University bus crashed into Police car, students late

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“Nobody’s getting penalized,” Casas said about the officers. “It’s as simple as the driver misjudged the turn.”

The students on the 8 a.m. bus were more verbal. Some lamented the half an hour waiting period before another bus picked them up.

Others posted complaints on social media.

Alexandre Hernandez, a senior studying journalism, said the accident could have been avoided had it not been for the police officer’s parking.

“You know the bus needs that space to get out so why are you going to do that,” Hernandez said. “You’re trying to help the people to flow with the traffic, but when you park the police car right there, you’re not helping anyone.”

Casas, however, says the vehicle was properly parked. “We do that to be visible. To be safe,” he said.

Although the Department of Parking and Transportation was unavailable for comment, their website states that additional police officers and public safety technicians will be directing traffic at major intersections and inside the campus during the first week of class.

Packing Garage 6, was also made available for additional parking in order to cut traffic during the first weeks of school.

Florida’s universities are on a mission to educate all about sexual assaults on campus

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Universities across Florida are revamping how they investigate and prosecute sexual assault complaints in the wake of scrutiny from the U.S. Office for Civil Rights and questions raised by several high profile incidents across the country.

The White House, Congress and victims rights advocates are calling for greater transparency, accountability and educating all those involved on how to properly handle a sexual assault allegation – from college presidents to coaches, faculty, fraternities, campus police, staff and students.

“This national conversation is helping us shift some priorities toward sexual assault,” said Jen Day Shaw, dean of students at the University of Florida, where four sexual attacks on UF women were reported within nine days last fall.

The statistics make it clear. Approximately one in five women have been sexually assaulted or the target of an attempted sexual assault while in college, compared with one in 16 college men, according to a 2007 campus sexual assault study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice. And a DOJ study issued last month indicated only 20 percent of women students (ages 18-24) who were the victims of a sexual assault between 1995 and 2013 reported their attack, fearing a reprisal.

Last May, to raise awareness, the Office for Civil Rights under the federal Department of Education released a list of 55 higher-education institutions under investigation for possibly violating Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sexual discrimination at schools receiving federal funds, including for athletic programs.

Florida State University was on the list, as were some of the nation’s top schools, including Amherst, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Vanderbilt and the universities of Virginia, North Carolina and Michigan. The OCR has since expanded its investigation to 86 schools, including the University of South Florida in Tampa.

“Given the job I do, it was no surprise,” said Nanci Newton, director of USA’s Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention.

And while some have suggested the issue isn’t as great as the media has portrayed – especially after Rolling Stone recently recanted its account of an alleged gang rape of a UVA freshman by seven college guys at a fraternity party – the matter is still very much on the table, say college administrators.

In 2011, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) unveiled a 18-page missive detailing how schools had to respond to student allegations of campus sexual assault. The document, known as the ‘Dear Colleague’ letter, outlined how the institutions had to adopt procedures “for the prompt and equitable resolution” of the complaints; hire a Title IX coordinator; and educate administrators, faculty, campus police and students about alcohol, bystander intervention and sexual assault complaints.

If they did not comply, the institutions could lose millions of dollars in federal funding through Title IX, part of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX is best known for requiring high school and collegiate athletic departments to provide equal athletic opportunities to female athletes, the law also protects students from gender-based violence, including sexual assault and rape.

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Dean of Students
University of Florida

“Whitely’s point is echoed in DOJ’s December report, Rape and Sexual Assault Victimization Among College-Age Females, 1995 – 2013. It highlights how fewer than one in five female students (16 percent) who were victims of sexual assault received assistance from a victim services agency.

To educate students, UM has rolled out a 45-minute online course, Haven, to first-year and transfer students. The course, begun in August 2013, provides students with sexual assault statistics, bystander intervention skills and highlights UM policies and resources.

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UM also created the President’s Campus Coalition on Sexual Assault Prevention and Education, a 25-person group comprised of faculty, administrators and students led by President Donna Shalala. The group is developing a campus survey to estimate how frequently sexual assault occurs on campus.

Ted Bunch, co-founder of the national violence prevention...
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Organization, A Call to Men, spoke to more than 1,000 UM fraternity students in September on the role that men play in curbing sexual violence. The discussion promoted a respectful version of what manhood should mean.

