

LET'S GO, SOUTH FLORIDA!

Dad, your pound-of-bacon BLT sandwich is ready

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Father's Day 2020 was too layered in uncertainty and distancing and masks to enjoy, so this year even dads who would typically ignore the occasion might be encouraged to get off the sofa or turn off the power washer for some family camaraderie. Here are some last-minute gifts ideas and suggestions for places to go. Good luck.

Man meet sandwich

Meat-friendly, Aventura-based restaurant chain **Smokey Bones** this week introduced a summer menu refresh that includes a **BLT made with a pound of bacon**. A pound of bacon! The sandwich and side costs \$19.99. Smokey Bones has four South Florida locations: **Boca Raton, Wellington, Plantation and Fort Lauderdale**. Visit SmokeyBones.com. (A pound of bacon!)

Dude abides

Tucked between the north and south forks of the New River near downtown Fort Lauderdale, Riverside Market is one of South Florida's great "if you know, you know" hidden-gem hangouts, both for its wide-ranging beer selection and a singular authenticity, illustrated by the honor-system checkout. Who does that?

These days when you bring your empties up to pay, you'll see a stack of Riverside T-shirts for sale featuring the crazed, bearded visage of owner Julian Siegel. I picked one up (\$15) not only because it reps a favorite place in a distinctive way — Siegel has one of the great heads in the beer-bar-brewery business (anywhere) — but also because he's a good dude who has managed to run a small hospitality empire while raising two honorable teenage boys. Not easy.

Part of a family that includes two other Riversides, Craft Beer Cartel and Tarpon River Brewing in Fort Lauderdale, the flagship Riverside is at 608 SW 12th Ave. Visit TheRiversideMarket.com.

A secret cocktail

This is opening weekend at **Sidecar II**, the secret lounge tucked inside **Vinos Wine Bar**, which opened in February on **Fort**

Lauderdale's Las Olas Boulevard. Sidecar II is all about atmosphere, but also celebrates the well-made cocktail. The menu kicks off with El Chapo (Corazon Blanco tequila, jalapeno-infused Aperol, lemon and pineapple juice; \$14) and I Get a Kick Out of You (Empress 1908 gin, Italicus Rosolio di Bergamotto liqueur, champagne syrup, egg white, lemon juice and absinthe; \$15). They also have wine and beer (Jai Alai IPA, Fin du Monde, Guinness). The bartender at Vinos (901 E. Las Olas) will help you find Sidecar II. Maybe. Visit VinosWineBars.com.

More meat

There's been a lot of focus on the rare whiskey at the new **Delray Beach** restaurant **Warren American Whiskey Kitchen** (guilty), but it's also a beautiful space (inside and out) for a relaxing meal with the Old Man. Executive Chef Jen Knox's menu offers a range of seafood, burgers and steaks, including exclusive Australian Carrara Wagyu cuts from **A Cut Above Butcher & Provisions in Fort Lauderdale**. Visit WarrenDelray.com.

Pride of Wilton Manors

It was stylish NBC6 meteorologist **Steve MacLaughlin** who made it OK for me to go without a tie at work. That and the pandemic. The Emmy-winning skywatcher is a co-grand marshal of Saturday's **Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival in Wilton Manors**, joined by **Dr. Requel Lopes**, executive director of the World AIDS Museum. The festival includes vendors and live music on six stages along **Wilton Drive** beginning at 3 p.m. (the parade is at 7 p.m.). In case you didn't know, MacLaughlin also is a songwriter and singer, so mind your ukulele when he's around. Visit StonewallPride.lgbt.

Gift of music

Last week in this space I riffed on **Father's Day gift ideas** that are still out there (the flasks in the gift shop are not the only attractive items at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale). On Friday, you'll find tickets on sale for upcoming **Hard**



Just in time for Father's Day, the South Florida-based restaurant chain Smokey Bones has added a few menu items, including a BLT made with a pound of bacon. **SMOKEY BONES/COURTESY**

Rock Live concerts by **Eric Clapton** and **Van Morrison** (MyHRL.com) and, if we are to take them at their word, the final South Florida concert by **KISS** at **iTHINK Financial Amphitheatre** in West Palm Beach (LiveNation.com).

