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People

This weekend you should be chilling out at one of these 10 hot spots. SunSentinel.com/weekend

Happy birthday!

- Roy Inels**, civil rights activist, 75
 - Robert Englund**, actor, 60
 - Harvey Fierstein**, actor-playwright, 55
 - Sandra Bernhard**, comedian, 54
 - Björn Borg**, tennis player, 53
 - Paul Giamatti**, actor, 42
- The Associated Press

On this date

- 1925** Walter Pery Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.
 - 1934** The Securities and Exchange Commission was established.
 - 1944** The D-Day invasion of Europe took place as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.
 - 1969** Black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.
 - 1982** Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestinian Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985).
- The Associated Press

To do today

- Matthew Sabatella**
The local live brings the folk ballads of the Old West to a new generation. The sing-along children's concert also features **Peter the Mink**, refreshments and an interactive instrument display at 3 p.m. at **UM Guggenheim Hall**, 1314 Miller Drive, Coral Gables. 510-512. Ticketmaster
 - The Music Behind the Magic: Disney 1928—Today**
The exhibit, exploring the musical making of times with 'toons, TV, radio, recordings, stage and screen, opens 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and runs through Sept. 8 at **Norton Museum of Art**, 1435 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. \$8, \$3 ages 13-21, free members and ages 12 and younger. 561-872-5198
- Staff reports

THEATER REVIEW: CITY THEATRE SIGNATURE SHORTS



Ravenous lifboat passengers, John Marzelli, left, and Steve Trovillion, right, are hungry for David Hemphill's cuddly bunny in *Jettison*.

A French twist

Cost brings its 'A' game (especially one comic contortist) to eight quirky scripts.

By Bill Hirschman
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It may seem strange to single out one performer from the script ensemble that City Theatre has gathered for its 14th season of Summer Shorts, but Elena Maria Garcia's lumber physicality and comic instincts convince you that Carol Burnett is playing the stages of South Florida.

The rest of the cast brings its 'A' game; the directors are universally imaginative and the scripts of eight quirky short plays are, as usual, a diverse and acutely anthological whose quality ranges from hilarious to baffling.

But watch Garcia with a thick French accent impersonating a post-act working in a restaurant (don't ask, just go with it) as she contorts her body trying to get the wiser out of a corked bottle in Christopher Durang's *Kitty the Waitress*. Even her acting partner, Stephen Trovillion as a non-phased customer, couldn't keep a straight face opening night.

It's a highlight of Signature

Shorts, which plays in repertoire with the adult-oriented *Underhorts* and *Shorts 4 Kids* in Miami and later in Fort Lauderdale.

The strongest script is *Cruvin Tuvivier (The Real Life Story)*, a delightfully absurd comedy by Davis resident Michael McKeever, who debuted the piece last year at the 24 Hour Theatre Project, both directed by Amy London. A Republican businesswoman (Laura Turnbull), a bubble-head heiress (Erin Joy Schmitt) and a passionate artist (Garcia) recall their love affairs with a mysterious man of the world (Trovillion). The interweaving stories punctuated with witty repartee and whip crack timing remind you of *pepe work* at Cirque du Soleil.

Brentan Aodhok Bradley's farcical *Jettison* carries a dark underpinning as men admit to a libelous eye a fellow survivor (David Hemphill) hiding a cuddly bunny from his ravenous partners (Trovillion and John Marzelli).

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TV today

In the telenovela **Corrie Borneo at My Wedding** (9 p.m., Hallmark), Brooke Nevin, right, plays a woman who meets her estranged father (John Schneider, right) — just weeks before tying the knot. Naturally, complications arise. Roma Downey and Zach Callahan also star.

— Contra Costa Times

Star Gazing

The Actor's Alliance

'Bruno' case claims 'life-altering' injury

The lawyer for a woman suing actor-comedian **Baron Cohen** over a scuffle at a charity bingo tournament said Friday that his client suffered "life-altering injuries."

Attorney Kyle Madison released a statement asking for privacy for **Richelle Olson**, who sued Baron Cohen on May 21 in Lancaster, Calif. Olson, 36, claims Baron Cohen and a camera crew ambushed her on the stage of a bingo tournament that she organized to raise money for nursing students.

"The actions of Mr. Cohen and those acting in concert with him have resulted in life-altering injuries to my client," Madison's statement said. "My focus is her well-being and to secure a fair, just and equitable remedy for her claims. This claim is distinguishable from Mr. Cohen's previous lawsuits as a defendant."

Baron Cohen's 2006 film, *Borat: Cultural Learning of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*, was a surprise hit. In the upcoming *Borat 2*, Baron Cohen plays a boyishly gay fashionista.

The lawsuit states that Olson suffered brain injuries after a fall that happened as a result of actions by Baron Cohen and film workers, and that she now has to use either a walker or a wheel chair.

Several people featured in *Borat* sued Baron Cohen, claiming that his movie caused them humiliation. Olson's claim is the first to allege a serious physical injury.

'Phony Toni' set free in Suriname

A judge in Suriname on Friday released a Las Vegas entertainer accused of posing as **Toni Braxton** at a concert where she was pelted with trash and booed offstage.

Trina Johnson-Fin, who had spent three months in jail, said she would be present at her sentencing Tuesday.

Prosecutors requested she serve a one-year sentence with nine months of it suspended, meaning that she even if she receives the full sentence she will have already served the three months.

The concert promoter has said she was not involved in the scheme that charged up to \$53 per ticket for the Feb. 26 concert in Suriname's capital.

A crowd of 1,000 three bottles and beer cans at her in what has been dubbed the "Phony Toni" concert.



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