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MIAMI

Welcome to a city where every corner tells a different story. From pastel Art Deco to bold street murals, and luxury towers to breezy cafés, Miami beams with energy and style, and culture pulses through the streets. This is what defines the city we call home. This is Miami.

Photo by Tuan Nguyen

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BRICKELL

THE POWERHOUSE OF MIAMI

HEART OF THE MAGIC

Fueled by the arrival of the railroad and Miami's growing port, this area became the city's hub for trade, government and culture in the early 20th century. It saw a decline in the mid-1900s before being revitalized by modern skyscrapers, cultural institutions and tourism. Today, it thrives as a dynamic center of business, arts and entertainment. *Photo by Jake Sperling*



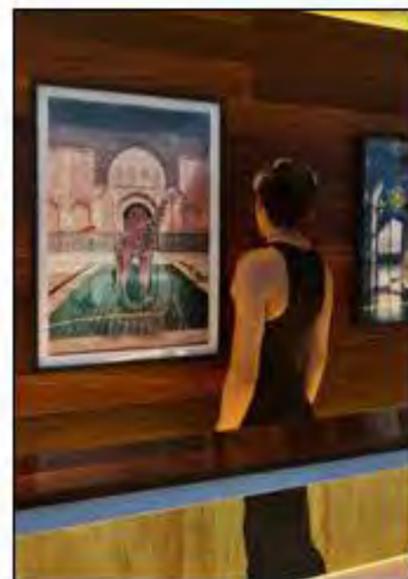
IT'S DINNER TIME Heading to dinner with friends at Brickell City Center, sophomore Katie Karlson admires her surroundings. *Photo by Katie Karlson*



AFTERDARK ADVENTURES Before partaking in Miami nightlife, juniors Taveion Neasman and Melanie Lowe pause for a quick photo. *Photo by Melanie Lowe*



A BITE TO EAT Out to dinner, sophomores Aaron Gonzalez and Carlos Sosa enjoy the popular restaurant Crazy About You in Brickell. *Photo by Carlos Sosa*



UNIQUE SIGHTS Matthew Nicholas looks at art on The Vessel, an attraction off the coast of Brickell that you need to take a ferry to get to. *Photo by Charlotte Di Guglielmo*

OUR RECS

ACCORDING TO OUR STAFF, THESE ARE THE MUST HIT LOCATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DAY IN BRICKELL

RESTAURANT



DOLORES BUT YOU CAN CALL ME LOLITA
A stylish rooftop restaurant serving eclectic global fare in a historic firehouse with vibrant city views.

NIGHTLIFE



8STREET BRICKELL
An upscale cocktail lounge featuring live music, modern décor and a lively weekend atmosphere.

BRUNCH SPOT



BARSECCO A stylish brunch venue praised for its creative takes on Italian and Mediterranean fare, as well as a fan-favorite bottomless mimosa offering on weekend afternoons.

ACTIVITY



BRICKELL CITY CENTER
A sprawling development at the heart of Brickell filled with luxury shops, flavorful restaurants and colorful displays.



FOOD AND FRIENDS At a cafe in Brickell during golden hour, senior Lily Dooley gets coffee with her friends. *Photo by Amaya Jones*

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RESTAURANT



GLASS & VINE A scenic restaurant nestled in Peacock Park offering garden-side dining and seasonal dishes. Surrounded by fairy light wrapped trees, this is the perfect date night spot.

NIGHTLIFE



BODEGA A hidden speakeasy behind an award-winning taco spot features a wide menu of margaritas and tequila based cocktails alongside late night djs sets.

BRUNCH SPOT



GREENSTREET CAFE A lively neighborhood staple serving hearty breakfast plates and outdoor patio seating. Make sure to allot enough time as they do not take reservations.

ACTIVITY



MONTY'S RAW BAR Established in 1969 featuring live music every afternoon, this waterfront spot is not to be missed. Delicious food + happy hour drinks + waterfront + live music = a good time.