“All too often, the conversation about sexual and relationship violence becomes a “women’s issue,” said Bradshaw, president of UM’s Interfraternity Council. “We challenge that trend and assert, in accordance with our fraternal values, it’s a men’s problem, too.”

Florida’s 12 state colleges and universities have implemented changes as well.

USF and Florida International University piloted Haven last August. UF, FSU and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton work with an online course called Campus Clarify. (USF switched to this course on Monday.)

Through videos and graphics, the course is designed to get students to “think deeply” about sexual violence in college – where alcohol and drugs can murky the waters of consent. “One scenario involves a drunken hookup that goes wrong, and there wasn’t consent,” said Alex Miller, content director for Campus Clarify. “There is another scenario where there is a guy taking a drunk girl into a bedroom and you have to intervene.”

Florida universities fight to end sexual assault on campus

Price of legal pot plunges 40 percent in Washington state as shortages ease

In Washington state as shortages ease

Shortages that plagued the start of Washington’s legal marijuana market, board officials said in an interview Tuesday at Bloomberg’s offices in Seattle. When online education began in Florida International University 15 years ago, there were 10 courses offered and less than 300 students enrolled.

Over the years, the demand for online education grew – causing the school to increase the staff and the offerings for various majors, including business, nursing and journalism.

But while the class list grew, the space to create the courses and make sure they run properly didn’t. Technical staff was scattered in different buildings and the call center was based in rental space.

“My vision was to someday, somehow, pull all of FIU online together,” said Joyce Elam, dean of FIU School of Business and International Business.

The nearly 100,000-square-foot six-story building has more than 12,000 square feet of potential study space, over 7,000 square feet of classroom and labs, and more than 340 office spaces. It also has an atrium and restaurants on the first floor to give students a break and a place to relax before classes. Opportunity is what FIU all about,” Rosenberg said. He said the new building is part of the school’s continued effort to be a “beacon” for the community. With more than 50,000 students enrolled, Rosenberg said the school will continue to find ways to grow “even through a recession.”

“It shows this school is unstoppable,” he said.

The floors dedicated to online education include open space for the department’s 150 employees to “develop, design and support” online education, Elam said. Employees man phones in the call center to answer questions from students, and designers sit in cubicles to develop new ways to present information online.

Construction on the new building began about two years ago, said Dean of Business David Klock. Klock said MANGO means more space for collaboration between students and faculty, more opportunities for growth and expansion and more room for classes. The business school alone has about 8,000 students.

For international business students, the new classroom building is a “light and bright” from all the windows. Estrada, a marketing major, said she was impressed with the new digs and happy to see that online classes are really popular.

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**NEW YEAR, SAME LIFESTYLES**

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Just a few days have passed since the horrific attack that left 12 dead and even more injured at one of France’s leading satirical publications. The world was united in anguish against a group of those who wish to silence the press. To most Westerners the idea of trying to oppress free press is a heinous crime which has no excuse. They attacked something that our society perceives as holy. That being said, they also attacked a Kosher supermarket.

Kashrut (or “Kosherness”) is the set of dietary laws that comes from the Old Testament (AKA the Torah) and which religious Jews abide by worldwide. It is not very different from Halal, the Muslim set of dietary laws. The terrorists responsible for attacking free press are also responsible for taking hostages and killing people merely because they are Jewish. In France this is normal, and were it not for the attack on Charlie Hebdo, the story of the attack on the kosher supermarket would likely have been ignored.

As hard as it might seem to understand this from the safety of the United States, the Jews in Europe are scared. As the growing Muslim population of Europe leads to social tension and the re-emergence of ultra-nationalist parties in places like France, Greece and Sweden, it is the Jews of Europe that are being caught in the cross-fire.

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This may come as a shock to some, but marriage is not the end goal of everyone, ever—period—the fact that people have one night stands and short, casual relationships is evidence of that. Sometimes people want to have human contact, and yes, sex, without necessarily having a deep and abiding romance with them. It’s called dating. And dating—which is open to all genders and not necessarily make a relationship mean more. The perceived need to continue the tradition of the awkward first-date family meeting is trivial and childish. I would say it sounds like a canned John Hughes high-school movie script, but he called out the ridiculous hypocrisy in the treatment of women instead of reinforcing it. Another surprise might come in the fact that there are women out there whose main goal in life is not to squeeze out as many offspring as possible. The mentality that marriage and childbearing is the pinnacle of existence is heteronormative and excludes swathes of couples who cannot get pregnant, as well as those who simply don’t want to have children.

