a landmark building itself. Get tickets online. *Independent Bar, 1049 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. 10 a.m.* \$15; \$25, non-members. preservetheburg.org. —**MH**





LAUGH

PORNBALLS

FRIDAY: You may have seen Raquel Roper and Maria Marley on... a website before, but don't talk about that on Friday when Dan Frigolette tapes a live episode of the *Porn Stars are People* podcast and hosts *Porn Stars are Comedians*, where adult film stars try out stand-up bits. This show, obviously, contains adult content. *4 Play After Dark*, *10387 Gandy Blvd., Suite 110, St. Pete. 7 p.m.* \$12-\$15. pornstarsarepeople.com. **–RR**

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- SU 6/3 The Stevie Nicks Experience Tribute Band w/ North 2 South 5PM\$10/13
- FR 6/8 FLORIDA SKA PRESENTS: Keith & Tex, Control This, The New Rulers and More 8PM \$15/20
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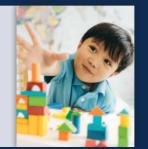
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WHAT A VIEW



NEXT THURSDAY: Tampa Repertory Theatre ends its seventh season with Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*, a mid-century drama about family, the American dream and immigration. The play, Tampa Rep's artistic director C. David Frankel says, remains "as timely today as ever. The plight of the undocumented immigrants, the struggle of first-generation Americans to secure their share of the American dream, the dichotomy of idealism and corruption in the longshoreman's union, and the brittle web of desire and disappointment in the family all percolate through Miller's story with as much resonance as any contemporary drama I know." As always with Tampa Rep, the play promises to engage audiences on many levels, and when they leave the theater, it will likely leave them thinking. Why wait for opening night when you can catch the preview? *Studio 120 in the Theatre Center, USF Tampa, 3837 USF Holly Dr., Tampa. 8 p.m.* \$15 (after May 31, \$25; \$20, students, seniors & military). tamparep.org/bridge. —Cathy Salustri







SEEIN' HALCYON

CLOSES NEXT THURSDAY: Head to the library for some... art. Seriously, the Louise and Arnold Kotler Art Gallery at the John F. Germany Public Library currently has art from Tampa Bay local Mike King on exhibit: **Halcyon Days**. King's artistic mission is to capture the essence of a pastoral Florida, where times are simpler and maybe also idealized a little bit. 900 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa. 813-273-3652. **–CS**



BEEFCAKE

THROUGH SUNDAY: Beef buffs, rejoice! One of the most iconic Chicago-style eats finally has its own weeklong celebration. The minds behind Chicagoland favorite Portillo's took it upon themselves to create **Italian Beef Week**, which kicks off May 21 and runs through May 27. In observation of the new food holiday, customers can nab two regular Italian beefs — that means peppers and cheese aren't included (aw, man) — for \$10 at the fast-casual chain's locations in both Brandon and Tampa. The Portillo's signatures are regularly priced at around \$5.89 apiece. *Portillo's, 1748 W. Brandon Blvd., Brandon.* \$10. 813-210-8190. **—MH**





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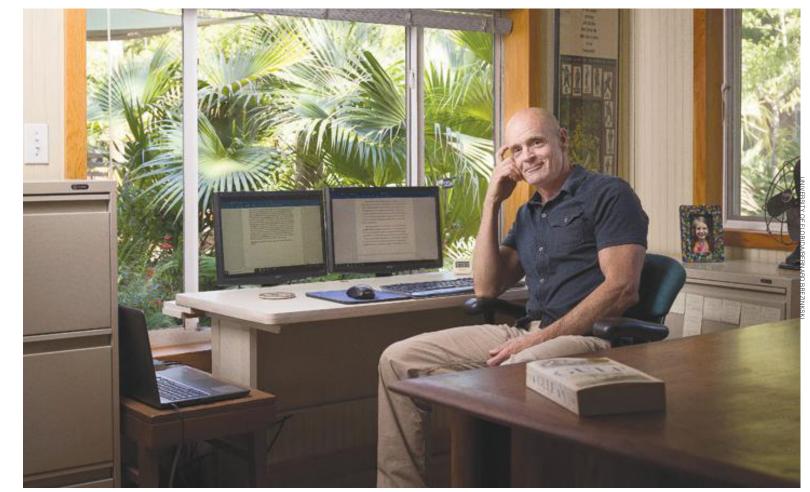
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BLOW IT UP

SATURDAY: Every Saturday this month, The Dalí Museum has shown films with themes centered on voyeurism, because apparently both Dalí and Duchamp — the subject of the current exhibit — used this as an element. This Saturday afternoon, come see **Blow-Up**, the classic 1966 Antonioni film about a London photog who photographs a woman in a deserted park — but when he develops the photos, there's something suspicious in them. One Dalí Blvd, St. Pete. 1 p.m. Film is free; if you're not a member of the museum, parking costs \$10.727-823-3767. **–CS**

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<u>WORDS</u>

YOU DON'T KNOW JACK

SUNDAY: Historian Jack Davis has this pretty nifty book about the Gulf of Mexico, which you may have heard about, what with **Gulf:** The Making of an American Sea having won the Pulitzer and the Kirkus and all. So, yeah, kind of a big deal. Meet the great one himself, and get a copy of his book —he'll probs even sign it for ya. Oxford Exchange, 420 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa. 1 p.m. oxfordexchange.com. —CS

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FRIDAY, MAY 25	CUTTY JONES	8PM	LOBBY BAR
FRIDAY, MAY 25	GRUMPY	9PM	HARD ROCK CAFE
SATURDAY, MAY 26	JOSH CARROLL	4PM	LOBBY BAR
SATURDAY, MAY 26	TAYLOR JOHN BAND	8PM	LOBBY BAR
SATURDAY, MAY 26	CORRINE OLIVIIA	5PM	COUNCIL OAK LOUNGE
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A janitor at Incheon International Airport in Seoul, South Korea, may have hit the jackpot on April 26 when he discovered \$325,000 worth of gold bars in a garbage bin. Investigators told The *Korea Times* they believe two men were transporting the gold, wrapped in newspapers, from Hong Kong to Japan, and threw away the stash for fear of being searched by customs agents. If the owner doesn't make a claim in six months, the janitor will get the gold, thanks to South Korea's "finders-keepers" law. However, if the treasure is found to be linked to criminal activity, the janitor will not be entitled to any of it.

HIGH TIMES

A Florida Highway Patrol trooper arrived at the scene of a crash in Orlando on April 29 to find Scott Ecklund, 32, uninjured but highly agitated. Trooper Glaudson Curado arrested Ecklund after Ecklund helpfully told the trooper he could get more meth than had been found in the search of Ecklund's wrecked Chevy Impala if the trooper would allow him to leave the scene. "Mr. Ecklund was making no sense during our conversation," Curado wrote in his report, according to the Orlando Sentinel. Ecklund, who was arrested earlier in April for crashing a truck into a house and claiming to be an FBI agent as he brandished an assault rifle, was charged with meth possession and driving with a suspended license and taken to the Orange County Jail.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Neighbors of the "Pooperintendent," a New Jersey school superintendent nabbed for repeatedly defecating on a high school running track, were nonplussed by the news. Thomas Tramaglini, 42, superintendent of schools in nearby Kenilworth, was charged April 30 in Holmdel, New Jersey, Municipal Court for defecating in public, lewdness and littering after being caught on surveillance video relieving himself on a daily basis during his run at the Holmdel High School track. The track is about 3 miles from Tramaglini's home in Aberdeen. But neighbors told NJ.com that Tramaglini always struck them as a nice guy — "Except for pooping on the field," one added. Another dismissed all the attention: "If he wasn't a super, this wouldn't even be news."

AWESOME!

The Palais de Tokyo, a contemporary art museum in Paris, has made a name for itself

by granting special visiting hours to nudists. On May 5, Reuters reported, naturists were invited to tour an exhibit, with about 160 attendees taking advantage of the sans-clothing event. Paris is seeing an increase in naturist events, according to Julien Claude-Penegry, communications director of the Paris Naturists Association. "The naturists' way of life is to be naked. Naturists are pushing past barriers, taboos or mentalities that were obstructive," he said. Next up for French nudists: a clubbing night later this year.

By The Editor

Andrews McMee

QUESTIONABLE JUDGMENT

Angelique Sanchez, 26, of Denver was asked to provide a urine sample for a prospective employer on May 3, so, of course, she stopped off at a 7-Eleven store in Aurora to apply the final touch: She put the urine-filled bottle in a microwave and turned it on, whereupon the sample blew up. A 7-Eleven clerk, who observed a "yellow liquid... and the smell was unquestionably urine" dripping from the microwave, confronted Sanchez, who wiped the liquid out of the microwave and onto the floor, then walked out. KUSA TV reported that police caught up with her at a nearby clinic and issued a summons for damaged property. Medical expert Comilla Sasson guessed that Sanchez was trying to restore the sample to body temperature.

