

## Night + Day: Ten Best Things to Do in Broward and Palm Beach Counties This Week

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"Self-Proliferation" at Girls' Club: See Thursday; Pictured: Xaveria Simmons, *Untitled (Horse)*, 2010

For Fort Lauderdale Pastor Carter Brown, it's obvious there are many groups in the community working toward the common good. The problem is, everyone's isolated and working separately. Carter wonders, "What would it look like if we brought everybody together and respect each other's differences?" He hopes to answer that with **the Forum**, an event Thursday that will include a diverse panel of speakers from various parts of the city. As pastor of Rio Vista Community Church, Carter has held similar events at his church on a monthly basis. He says the meetups were born out of the idea that while there are many things to be celebrated in Fort Lauderdale, there is also a lot that needs to be fixed. He also drew inspiration from similar events in other cities around the country. The five-member panel includes Margi Nothard, president of Glavovic Studio; and Priscilla Ribeiro, principal of Fort Lauderdale High School. Discussions will cover various issues around the city. Afterward, there will be a networking event for all those who attend. Carter wants people walking away asking themselves, "What is the common good in my occupation?"

*The Forum will be held from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at C&I Studios (541 NW First Ave., Fort Lauderdale). There is no cost to attend, but Carter asks that people leave their business cards — he promises there will be no spam. Visit [forumsfl.com](http://forumsfl.com), or call C&I at 954-357-3934.*

The subject of Girls' Club's latest exhibition, "**Self-Proliferation**," is an ambitious exploration of the very nature of female identity today, as it is informed by print media, popular culture, racial politics, and feminist thought, among other categories. It would be a tall order for even the Museum of Modern Art to capture on its six floors, but this ambitious trek through the voluminous collection of Francie Bishop Good and David Horvitz includes copious examples of artists questioning paradigms and exploring the dualities of the modern woman, in media ranging from photographs and prints to videos and artist books. "The group of artists is cross-generational, multimedia, and diverse in their origins and ethnicity," says guest curator Micaela Giovannotti. "I am particularly interested in the conversation between established artists and emerging ones when I curate a show. I believe it gives more context and relevance to both tiers, and in this case, it was easy to find great examples of both in the collection." Mickalene Thomas' fractured landscapes, Vivian Maier's black-and-white photographs, and Cindy Sherman's conceptual metaphotos are among the works on display.

*Local representation includes TJ Ahearn, Rosemarie Chiaroni, Dara Friedman, and Jillian Mayer. The opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Girls' Club (117 NE Second St., Fort Lauderdale). Admission is free, and the show runs through next September. Call 954-828-9151, or visit [girlsclubcollection.org](http://girlsclubcollection.org).*

The largely forgotten 1991 movie *Dogfight* has nothing to do with the sordid extracurricular activities in which Michael Vick used to engage. Instead, it's a sweet and arresting romance that takes place on the cusp of the Vietnam War. Set mostly in San Francisco on the eve of four Marines' deployment, the eponymous dogfight is the name of their cruel competition: Whichever soldier can pick up the ugliest dance partner for the night wins a cash prize. We probably don't need to tell you that the film's protagonist inevitably develops feelings for his prey — a pacifist waitress striving for a folk-music career — but the narrative is pure and ragged enough to shirk predictability. The film inspired an award-winning musical adaptation in 2013 that retains the film's plot and complements it with 15 songs and 11 voices — including, in the show's South Florida premiere, local luminaries Christian Vandepas, Mike Westrich, Sabrina Gore, and Kaitlyn O'Neill. Produced by Slow Burn Theatre Company, *Dogfight* premieres just four days after Slow Burn's last show, *Big Fish*, closed, with Patrick Fitzwater directing and choreographing both productions. But who needs sleep, right?