Weekend beer

Funky Buddha Brewery in **Oakland Park** celebrates its eighth anniversary Friday-Sunday with a variety of events, live music, beer releases and a **four-course beer-pairing brunch** in the back room 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Father's Day (tickets available). If you're looking for a gift none of his friends are likely to have, the spotlight beer is **Kopi Luwak Coffee Void Shaker** (a muscular 11% ABV bourbon barrel-aged imperial stout with vanilla and rare Kopi Luwak coffee), available in very limited quantities for taproom pickup only (no pre-orders) beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Visit FunkyBuddhaBrewery.com.

Pure fun

The bucolic **Fleming Road Nursery** in **Davie** will host local ska-punk daredevils **the Big Skandal** for a free afternoon dance party (just try to resist) noon-4 p.m. Saturday. The event celebrates the release of their collaboration with **Boca Raton's Barrel of Monks Brewing** on a bourbon-barrel-aged stout called **Squandered Opportunities** created with help from

Primo Liquors. Seems like the Big Skandal was just getting traction on its eponymous 2019 EP when the pandemic hit, so the event honors that production, too. Visit Facebook.com/BigSkandal or Eventbrite.com.

Weekend laughs

Grandview Market in **West Palm Beach** hosts **Comedy After Dark** on the loading dock with headliner **Jimmy Schubert** ("Last Comic Standing," "The King of Queens," "Entourage") 9:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is free, but drink tickets are \$20 for unlimited draft beer, wine and Grandview Punch. Comics **Jackie Sanchez**, **Hennessy Williams** and **Matt Ross** also will perform. Visit Facebook.com/GrandviewPublic.

Future laughs

Comedian and host of "The Daily Show" **Trevor Noah** is bringing his **Back to Abnormal Tour** to **Hard Rock Live** at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood on Friday, Oct. 22. Tickets will cost \$116, \$91, \$76, \$61 and \$46 and go on sale 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at MyHRL.com. A venue presale begins 10 a.m. Thursday via the Hard Rock Facebook and Twitter pages.

Actor, comedian and podcast host **Whitney Cummings** will be at the **Coral Springs Center for the Arts** on Friday, Nov. 12, on her nationwide **Touch Me** tour, with

tickets (\$42.72) on sale 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at TheCenterCS.com.

Tickets to see prickly funnyman **Lewis Black** at the remodeled **Parker Playhouse** in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, Dec. 10, go on sale 10 a.m. Friday, June 18. Prices start at \$43 at ParkerPlayhouse.com.

Tarp's up

If you're a father of a certain age, or you've got kids of a certain age, lock in your rep as one of the "cool dads" by taking them tarp surfing on Father's Day Weekend in the **Warehouse District** in **West Palm Beach**. Beginning on Saturday, **International Surfing Day**, **Gypsy Life Surf Shop** will unfurl a big blue tarp to simulate a large wave that skaters roll under for sharable social-media moments. Carver Surf skate will just happen to be there with skateboard demos 1-6 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday. The weekend includes a bounce house, live music food and drink. There's free valet parking on Elizabeth and Clare avenues daily starting at 11 a.m. Visit TheDistrictWPB.com.

Weekend movie

Hard for an indie film to stand out in the sea of "In the Heights" and "A Quiet Place 2," but the family-friendly "Shepherd: The Story of a Jewish Dog" is being held over at several South Florida theaters, including Regal Magnolia Place in Coral Springs, Regal Westfork in Pembroke Pines, Living Room Theaters in Boca Raton, the Movies at Lake Worth and Regal Royal Palm Beach.

My colleague Alan Goch, editor of the Jewish Journal, saw "Shepherd" recently:

"The film about a boy and his dog during the Holocaust manages to make something beautiful and sweet out of something so horrific and sad. I generally show little emotion, but scenes in the movie even made me want to cry. In the same vein as "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," seeing the darkest era in human history through the eyes of a child, is an affective teaching tool in an age-appropriate way."

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