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BEYOND FRUITCAKE

SPICE UP A FOODIE'S HOLIDAY WITH THESE SOUTH FLORIDA-FLAVORED GIFTS

By JOHN TANASYCHUK | Staff writer

What's not to like about gifts of food? They always fit. They generally don't cost too much. And once you've consumed the gift, it's gone. No more finding a spot for the latest thoughtful tchotchke. Not everything in this South Florida foodie gift guide is suitable for wrapping up and opening Christmas morning. But many make excellent gifts for hosts, teachers or office exchanges.



Old Florida Spice Company

It's the hottest souvenir for the 100 million visitors to the Sunshine State every year. There are eight hot and spicy sea salts, 10 barbecue seasoning rubs, and other salts and spices. Rubs are \$4.99 for a 4-ounce bag. Hot and spicy sea salts cost \$7.99 for a 3.4-ounce jar. Look for them at the Boys Farmers Market in Delray Beach and Carmine's Gourmet Market in Palm Beach Gardens.



Proper Sausages

It's not until you've tried the freshly made sausage from Proper Sausages in Miami Shores that you realize what you've been missing. Visit the store (9722 NE Second Ave., call 786-334-5734 or visit ProperSausages.com. Varieties include Proper Sausage with fresh sage, black pepper and Berkshire pork, and the Fig and Blue Cheese.

Miami Smokers

Goodies at the smokehouse and deli at 306 NW 27th Ave., in Miami, include bacon-infused Toasted Krispy Treats (\$4); candied bacon (\$6 for 3 1/4 ounces); and bacon jerky (\$6 for 3 1/4 ounces). Call 786-520-5420 or go to MiamiSmokers.com.



Cookbooks

Local authors made a splash this year, including restaurateur Steve Martorano, with "It Ain't Sauce, It's Gravy." The legacy of Art Ginsburg, aka Mr. Food, lives on with "Cook It Slow, Cook It Fast," a compendium of slow-cooker and pressure-cooker recipes. And Jen Karetnick's "Mango" includes some of the best mango recipes you'll find.



Booze

Miami rapper Pitbull is the face of Voli Vodka. And now Voli Black (\$19.99-21.99) is added to the lineup. Other boozy gift ideas include Kerrygold Irish Cream Liqueur (\$19.99), which was tested in Florida. And you can now buy six-packs made by Oakland Park's Funky Buddha Brewery in regular retail stores. Right now, they're bottling best-sellers Floridian Hefeweizen (\$9.99) and Hop Gun India Pale Ale (\$10.99).



MORE ON THE HOLIDAYS: South Florida theaters create winter wonderlands. **SHOWTIME**



Taste History Culinary Tours

Three tours — Lake Worth and Lantana; Delray Beach and Boynton Beach; and West Palm Beach and historic Northwood Village — are held every Saturday at 11 a.m. Book early! Tours stop for tastings at restaurants. Each tour costs \$40; gift certificates are available. Call 561-243-2662 or visit TasteHistoryCulinaryTours.Blogspot.com.

Police: Burglar snuck in via attic

West Delray man intended to steal jewelry, report says

By ADAM SACASA
Staff writer

Down from a West Delray man's attic came a pest of the unexpected kind: his neighbor, who was intent on stealing jewelry from him and his wife, authorities say.



Polkowski

The noise from the attic led the resident to walk from his living room toward his garage, where he found his neighbor, Michael Polkowski, 23, intruding on his property, a Palm Beach County sheriff's arrest report said.

The resident, unaware at the time that Polkowski was stealing jewelry from his home, yelled at him and escorted him out of his duplex unit in the 13200 block of Via Vulcanus, according to the report.

The Oct. 30 incident triggered a sheriff's investigation that found Polkowski had been using the attic as an entry point for burglarizing his neighbor's residence. And it's unknown how many

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Arrest made in crash that hurt 3 teens

By ADAM SACASA
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The wild screech of tires caused the West Boca teenage boy to turn around just in time to see the SUV's bright headlights heading toward him and his two friends.

The SUV then struck them all, seriously injuring the three teenagers.

The Nissan Murano sped away, leaving the teens in the roadway. Tossed into the air from the impact, 17-year-old Marco Barreto suffered a broken right femur, broken nose, broken right ring finger and multiple road rash injuries across his body.

But a witness who jotted down the vehicle's license plate information would help the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office find the hit-and-run suspect. Brett Knowles, 30, was arrested Wednesday on charges of hit and run and driving without a license, records show.

See **HIT-RUN, 11A**

County takes stand on charter school

Application didn't meet 'innovative' proviso, board says

By SCOTT TRAVIS
Staff writer

The Palm Beach County School Board has taken a stand against charter schools, rejecting an application by the giant

Charter Schools USA to open a seventh location in the county.

South Palm Beach Charter School, which wants to serve K-8 students next year in southwest Delray Beach, met all the requirements on a state and district checklist. But School Board members said it didn't meet a provision in Florida statutes that says charter schools should offer "innovative learning opportunities."

"We're not going to approve these charters that just fill out the paperwork properly, but don't have anything special to offer our students," board member Debra Robinson said. "I think that this was a really good act of civil obedience on behalf of children."

School Board members have become increasingly concerned

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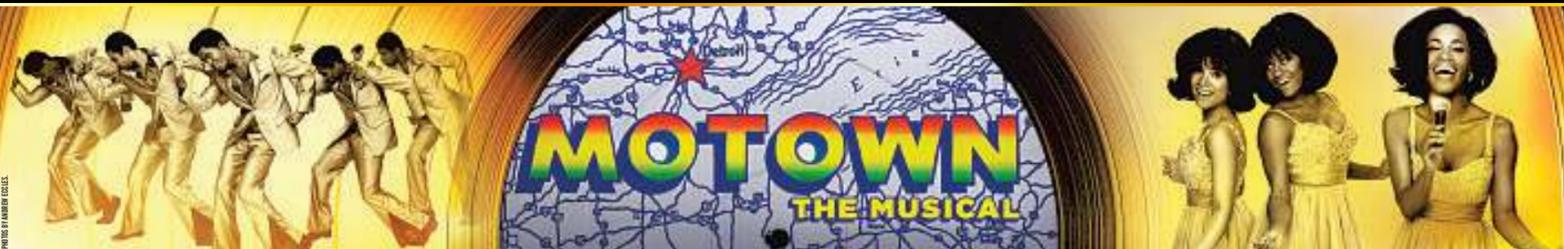
US helped bankroll jihadist textbooks

Anti-Soviet primers that encouraged militant outlook are now reprinted by Taliban. **5A**

Nomination process is a race for money

In 2016, candidates will need excess of \$100M to reach general election, analysts say. **10A**

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