*Dogfight runs from Thursday to November 29, and showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays at the Broward Center's Abdo New River Room, located at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. Tickets cost \$45. Call 954-462-0222, or visit [browardcenter.org](http://browardcenter.org).*

Move over, pink; November's cancer awareness shifts distinctly south. The term "Movember" is a portmanteau of the word "mo" (slang for mustache) and the word "November." Every November, men grow mustaches to support awareness of men's health issues. The primary focus is on cancers that affect men in particular, such as testicular cancer and prostate cancer, but awareness and fundraising campaigns extend to mental illness and other health issues from which men suffer disproportionately. To support this cause, Funky Buddha Brewery is teaming up with the GA Telesis of Fort Lauderdale. On Friday, there will be a **Movember USA happy hour**. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 9, a perfect time frame to make that much-needed exit at the end of the workweek and start the weekend — for a worthy cause, of course. Participants who donate \$5 or more will receive a wristband good for an extended \$1-off-of-beer happy hour.

*Whether it's the pencil-thin mustache that Jimmy Buffett sings about, an elaborate design of sorts, or handlebars like the toughest biker you know, feel free to grow that 'stache. And if you lack the ability to grow facial hair, don't feel bad — you can join in on the drinking festivities and donate what you can to spread awareness for men's health. Funky Buddha is located at 1201 NE 38th St. in Oakland Park. Visit [funkybuddhabrewery.com](http://funkybuddhabrewery.com).*

As a self-proclaimed product of his Boyle Heights neighborhood, comedian **Felipe Esparza** regularly mines the more memorable bits of his East L.A. upbringing for punch lines in his routine, which has taken him everywhere from NBC's *Last Comic Standing* and an hourlong Showtime special to his ongoing podcast, *What's Up, Fool?* In it, he'll say, "My grocery stores didn't have aisles; they had alleys" or "Yeah, I grew up in a gated community — yeah, the front windows are gated, the back door was gated" before telling a story about how he was so broke that when burglars broke in and couldn't find anything, they woke him up just to make fun of him. Often seen alongside his friend and fellow comedian Gabriel Iglesias, who shares in these experiences with him, Esparza has more than 17 years in the standup comedy sphere.

While his next comedy special is still in the works, Felipe is taking his new material on the road, with a planned stop at Fort Lauderdale Improv (5700 Seminole Way, Hollywood) this weekend. Tickets for the 8 and 10 p.m. Friday shows are available at [filimprov.com](http://filimprov.com) for \$20 (this includes a two-drink minimum). Call 954-981-5653.

Winter is coming. Up north, everyone is starting to pull out the cold-weather gear in preparation for the impending doom. In South Florida, however, the sun is shining, the skies are blue, the ocean air is warm (and only slightly humid), and the snowbirds are starting to don their Speedos. While the rest of the country is beginning to retreat indoors for the next six months, we're coming out of our air-conditioned holes. This is the season to go outside. Do it now. Saturday offers the ideal event to enjoy **Margate Under the Moon**. On the second Saturday of every month, Margate Gourmet Food Truck Expo sets up shop with an array of vendors catering to all taste buds. This week, more than a dozen purveyors of deliciousness will be present, including Bahama Bucks, Brazilian Fire, Conch Shack, Dawgs & Wiches, Gene's Joint, Ipek's Wykked Kitchen, Jerk It Cuisine, Joji Yogurt, La Nostra Pizza Food Truck, Arepas Las Gorditas, Legend's BBQ, the Burning Oak, Main Stop Grill Food Truck, Philly Grill on Wheels, Rico Latino Food Truck, and Urban Food.

*There is no cost to attend. It takes place from 5 to 10 p.m. at the corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7. Call 855-483-3663, or visit [gourmettruckexpo.com](http://gourmettruckexpo.com).*

Why walk when you can crawl? Yeah, it sounds weird, but not if you're participating in the **West Palm Bar Crawl** happening in the city's downtown area on Saturday. Join some of West Palm Beach's craziest party people — and the Young Professionals — with the return of the West Palm Bar Crawl, and get ready to hit all the Clematis Street hot spots. Each tour features seven stops at local bars and restaurants; participants receive a variety of food and drink discounts with their crawl bracelet, as well as one free mixed drink (or beer) at each stop before moving on to the next location. By the time you're done, you may not be walking anymore. If so, you'll definitely be crawling. If you're still on your feet, hang out for the official afterparty at E.R. Bradley's Saloon starting at 11 p.m. Participating bars include Tin Fish, E.R. Bradley's Saloon, Off the Hookah, Roxy's Pub, Shout Karaoke, and the new Southern Railway Taphouse.