THAT'S ONE WAY TO DO IT

When Leroy Mason, 68, of Barton, Vermont, takes care of a problem, he doesn't do things halfway. On April 30, as his smoke detector blared yet again, Mason aimed his 20-gauge shotgun at the cursed piece of electronics and fired twice. Unfortunately, the shots also hit the adjoining wall of an occupied apartment. Fire and EMS crews called to the scene had been before, according to a Vermont State Police news release quoted by Boston25 News, as "Mr. Mason has complained in the past about frequent false alarms... and was upset that fire crews would not relocate the detector. Mr. Mason took it upon himself to relocate the smoke detector..." When first responders relieved him of his shotgun, Mason rearmed himself with a Colt .45 handgun and demanded his shotgun back. Mason was finally subdued and charged with aggravated assault with a weapon and reckless endangerment.

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Funk eternal

Facing cancer, a Bay area scene elder reflects on family and mortality. **By Ray Roa and Jess Phillips**

PDA

arryl Queensbury has been throwing himself a birthday show for the last 20 years or so, and he knows that sounds egotistical. "It's a little self-serving," he said with a laugh.

"But it's a good excuse to get friends together, and if the bar can ring a little more, the bartender can take home some money and make **Unlimited Devotion w/Trailside** the next month's rent easier,

then why not?' Queensbury is a Bay area music-scene elder better known as Funky D. He

played keys in the Funky Seeds and has been a member of other outfits like Food, Urban Gypsies and Porcupine. Half-Baked Guru, a band he formed in the early '90s, nearly landed a development deal, but never broke through. Still, music is Funky D's life. He was born in Floyd, VA to a bluegrass-picking dad and learned to walk, barefoot, at music festivals. But his father's alcoholism rendered him absent, so Funky D was essentially raised by a guy named Robert Butterworth, who taught Funky D about community value and that bands are family.

"He's also the person who gave me LSD and took me to see The Who. He changed my life, empowered me to have the courage to get out from everything associated with my dad," Funky D said. Doing more for others has been a theme of Funky D's parties, and it'll be the centerpiece of this one, where he hopes friends come early to see two of his favorite bands open the show.

Things feel a little different this time, however, as Funky D prepares to celebrate his 53rd trip around the sun. Someone else has to carry his gear onstage, and he's been in a lot of pain lately since the stage 3 colon cancer he was diagnosed with returned to his body (the community held a fundraiser for Funky D in 2015, but Saturday's show is not a fundraiser).

"It's not even just in my colon anymore. It's all over, in my liver all over the place, my lungs, lymph nodes, my spine. It's everywhere," he said, adding that his oncologists have been vague about a prognosis this time around. "It's pretty grim, Basically they say a year with chemo, six months without, but then there's the 20 percent chance that I can beat it through chemo or through this natural thing."

The natural thing he's talking about is Rick Simpson Oil, named after a Canadian medical marijuana activist who was motivated to share a simple method for extracting oils from cannabis after he purportedly used his method to cure his own cancer. Funky D used the

> oil and changed his lifestyle after that first diagnosis. He says that he's prob-

Phantoms/Tropico Blvd. ably going to try chemo this Sat. May 26, 9 p.m. No cover. Ringside Cafe, 16 2nd. St., N., St. Petersburg. time around. His 25-year-old daughter understands him More info: local.cltampa.com more than anyone, and she

knows about his negative feelings towards chemo, but she came up with a compromise in which Funky D would at least try a round of chemo.

"So if I start this, and it sucks, and I say 'Fuck this,' then I can stop," he said. "But why not try? I know that is her being fearful of losing me, and I get that. I mean, if there's anyone to feel bad for it is her. She is full-time student, going on an internship, working on a job, she has me to take care of. This is all happening at one time in her life in an age where she should be carefree and having fun."

Funky D actually decided to settle down and be less carfree himself when he found out he would be a dad, and he has always used his daughter as a barometer for his behavior.

"Like, what am I doing to actually deserve a child," he explained. If you asked his friends, they would tell you that Funky D has actually helped so many bands — his family in so many ways - get off the ground. It's that sense of community that he learned very early on, and he's hopefully passing it along to a new generation.

Funky D, who has shed a lot of weight since his cancer diagnosis, has an almost tangible peace around him when he talks about all of it. He's resolved a few interpersonal hang-ups and said that if he's ever hurt anyone, then they should tell him, because he's sorry.

"It goes both ways, I forgive everyone, I don't wanna hang on to anything," he said. He also wants to record a few more songs that haven't yet made it to tape. "You know, some things that I like, there's a divorce song and some tunes I wrote when I thought I was gonna die."

He stops short of saying that he is religious, but Funky D does believe that energy doesn't



FATHER AND FRIEND: Darryl "Funky D" Queensbury.

get destroyed. He feels happy about what he's caring have circled back his way over and again. somewhere else." E

"There's a lot that we don't understand, and put into life, and he thinks that the passion and that's OK," he said. "That energy — it just goes

A call for Kim: Former Bay area promoter turns to friends for a helping hand

Kim Dicce treated Tampa Bay well during her time as a promoter in the late '80s and early '90s. As a student at the University of South Florida, she learned to book shows during a stint as a Sun Dome stagehand. She booked bands like Redd Kross and Flaming Lips in a small basement bar called The Empty Keg. In 1989 she brought a still-emerging Soundgarden to play the old Masquerade in Ybor City. She also brought Sonic Youth and The Pixies for early Bay area shows. In 1992, with Medusa Productions partner Susan Grall, Dicce had Dinosaur Jr. and My Bloody Valentine at Jannus Landing. The Medusa team ran legendary '90s Tampa indie venue The Stone Lounge, before Dicce began booking at luxe Ybor City concert room The Rubb.

"It was a great time of my life. Most people don't get to live their dream," she told CL. Still. a lucrative dream it was not. Now Dicce, a property manager and single mom, needs some help covering a small portion of the overall cost for breast cancer treatment. She was diagnosed in 2011, underwent chemo and surgery, but never asked for help. Now that the cancer has returned, Dicce has been forced to start a GoFundMe to raise just a small portion she owes to her insurance company.

"I am very fortunate that I was able to get insurance at all having a pre-existing condition... I am hoping that you will consider helping me get through this difficult time," she wrote in a note to friends. Considering everything she's selflessly done for us, having a look, donating or even sharing the page (gofundme.com/KimDicceKICKcancer) is the least music lovers can do. -Ray Roa



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Shit Happened

FRIDAY 18



Researchers from marine facilities across the bay report a spike in dolphin births in the area in 2017. These scientists don't know why more baby dolphins are being born around here, but we'd like to suggest it's because of more sexy dolphin sex.

SATURDAY 19

A South Carolina woman who ordered a Publix cake to celebrate her son's graduating Summa Cum Laude is distressed to discover the cake's mes-

sage has been censored with the "Cum" removed. Jesus - even Publix's online ordering program has Puritanical conservative tendencies.

SUNDAY 20



A man is busted poaching federally protected gopher tortoises in Martin County, and admits he was gonna take 'em home and eat 'em. This whole "slow food" trend has gotten way out of control.



Two Tampa cops borrow a resident's kayak to paddle out and rescue a cat from Hillsborough Bay. If you've ever

tried to handle a wet, scared cat in the relative security of your own bathroom, you know exactly how many beers these two are owed.

MONDAY 21



New Port Richey announces that it's creating a new "safe exchange zone" for picking up online purchases, child-custody exchanges and the like in the police department's parking lot. Because the police department's parking lot is apparently not enough of a safe exchange zone.

Read Scott Harrell's Shit Happened every weekday at cltampa.com/news.



ALTERNATIVE SCIENCE: With research stacking up like burgers at a barbecue, nutrition is becoming mainstream medicine.

An inexact science

Nutrition isn't fake science. Part four in a series.

By Jennifer Ring

In the mood for some chocolate? How about a piece of lettuce, instead?

Yeah, I didn't think so. No one likes being told what

to eat. That's why nutrition studies are so difficult to conduct.

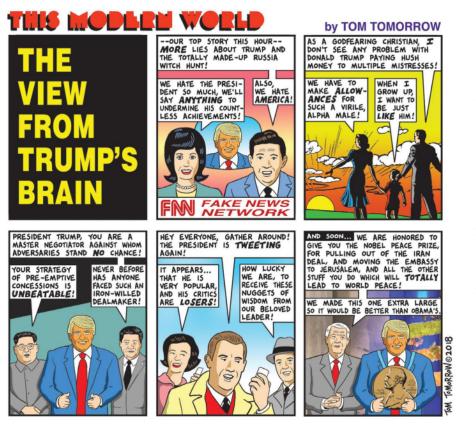
Even if I paid you \$1000, chances are you'd have difficulties substituting all the chocolate in your diet with lettuce for the next 20 years.

Let's say you cheated and ate a piece of chocolate around Year Five. Would you tell me you ate that piece of chocolate?

> This would be so much easier if I just surveyed you and asked you how much chocolate

and how much lettuce you ate each week.

A lot of nutrition studies are done in reverse like this. Instead of telling people



what to eat, you ask them what they ate. Then you sort them into groups based on diet and follow their long-term health. You have a lot less control over your experiment this way, but it still works (sort of) with a large enough sample size.

This is what Harvard researchers did with their Nurses' Health Study. The researchers recruited 121,700 nurses, aged 30-55 years, to participate in the study. Every four years the nurses completed a questionnaire on their diet. They were given a list of foods, some healthy and some not healthy, and asked how often they ate these foods. Then, 15 years later, the researchers started asking these women questions about their overall mental and physical health. At this time, the researchers sorted them into groups based on diet.

