

St. Pete Proud

Basking in the Sunshine City's local spirit

LEGEND HOLDS THAT Ponce de León arrived in Florida centuries ago looking for the Fountain of Youth, but these days, it's creative culture and craft beer that are luring youth to St. Petersburg, Florida, where downtown breweries are flourishing and the city's art scene continues to thrive.

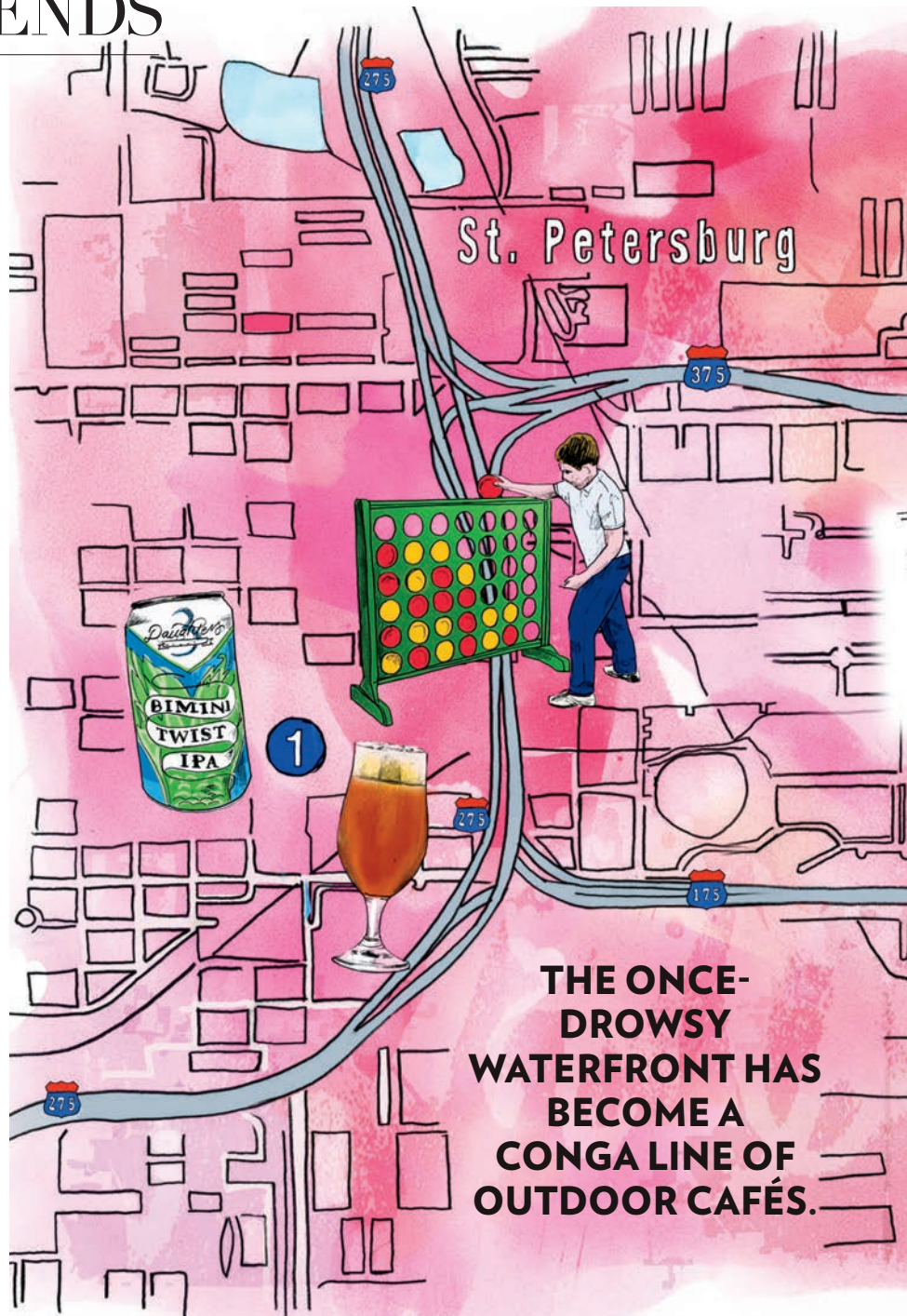
Visitors can wander down the palm-tree-lined streets of the downtown arts district and find scores of galleries, theaters and music venues to quench their thirst for culture. The once-drowsy waterfront has become a conga line of outdoor cafés, its walls serving as canvases for the city's urban art movement, all of which makes this city as bright as the flawless skies above.

1 BELLY UP FOR LOCAL BREW 3 DAUGHTERS BREWING

In the up-and-coming Warehouse Arts District, 3 Daughters, started two years ago by local Mike Harting, offers a rotation of 14 beers on tap, food trucks, bands and games like Giant Jenga and stand-up Connect Four, and the more conventional foosball, darts, checkers and chess. 3dbrewing.com

2 DO THE FRIDAY-NIGHT SHUFFLE ST. PETERSBURG SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Locals line up in droves on Friday nights to snag a court at the 92-year-old Saint



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Petersburg Shuffleboard Club, the oldest club of its kind in the world. Players bring their own food and drinks, while tangs and biscuits (cues and discs) are provided by the club, housed in a wooden building reminiscent of a summer-camp lodge. Stpeteshuffle.com

3 FEAST AT FARMTABLE KITCHEN LOCALE MARKET

When famed restaurateur Michael Mina announced in 2014 that he would be adding St. Petersburg to his address book, it

confirmed what locals already knew: that St. Pete is ready for its culinary close-up. Mina's two-story Locale Market features international artisanal products, seasonal local produce and Florida seafood, while his Farm Table Kitchen restaurant, which is located on the second floor of the market, offers delectable dishes like his Mother's Falafel (made with chickpea hummus), along with an eight-course tasting menu that can be enjoyed in style in an elegant private dining room. Localegourmetmarket.com