STARTING THE DAY RIGHT Out to brunch at Greenstreet Cafe with her friends, sophomore Maureen Riley takes a sip of her café con leche. *Photo by Jake Sperling*

WHERE MIAMI BEGAN

Founded in the 1870s by Bahamian settlers and other pioneers, this neighborhood grew out of its lush, tropical landscape along Biscayne Bay. Over time, it became known as a haven for artists and free spirits, with landmarks like Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and the Barnacle Historic State Park preserving its past. Today, it offers a mix of historic charm, upscale shopping and a thriving arts scene. *Photo by Xinyi Han*



NIGHT OUT Spending their Thursday night in the Grove, seniors Owen DeRuyter and Salvatore Puma enjoy a night out with friends. *Photo by Salvatore Puma*



GROVE GLAM To unwind after a busy week, juniors Ashley Sewall, Adella Ott, Adriana Alvarado and Carissa Haughey head out for a girls' night in the Grove. *Photo by Adella Ott*



DIG IN Sophomore Julia Ford unwraps her breakfast sandwich from El Bagel in the Grove. *Photo by Amaya Jones*



BDAY SUPRISE Emily Melissinos blowing out her birthday candles at Bellini in Coconut Grove. *Photo by Gracie Palmer*



A SWEET TREAT Morgan Vidal about to take a bite into the Salt and Straw ice cream in Coconut Grove. *Photo by Mary Kathryn Terry*

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THE GROVE

THE HIDEAWAY OF MIAMI

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SOUTH BEACH

THE PLAYGROUND OF MIAMI

ART DECO PARADISE

Developers began building resorts and infrastructure on the barrier island in the 1910s, attracting wealthy vacationers and investors. By the 1930s, its Art Deco architecture defined the skyline, making it a glamorous playground for celebrities and tourists. After a period of decline, a revival in the 1980s cemented its status as one of the world's most iconic beach destinations. *Photo by Xinyi Han*



GETTING THE SHOT For UMTV, Gracie Palmer sets up her camera before filming a segment in South Beach. *Photo by Gracie Palmer*



BIRTHDAY BASH Soaking up the sun, sophomore Taylor Schulman spends the day at South Beach with friends for a birthday. *Photo by Taylor Schulman*



GOING FOR A RIDE Allison Haber and Capri Everett rent vespas for their day spent in South Beach. *Photo by Allison Haber*



ICE ICE BABY To cool off, seniors Giana Eddy and Valeria Barbaglio enjoy an ice plunge at Strawberry Moon. *Photo by Valeria Barbaglio*

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RESTAURANT



MACCHIALINA A beloved Italian-inspired restaurant known for rustic pasta dishes and a lively dining atmosphere.

NIGHTLIFE



SOLA MIAMI A high-energy nightlife spot with live entertainment and dynamic happy-hour vibes.

BRUNCH SPOT



LIMONADA A relaxing poolside brunch destination featuring DJs and vibrant design aesthetics, revolving around the classic lemonade yellow.

ACTIVITY



OCEAN DRIVE Spend the day strolling the sun-drenched sands and exploring the iconic pastel architecture, synonymous with South Beach's historic Art Deco era.



FAMILY VISIT A much-needed break: Sophomore Paige Owusu-Ofori spends the day in South Beach with her mom during a visit. *Photo by Paige Owusu-Ofori*

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RESTAURANT



CVI.CHE 105 A unique restaurant offering a next level combination of flavors, sensations and ambiances that is unique to Miami and defies all expectations.

NIGHTLIFE



DON'T TELL PAPI A speakeasy-style cocktail lounge known for its intimate vibe and inventive drinks.

BRUNCH SPOT



PURA VIDA A premier wellness and lifestyle brand, offering a diverse menu of balanced, nutritious dishes with the goal of promoting the ideal that "health is happiness."

ACTIVITY



VENETIAN POOL A historic spring-fed pool carved from coral rock, surrounded by lush tropical landscaping.



