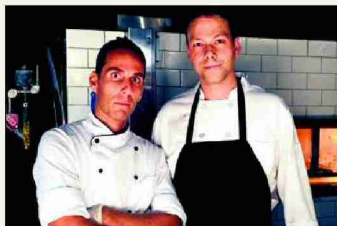


LA VIDA LOCAL

Miami spot a contender in reality show



VIOLA AND DORIGATO

Spoiler alert: Miami Beach's Dolce Italian emerged victorious in the first round of *Best New Restaurant*, Bravo TV's new head-to-head reality food competition that premiered Wednesday night. Chefs **Paolo Dorigato**, **Renato Viola**, front-of-house guy **Dean Tsakanikas** and crew bested the team from Beverly Hills hot spot Doma in a battle of Italian eateries.

Dolce will now chill mostly off-air for a few episodes while four other Miami restaurants — The Federal, Tongue & Cheek, Buns & Buns and R House — star in upcoming challenges. Up next: The Federal, which competes against Austin, Texas, gastropub next week when *Best New Restaurant* returns at 10 p.m. Wednesday.

In each episode, host/judge **Tom Colicchio** (who is opening Beachcraft this year in Miami Beach) declares a winner after observing how the restaurants handle a packed house, VIPs and undercover diners.

EVAN BENN

A TALE OF 2 COASTS

Marysol Patton got a little help on the dating front from **Patti Stanger** on *Millionaire Matchmaker*, airing 10 p.m. Thursday on Bravo. The power publicist/former *Real Housewives* on Miami star had some success on the long-running show hosted by the outspoken L.A.-based University of Miami graduate.

"It went really well," Patton says. "I met a nice guy in California. He has come to visit here, and I have gone to visit him."

One issue: geography.

"It's a difficult situation because he is so far away," Patton says, "so I'm not sure how things will end up."

TV STARS

A living legend in the house! **Donald Sutherland** will be jetting in for the annual National Association of Television Program Executives confab Thursday at the Fontainebleau.



SPURLOCK

The acclaimed actor, 79, will talk up his latest project, *Pirate's Passage*, at a champagne breakfast.

The *Hunger Games* star cowrote, coproduced and lends his voice to the coming-of-age animated family adventure movie based on the award-winning novel of the same title, written by fellow Canadian **William Gilkerson**.

Among the other celebs in attendance at the resort: the cast of *Shark Tank*, which won a Reality Breakthrough award for best competition series during a ceremony hosted by **Howie Mandel** on Tuesday; boxing great **Oscar de La Hoya**, who announced he was planning to launch a TV channel designed to take viewers behind the um, ropes; and filmmaker **Morgan Spurlock**, who led a chat called "Shaping of Pop Culture" on Wednesday. The star-spotting conference ends Thursday.

ROCKET MAN

If you're sitting in downtown traffic on the evening of March 6, there's an excellent reason. **Elton John** is coming on down — the music star and his band will play AmericanAirlines Arena as part of the "All The Hits" tour. Just as it sounds, the tour will feature timeless tracks from throughout the bespectacled Brit's five-decade career.

Besides marriage, John (who wed partner **David Furnish** in December) is celebrating another milestone: the 40th anniversary of his *Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy* album, which topped the Billboard charts for seven weeks back in 1975.

"It's been over 12 years since Elton John has graced our stage in Miami, and we are ecstatic to welcome him back in March," said Jarred Diamond, executive vice president of Heat Group Enterprises. "He is like no other artist on the planet and puts on a concert that no one should miss."

Ticketmaster.com for tickets.



WADE AND UNION/INSTAGRAM

BIRTHDAY BOY

Dwyane Wade is 33 — his birthday was on the most fun day of the week: Saturday. He and wife **Gabrielle Union** celebrated with tacos and a card game, as per the actress' Instagram.

"Happy Birthday @dwyanewade ... The best spades partner I've ever had ... Tonight ... #TacoTurnup."

Despite what seemed to be a low key evening, the Miami Heat star still doesn't party like an "old geezer" as Union called him a few weeks back during a comical photobomb after a win over the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden.

On Sunday, the newlyweds arrived by boat at Seaspace (formerly known as Seasalt & Pepper) with teammate/best buddy **Chris Bosh** and his wife **Adrienne** for the waterside restaurant's boozy brunch. On the menu: prosciutto and gorgonzola pizzettas, Florida stone crabs, a seafood tower and signature cocktails like the Yellowtail — pisco, passionfruit, basil and jalapeño. Nope, that doesn't sound very geezer-ish at all.

ON OR OFF?

Nick Loeb hasn't moved on from **Sofia Vergara** yet, we don't think. Multiple sources told Us Weekly that the Delray Beach entrepreneur had been seeing *Vikings* star **Katheryn Winnick**, but the actress' rep just shot that rumor down. But insiders insist that the History Channel beauty and Onion Crunch creator are hot and heavy, even attending all the Golden Globes parties together.

MADELINE MARR

