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On the cover

Top: Stephanie Davis, left, Mitch Starr and Sheri Albert
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Bottom: Dan Gropper, left, Colin Brown and John Kelly
Photo by Jeffrey A. Graves/Correspondent

Correction: An article in the Dec. 28, 2017 issue listed an incorrect date for the Martin Luther King Day Inspirational Weekend luncheon. It will takeplace Friday, January 12, 2018.

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Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
Deja Vu

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County
The evening will celebrate the history of Hard Rock with a live concert by iconic rock band Journey, dinner, and live and silent auctions. \$350. Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Fort Lauderdale. www.tinyurl.com/Vu2018, dejavu@bbsbroward.org or 954-584-9990

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Celebration of Excellence
Nova Southeastern University

The university will showcase its achievements with the community and discuss its future vision. The President's Excellence in Community Service Award will be presented. \$250. Nova Southeastern University's Don Taft University Center, 3301 College Ave., Davie. realizingpotential.nova.edu/special-events/celebration-of-excellence.html, specialevents@nova.edu or 954-262-2109

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 9 a.m.
Stepping out to Cure Scleroderma

Scleroderma Foundation Southeast Florida Chapter

The walk/run raises money to research Scleroderma, a chronic connective tissue disease with no known cure. Check-in opens at 8 a.m. for the run and 9 a.m. for the walk. Adults, \$35; children under 12, free. Tradewinds Park, 3600 W. Sample Road, Coconut Creek. scleroderma.org, SFinfo@scleroderma.org or call 800-722-4673.

Sunday, Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m.
Night of Laughter

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer

The ninth annual event will include comedians, dinner, drinks and raffle prizes. \$75. Signature Grand, 6900 State Road 84, Davie. www.debbiesdream.org, events@debbiesdream.org or 954-475-1200

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m.
Arts Mean Business Speaker Series

Business for the Arts of Broward
The event will feature complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a lecture and meet and greet with artist Amy Gross. RSVP required. Berger Singerman, 350 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort

Lauderdale. 954-940-5344, rvegas@bfabroward.org or www.bfabroward.org

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Taste N' Tell

Children's Aid Club
This Valentine's themed event includes recipe sharing for a specialty menu, an over-the-top raffle, silent auction and bake sale. \$100. A private home in Fort Lauderdale. 954-205-7652, info@childrensaidclub.org or www.childrensaidclub.org

Thursday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.
Lyrical Luncheons

The Opera Society
Recap a Florida Grand Opera production with a guest speaker and enjoy singers from the FGO Artists Studio short performances. \$60. Coral Ridge Yacht Club, 2800 Yacht Club Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. 954-565-8608, www.theoperasociety.org or jlsdiva@aol.com

Friday, Feb. 2 at 11:15 a.m.
LitLUNCH

Broward Public Library Foundation
This event features author India Hicks, with a champagne cocktail followed by book sales and signings, luncheon and silent auction. \$75. Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-357-7382, jkeljik@bplfoundation.org or www.bplfoundation.org/litlunch

Friday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.
Celebrate Broward Impact Broward

The organization will make an announcement and honor community leaders and volunteers. There will be appetizers, cocktails, a silent auction and raffle prizes as well as musical entertainment. \$85. W Fort Lauderdale, 401 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. 954-484-7117, pkaldes@impactbroward.org or www.impactbroward.org

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 12 p.m.
The Quilts of Gee's Bend: The Fabric of Their Lives

Art Gallery 21
An exhibit featuring quilts from the collection of Janet Dolland. Free. Art Gallery 21, 600 NE 21st Ct., Wilton Manors. 954-661-4740 or www.artgallery21.org, artgallery21wcm@gmail.com.

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 a.m.
Innovative Teacher Expo
Broward Education Foundation

Educators will gather ideas and inspiration for creative classroom projects from their peers and

motivational speakers. The event showcases innovative ideas developed by some of Broward County Public School's most imaginative teachers. \$40. Nova Southeastern University, Health Care Professional Building, 3301 College Ave., Davie. 754-321-2032, www.browardedfoundation.org, or colette.burns@browardschools.com

Monday, Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
Membership Meeting and Presentation

American Association of University Women Pompano Beach Branch
After a brief business meeting Janie Koszoru, League of Women Voters of Broward County will discuss "Issues and Advocacy: Who We Are and How We Can Help." Free. Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. 954-570-5423, pompanoscholar@yahoo.com or helkiss@comcast.net.