REV IT UP Sitting in the drivers' seat of a luxury sports car, sophomore Maria Andrea Mendez checks out the cars on display at the Biltmore Hotel lawn during the exhibition. *Photo by Carlos Sosa*

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Envisioned by developer George Merrick in 1925, this Mediterranean-style planned Garden Community was designed with tree-lined boulevards, plazas and architectural harmony. Iconic landmarks like the Biltmore Hotel and Venetian Pool reflect its historic elegance. Today, it remains a cultural and educational hub, home to the University of Miami and a bustling business district. *Photo by Robin Hutson*



BE MINE Celebrating their first Valentine's Day together, sophomore couple Max Greenspan and Ariella Green go out for dinner at Tap 42. *Photo by Ariella Green*



SLICE OF PARADISE At Mamey, the THesis Hotel rooftop restaurant, Matt Levine enjoys a late afternoon happy hour with drinks and food. *Photo by Chase Finizio*

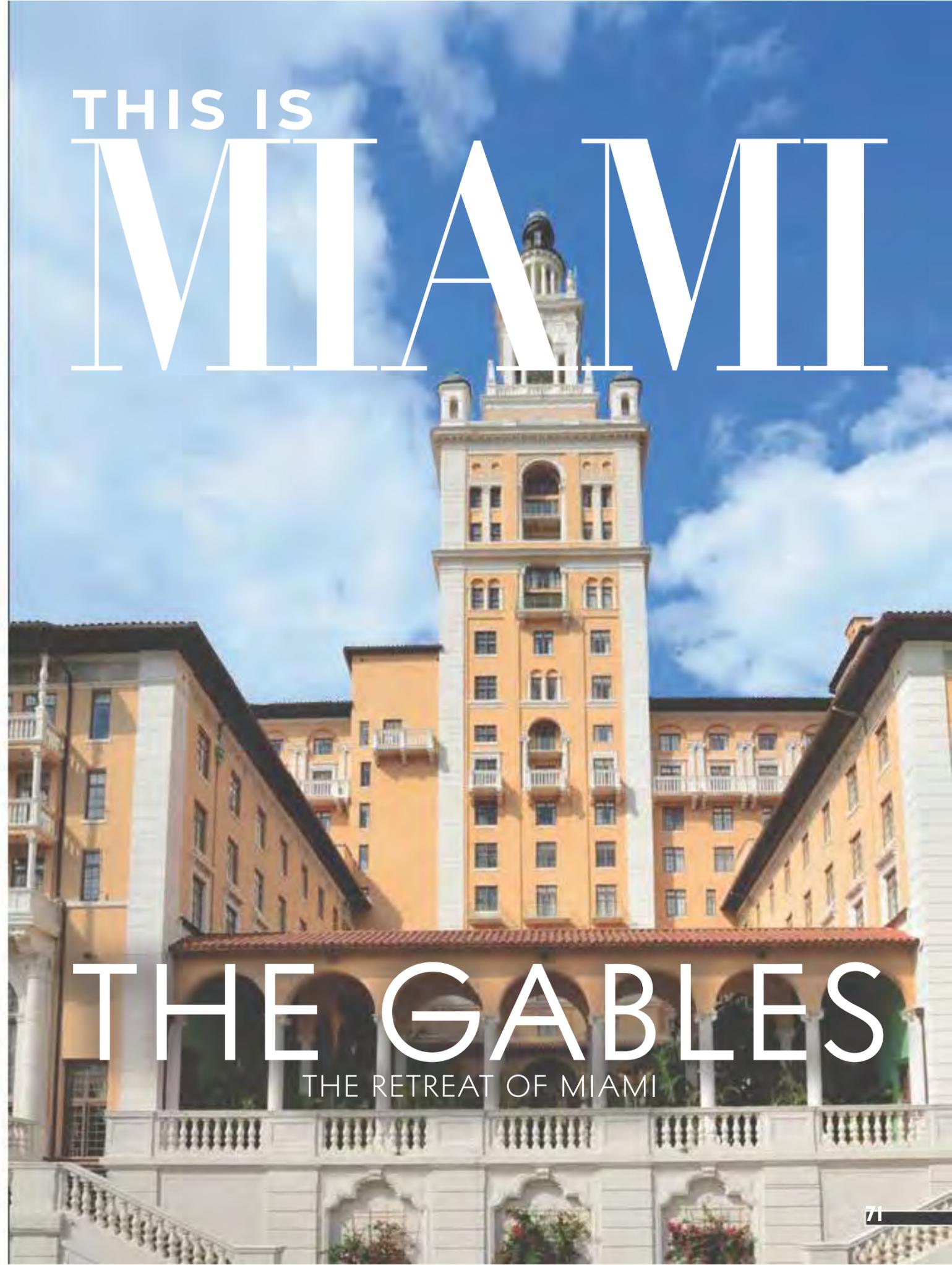


FUN FILLED ADVENTURE At the Barnes & Nobles on Miracle Mile, sophomore Aiden Baker enjoys playing with the puppets and letting his inner child out. *Photo by Nicolas Paredero Quiros*



STAYCATION Opting to stay local for spring break, sophomores Doug Parker, Ethan Goetz and Luke Cohen hit the golf course at the Biltmore Hotel. *Photo by Ethan Goetz*

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THE GABLES

THE RETREAT OF MIAMI

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WYNWOOD

THE CANVAS OF MIAMI

WALLS THAT SPEAK

Once an industrial zone filled with warehouses and garment factories, this area later became a neighborhood for Puerto Rican families and small businesses. In the early 2000s, artists transformed its abandoned walls into vibrant canvases, sparking an international street art movement centered around Wynwood Walls. Now, it buzzes with life, filled with galleries, breweries and all kinds of creative ventures. *Photo by Eric Christian King*