*The West Palm Bar Crawl takes place Saturday from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Check-in takes place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at World of Beer, located at 101 N. Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Simply follow the crawl itinerary, or make up your own as you go along. Tickets cost \$20 per person in advance and can be purchased online at [westpalmbarcrawl.com](http://westpalmbarcrawl.com).*

The cosmos is all that is or was or ever will be, astronomer and astrophysicist Carl Sagan used to say in some of the episodes of the original 1980 *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage*. Known for communicating his knowledge of the universe and the scientific method to the masses, Sagan was also an advocate for planet Earth and for protecting its environment and resources. He died in 1996, but he's since become a cultural icon in scientific communities, and even has a day named after him. In its seventh year, the Broward County Library North Campus is celebrating **Carl Sagan Day** on Saturday by honoring Sagan's life and memory with a series of presentations and films, including screenings of episodes of *Cosmos*. This year's speakers include educator Alan Leipzig, who has taught students astrophysics, engineering, and robotics at Seminole Middle School; New York City composer and pianist Bruce Lazarus; Bill Stover, NASA Safety and Mission Assurance Officer for the agency's Commercial Crew Program; and renowned master magician James "The Amazing" Randi. In addition to speakers and movie screenings, there will be telescopes provided by the South Florida Amateur Astronomy Association, a rocket-building contest, robotics demonstrations, and more. This year's Carl Sagan Day explores the themes of Mars and robotics in space exploration.

*The event is free and goes from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Broward County Library North Campus, located at 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd. in Coconut Creek. Visit [carlsaganday.com](http://carlsaganday.com), or call 954-201-2600.*

While it's not quite California or Hawaii, with endless coastlines, enough activity during hurricane season to keep it interesting, and copious amounts of sunshine, South Florida is a pretty surfer-friendly spot. If you were to look for the epicenter of that friendliness, where the surfing welcome committee might greet you, zeroing in on Delray Beach would get you closest to the action. First off, the city has a pretty big proponent of decent waves, with a surfing mayor (fourth-generation Floridian Cary Glickstein) sitting in office. Delray can also claim a pretty impressive museum dedicated exclusively to surfing. And then there's the third-annual **Delray Beach Surf Festival** taking place Saturday. Though kickoff for the event starts with a party at the Delray Surfing Museum (255 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach) on Wednesday, November 11, the actual daylong event takes place this Saturday with activities stocked from sunup to sundown. There will be relay races, tug-of-war battles, five-man paddle relays, paddleboard contests, surfing contests, and many activities for every age range. The mission of this year's event is dedicated to raising funds for Delray Beach Fire Rescue and its effort to make the beaches more accessible for all, with handicapped accessibility improvements.

*The fun begins at 9 a.m. at the south end of Delray Beach, a mile south of Atlantic Avenue at Tower 4. Call 561-703-5367, or visit [facebook.com/delraybeachsurffestival](https://www.facebook.com/delraybeachsurffestival).*

Three years ago, when the staff at ARC Broward (a nonprofit dedicated to providing services to children and adults with disabilities) decided to start a **Miss ARC Broward Pageant** to highlight young women with disabilities, many of the trappings of the traditional pageantry world went completely out the window. Gone was the idea of just one crown-clutching winner, and so was the pitting of contestants against one another, clamoring for second place. ARC staff set out to do quite the opposite of the standard event when it decided instead to give the contestants an experience they would never forget "and show our community just how awesome these young women are," says Jessica Kersey Rodriguez, ARC's director of development. ARC's pageant celebrates and honors the varied abilities of girls ages 6 to 17 with a day of inspiration, love, acceptance, and community support where everyone walks away a winner. "It's about teaching them to do bold and courageous things throughout their lives and to dream big. It wouldn't be possible without the outpouring of support we receive from this community."