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m.
Plants and People Day

Pompano Proud
Celebrate the relationship between people and the land in our community with the free Valentine's themed celebration. The event will include local vendors sharing information on plants and nature while offering a variety of crafts, foods and other products for sale, as well as speakers, raffles and music. Sample-McDougald House, 450 NE 10th St., Pompano Beach. 954-675-4358, janelduff@gmail.com or www.pompanoproud.com

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m.
KOLOT Breaking the Silence Luncheon

Goodman Jewish Family Services
Melissa Dohme Hill will be the guest speaker. Attendees are asked to bring their no-longer used cell phones, batteries and chargers to the luncheon for Verizon's HopeLine program. \$125. Signature Grand, 6900 W. State Road 84, Davie. www.jfsbroward.org/eventposts/11th-annual-kolot-breaking-the-silence-luncheon or efornell@jfsbroward.org

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 8 a.m.
I Care I Cure...I Run

I Care I Cure Childhood Cancer Foundation
This event features a timed, certified 5K run/walk and a mile-long color run; choose one race or both. Participation includes food, live music by School of Rock, a race t-shirt, finisher and placing medals, and family fun activities. \$20. Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave., Davie. 1-800-807-8013, www.icareicure.org or info@icareicure.org

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.
Women of Vision

Young At Art Museum
The annual luncheon celebrates those who make a difference in the community. \$1,000. Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 12th Ave., Davie. 954-424-0085 or www.youngatartmuseum.org

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7:45 p.m.
Willie Jones II All-Stars- Love Songs and Lovers...The Ones You Have Forgotten

Gold Coast Jazz Society
Celebrate Valentine's Day with a night of jazz loves songs featuring New York drummer Willie Jones and pianist Eric Reed. \$55. Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-462-0222 or www.goldcoastjazz.org

Saturday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Cheesburger in Paradise Fundraiser

Victory Living Programs
Don your best Key West style attire to enjoy an evening filled with dancing, entertainment and, of course, burgers. \$70 per person or \$120 for two. Fort Lauderdale Country Club, 415 E. Country Club Circle, Fort Lauderdale. 954-616-1074 or www.victoryliving.org.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18
PAL Antique Show

Police Athletic League of Hallandale Beach
Over 35 dealers showcasing silver, art work, porcelain, crystal, vintage jewelry, books, toys and other collectibles. Event starts Saturday at 9 a.m., Sunday at 11 a.m. Professional appraiser on-site Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$3 for each appraisal. \$2 admission covers both days. Cultural Community Center, 410 SE Third St., Hallandale Beach. 954-296-0156, www.hallandalebeachpal.com or kmoseley@cohb.org

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
2018 Broward Child Advocacy Awards & Reception

Florida's Children First
Child advocates will be honored. \$100. Broward Center for the Performing Arts' Riverview Ballroom, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. www.floridaschildrenfirst.org, events@floridaschildrenfirst.org or 954-796-0860

Friday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.
Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards

2-1-1 Broward
The awards ceremony and luncheon will

Comedy night fights stomach cancer with laughter

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer hosts its 9th annual Night of Laughter on Sunday, January 28 at Signature Grand in Davie. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. The evening will feature comedy, a raffle, drinks and food. All proceeds will help fund research initiatives in hopes of finding a cure for stomach cancer.

The night wouldn't be possible without the leadership of co-chairs Sheri Albert, Mitch Starr and Dr. Stephanie Davis and the assistance of their committee. Albert, who is leading the event for the eighth year, has helped raise over \$250,000.

"Being a part of this event means more to me now than ever before," said Albert, who was recently diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. "Even though I have my own battle to fight, knowing that stomach cancer receives the least federal funding per cancer death of any cancer inspires me to fight harder to help find a cure. We may not be there yet, but I think that we can all agree that laughter is the best medicine."

Tickets are \$75 and include a buffet dinner, two soft drinks, two raffle tickets and a comedy show. Sponsorship opportunities are available and include reserved seating along with many other perks. For more information about the event, visit www.debbiesdream.org/portal/night-of-laughter, email Events@DebbiesDream.org or call 954-475-1200.



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The Debbie's Dream Foundation Night of Laughter takes place on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018 at Signature Grand in Davie.



Madelyn Zelman, left, and Andrea Eidelman



Caran Rothchild, left, Sheri Albert and Bonnie Feldman



Mitch Starr, left, and Clay Rusch



Jodi Laurence, left, Julie Klahr and Linda Green