Even those who do want children don’t necessarily have to jump through as many hoops in order to be in a relationship with someone does not mean that their relationship means less, just as “counting” does not mean less, just as “courting” does not necessarily make a relationship mean more. The perceived need to continue the tradition of the awkward first-date family meeting is trivial and childish. I would say it sounds like a canned John Hughes high-school movie script, but he called out the ridiculous hypocrisy in the treatment of women instead of reinforcing it. Another surprise might come in the fact that there are women out there whose main goal in life is not to squeeze out as many offspring as possible. The mentality that marriage and childbearing is the pinnacle of existence is heteronormative and excludes swathes of couples who cannot get pregnant, as well as those who simply don’t want to have children.

Not only does the mentality of the “first comes love, then comes marriage” nursery rhyme being sung by men of this generation exclude swathes of couples who cannot get pregnant and push heteronormativity, but it excludes those who simply don’t want to have children.

Part of the reason is that none of the ethnic or religious groups see the Jews as part of the normal population. So much of the French population, Jews are neither French, Christians nor Muslims. Because of this, in the past ten years France has seen hundreds of attacks on Jewish targets. Just a few weeks ago, a woman in the suburbs of Paris was raped “because she was Jewish.“ Before that, a Jewish family was killed in cold blood, and before that, two synagogues were firebombed in Lyon. This does not take into account the daily insults and beatings that are not “news worthy.” All within less than 6 months.

The Jews in France are scared and they are fleeing in the face of what the Israeli exterior minister called the largest wave of anti-semitism since the Holocaust.

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College remains a good bet to plump up the paychecks of millennials

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College got something of a bad rap during the recession and the “jobless” recovery. Thousands of university graduates were unable to find full-time work in their target careers. They took jobs as bartenders, waiters, or other part-time, low-wage workers, burdened with tuition debt that made their years in college seem like an expensive waste. But take another look. Professional hiring has plunged up, and studies continue to indicate that college provides the odds-on path to bigger paychecks.

Meg Whipple is a believer. A junior, she is already evaluating comparative costs and scholarship opportunities to prepare for her desired career as a psychologist. “College costs a lot,” Whipple said. “But I need more education, so the costs haven’t changed my goal. And among my friends I see more people going to college too. They know they need college to get ahead.” It’s not just that college graduates continue to earn more. What’s different recently is that more and more employers are asking applicants to have bachelor’s degrees, even for jobs that don’t require such education.

For all sorts of jobs now, college degrees are the new “rule of thumb screen for hiring,” said Matt Sigelman, chief executive of Burning Glass Technologies, a labor analytics firm. This “upcredentialing” means that these days young people without degrees - as well as older workers - are less likely to even be considered for well-paying, full-time work. But some want more education. Some are facing abuse of Xanax and Valium. Pete Wentz, bassist, was facing abuse of Xanax and Klonopin and a divorce from now ex-wife Ashlee Simpson. What he had ever felt, bassist, Pete Wentz, was at his heaviest weight and was beginning to detox the “emo” image that the band had gained.

The band reached a dark chapter in their lives during that year. Drummer, Andy Hurley, fell into the darkest depression he had ever felt, bassist, Pete Wentz, was facing abuse of Xanax and Klonopin and a divorce from now ex-wife Ashlee Simpson with whom he had his first child, Bronx Wentz, and lead singer, Patrick Stump, was at his heaviest weight and was beginning to detox the “emo” image that the band had gained. It seemed that fans of the Chicago band were about to lose their favorite boys forever and there was nothing that they could do about it.

Fans were overjoyed, as were music critics with the new album. The band toured that summer, first tackling on small venues and then taking over arenas, accompanied by Panic! At The Disco and 21 Pilots.

Now, it’s time for Fall Out Boy to thrill fans and professionals yet again with their sixth album, “American Beauty/American Psycho.”

The band has been releasing singles leading up to the release today, including “Centuries,” “American Beauty/American Psycho” and “Immortal,” which was featured in Disney’s “Big Hero 6.” An intricate music video for “American Beauty/American Psycho” was also released before the release of the album.