NEW FLAVORS Trying out the restaurant for the first time, freshmen David Gillman and Jason Rotenberg out to dinner at Fabel. *Photo by David Gillman*



HEADING OUT On her way to lunch, Leteisha Billouin is excited to try the award winning restaurant Le Chick. *Photo by Amaya Jones*



FASHION AND FRIENDS As part of a photoshoot for Distraction Magazine about maxi fashion, junior Wes Lucas and senior Maggie Dobra strike a pose. *Photo courtesy by Valeria Barbaglio*



LIVING IT UP At the Oasis Marketplace, Prince St Pizza stand, Chase Finizio and Jessica Foster wait for their order to be called. *Photo by Chase Finizio*

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RESTAURANT



KYU A popular spot for wood-fired Asian-inspired dishes served in a lively, art-filled setting.

NIGHTLIFE



SPANGLISH A tucked-away cocktail lounge celebrated for its creative drink menu and tapas.

BRUNCH SPOT



FABEL MIAMI A rooftop destination known for bottomless mimosas and beautifully plated brunch fare.

ACTIVITY



WYNWOOD WALLS The iconic outdoor street-art museum where you can stroll through vibrant murals by international street artists on every block.



FAMOUS PLACES At the iconic pizza spot Joe's Pizza, made famous by its New York City location's appearance in the film "Spider-Man 2," sophomore Nicholai Hansotia orders a slice. *Photo by Carlos Sosa*

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RESTAURANT



THE RUSTY PELICAN

Known for its contemporary cuisine with a focus on fresh, local seafood, Rusty boasts a modern and chic atmosphere with stunning views of the Miami skyline and Biscayne Bay.

NIGHTLIFE



GRAMP'S GETAWAY

Situated at Rickenbacker Marina, this waterfront bar offers beautiful city views and a relaxed outdoor setting.

BRUNCH SPOT



ARTISAN This restaurant, offers a blend of industrial aesthetics with local art, specializing in eclectic main courses and Venezuelan tapas.

ACTIVITY



LIGHTHOUSE BEACH

A hidden oasis tucked into Bill Baggs State Park, this beach is perfect for escaping the crowds of Miami or South Beach and catching some rays of sun.