To determine the effects of the Mediterranean diet on long-term health, they analyzed data from 10,670 of the study participants - all healthy women in their 50s

In light of these studies and others like them, advising patients on nutrition is rapidly becoming less alternative and more mainstream.

and 60s during the mid-1980s. They wanted to know if following the Mediterranean diet in midlife would affect a person's odds of healthy aging, which they defined as making it to 70 with "no major chronic diseases or major impairments in cognitive or physical function or mental health." After 15 years, their results suggested that women who adhered to the Mediterranean diet had 46% greater odds of healthy aging compared to those who did not.

How did plant-based diets fare? This time the Harvard group analyzed data from both the Nurses' Health studies and the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study. Altogether, the sample size was more than 200,000 healthcare professionals, all free of chronic disease at the study's onset. They found that the more you substitute animal foods in your diet with healthy plant foods, the more you reduce your risk of developing coronary heart disease and Type 2 diabetes in the future. Simply lowering your intake of red and processed meats can lower your risk of heart disease, the researchers suggested, though probably not to the same extent that going full-on vegetarian would.

In light of these studies and others like them, advising patients on nutrition is rapidly becoming less alternative and more mainstream. So put that coconut oil back on the shelf and talk to your doctor about nutrition. 3



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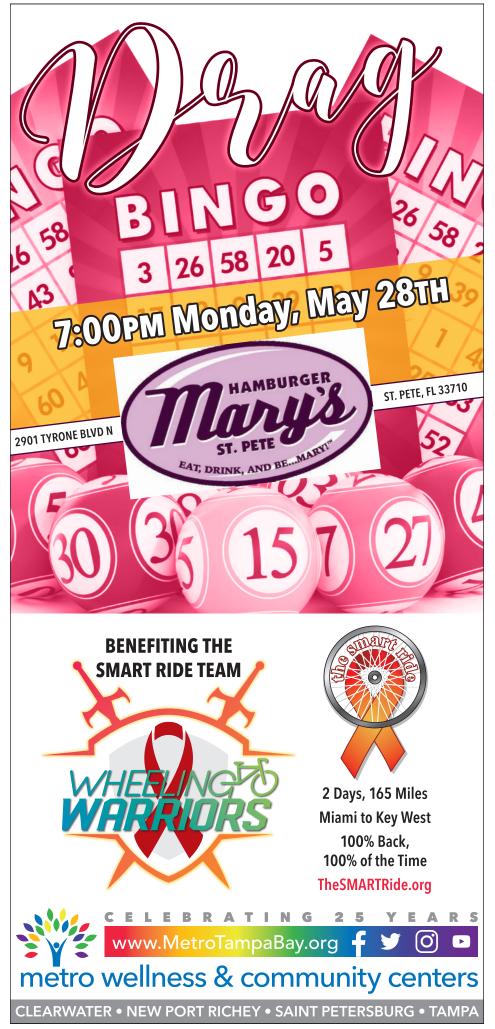




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RESTAURANTS RECIPES DINING GUIDES

Lured in

Baytenders has all the seas' bounties under one roof for the casual crowd. **By Jon Palmer Claridge**

he idea of eating fresh seafood on a picnic table resting on a bed of crushed oyster shells conjures up, for me, memories of summer on Cape Cod. We often idealize our memories, sifting the images so that only perfection remains. It's just as we might do when cropping images on Facebook — showing the pelicans by the water and chopping out the adjacent parking lot.

When my crew arrives at St. Petersburg's Baytenders, the joint is jumping. Despite the plethora of restaurants along the Fourth Street some hiccups. Most successful is the blackened

corridor, the lure of all the seas' bounties under one roof seems irresistible. That initially means we're directed toward the aforementioned picnic table. But, once seated, we abandon the fond memories

as the sounds and smells of an urban thoroughfare break the spell. Alas, the dulcet tones of a passing bus convince us to wait for a table inside.

The renovated interior of what was most recently Champions BBQ has been done with care. The new restaurant knows the audience it's appealing to. The setting is relaxed and comfortable, with a handsome U-shaped bar surrounded by plenty of shiny, dark wood slats. Our booth on the south wall even includes its own individual flat-screen TV from which to follow the latest news on the Bolts' run for the Stanley Cup.

Looking at the menu, the offerings are seafood's greatest hits for the casual crowd. It's not about being adventurous; instead, delivering proven dishes freshly caught is the plan. To start, we choose a few stalwarts as benchmarks.

The crab bisque is standard-issue blue crab, cream and a touch of sherry. It's pleasant, but lacks the extra finesse of the splendid oysters Rockefeller. This classic from the '30s is rarely kept simple. Chefs want to incorporate their own twist, and it usually disappoints. Baytenders allows a version of the traditional recipe to shine. Eight glistening oysters are still the star, and a touch of bacon, a dash of spinach, and a spoon

of bernaise come together on each shell in joyful balance. The luxurious texture only adds to your pleasure.

The same is true of the smoked mahi fish spread. You see it everywhere, yet rarely find a happy medium. Baytenders, again, understands balance. It's creamy and spreadable with enough smoke to make your palate happy. For diners who prefer a bit of kick, there are thin jalapeño slices to match with the saltines. So far, so good.

While our entrees show promise, there are

local snapper with pineapple-mango salsa. It's cooked to perfection and the salsa is fresh. But the wild-caught salmon filet with herbed blackberry glaze trips up on two counts: The fish

is undercooked for most diners, and none of my tasters understands the choice of pairing sweet berry fruit with the fish. It's the equivalent of burying a savory filet under a pile of Smucker's. My salmon-loving companion is not happy.

The surf and turf, billed as an "8 oz. broiled lobster tail, topped with crab imperial paired with a 8 oz. Certified Angus strip steak," gets scrambled in the kitchen. I have no idea how they normally plate this dish, but my steak arrives first on a separate plate. The grill marks are nice, though it's well under the medium rare I ordered with a cool red center. Luckily, rare meat is not an issue for me. However, the lobster is nowhere to be found.

"It's coming," our server announces.

A second plate with a lobster tail arrives with no crab imperial in sight. The lobster isn't overcooked, but this is a luxury combo with a two-bit presentation.

Accompanying the entrees, the salads are standard-issue iceberg lettuce (perhaps they were omitting romaine over the recent E. coli outbreak) with a few radish slices, shredded carrots and a tomato chunk or two. Each entree also includes a choice of two sides. There's an ear of corn on the cob, small new potatoes that're too salty for one taster, some thick, nicely cooked



THROWBACK TRADITION: Baytenders' oysters Rockefeller allows a version of the '30s classic to shine.

asparagus, predictable tropical slaw with bits of pineapple, and dense cheese grits.

If you're a fan of extra heat to dazzle your taste buds, Baytenders supplies every table with a bottle of gourmet datil pepper sauce from St. Pete's iconic seafood market, I.C. Sharks. It's lightly sweet with a little bite on the finish.

There's not yet a drink menu, but a fullliquor bar is present, plus a selection of beer and enough wines by the glass to make it interesting.

The desserts are kept simple. Although both key lime and peanut butter pies are available, we're seduced by the idea of sea salt caramel cheesecake. It's superb, with all the elements in play. The salt is present, yet doesn't overwhelm the caramel, and the balance of goo to creamy cheesecake is just right.

We sample the complimentary taste of orange and vanilla soft serve, too, swirled together in dreamsicle delight. I fell in love with this combo as a kid and have enjoyed similar cones at local orange groves, but this is the first time I've had it in a restaurant. It's a smart choice - and, to use a term from New Orleans, a welcome "lagniappe," or little something extra.

My gang and I exit past the Baytenders picnic tables perched on crushed shells with the same contented smiles borne of childhood memories. 3

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Camp out

A Jacksonville cocktail kit that helps simplify your sipping routine.

By Chris Fasick

ou know how I'm always harping on infusing your own booze at home, because doing Flea market in Tampa, where they had a few so leads to a much better-tasting drink? different kits to choose from, among them a

Well, a cocktail kit purveyor out of Jacksonville called Camp has made ditching those artificially flavored spirits at the liquor store even easier.

Priced at \$15 each, Camp's kits are built upon a wide array of ingredients — including whole black peppercorns, pineapple, rosemary and citrus-infused, non-GMO vegan cane sugar. Owners Rhonda Stringfellow and Suzanah Raffield then package the ingredients in simple glass jars, providing cocktail geeks with everything they need to make eight tasty, oneof-a-kind cocktails at home.

Well, OK, Almost, You have to add 12 ounces of your favorite spirit to whichever cocktail-ina-jar you select and stick the kit in the fridge, where it hangs out for three days during the infusion process. But remember: Camp has done the flavor combination legwork for you, so pulling off a dreamy drink is as simple as pouring a shot of the well-marinated mixture (you should consume the jar within 30 days post-infusion) into a rocks glass and topping it with a splash of tonic.

That said, we're getting a bit more creative than that for this week's cocktail.

Bloody Mary option that sounded

I discovered Camp last month at the Indie

online at campcraftcocktail.com if you can't find Camp around town IRL.