Although the band has drifted away from their punkish, alternative roots, they have remained pop rock throughout the entire new album, packing emotional, powerful lyrics in each of their songs.

Certain songs, such as “Centuries,” “Novocaine,” “Twin Skullturner’s (Hotel in NYC)” lean noticeably more on the rock side, but others such as “The Kids Aren’t Alright,” are more pop-sounding than anything, able to be played on mainstream radio.

As of now the band has 2015 tour dates in Australia, Texas, Arizona and Japan. Rumors of a Northern American tour have begun to spread online, and fans are hopeful as they listen to the new songs provided by their favorite boys from Chicago.
The earnings gap has widened. To earn wages that weren’t too far less likely to be college graduates was for any previous generation. High school is wider now than it was in 1995. Millennial high-school-only graduates, a gap of $17,500 in just one year of earnings. Supporting a household on $7,449 for members of the “silent generation” in 1965. In other words, the education premium has grown despite the recent economy that left many college graduates without work in their chosen professions. Still, a Young Invincibles analysis of U.S. census data, published in December, found that “too many millennials are struggling in low-wage sectors.” For example, the “Where Young Adults Work” report said that in Kansas last year the dominant employment sector for 25- to 34-year-olds was retail and wholesale - one of the two lowest-wage-earning labor market sectors along with leisure and hospitality. Such low-wage service jobs put people behind the lifetime earnings curve, whether they’re held for a short while or an entire career. The unusually severe recession and job market collapse put the whammy on entry-level job hunters in another way: Many employers no longer are willing to hire and train, they want experienced, ready-from-day-one workers for their relatively few job openings. That makes it harder for college graduates to open the career door - but it closes the door completely to many less-educated applicants.

The national job market appears to have finally turned the corner last year, producing month after month of healthy job growth and lower unemployment rates. But analysts say trends need to be monitored to see how that affects millennial earnings and college decisions. Here’s the rub: Slightly less than two-thirds of the high school class of 2013 enrolled in college that fall. It was the lowest percentage since 2006 and the third annual drop in a row. Last year’s numbers are still being processed. Economists said high school graduates opted for college during the recession because no jobs were available. Now that employers are hiring again, more of them are heading straight to the work world. But cold, hard facts counsel against it. Not only are millennials with college degrees earning about 50 percent more than those with only high school, analysts estimate that college grads are still likely to earn more than half a million dollars more over their careers.

Millenials with degrees earning 50 percent more than degree-less counterparts
BASKETBALL

Sophomore forward focused on ‘just winning more games’

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Standing 6-feet tall, from Sebastian River High School starting forward for the Florida International University is sophomore Kiandre’a “KP” Pound. Statistically she’s a formidable player on the court, and off the court she’s a well rounded individual.

Basketball might be her first love, but the sophomore has dreams and aspirations off of the court. KP says she would like to be a Closet Organizer, someone who organizes and renovates closets for a living. Although she sees this in her future, there are a couple tasks she wants to complete first. One is joining fellow starters junior guard Taylor Shade and senior guard Marita Davydova in filling the void left by former FIU all-time great and current New York Liberty (WNBA) guard Jerica Coley. The other is, simply put, winning games.

KP isn’t new to success, as she lead her high school basketball team to a district championship each of her 4 years, and even won a state championship. She easily averaged a double-double over her high school career, averaging 18.7 points and 10.8 rebounds a game. She’s on a much tougher stage now, making the transition from high school to Division I basketball, and facing players much “faster ... stronger” as she puts in layman's terms. Her numbers haven’t taken much of a hit coming into the season without a role in the starting line-up, and not starting the first three games of the regular season. She’s still averaging 15 points per game, and 8.2 rebounds per game, and already has 5 double-doubles in her college career.

“Just winning more games...” Pound says about not starting the first three games of the regular season. “It motivated me everyday to come out to practice, and just work hard.” She came out in the third game of the season, a home contest against Cleveland State University, and put up a college-career high 24 points.

“Being consistent, just doing the little things... Just coming out every day, and just working hard” was what she says it took to show Head Coach Cindy Russo that she had what it took. “[Just] take no plays off.” She’s been apart of the starting five in every one of the 11 games since.

