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people



birthdays

Country singer **Jan Howard** is 82. Singer-songwriter **Neil Sedaka** is 73. Actor **William H. Macy** is 62. Actress **Deborah Raffin** is 59. Comedian **Robin Duke** is 58. Actress **Dana Delaney** ("China Beach") is 56. Bassist **Adam Clayton** of U2 is 52. Jazz trumpeter **Terence Blanchard** is 50. Actress **Annabeth Gish** is 41. Actress **Tracy Wells** ("Mr. Belvedere") is 51. Rapper **Common** is 40. Rapper **Khujo** of Goodie Mob is 40.

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THE RESTAURANT SCENE

A touch of France on the Beach

Jean-Philippe Bernard, nightlife notable **Michael Martin** and actor **Olivier Martinez** have opened a swanky new dining destination in South Beach called **Villa Azur** designed by **Francois Frossard**. The restaurant's interior feels like a cushy Parisian apartment while the courtyard is straight out of St. Tropez. Each of the Gallic trio comes with their own special skill set to Villa Azur, at 309 23rd St.: Bernard brings the culinary experience; Martin brings nightlife know-how; and Martinez brings the international buzz and — just maybe — **Halle Berry**.

How did you all meet?

Michael Martin: We met in St. Tropez, later in Miami. It's the "French Connection."

Olivier Martinez: These guys have been all over for a while; everybody knows them. They are famous.

The cuisine is from Southern France?

MM: Yes, that's right, French Mediterranean. The cuisine there is very light, clean and simple. The ingredients we're using are very high quality.

OM: I'm French, but I'm also of Spanish descent, so for me it's about the olive oil and good tomatoes. Good quality food prepared in a simple way. [In France] knowledge of food that is passed down. You develop your taste at home cooking with mom. Then when you eat a croissant, a piece of bread or a tomato, you get this taste you expect and you know it's good. Sometimes I can go into the most fancy grocery in the U.S. and [the produce] doesn't have any taste.

What is your favorite dish on the menu?

OM: I really like the Branzino with artichokes.

MM: The menu is put together from all of my

favorite dishes, so I like them all.

Olivier, is it true that you are engaged to Halle Berry?

OM: Yes, of course it is true. But they have one thing wrong. There is a jeweler taking credit for doing the ring, and it's a lie! I find it very unfair people just claim lies, saying stuff to get their \$3 million publicity for their brand when they have nothing to do with this. . . . The guy who designed it [Robert Mazlo] didn't say anything. . . . and he could have gotten a lot of publicity. They are an old French-Lebanese family who have been making jewelry for kings and queens for many centuries. He's a real artist.

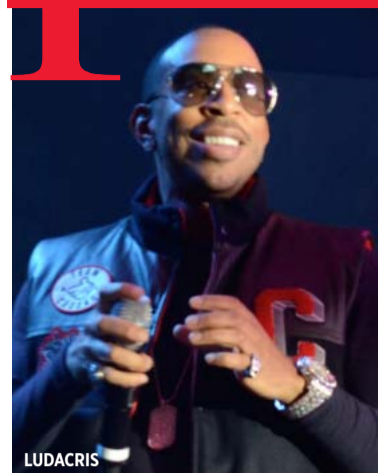
What's it like being a movie star in France?

OM: In France, everybody is a "movie star." They behave completely different. They're like: whatever. It's not better or worse, just very different. Americans are less shy. They come up to you and ask for pictures, but they are nice. They see you in movies and you're part of their life. . . . I like to fly under the radar. If you want to see me you can go to my movies; otherwise I don't like to be out there too much.

So what do you like to do?

OM: I have a lot of energy so sports are good. I'm into boxing. I think it's a nice way to get negative energy out. I also like adventure. I go wherever you don't have human beings, and you still have wild animals, which is getting rarer and rarer. Botswana, for example, the Kalahari and Namibia are good for that; they are the real deal.

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SCENE IN THE TROPICS

Ludacris at Cameo, The Perry

Much to the delight of the spirited spring break set, **Ludacris** took over **Cameo** Saturday, performing several hits including *Get Back* and *How Low*. He was also seen Sunday



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on the rooftop of **The Perry** for the hotel's Rx Pool Party, where he hung out in a VIP cabana with a bodyguard, his cousin and his girlfriend.

Golfer **Rory McIlroy** enjoyed dinner Sunday at **Prime 112** after grabbing third place at Doral. McIlroy dined with six friends.

Shaquille O'Neal was seen Friday and Saturday night, having dinner at **Prime Italian**. The onetime Miamian posed

for pictures with fans in front of the restaurant before sitting down to eat with large groups on both nights and was, says our source, "very playful with fans who came up to say hello."