Just about any liquor works with my jar of choice, but I opted for vodka, a pick that pairs well with any of the kits. Luckily, according to the woman I talked to at the Camp booth during the Indie Flea, you can use the jars up to two times (three is pushing it). I fully intend to finish mine off with some gin as soon as I get through round one.

I mixed the Hibiscus Ginger Lemon-infused vodka with lemonade and a little bubbly for celebratory — and effervescence — purposes. Yet the kit packs so much flavor that there's no need to go overboard with your additions. Seriously, don't complicate things for yourself. Camp's cocktails-in-a-jar, after all, are meant to simplify our sipping routines.

Grab a glass of ice, the following recipe for Leave No Trace (get it?) and maybe a cocktail umbrella and you're well on your way to enjoying an effortless, super-refreshing summer drink. 2

Leave No Trace

Makes 1

Instructions

2 ounces Camp Hibiscus Ginger Lemoninfused vodka (according to package instructions) 4 ounces lemonade Prosecco, to top

Ingredients

In a Mason jar filled with ice, add Camp Hibiscus Ginger Lemon-infused vodka and lemonade, then top with prosecco. Gently stir with a straw and garnish with a lemon wheel.



really good. Since I'm a sucker for anything with hibiscus, I went with the Hibiscus Ginger Lemon offering, which can be purchased



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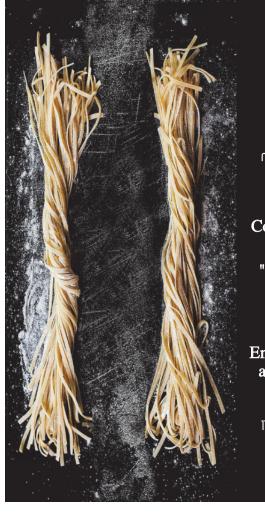
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Kickin' it old school

Willie Jewell's brings more Southern barbecue to Tampa, plus other openings. **By Meaghan Habuda**

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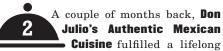
At first glance, the Tampa • newcomer looked like a momand-pop stop for Southern barbecue, occupying a strip-center end cap. However, upon closer inspection, I learned it's the product of a growing Jacksonville franchise with snazzy branding and restaurants in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and New Hampshire.

Featuring a drive-thru for convenience, the region's first Willie Jewell's — a fast-casual

spinoff founded in 2009 of Jacksonville's decades-old Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q — opened in the Carrollwood/Citrus Park area at 12004 Anderson

Road on March 14. It's named for Willie Jewell of Puerto Rico, including pasteles (similar to Daniels, the woman who taught Bono's CEO Joe Adeeb lots about both cooking and life.

The down-home menu is composed of slowsmoked favorites (think platters, sandwiches and proteins by the pound) and classic sides such as hush puppies and collard greens, alongside cold beer. And don't worry — there's an entire bar of signature barbecue sauces for patrons to use when slathering their meat.



• **Cuisine** fulfilled a lifelong dream for the Rodriguez-Nambo family. They always wanted to share the traditional Mexican flavors and recipes of matriarch Esther Rodriguez with the local community on a larger scale — and, boy, have they ever

at 2808 E. Bearss Ave. The casual, sit-down Tampa restaurant with a name that pays homage to Julio, Doña Esther's late husband — spotlights a number of specialties, including fajitas, pollo a la plancha (grilled chicken with onions and peppers), enchiladas and bistec a la Milanesa (breaded

Willie Jewell's almost got me. steak). Those dishes mingle with taqueria classics like guacamole, carnitas on house-made tortillas, agua fresca and churros, plus wine, margaritas and beer.



Nilsa's Puerto Rican Bistro

has expanded with a second Tampa location at a428 W. Waters Ave. The popular restaurant's latest outpost celebrated its grand opening last weekend with a 20-percent-off discount on

> orders of \$50 or more. Fans of Nilsa's - whose

flagship debuted near Busch Gardens last year - stop in for the signature dishes

tamales), mofongo and arroz con gandules (rice with pigeon peas).



St. Petersburg saw the launch of **Taquitos Mexican** in February. Located at 9617 Bay

Pines Blvd., the taco house specializing in modern Mexican street food draws inspiration from Cadereyta de Montes, just outside of Mexico City.

Patrons might have a hard time choosing between the sopes, taquitos, burritos, 10 types of tacos, quesadillas or bowls — but only because there's so much goodness to behold.

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Not too long ago, Daybreak Cafe took over the Tarpon Springs property at 1981 N. Pinellas

Ave.. The good-size restaurant offers crowd-pleasing plates for breakfast and lunch.

Other cafe news in Pinellas, ICYMI: Basimo Beach reopened its Clearwater Beach site in February. It's a vegetarian-friendly find at 483 Mandalay Ave. for made-to-order smoothies and juices, coffee and all-day organic bites. 3



TAKE YOUR PICK: The brisket sandwich at Willie Jewell's comes solo or with soulful sides.





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International Photography Competition Winners

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WIDE ANGLE WATCHERS PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THIS YEARS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RESONATE AT FMOPA. BY CATHY SALUSTRI

"That breaks my heart."

On Kevin Barney's Instagram, that's the first comment on what would be the Best in Show image for the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts' 2018 International Photography Competition. Entries – hundreds of them – streamed in from around the globe. In the end, the judges chose our cover photo from an Odessa man who, on his first visit to the Tarpon Springs Suncoast Primate Sanctuary about a year ago, was struck by what he perceived as the primates' despondency.

"It seems like the animals weren't happy," he says. That's when he noticed most all of them had their hands resting on — or wrapped around — the bars of their cages.

"It almost reminded me of an incarceration or something of that nature," he says. That led to a series, *Caged*, of which this Best in Show — and first place winner in the Nature, Science, and Animals category for the 2018 International Photography Competition at the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts — was one.

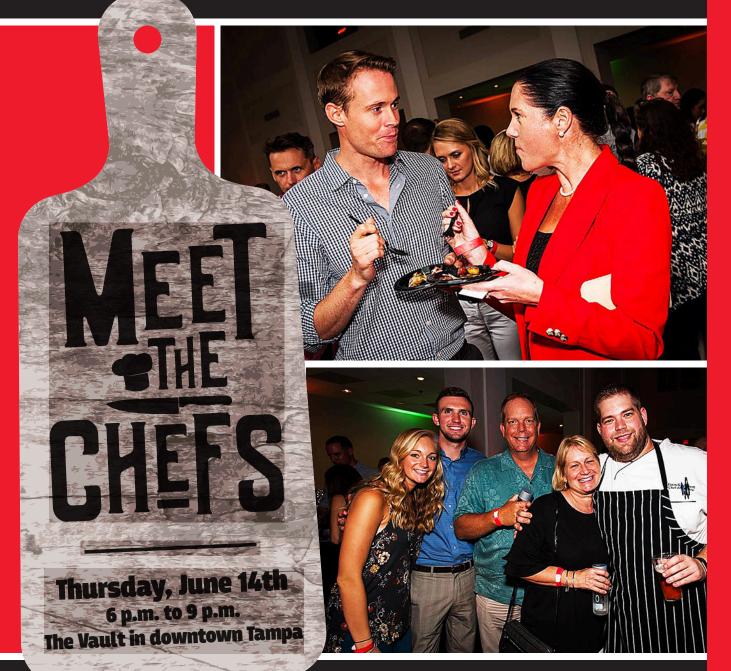
Barney works as a professional photographer, shooting both portraits and landscapes. He also teaches workshops. This series, though, wasn't a paid gig.

"This is a personal thing I like doing," he says. "I never even thought it would win. I wanted to put it in [the photography contest] to see if it would resonate with other people."

The images you'll see on the following pages — and you can see all the winners at clatmpa.com or at the exhibit, which opens in June — all resonated with the judges. But that doesn't matter as much as how they resonate with you. 2!

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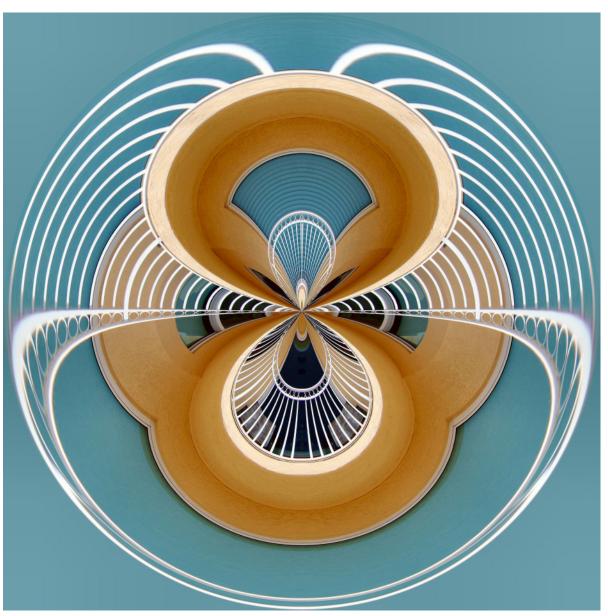


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FUZILEIRO DO DROSA ABBEY MATHEW, USA

Abbey Matthew's "Fuzileiro Do Drosa" took home the People's Choice award. The clear contrast in colors, white against blue, clearly struck a chord. Of more than 700 photographs, judges had to narrow the winners to 22.