“I think we’re getting better as we play each game,” Pound says of the team, who thinks they can pick up a bit of positive momentum heading into the end-of-season Conference USA tournament. She says the team has aspirations to claim the conference title, and earn a spot among other top talents in the nation gunning for the National Championship in the women’s tournament in March.

Pound’s goal for the year? “Just winning more games. Nothing individually, just as a team. I just wanna win. Just wanna win and get better.”

E.J. Hilliard makes move to Valdosta State

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Former Miami Northwestern and FIU quarterback E.J. Hilliard has officially transferred to Valdosta State University.

Valdosta state plays in NCAA Division II which means Hilliard will be able to play right away. Had Hilliard transferred to another Division I program, he would have had to sit out a year.

Hilliard arrived at the university in 2012. He enrolled in spring and quickly emerged as the No. 2 quarterback on the depth chart. As a freshman, he appeared in six games and started three in place of the injured Jake Medlock.

Hilliard became the first true-freshman starting quarterback at FIU since Jamie Burke during the program’s 2002 inaugural season. Hilliard appeared in 10 more games as a sophomore in 2013.

Hilliard entered the 2014 season as the No. 1 quarterback on the roster. In spring practice, freshman Alex McGough began to emerge as a threat to Hilliard’s position.

Former FIU quarterback E.J. Hilliard transferred to Valdosta State University. Hilliard was replaced by freshman Alex McGough as starting quarterback after the first game of the 2014 season.

After just one game, McGough replaced Hilliard as the Panthers’ starting quarterback.

Hilliard continued to see stints on the field in certain packages early in 2014. The “two-quarterback system” created a lack of continuity at the position which led to Head Coach Ron Turner making McGough the full-time quarterback.

McGough was impressive in his freshman campaign. He threw for 1680 yards, 14 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions.

The strong showing set him up to keep his starting job in 2015. Hilliard was likely to sit most of his senior year which led to his transfer to Valdosta State.

Hilliard is not the first Panther to make the move to Georgia. Former FIU quarterback Jake Medlock transferred to Valdosta State after the 2013 season. Medlock threw 16 touchdowns and only four interceptions as a senior in 2014.

The vacancy left by Hilliard opens the door for new Panther recruits such as Christian Alexander.

Alexander is a highly touted QB recruit out of Lakeland High School who has already committed to FIU.
THE OTHER FOOTBALL

Copa Campeones de América hosted by the University

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The Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium will be hosting a different kind of football this weekend. On Saturday, Jan. 17, the University will be hosting the first Copa Campeones de América, and two South American soccer teams will be playing for the title.

Argentinian team San Lorenzo de Almagro, a soccer club based in the Buenos Aires neighborhood of Flores, is considered one of the biggest clubs in Argentina, alongside River Plate and Boca Juniors.

Colombian team Club Atlético Nacional, from the city of Medellín, came to the University in July of 2014. They practiced on the intramural field as they prepared to face French team AS Monaco FC in the Copa Euroamericana at Marlin’s Park. They lost 2-4.

Leandro Romagnoli, midfielder for San Lorenzo, says students can expect to see soccer at its highest level.

“They are going to see two big teams who have both succeeded in many tournaments,” he said at a press conference. “Over anything else the students will experience a good game.”

Tickets range from $44 to $182, but FIU students are eligible for a 20 percent discount, according to Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations Wes Hardin.

Students will be able to purchase the discounted tickets on Friday, Jan. 16, in the Graham Center or through the ticketmaster website using a code provided by the promoter, OnSide Entertainment, Hardin said.

Doors open at 3 p.m. on Saturday with several pre-game festivities, including Argentinian and Colombian food, games and attractions, according to an email sent by Onside Entertainment.

The game begins at 6 p.m.

Juan Benedetty, a sophomore defender for the FIU men’s soccer team, hopes hosting games like this will raise interest in the University’s own soccer team.

“I hope FIU students go because that will raise interest for the sport in general,” he said. “That will lead people going to our games eventually.”

