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THE WEEKENDER



KEEP ON TRUCKIN'
 Monster Jam wheelies into Amerant Bank Arena

This 5-ton Monster Jam truck has been a fan-favorite since debuting in 2001. Monster Jam will be held Aug. 10-11 at Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise. **FELD MOTOR SPORTS PHOTOS**

By Rod Stafford Hagwood
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The monster of motorsport is revving up to throw down for an adrenaline-charged weekend at the Sunrise Monster Jam.

The titan truck tussle, taking place Aug. 10-11 at Amerant Bank Arena, will feature vast vehicles that weigh 12,000 pounds and are about 10.5 feet tall, 12.5 feet wide and 17 feet long.

On both days, a Monster Jam Pit Party will kick off the activities from 10:30 a.m. to noon, allowing guests to see the massive trucks up close, meet the drivers and crews, get autographs and take selfies. Attendees must have both an event ticket and a Pit Pass to gain access.

Then, the Monster Jam starts at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, and at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

However, fans might want to take their seats an hour beforehand for

the Monster Jam Trackside. That's where there are driver interviews, competition previews, opening ceremonies, power rush truck introductions and prize giveaways.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS

- Drivers will race their monster trucks and perform stunts (including backflips, big-air launches, wheelies).
- There will also be a donut competition, quickly rotating the truck as many times as possible.
- The freestyle battle is where drivers get creative with their skills, performing tricks.

ADVICE FOR FIRST-TIMERS

- It'll be loud. You might want to bring earplugs.
- For some, it is a good idea to keep eye drops handy, as the monster trucks kick up a lot of dirt and dust.

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The Zombie truck debuted in 2013 and has been driven by many, including Sean Duhon, Ami Houde, Joe Urie and, most recently, Bari Musawwir and Frank Krmel.

WEEKEND THINGS TO DO

Def Leppard, a timely Toga Party and Pearl Jam (not that one)



Ben Crandell
 Go Guide

Perhaps your mind is on college these days, a swirl of exhilaration and trepidation as your son heads off to school. Relax. As the brothers at Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub in downtown Hollywood will remind you, even if your worst fears are realized, "fat, drunk and stupid" is exactly the way to go through life if you want to be a member of Congress like Sen. John Bluntarsky. And the bar in the Senate is even lower now. Mickey Byrne's will celebrate the enduring lessons of the 1978 film "Animal House," sort of a documentary on college life, with a Toga Party on Saturday



Chef Jeffrey Lemmerman, also known as Cheffrey Eats, and his Grilled Cheese Burger, which he'll be serving through the end of August at Barrel of Monks Brewing in Boca Raton. **AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL; JEFFREY LEMMERMAN**

night. Read on for details.

THURSDAY

Sweet dream: Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park and



nearby Wilton Creamery will host an Ice Cream and Beer Pairing on Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature

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Honor your ancestors at Morikami's Obon Weekend

By Kari Barnett
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Transform small slips of paper into handwritten memorials for lost loved ones during Obon Weekend at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach.

Similar to Mexico's Day of the Dead, Obon — being commemorated Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11 — is a time for families to reunite, as it's believed ancestors return for a short time to visit their living relatives.

"This year, I'll be filling out a slip in memory of my mother, who passed away last summer in Osaka, Japan," said Miwako Patton, the museum's marketing manager.

Since it opened in 1977, the museum has celebrated Obon, which commonly takes place in Japan over several days in August. Through the years, the traditional one-day festival has grown into a weekend-long celebration featuring taiko drummers, crafts, dance, garden strolls and the popular



Guiding light lanterns will be for sale during Obon Weekend at Morikami Museum. Take them home to light in memory of lost loved ones. **MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS**

lantern ceremony on the lake in the evening.

This year, however, the museum's patio renovation, which is part of an ongoing beautification project, has been delayed because of weather, forcing organizers to

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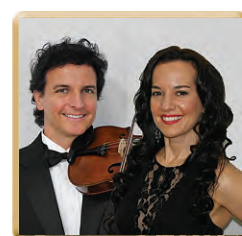
AUGUST 10
Jonathan Elgart

Jonathan Elgart presents an evening of legendary music, featuring all the hits from this extraordinary singer. This is the ultimate Barry Manilow Tribute Show! You will be stunned and amazed at how much Jonathan sounds like him!



AUGUST 17
Joey and the Paradons

Joey and the Paradons have been entertaining people since 1959, bringing you back to the beginning of real "street corner" harmony with sounds from Brooklyn and The Bronx, all the way back to where doo-wop had its start. Singing hits from the 50's and 60's, they will take you on a trip down memory lane.



AUGUST 31
Marcel & Marcela Rasa

Marcel & Rasa began at the age of 7 playing piano and violin, yet he found his voice much later. He has performed in stage productions at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Crest Theater in Delray Beach, and various other venues. Marcela Rasa delights audiences with top Broadway hits, operatic arias, and songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.



SEPT 7
Dino's Rat Pack

DINO'S TRIBUTE TO THE RAT PACK starring- William Cintron, Dezhon Fields, and Tony Sands. Prepare to experience the best Rat Pack tribute show you've ever seen, featuring the hit songs "That's Amore," "I Get A Kick Out of You," "My Funny Valentine" and more! Tony Sands as Frank Sinatra.

All shows Saturday at 8 PM