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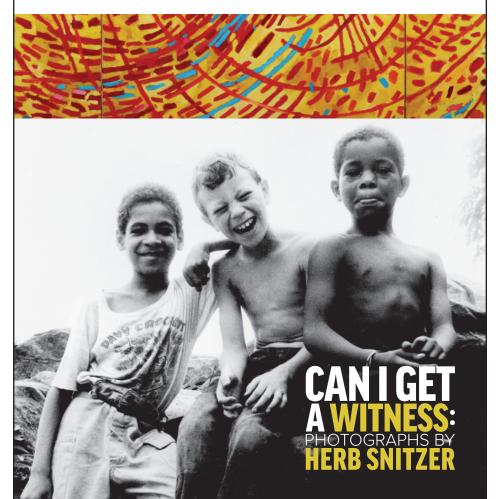
BUILDING ORB LAURA HOWELL, USA

Laura Howell's "Building Orb" won first place in the Abstract Photography category. Howell's photographs often look like images of sculpture on display, but no, it's the image itself that's the art. While this Clermont artist isn't averse to more realistic images, like a peacock portrait, her talent for the abstract always seems to lurk just beneath the surface — take a look at a small portfolio of her work at artistsonfifth.com, a Mount Dora gallery — and you'll find that peacock image, but you'll also find a glorious peacock abstraction.





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REGARD, 8-15-17 ANNA GREVENITIS, USA

Anna Grevenitis' "Regard 08-15-17" won first place in the People and Portraits category. It's part of an ongoing series — viewable at annagrevenitis.me — that captures moments in the lives of a mother and daughter, daughter and family, but almost always the daughter. The mother at least, we assume she's the mother, and, at the very least, she's a mother-figure — almost always stares directly into the lens; the daughter almost never does. It's a startling use of black and white images; warmth seems to radiate from the mother, despite an overt lack of color in the images.

ROUTE 66 RAF WILLEMS, BELGIUM

Raf Willems shows us a bird's-eye view of the world on his website, rafwillems.com. The Belgian photographer, who now divides his time between Brazil and the U.S., perfectly captured the spirit of Route 66 in this photograph — at least, the spirit of Route 66 that existed before the road got carved up and piecemealed out. While America clearly has no shortage of homegrown photographers who see the beauty and horror of the world from behind their lenes, Willems proves that anyone can transcend the country of their birth to understand and capture a uniquely American moment. "Route 66" took first place in the Places, Landscapes and Drone category.





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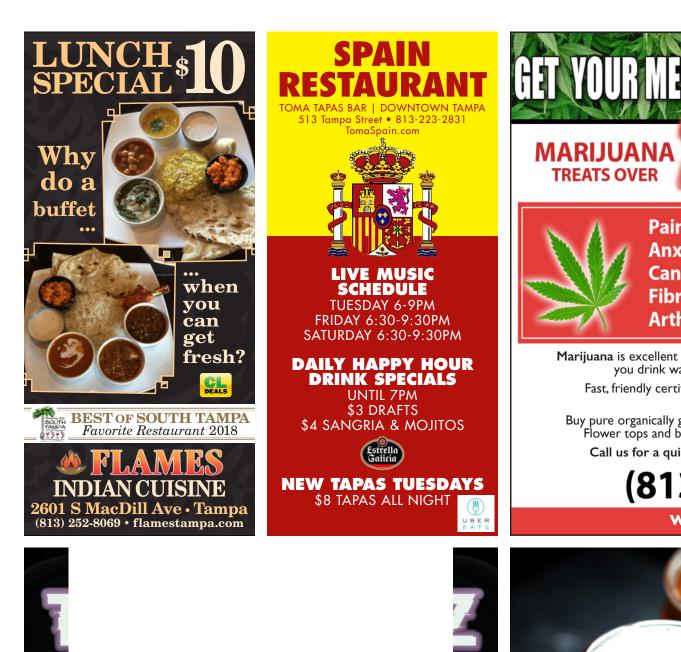
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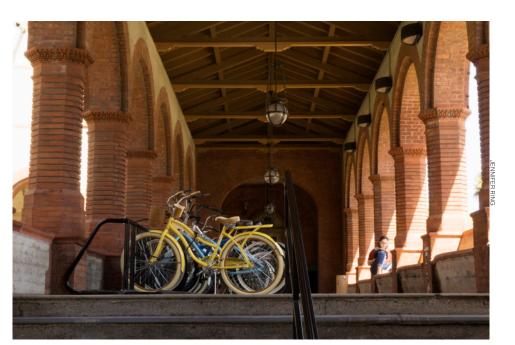


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TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY SCAVENGER HUNT 10 AWESOME PHOTOGRAPHY PROMPTS FOR YOUR NEXT VACATION BY JENNIFER RING

According to the American Psychological Association, taking pictures during an experience — like a summer vacation — helps you enjoy it more. So make the most of your next trip with these 10 photography prompts.

1. "Go somewhere really touristy and take non-touristy pictures." — prompt from Henry Carroll's **Use This If You Want to Take Great Photographs: A Photo Journal**

I started my photography journey with a trip to St. Augustine and a couple of prompts from Henry Carroll's Use This If You Want to Take Great Photographs: A Photo Journal. This prompt was my favorite. Outside Flagler College, everyone was taking pictures of a large fountain. Itook a picture of a row of bicycles and a student reading.

2. Actually, take more than one non-touristy picture.

These photos tend to be more interesting, so why limit yourself to just one?

3. Then go ahead and take the quintessential "postcard photo."

How else will your friends know where you went? You can't go to Paris and not take a picture of the Eiffel tower. In St. Augustine, the Castillo de San Marcos and the lighthouse are the obligatory photographs.

4. "Use framing to take a photograph within a photograph." — prompt from Henry Carroll's **Use This If** You Want to Take Great Photographs: A Photo Journal

Framing is a relatively common compositional technique used by the pros. Sometimes you have to hunt for these images, but that's part of the fun. I've seen people use vegetation, windows and doors to frame a subject. I focused on the beautiful archways of St. Augustine.

5. Take a picture of something grand.

This prompt works well for both majestic landscapes and impressive architecture.

6. Take a picture from a moving vehicle (that you're not driving).

I take a boat tour pretty much every time I travel someplace with water. It's a great way to take interesting photos of the coastline and other boats in the water.

7. Take a picture of an era.

Staying in Flagler's area of St. Augustine, I was surrounded by Gilded Age wealth. Nowhere was this more on display than in the Lightner Museum, formerly Flagler's Hotel Alcazar. This particular prompt might be a challenge if you're not vacationing in a historic district. Consider photographing a sign of our current time. How do you think our age will be remembered?

8. Take a photo of people walking down the street.

It's street photography with a twist.

9. Take a picture of the ceiling.

These last two prompts are all about forcing you to see things from a different perspective. When you aim your camera at something above you, you are practicing worm's-eye view. Not every ceiling is worth photographing, but you don't want to miss the one that is.

10. Take a picture of the floor.

Here you're taking a photograph from bird's-eye view, looking down. Any shot from above will do. Most floors aren't nearly as pretty or as golden as the one I shot in St. Ausgustine.

Want more photography prompts? Most of the photographs I took in St. Augustine were inspired more by the place itself than by photography prompts. But throwing a couple of photography prompts into the mix kept things interesting. If you're still lacking inspiration for your travel photos, I recommend *Henry Carroll's Use This If You Want to Take Great Photographs: A Photo Journal* it has over 80 photography prompts for you to play with. *National Geographic*'s Your Shot (yourshot.nationalgeographic.com) is also an excellent source of photography prompts. Have fun out there.

NOT THAT: PEOPLE REALLY LOVED THIS FOUNTAIN, THOUGH.







Challenge accepted

A Bay area composer and performer offers a complex new effort. **By Ray Roa**

where individual tracks are placed on playl-Uists and commodified in the name of "music discovery" or to simply pad the pockets of labels, fractions of pennies at a time. Some works, by contrast, exist so that the listeners can actually discover themselves. Those works let ears bathe in sound — and the absence of it — in the hope that minds are transformed when the recording does finally come to a close. That desire and need to unchain the brain with music is why listeners press play on John Cage, Pauline Oliveros, Meredith Monk or Morton Feldman.

Elizabeth A. Baker's new, 13-track release, Quadrivium, is one of those metamorphic works that peels back layers of the psyche with repeated listens. At nearly two hours long, it would be a double LP, and Baker, 29, has skillfully split it into two halves in which the front highlights minimalist solo piano compositions and avant garde prepared piano improvisations before the back end massages in meditative New Age ideas, spoken word, and electronics. It is dense, with songs touching on topics like psychosis ("Command Voices -251A," "Command Voices - 415X"), alienation ("Outcast") and even uses for synthetic neurological compounds ("GHB — The Natural Calm & Synthetic Danger"). "What is done in silence," sits at the heart of the album and finds two versions of Baker's voice reading off IP addresses during an exploration of Digital Stockholm Syndrome. Some cuts, like the meditative, 13-minute opening track "Sashay," may need to actually grow legs before listeners fully understand what's going on. That was certainly the case for Baker, who is a product of Saint Petersburg College's Music and Record Arts program (MIRA).

