

17 ways to reload your love gun

Ah, love — exciting and new, as Jack Jones once sang in the swinging theme from the gently naughty, nautical 1970s sitcom “The Love Boat.” But one of the themes of that show was that love can lose its luster, requiring a change of course, a sense of adventure. Here, in no particular order, are 17 places to sit by a fire, have a drink, work up a sweat, eat some chocolate or roll some sushi together.

1. Coincidence that Valentine’s Weekend includes a visit from **KISS** icon **Paul Stanley**? I think not. The singer and painter will show off his colorful work 6-9 p.m. Friday at **Wentworth Gallery**, 819 E. Las Olas Blvd., **Fort Lauderdale**, and 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the **Wentworth Gallery** at **Boca Town Center**, 6000 Glades Road. His painting titled “Love Gun”



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might look great in the man cave. Visit WentworthGallery.com.

2. Snuggle up with some s’mores during the **Lake Worth beach bonfire** 6-10 p.m. Friday, with music from **Rogue Therapy**. Visit LakeWorth.org/events.

3. More laid-back fireside romance can be found at **Sons & Daughters Farm & Winery** in **Lake Worth**, which will host two indoor-outdoor gatherings at the barn this weekend. Friday night will feature Miami alt-funk quartet **the Remyz** and bayou meals by **Nancy’s Cajun Cookin’**, while Saturday night will have folksinger **Debloise Milledge** and eats from **Aurora’s Mexican Kitchen**. Admission is \$5 at the gate. Leashed dogs free. Visit SD-Farm.com.

4. Any coincidence that frequent “Love Boat” passenger **Charo** is in South Florida this weekend for



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It’s opening weekend at the Florida Renaissance Festival at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach.

Pride Fort Lauderdale? No. She’s kitschy, she’s kooky, she’s cuchi cuchi and she’s still, strangely, beloved. **Pride Fort Lauderdale** is noon-8 p.m. Sunday at **Fort Lauderdale Beach Park**. Other entertainment will come from Grammy-winning singer **Estelle**, trans model and singer **Laith Ashley**

(star of Oxygen’s “Strut”), **DJ Tracy Young** and **DJ Power Infinity**, to name a few. Visit PrideFortLauderdale.org.

5. Get in touch with your inner M&M (mine looks like Danny DeVito) when the **South Florida Science Center and Aquarium** in **West Palm Beach** explores



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“**The Science of Chocolate**,” featuring cocoa-oriented crafts, activities and workshops 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Yes, there will be a chocolate fountain. Museum admission costs \$16.95, ages 3-12 \$12.95, 60 and older \$14.95. Visit SFScienceCenter.org.

6. Where there's chocolate, there must be strawberries. The 17th annual **Strawberry Festival** returns to the **West Palm Beach GreenMarket** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, with proceeds going to the **Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation**. Not to mention \$5 strawberry shortcakes, while they last. Visit WPB.org/GreenMarket, Facebook.com/HPBCF.

7. Or chocolate and cherries. And beer. **Barrel of Monks Brewing in Boca Raton** is breaking out bottles of a cherry-chocolate quadrupel called **Be Mine** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday. Visit Facebook.com/BarrelOfMonks.

8. My wife, she likes the Reese's. In any container. Pieces, cups, she doesn't care. So how can it be wrong to get her a Valentine's growler of **Bangin' Banjo Brewing's Chocolate Covered Peanut Porter**? Feels thoughtful to me. The **Pompano Beach** brewery will have it on tap beginning 2 p.m. Friday. Visit Facebook.com/BanginBanjoBrewing.

9. The **Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival** returns to **St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church** in downtown Fort Lauderdale

through Sunday. A little ouzo, baklava and canoodling on the dance floor — see what happens. If all else fails, the Hustler store is right down the street. Visit FortLauderdale-GreekFestival.org.