IT'S MY BDAY! To celebrate, sophomore Jake Sperling throws a boat party with his friends sophomore Carlos Sosa, junior Krystina Slanker, senior Grace Paliseno, freshman Ava Strohane and sophomore Andy Mendez. *Photo by Jake Sperling*

BRIDGE TO PARADISE

Development took off after the Rickenbacker Causeway opened in 1947, connecting the once-remote island to the mainland. Initially home to coconut plantations and fishing villages, the area transformed into a vacation getaway with resorts and recreational facilities. Now, it is a quiet residential community surrounded by nature preserves such as Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park and Crandon Park. *Photo by Jake Sperling*



PEAK VIBE Watching the sunset at Crandon Park are sophomore friends Skyler Hallas and Liana Friedman. *Photo by Liana Friedman*



BOAT DAY Sophomores Ty Raimann and Owen Averell celebrate a friend's half-birthday on the water. *Photo by Ty Raimann*



FANCY THAT Scarlet Stallone, Michaela Rutigliano and Isabel Becker attend an all white themed event at a friends house in Key Biscayne. *Photo by Chase Finizio*



OPEN WATER With their friends, Isha Swani and Joe Tonna rent a boat to do private wakeboarding sessions. *Photo by Chase Finizio*

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KEY BISCAYNE

THE ESCAPE OF MIAMI

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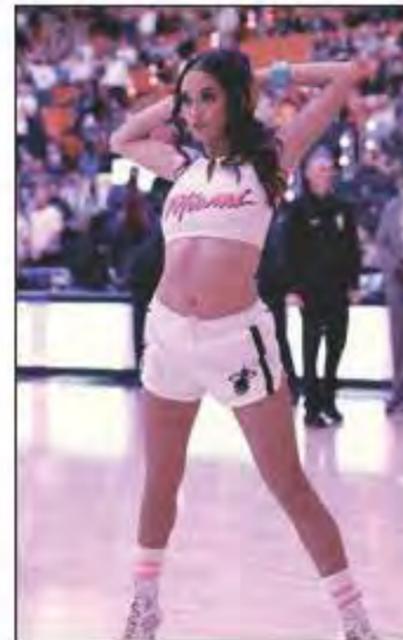


DOWNTOWN

THE PULSE OF MIAMI

A SKYLINE ON THE RISE

Once a quiet area of grand waterfront estates, this district was shaped by early pioneers Mary and William Brickell in the late 1800s. Nicknamed “Millionaire’s Row” in the early 20th century, it later evolved into a hub for banking and commerce by the 1970s. Today, it stands as Miami’s financial powerhouse, filled with luxury condos, restaurants and nightlife. *Photo by Jake Sperling*



GAME-DAY Rookie Miami Heat Dancer and UM sophomore Arielle Lopez performs in her team uniform on the court. *Photo by Arielle Lopez*



BDAY MODE Celebrating his 22nd birthday at Kiki on the River, Sebastian Pakciarz blows out the candles while the restaurant sings to him. *Photo by Sebastian Pakciarz*



THAT ULTRA FEELING Elizabeth Butler having fun with floatie at Ultra Music Festival Resistance stage. *Photo by Mary Kathryn Terry*



IT'S SHOW TIME As part of a yearly cultural outing with the Office of Academic Enhancement, freshmen Sovannreach Po, Aidan La France and Rex Roche enjoy the show, “MJ: The Musical” at the Arsht Center. *Photo by the OAE*

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RESTAURANT



KIKI ON THE RIVER One of Miami’s most famous Mediterranean restaurants brings modern Greek cuisine to the Miami River.

NIGHTLIFE



RED PHONE BOOTH A speakeasy bar accessed via an unmarked entrance, offering creative cocktails behind downtown’s façade.

BRUNCH SPOT



CRAFT BAYSIDE A waterside brunch destination with scenic views of the marina and bay.

ACTIVITY



PÉREZ ART MUSEUM A contemporary art museum on Biscayne Bay, celebrated for its modern architecture and collection.



CHEERS! At the Hard Rock Cafe at the Bayside Marketplace, senior Sitong Chen shows off her strawberry lemonade. *Photo by Sitong Chen*