"That's a toddler piece that I've had for about four years now," Baker, told CL. The composition - written by Nathan Anthony Corder, whom Bay area rock fans will recognize from proggy bands like Jitters and Nude Tayne — is the only Quadrivium track not written solely by Baker.

"That song scared me at first because every single measure is in a different meter, and I have to count for my life," Baker said, adding that Corder's compositions force musicians to think in a different way. "Sashay' takes a lot of control to play. It's 13 minutes of minimalism and counting. Audiences don't hear it, but

nome works just aren't meant for Spotify, I personally am like, 'Alight, so I'm in 9/8, now I'm in 10/8, now I'm in 3/4' — it took me three years to feel comfortable."

While Baker's creative upbringing wasn't

classical guitar during her first stint at MIRA and then went down the same path at Florida Southern before realizing that classical guitar performance wouldn't be a sustainable career choice for her.

"Most of the time people have no idea what you're doing. They're like, 'You're playing flamenco,' and I'm like, 'Nah, I'm playing Bach," she laughed. She took the commercial music education from Florida Southern back to MIRA,

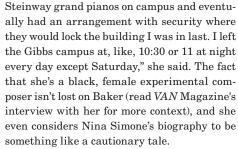


QUEEN OF WANDS: Much of Baker's work defies categorization.

uncomfortable — she lived in a home with two supportive parents and grew up on out-of-the-box classical works like Stravinsky's controversial ballet, "The Rite of Spring" — the road to Quadrivium wasn't always easy. She studied

where faculty like Dave Greenberg and Mark Matthews encouraged Baker — an independent learner who thrives on freedom — to do what she needed to do to become a better artist.

"I spent the days practicing on all of the



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"There's so much in her history, mistakes that she made through naivete. We looked at her as so strong, but in other ways she was so weak," she said, respectfully, of the midcentury composer and activist whose story so often gets romanticized in pop culture. Baker also isn't afraid to bring up the idea of tokenism when discussing how curators and programmers select artists to showcase. "Yes, we should have an awareness of black artists, however, I don't like this thing where it's like, 'We have a black artist, so we are a diverse programmer.' It makes you start to think that the only reason I am here is because I make them look diverse."

In short, Baker is unafraid to have the hard conversations, and she didn't take shortcuts in trying to explore them on Quadrivium, where much of the solo piano was recorded in one day at the Palladium in St. Petersburg. Engineer Greg LeCompte (Dark Matter Recording) even 3D-printed a special mic holder and borrowed a stereo AEA ribbon mic from Dan Byer (Rock Garden Studio) so that they could do some overthe-shoulder recording that would capture the perspective of the pianist.

"A lot of people will mic the room, mic the piano and even go inside the piano, but I hadn't heard of a lot of people really getting in to do one from the player's perspective," Baker said, adding that the effect appears on several spots within the album. "When Melissa [Harris, mastering engineer] put it all together it really has this unique piano sound that really highlights that perspective."

New perspectives, perhaps, are Quadrivium's best exports. The album isn't a conventional listen by any means; the title is a nod at the idea of curricula involving the "mathematical arts" of arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music. But Quadrivium isn't burdensome - or laborious, either. It's an invitation to get focused, unplug from distractions, and take a lap around an extensive work of art. And hopefully learn a little bit about yourself when it's all said and done. 🏵

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Tory Lanez w/2 Pistols/Famous Kid Brick/Sutton For some reason Tory Lanez who visited once in 2015 and twice the year after that - skipped Tampa Bay in 2017. Not so in 2018. The 25-year-old president of Swave Nation arrives in Ybor City on Thursday night and has upgraded from Orpheum to a larger room a few blocks away (The Ritz) so that a growing fanbase can sing along to the words from Lanez's sophomore album, Memories Don't Die (released in March). Lanez hasn't quite lived up to some of a few tastemakers' theories that he could be the next Drake, but the Ontario native hasn't let that slow him down. Local notables joining Lanez on this tour stop are Tarpon Springs rapper 2 Pistols ("2P" for the politically correct crowd) and St. Pete's Famous Kid Brick. (The Ritz, Ybor City)

Yung Groan w/Top C \$curvy Seminole Heights' Mermaid Tavern has been keeping its live music calendar busy, but even the venue itself has jokingly questioned the musicality of this show. Yung Groan's offering is a mix of freestyle rap, improv comedy and hip-hop, and promo materials say that his "ego is bigger than his drum machine and his voice is like a tannic wine." An opening set from Top C \$curvy is supposed to provide "damage control," but we're not sure what that means since Groan wears a goddamn pig mask and onesie onstage. (Mermaid Tavern, Tampa)

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Sunset Music Festival Pre-Party w/DV3/ Christian Alexander/Winta/Lizzy Jane/ Pixelsaur/Tr33klibr/Heist/Heavyset

Parents: your kids are going to Sunset Music Festival this weekend, and about a thousand of them will get the party started with this pre-party at Ybor EDM stronghold The Ritz. Buried within Friday's lineup of local producers is Lizzy Jame, a Tampa-raised, now Orlando-based composer, whose musical background is rooted in singing, piano and bass (the instrument, not the wubby frequency). She brings those sensibilities and her eclectic taste to the stage, where fans can expect to hear a futuristic mix of dark house, trap and dubstep. Free guest list registration is available until 11 p.m. on day of show, and more information is available on theritzybor. com. (The Ritz, Ybor City)

Solardo w/Latmun One of two big DJ shows on Friday night happens at The Kennedy, where tech house will be the order of the day. The Manchester production duo Mark Richards & James Eliot — aka Solardo — rolls into town riding high after being named DJ mag's Best Duo of 2017, and it'll be joined by DC10 and Manchester Warehouse Project regular Joe Bradley (aka Latum) at this party, which the venue is calling ?NQA ("No Questions Asked"). (The Kennedy, Tampa)

C LTJ Bukem w/Delano/Subpirate/ Hellman/Boomerang/MC Vast1/MC Allterrain By our count, it's been at least two years since Danny Williamson (aka LTJ Bukem) has played in the area. He's heading to a more intimate space for this set (The Attic in Ybor vs. downtown Tampa's District 3, where he played in 2016), but Bukem is an icon of the drum & bass scene, so you can expect a steady thump to emanate from inside this sure-to-sell-out show where Turbo Tuesday founder Subpirate plays support. (The Attic at Rock Brothers Brewing, Ybor City)

C Big Sam's Funky Nation w/The Reality/C-Rena In some circles, Big Sam's Funky Nation is the best representation of

the current state of New Orleans' music scene. The group's sound — a fusion of everything from funk, jazz, brass bands, bounce, rap, R&B, and even rock and roll – is quintessentially Crescent City, and delivered by a live show that has made the NOLA-delic outfit notorious at festivals like Bonnaroo, Austin City Limits, Vooodoo Fest and Jazz Fest. Led by Dirty Dozen Brass Band's Big Sam, the Funky Nation has also played backup for bands like Dave Matthews and Widepread Panic, so we expect every kind of music fan to get sweaty at this one. "We play music for everybody," Big Sam has said. "It's not just funk; that's the foundation, but the music goes from funk to rock to wild jazz. It's music about love and partying. Everyone can get down with that." (Crowbar, Ybor City)

Blestian w/Judy Jean Americana meets experimental music when St. Pete folk-blues duo Judy Jean shares a bill with fellow 'Burg outfit Blestian, which melds trippy beats into its own special brand of electro-rock. There is no cover or this one, which'll also feature a succulent pop-up if you're into that kind of thing. (Cage Brewing, St. Petersburg)

♥ Elizabeth A. Baker Quadrivium Album Release Celebration Expect St. Petersburg composer Baker to have her eyes and ears on you, the audience, if you make it to this release show for her Aerocade Music solo debut, Quadrivium. Baker — who has melded the worlds of solo piano, electro, New Age and experimental music — tends to adapt her sets to how observers react, so no two shows are ever even remotely the same. Read our profile on Baker by flipping a page back. (First Unity Spiritual Campus, St. Petersburg)

WMNF US Too Kickoff Just about three dozen local acts are set to help the Bay area community radio station celebrate the anniversary of Steve Wozniak's epic early-'80s Southern California parties dubbed the US Festival. Music from artists who appeared on US bills — think everything from Flock of Seagulls, Ozzy Osbourne, and Waylon Jennings to Eddie Money, Santana and Tom Petty — will be played as part of this two-day party that takes place at Skipper's on Friday and then St. Pete's Jannus Live on Saturday. Visit wmnf.org to see the full lineup of bands. (Skipper's Smokehouse, Tampa)

Florida Orchestra Pops: Patriotic

Salute Love the fuck out of classical American composers? Sure you do. Put on on some red, white and blue and then find one of these two Florida Orchestra performances that'll pay tribute to folks like Philip Sousa and John Williams. (David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa)