Celebrated Spanish chef **Ferran Adria** made the Miami dining rounds last week, eating at **Red, The Steakhouse, Joe's Stone Crab**, and **Zuma**. Also seen eating at Zuma were some Miami Heat players and, separately, rapper **Lil' Jon**.



ADRIA

Actor/comedian **John Leguizamo** was seen all weekend having poolside meetings, lunch and dinner at **The Raleigh**. Says ours spy, "Both days, it looked as though he and his guest were deep in meeting mode."

Two former Miami Herald employees — freelance journalist **Jill Bauer** and photographer **Ronna Gradus** — will debut their first

firm, the documentary *Sexy Baby*, in this year's Tribeca Film Festival. The women made *Sexy Baby*, which looks at America's increasingly sex-saturated culture, after an eye-opening assignment at a nightclub. *Sexy Baby* has been selected for the Viewpoints section at this year's festival. Another film with South Florida ties to be featured in this year's Spotlight section is the documentary *Broke* from Miami-based filmmakers **Billy Corben** and **Alfred Spellman** of rakontur, the studio known for *The U and Cocaine Cowboys*. *Broke* is a documentary about the rise and fall of professional athletes. It's so refreshing when Miamians are recognized for talent as opposed to, well, nothing.

Read Lesley Abravanel's blog, Scene in the Tropics.
MiamiHerald.com/blogs



MARTIN, BERNARD, AND MARTINEZ
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CELEBRITY ROUNDUP

Ryan & Eva: Still together



MENDES

GOSLING

Sorry to dash your dreams, ladies, but **Ryan Gosling** is not breaking up with girlfriend **Eva Mendes**.

Us Weekly reports that a source close to the couple says they're staying together. Over the weekend, the Daily Mail had reported that the *Drive* actor, 31, was considering a break-up with his *Place Beyond the Pines* costar (he's 31; she's 38) and that Gosling was spotted having dinner with a blonde model in Cape Town, South Africa.

Mendes' rep said there was no split coming, and blog *Lainey Gossip* writes that Gosling never left Bangkok, Thailand, where he's been filming *Only God Forgives* for more than a month. Mendes was also photographed with Gosling in Bangkok on Thursday.

SUPPORTING 'BULLY'

Ellen DeGeneres and **Demi Lovato** are joining **Drew Brees** and other celebrities in a high-school student's crusade to get a documentary about bullying seen by as many

kids as possible, according to People.com. **Katy Butler**, a Michigan high school student who has experienced severe bullying, started a petition at Change.org to persuade the Motion Picture Association of America to change the R rating of the movie *Bully* to PG-13.

"It's an important movie for everyone to see, especially kids," DeGeneres, 54, said on her talk show last week, with Butler in the audience. Lovato, 19, appealed to her 6 million Twitter followers: "Please help repeal the R rating on 'BULLY.' EVERYONE should be able to see it. Sign the petition."

The petition has drawn more than 280,000 signatures.



HARVEY

STEVE'S NEW SHOW

Steve Harvey is going to star in his own daily television show to be taped in Chicago.

In a news release, Illinois Gov. **Pat Quinn** says the comedian, actor, author and radio host will host a one-hour program called *Steve Harvey* at the NBC 5 studios in Chicago. Harvey will cover a host of topics, from par-



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enting to relationships to navigating today's workplace.

ANGEL PARTY

Victoria's Secret Angels **Chanel Iman** and **Elsa Hosk** will be hosting a Victoria's Secret Pink Nation Spring Break event at the Shelborne on Wednesday — with a little help from **Joe Jonas**.

The bash "is the party to crash in South Beach — expect tons of fun and full of surprises," says Iman. There will be games, giveaways and a DJ.

Iman's favorite thing about being an Angel? "I get to host fun events like this and party in Miami Beach with my peers." She likes the shopping on South Beach, but has no particular favorite store. "I usually just walk around and buy whatever catches my eye," she says.

Get tickets by texting the word "Sun" to 877465.

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"I can hear her voice in spirit talking to me, 'Keep talking to me. I got you.' She's always with me."

— Bobbi Kristina Brown on her mother, Whitney Houston, to People.com



calendar

MUSICAL

8 P.M.
The Broadway hit "**Come Fly Away**" follows four couples as they fall in and out of love at a crowded nightclub. \$25-\$80. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach; 561-832-7469.

MUSIC

9 P.M.
The **Fox Brothers** perform from their repertoire of nuevo flamenco, pop, South American grooves and original songs. Van Dyke Upstairs, 846 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach; 305-534-3600.

PARTY

11 P.M.
Spring Break revelers can head over to **Mansion** for Mansion Loves College Girls. Ladies get in free until midnight. 1235 Washington Ave., Miami Beach; 305-695-8411.

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