San Lorenzo de Almagro practice at FIU soccer stadium on Wednesday, Jan. 14. The Argentinean team will play Colombian team Club Atlético Nacional at the ocean bank field on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Maria Soledad Lorenzino/The Beacon
Spring into the semester by prepping to get a head start on studies

It’s that dreadul time of the year again, when everyone comes back with their new year’s resolutions to get better grades, lose weight, earn more money, etc. However, not everyone will hold these resolutions till the end of the year. Don’t stress the first week of school. That time is to get adjusted and get ahead.

The most dreadful time to this start is the add and drop period, where we pray to the gods that if we refresh the page enough times the blue square will turn to a green circle. But that’s not the only obstacle, we also have to hurdle over parking and transportation and the registrar’s office that may have placed a hold on our account preventing us from registering. But that won’t hold us back because this is a ”new year, new me.”

In order to actually keep yourself on track requires much self-discipline. If you are trying to raise your GPA this semester, start now!

Luckily, we start school looking forward to our three-day weekend. This is the time to read, look over the syllabus and prepare yourself for everything that you may endure this semester. For those of us juggling a job or two and school, this is a crucial moment to take advantage of the extra 24 hours we have over the weekend.

A problem most of us face, is procrastination; constantly telling ourselves, “I’ll do it tomorrow.” The only advice I can offer is do it now, because you’re just going to put it off again if you don’t do it tomorrow.

If you work, which most of us do, procrastination shouldn’t be an option anymore because it only adds more stress. FIU offers plenty of academic resources, such as career services, that can help us prepare for this semester.

Though traveling back and forth from MMC and BBC can be a very inconvenient, take advantage of having free Wi-Fi on the bus. The thought of driving to BBC is a headache, thinking about the construction for the Norwegian Cruise Line, the minimal parking and the constant reminder that housing is not offered at BBC anymore, yet the buildings are still up.

However, I am looking forward to sustaining my energy with the newest addition to BBC — Starbucks. This motivates me to make frequent trips to the library for a hot cup of joe and get my head in the books. Starbucks makes studying ten times more enjoyable and gives you a reason to go to the library.

Though we are one of the toughest grading schools in the U.S., that doesn’t faze us, but should be a stimulus to put in enough effort to own these classes. So as school commences, it’s only right to go into the battle with a positive attitude. It’s time to grab this semester by the horns.

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Miami’s Wynwood neighborhood has turned the city into a festival of street art

When the globally recognized annual art fair known as Art Basel Miami Beach, the highly successful spinoff of Switzerland’s original Art Basel, launched in December 2002, much of the action remained in Miami Beach, but some of the attention had shifted across the causeway to Miami’s newly hot Wynwood district.

What was once just a handful of galleries and artist spaces has become a celebration of visual arts — specifically street art — that sprawls over several blocks.

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The best place to start is at the Wynwood Walls (2516 N.W. Second Ave.), an art and restaurant development begun in 2009 by the late developer Tony Goldman. When you walk into the main gates, you are greeted by a giant canvas on which a number of graffiti artists have created large-scale murals that live up to their name. If you do nothing else while visiting Wynwood, spend at least an hour walking through the Walls. The best time to visit is during the week, or on Saturday mornings when the market is open.

Along with the murals, the Wynwood Kitchen & Bar, stroll through the surrounding streets to appreciate just how a splash of wall art can transform neighborhood businesses from mundane to magical.

If you pop into The LAB Miami (400 N.W. 26th St.), a collaborative workspace for artists and tech types that sometimes hosts public events, you might even see off-duty patrons storm out during a performance-art display -- as happened at the LAB’s closing-night Basel party.

Or, you could catch an indie movie at O Cinema (90 N.W. 29th St.), a venue that provides alternative film programming for artists and tech types that sometimes hosts public events, you might even see offended patrons storm out during a performance-art display -- as happened at the LAB’s closing-night Basel party.

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The invasion of artists into Wynwood has been followed by a wave of chefs. The Sunshine State equivalent of Texas’ Twisted Root chain, the Twisted Root chain. The invasion of artists into Wynwood has been followed by a wave of chefs. The Sunshine State equivalent of Texas’ Twisted Root chain.

With a sign outside that proclaims “no clubby music, no Corona, no vodkas,” along with movies like The Karate Kid playing on the video screen and a mix of rock and reggae on the sound system, Kush supplements a selection of burgers and local craft beer with such regional favorites as a fried conch sandwich, Florida alligator bites and Key lime pie.