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## **REVIEW: ONE ENERGY AND PLENTY OF DRINKS AT DAY 1 OF TORTUGA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The 2019 Tortuga Music Festival opened at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park on Friday, packing the shoreline with music fans looking for a cold drink and a chill vibe under a persistent sun that gave the bikinis extra sizzle.

Now in its seventh year, the festival continues to evolve beyond a point of pride for locals into a travel destination, its purpose still primarily boozy vacation communion, but not exclusively.

Friday night's headliner set the tone for the weekend during a Tortuga Facebook Live Q&A shown on a massive screen bracketing the Main Stage a few hours before he was scheduled to go on. What does Jason Aldean do to prepare to perform onstage, he was asked?

"I drink," Aldean said, the beauty of his brevity celebrated with laughs and applause from the crowd. Now a hooky-playing tradition, Opening Day at Tortuga seemed to fill the sand in numbers comparable to previous years, though tickets were available for purchase late in the afternoon on Friday.

"It's where the girls are, man," said heavily tattooed Brooklyn resident Jimmy Piscatelli, less than half as old as the Connie Francis film he unwittingly referenced.

The lineup was a lesson in the diversity the Tortuga Music Festival has come to represent. Early on its three stages simultaneously were home to young Nashville firebrand Tenille Townes; Bob Marley's old band, the Wailers; and the thick baritone of Cody Johnson on the Main Stage. Friday's other top acts included Kane Brown, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts and headliner Aldean.

With all due respect to the girls of summer in front of the stage, Johnson gets the award of most daring outfit, performing hits including "Me and My Kind" and "Long Haired Country Boy" under a blistering sun in full Wranglers.

In their first performance at Tortuga in six years, the Wailers described the atmosphere as "amazing." "There was one energy between the audience and the band together. When we become one, that's when it's good," said longtime Wailers member Donald Kinsey, smiling.

While drinks and good-natured rowdiness were the order of the day, Bob Kohuth came to the Tortuga Music Festival with a different motivation

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, now living on St. Thomas, Kohuth had avoided traveling to Tortuga for five years, but relented this year. His younger brother died recently, and Kohuth decided to finally give in to daughter Alexa's request to see Kenny Chesney for the first time.

"Life's too short. What's money?" Kohuth said. "What am I going to do with the money, save it, not spend it until I die?"

Alexa had planned to go to Tortuga with a group of sorority sisters from the University of Central Florida, where she's a sophomore studying dentistry. Until her father sprung for VIP tickets.

"He's the coolest dad ever," she said.

The Tortuga Music Festival continues through Sunday. Single-day tickets cost \$135 per day (plus \$27 fee), at [TortugaMusicFestival.com](http://TortugaMusicFestival.com) or at the box office at DC Alexander Park, 505 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. Kids 6 and younger get in free.

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# Trump eyes migrant dump idea

He revives rejected plan of sending all to sanctuary cities

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday he is strongly considering releasing so-called illegal immigrants into Democratic strongholds to punish congressional Democrats for inaction on the border — just hours after White House and Homeland Security officials insisted the idea had been rejected as far as it had been proposed.

"Due to the fact that Democrats are unwilling to change our very dangerous immigration laws, we are, indeed, as reported, giving strong consideration to placing illegal immigrants in Secretary Clinton only," Trump tweeted. He added that, "The Radical Left always seems to have an Open Borders, Open Arms policy — so this should make them very happy!"

The remark, which appeared to catch officials at the Department of Homeland Security off guard, came as critics were blaming Trump for the supposedly rejected idea, according to his team, of turning migrants into pawns in his political arguments. It comes as Trump has grown increasingly unpopular by a surge of Central American migrant families crossing the southern border and is looking for new ways to pressure congressional Democrats to change laws that he insists are making the problem worse.

Indeed, last week Trump urged his soon-to-be acting Homeland Security Secretary, Kevin McAleenan, to seal the southern border and told McAleenan he would pardon him if he were to get in trouble for blowing legal asylum seekers, according to two people familiar with the conversation who quote no conditions of anonymity to describe a private exchange.

It was not clear whether the president was joking, and a Homeland Security spokesman said Friday he is not commenting on the report.

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**Prosecutor: No evidence of trafficking in Kraft case**

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Prosecutors are backing off their claim that human trafficking was involved in the massage-parlor sex case of New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

They said Friday that they have no evidence that any human trafficking took place at the Jupiter-area where Kraft is accused of having sex with a prostitute.

The statement came during a hearing over Kraft's request to prevent the release of video that prosecutors say shows Kraft naked and engaged in sexual acts at the Orlando of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter. Judge Leonard Horowitz did not rule on Kraft's request.

Police here said since February that they suspected trafficking as part of a widespread crackdown on massage parlors from Palm Beach to Orlando, including Orlando of Asia. Hundreds of arrest warrants were issued as the result of a six-month investigation that include secret videotapes from within the Jupiter business.

Prosecutors have said the trafficking suspicions justified the use of secret cameras at Orlando of Asia, but then they disclosed Friday they had uncovered no evi-

**TORTUGA HITS THE BEACH**

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