10. It's opening weekend at the **Florida Renaissance Festival at Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach**, with a **Swash-bucklers & Sirens** theme. As you may remember from your studying of Greek mythology, the Sirens were singing temptations who lured love-starved sailors to their doom on the rocky coast of their island. Who doesn't love a good girl band? Visit Ren-Fest.com.

11. The aphrodisiacs on your plate may be good for your libido, but there are other reasons to take in the inaugural **Boca Raton Seafood and Music Festival** this weekend at **Mizner Park Amphitheater**, including music from **Oigo, Hard Luck Society, Nostaliah** and **the Lee Boys** on Saturday, and **Birdman's Clam Bake, Mac Arnold and Plate Full O'Blues, Juke** and the **Spam Allstars** on Sunday. Visit Facebook.com/BocaRaton.MiznerParkAmphi.

12. Downtown **Delray Beach's** Atlantic Avenue is always an energizing urban stroll. After dinner on Saturday, duck into the nearby **Arts Garage** (94 NE Second Ave.) and work up a sweat to the funky Latin jams of Miami's **Suenalo**. Satisfaction guaranteed. Visit ArtsGarage.org.

13. The **Anderson Bar in Miami** hosts the eighth annual **Hated for Loving** gathering 10 p.m. Saturday, of course featuring the Miami Smiths and Morrissey tribute band **Ordinary Boys**. You will be able to drown your sorrows in plenty of drink specials. Visit Facebook.com/TheAndersonMiami.

14. When did sushi rolling become some kind of sexy ... thing? **Grille 401** in downtown **Fort Lauderdale** will host its **Valentine's Sushi Rolling Class** 5-7 p.m. Sunday. It includes free sake “throughout the event.” So there's that. Tickets cost \$45. Visit: Facebook.com/Grille401LasOlas.

15. You can find that last-minute gift at the **Indie Craft Bazaar Art & Handmade Festival** noon Sunday at **Revolution Live** in downtown **Fort Lauderdale**, where more than 60 artists, designers and makers will have one-of-a-kind items that will convince her you put some thought into it this year. There will be food and drinks. Admission: \$5, 10 and younger free. Visit Facebook.com/IndieCraftBazaar.

16. Somehow, Jellybean's music just feels right on Valentine's Weekend. **John “Jellybean” Benitez**, the New York DJ-producer who helped Madonna get started, spins the 2 p.m. **Sundays Are for Legends** party at **Rhythm & Vine Beer Garden in Fort Lauderdale**. DJ **Tony Touch** also will make music, and there will be a sweet pop-up shop from Wynwood's **Mr. Kream**. Visit

Facebook.com/RhythmAndVineFTL.

17. There are some who think that making out to **Pink Floyd's “Dark Side of the Moon”** is like making out to “Schindler's List.” I disagree. Paramount's touring “**Laser Spectacular**” will deliver Pink Floyd's psychedelic masterpiece in concert-quality sound accompanied by cutting-edge lasers and high-definition video projections inside **Fort Lauderdale's Parker Playhouse** 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost \$24.50-\$27. Visit ParkerPlayhouse.com.

Other voices, other rooms

Altered Roots brings “rearranged” Americana to **Dada** in Delray Beach 10 p.m. Friday and **LauderAle Brewery** in Fort Lauderdale 8:30 p.m. Saturday (Facebook.com/AlteredRootsBand) ... **Guavatron** will share new music 8 p.m. Friday at **Voltaire** in West Palm Beach on a bill with **SoleMark** and **Southern Tier** (Facebook.com/Guavatron) ... Miami-based soca star **Kevin Lyttle** brings Caribbean soul to Reggae Runnins at **Cash Only** in Fort Lauderdale 9 p.m. Friday (KevinLyttleMusic.com) ... Blues-rocker extraordinaire **Joel DaSilva** will take over **27 Lounge** in Fort Lauderdale 9:30 p.m. Friday, and then try to make the Pats fans feel better at **Boston's on the Beach** in Delray Beach 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (Facebook.com/JoelDaSilvaMusic)

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