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♥ 97X Barbecue Music & Arts Festival w/Dirty Heads/AwoInation/Judah and the Lion/AJR/Robert DeLong/Sir Sly/ Lovelytheband/more Vinoy Park was full of dreadheads for March's Reggae Rise Up festival, and a little bit of an irie vibe will fill the air once again this weekend when Bay area alt-rock station 97X stages its Memorial Day Weekend party by the sea. It's less reggae and more rock when the lineup is taken as a whole, however, and this iteration of the festival boasts some big names, including frequent Bay area visitors Judah and the Lion, electro-rock group Awolnation, New York City pop trio AJR, livetronic wunderkind Robert DeLong, and Los Angeles indie-rock bands Sir Sly and Lovelytheband. Longtime followers of the event may be shocked to see that it isn't free anymore, but station officials have said that the ticket charge lets them really get after more big-name bands. (Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg)

Funky D Birthday Weekend Night No. 1 w/Unlimited Devotion Funky Darryl

1 W/Unlimited Devotion Funky Darryl Queensbury is celebrating another trip around the sun, and the St. Pete keyboardist and songwriter wants his friends along for the ride. He says that the 20-year-old version of himself would've punched you had you told him that he'd be in a Grateful Dead cover band, but this tribute is more "lightning bolt" than it is "dancing bear" according to Queensbury, to whom CL speaks on p. 13. (Ringside Café, St. Petersburg)

Vanilla Ice w/DJ Skribble/Positive K/

more It's Memorial Day Weekend, and your television is coming to life on Clearwater Beach. Vanilla Ice (HGTV's *The Vanilla Ice Project*) and DJ Skribble (MTV's *The Grind*, *Total Request Live, Spring Break*) will be there at Shepard's Beach Resort, and they'll obviously be playing some music, too. (Shephard's Beach Resort, Clearwater Beach)

Old Bones w/Hand Out/Oxford Noland

New Orleans "power emo" quartet Hand Out gets an assist from two local bands — altrock outfit Old Bones and St. Pete family band Oxford Noland — when it comes to Seminole Heights with a new EP, *Blood & Water*, in tow. Just \$7 gets you in the door, and the good karma fairy will take a sparkly good luck shit on the hood of your car when you throw a little more cash at Hand Out during a visit to the T-shirt table. (Microgroove, Tampa)

Tampa Bay Margarita Festival w/The Wallflowers/Plain White T's/Everclear/ Fastball/American Supermodel/Joshua **Cruz/The Dives/Logan/Southern Train/** Little Kintner Boys/DJ Fresh/more We've all done questionable things when jacked up on tequila. For many of us (don't judge), that includes singing "One Headlight," "Father of Mine," "The Way," and "Hey There Delilah" at the top of our lungs. Expect some of that, and dozens of different kinds of margalicious offerings, when the Tampa Bay Margarita Festival welcomes '90s and 2000s nostalgia acts (The Wallflowers and Plain White T's on Saturday; Everclear and Fastball on Sunday) to the park where some great locals will play support, too. See details via cltampa.com/ music or tampamargaritafest.com. (Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, Tampa)

SAHE Album Release w/Beerwolf/Rising Down/Bangarang It's been about half a



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dozen years since brothers Pat and Nick Ehas released the *Pathological Repair* EP, and on Saturday the boys' metal band SAHE finally releases a full-length (*Savage*) with some help from BOTB-winning outfit Bangarang, proggy quintet Rising Down and Beerwolf, which just tapped Ripple Music to globally release its own 2018 album, *Planetfall*. (Crowbar, Ybor City)

Jordan Esker & The Hundred Percent

Album Release Show w/Blake Daniels/His Hem A harpist (His Hem) and promising St. Pete songwriter (Blake Daniel play support on this bill celebrating the release of Jordan Esker's new, pristine collection of indie-pop. Read more about it to your right. (Paper Crane, St. Petersburg)

SVacancy w/Black Hole Kids/Twin

Strike A bi-regional hard-rock Nor'easter is swirling through the 'Burg on Saturday when Brooklyn posthardcore band Twin Strike (featuring drummer and former Bay area scene staple Troi Benjamin) blows in with Birmingham, Alabama's crusty Black Hole Kids in tow. It'll get plenty loud at The Bends between these two bands, but a Tampa Bay band of noise rock agitators, Vacancy, will be on hand to make sure everyone's ears are ringing after this one. (The Bends, St. Petersburg)

Garden Club w/Flipturn/Grand Lotus

Jazz, indie rock and dream-pop come together under the roof at Green Bench when two Bay area bands — Grand Lotus and Garden Club — host Nassau Country quintet Flipturn, which is touring in support of its month-old, seven-track EP *Citrona*. Per usual, this Green Bench show is free. Per usual, it costs money to put gas in the tank, so show Flipturn some love at the merch table. (Green Bench Brewing Co., St. Petersburg)

Sunset Music Festival w/Marshmello/ **Rezz/Excision/Illenium/Nghtmre/** Borgore/Destructo/Joyryde/A-Trak b2b Yehme2/Herobust/more Sunset Music Festival may have flubbed on its initial lineup announcement in March (the Chainsmokers were on the bill and then off of it), but don't expect organizers to miss a beat on anything else when the two-day EDM festival takes over the north lot at Raymond James Stadium. The April addition of fan favorites Rezz and Illenium was a good choice, and the 2017 edition of Sunset was its safest yet (the 2016 event - headlined by the Chainsmokers, Jack U, and Hardwell – saw two attendees die after being rushed from the festival to the hospital). Don't be surprised if some of the names on the SMF bill end up on after-parties

at The Ritz in Ybor City, too. (Raymond James

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Stadium, Tampa)

♥ OI' Dirty Sundays 7-year Anniversary w/Teeko/Lord Finesse OI' Dirty Sundays anniversaries are starting to feel like clockwork, but don't let the weekly party's consistently good lineup of DJs fool you into thinking that organizers have grown complacent. Each week always brings top-notch talent to rock the Crowbar patio, and this edition celebrat-

the Crowbar patio, and this edition celebrating ODS' seventh anniversary is no exception. Teeko's turntablism is revered among producers and hip-hop heads (he's worked with Mark

Hail the fail: Jordan Esker & The Hundred Percent's new LP embraces mistakes

Last Friday, at an advance listening party for his band's new album, Jordan Esker cut off what seemed like at least a foot of hair to be donated to charity. On May 25, the 26-yearold frontman of St. Pete rock outfit Jordan Esker & The Hundred Percent will give away even more of himself when the band releases *Fail to Learn* for all to hear.

"[It's] a phrase that has two meanings, both of which it intends," Esker suggested in a note about the 11-song collection's title. He explained that the idea speaks to failing to learn something and therefore repeating your actions. "However, it also speaks to needing to fail in order to learn. The negative interpretation actually has less depth than the positive connotation."

If you're confused, then just listen online, where CL has been hosting an advance stream of the album, which was mostly recorded at Esker's home studio with additional parts being put to tape at Bay area studios like Yoko Phono, Dark Matter, and Black Key Recording. Fail was mixed by Daniel J. Goodwin — a Bob Weir collaborator who is responsible for the dreamy texture on Chicago dream-pop band Whitney's 2016 album *Light Upon The Lake* — and then mastered by Philip Shaw Bova, who has put his touch on albums by Feist, Bahamas and Andy Shauf.

The commitment to collaborating with some of indie-rock's finest paid off. *Fail* shimmers at every turn. Whether it's the vintage horns and harmony on the album's first two tracks ("Shelf Life," "Platitudes") or the layers of sound at the heart of the LP ("Another Second Chance"), each second of the effort is dripping in soul and driven by what sounds like an army of brass, organ and piano. Esker and the band - drummer Vincent Montemarano, bassist Emmit Dobbyn, keyboard player Matt Raspo and the group's unofficial fifth member, saxophonist Sheldon Cooper - have grown exponentially since their last outing. There's an earnest and longing on 2014's Best Supporting Actor, but the band seemed to just hint at the emogospel yacht-rock vagabond that lives inside of it. While the boys never really let that wild, hairy beast of a sound out of the bedroom, Fail finally finds The Hundred Percent truly going all in, bringing what feels like every person it has ever interacted with into the mix both sonically and lyrically.

"Many of these songs are based around things that take place in conversations, relationships between people, feeling insufficient but fighting back against that feeling," Esker added. *Fail* is, indeed, a bleeding heart album, but it begs to be listened to over again. The hooks and melodic tricks will certainly get listeners through the summer, and maybe even keep the hearth warm in the fall or winter. **—Ray Roa**

Readers interested in seeing Fail to Learn come alive in can head to St. Pete DIY warehouse Paper Crane on May 26 where the band will play a release show. Promising new songwriter Blake Daniels and harpist His Hem will each play support. Additional details, plus a stream of the album, are available via cltampa.com/music.



Ronson, D'Angelo, Q-tip, and the late Heavy D, amongst others), but he's also recognized in less traditional forums (he was the first electronic act to play the Monterey Jazz Festival, and Berklee School of Music in Boston once gave him a Milestones Innovative Producer's Award). Joining Teeko for the party will be former hardcore rapper Lord Finesse, who arrived out of the Bronx in the late '80s/early '90s thanks to work with the D.I.T.C. crew and an album with DJ Mike Smooth (*Funky Technician*) before really leaving his mark on the genre by helping produce works by O.C., Noreaga and Notorious B.I.G. Doors are a little earlier for this one (8 p.m.), but it's no dress code and no cover like it's always been. (Crowbar, Ybor City)

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Ol' Dirty Sundays

Scratch My Back 23 w/The Lint Rollers/Denvo/Reuben Rey & the

Undercover All funds raised at this local rock show will go to Friends of Hillsborough County Animal Services, a 501(c)(3) org, which helps Hillsborough County Animal Services and rescue organizations make dogs and cats adoptable. No pets are allowed, however, so just show up and know that you're contributing to a good cause. (Skipper's Smokehouse, Tampa)

Silent Disco w/The S.E.T. Armature Works is cool, but it won't have a silent party soundtracked by the S.E.T (a collective of Tampa's best beat makers and producers) on Sunday. The Hall on Franklin will, and the Tampa Heights food hall is where you can put on headphones and flip channels as selectors spin everything from '90s hits (think Aaliyah, Dr. Dre) to today's current trappy offerings (Migos, Future, 2 Chainz). It'll look weird from the outside, but those plugged in will be unaware of onlookers anyway. (The Hall on Franklin, Tampa)

© Zanesville w/Pretty Voices/Mondo Diablo/Kevin K Band/The Cheap Gunslingers/Boney Fiend Sometimes holi-

day weekends just need to be soundtracked by some surf rock while you sit right on the beach. This Treasure Island gig at CJ's is pretty much perfect for that and features rock and roll outfits Zanesville and Pretty Voices joined by instrumental trio Mondo Diablo plus old-school New York punk Kevin K and more. (CJ's On The Island, Treasure Island)

Band of Sorrows Do you need lots of Jack Sprouse in your life? Yeah? Then make sure to be at this free evening show (6 p.m.) where the Tampa songwriter fronts Band of Sorrows, but also be at Mermaid Tavern for an early-afternoon solo set (2 p.m.) of beer-drinking, whiskey-shooting Americana. (Independent Bar and Cafe, Tampa)

Beach House Sundays w/Krewella Sunset Music Festival is easily the EDM must-do of the weekend, but here's one for the Clearwater kids who just don't want to shell out for taxi cabs and festival tickets. Krewella — the project of Jahan and Yasmine Yousaf — plays Shephard's Beach House party, where a mix of progressive house, electro, dubstep, drum & bass, trap music and future bass will shake the sand. (Shephard's Beach Resort, Clearwater Beach)

♥ Big Bad Voodoo Daddy It's been seven years since the band played Capitol Theatre, and when Big Bad Voodoo Daddy arrives in Clearwater it'll also be celebrating its own 25th anniversary. The retro swing band's selftitled, self-released debut arrived in 1994, and the excitement of BBVD's fusion of jazz, rock and dixieland hasn't grown old in the slightest. This may be a seated theater set, but don't be surprised if some dancing breaks out in the aisles. (Capitol Theatre, Clearwater)

MON 28

♥ Rock and Soul Three-Year Anniversary w/Taetro/Mes McDonald/DJ Silence Best of the Bay-winning DJ night Rock and Soul celebrates three years of monthly Mondaynight dancing by welcoming a guest − DJ Taetro − who'll play his first ever Rock and Soul set. This is a homegrown, no-pretense affair, so come ready to just dance in the dark should you find yourself at this beloved downtown Tampa dive. (The Hub Bar, Tampa)



8 Ball Aitken At this point we're going to assume that somebody in the Bay area has either adopted 8 Ball Aitken or let him park his trailer in their yard. The Australian songwriter has appeared on our live music calendar three times in the last two months: once at the Independent in Seminole Heights, another time at a Tampa house show and again as direct support for Tinsley Ellis at Skipper's Smokehouse. On Wednesday he finally gets to headline a the Skipperdome, where we suspect he'll stretch out and really let his unique blend of blues and Down Under country music (not the Keith Urban kind) unfurl much like the way his fiery mop of hair does onstage. (Skipper's Smokehouse, Tampa)

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May 24 Gemini The Twins

(May 21-June 20)

Now is a favorable time to worship at the shrine of your own intuition. It's a ripe moment to boost your faith in your intuition's wild and holy powers. To an extraordinary degree, you can harness this alternate mode of intelligence to gather insights that are beyond the power of your rational mind to access by itself. So be bold about calling on your gut wisdom, Gemini. Use it to track down the tricky, elusive truths that have previously been unavailable to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "A poem is never finished; it is only abandoned," wrote poet W. H. Auden, paraphrasing poet Paul Valéry, I think the same can be said about many other kinds of work. We may wish we could continue tinkering and refining forever so as to bring a beloved project to a state of absolute perfection. But what's more likely is that it will always fall at least a bit short of that ideal. And we've got to accept that. I suggest you meditate on these ideas in the coming weeks, Cancerian.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I highly recommend that you spend the next three

weeks hanging out on a beach every day, dividing your time between playing games with friends, sipping cool drinks, reading books you've always wanted to read, and float-

ing dreamily in warm water. If you can't manage such a luxurious break from routine, please at least give yourself the gift of some other form of recreation that will renew and refresh you all the way down to the core of your destiny.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Contemporaries of the ancient Greek philosopher Pythagoras told colorful stories about the man. Some believed he was the son of a god and that one of his thighs was made of gold. Once a snake bit him, but he suffered no injury, and killed the snake by biting it in return. On another occasion, Pythagoras supposedly coaxed a dangerous bear to stop committing violent acts. These are the kinds of legends I expect you to spread about yourself in the coming days, Virgo. It's time to boost your reputation to a higher level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): My counsel may seem extreme, but I really think you should avoid mildness and meekness and modesty. For the immediate future, you have a mandate to roar and cavort and exult. It's your sacred duty to be daring and experimental and exploratory. The cosmos and I want to enjoy the show as you act like you have the right to express your soul's code with brazen confidence and unabashed freedom. The cosmos and I want to squeal with joy as you reveal raw truths in the most emotionally intelligent ways possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): French novelist Honoré Balzac periodically endured intense outbreaks of creativity. "Sometimes it seems that my brain is on fire," he testified after a 26-day spell during which he never left his writing room. I'm not predicting anything quite as manic as that for you, Scorpio. But I do suspect you will soon be blessed (and maybe a tiny bit cursed) by a prolonged bout of fervent inspiration. Don't let it boss you. Be its boss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ancient civilizations waged war constantly. There was one exception: the Harappan culture that thrived for about 2,000 years in the Indus River Valley, which in the present day stretches through Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India. Archaeologists have found little evidence of warfare there. Art from that era and area does not depict military conflict. I want to use the Harappan civilization's extended time of peace as a metaphor for your life in the next eight weeks. I believe (and hope!) you're entering into a phase of very low conflict.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Every human being I've ever known, has to wage a continuous struggle between these pairs of opposites: 1. bad habits that waste their vitality and good habits that harness their vitality; 2. demoralizing addictions that keep them enslaved to the past and invigorating addictions that inspire them to create their best possible future. How's your own struggle going? I suspect you're in the midst of a turning point. Feeding the good habits and invigorating addictions may cause the bad habits and demoralizing addictions to lose some of their power over you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Some books seem like a key to unfamiliar rooms in one's own castle," said author Franz Kafka. I suspect this idea will be especially relevant to you in the coming weeks, Aquarius. And more than that: In addition to books, other influences may also serve as keys to unfamiliar rooms in your inner castle. To prep

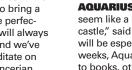
you for these epiphanies, , I'll ask you to imagine having a dream at night in which you're wandering through a house you know very well. But this time, you discover there's a whole new wing of the place that you never knew existed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Just for now, let's sav it's fine to fuel vourself with comfort food and sweet diversions. Let's proceed on the hypothesis that the guardians of your future want you to treat yourself like a beloved animal who needs extra love and attention. So go right ahead and spend a whole day (or two) in bed reading and ruminating and listening to soul-beguiling music. Take a tour through your favorite memories. Move extra slowly. Do whatever makes you feel most stable and secure. Imagine you're like a battery in the process of getting recharged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The Aries poet Anna Kamienska described the process of writing as akin to "the backbreaking work of hacking a footpath, as in a coal mine; in total darkness, beneath the earth." Whether or not you're a writer, I'm guessing that your life might have felt like that recently. Your progress has been slow and the mood has been dense and the light has been dim. That's the tough news. The good news is that I suspect you will soon be blessed with flashes of illumination and a semi-divine intervention or two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do you know what you are worth? Have you compiled a realistic assessment of your talents, powers, and capacities? Not what your friends and enemies think you're worth, nor the authority figures you deal with, nor the bad listeners who act like they've figured out the game of life. When I ask you if you have an objective understanding of your real value, Taurus, I'm not referring to what your illusions or fears or wishes might tell you. I'm talking about an honest, accurate appraisal of the gifts you have to offer the world. If you do indeed possess this insight, hallelujah and congratulations! If you don't, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to work on getting it.

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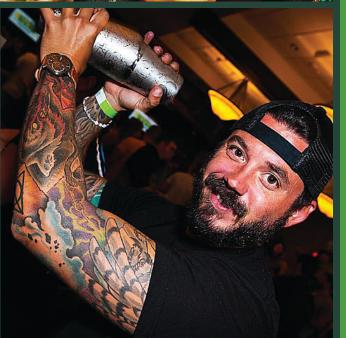
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