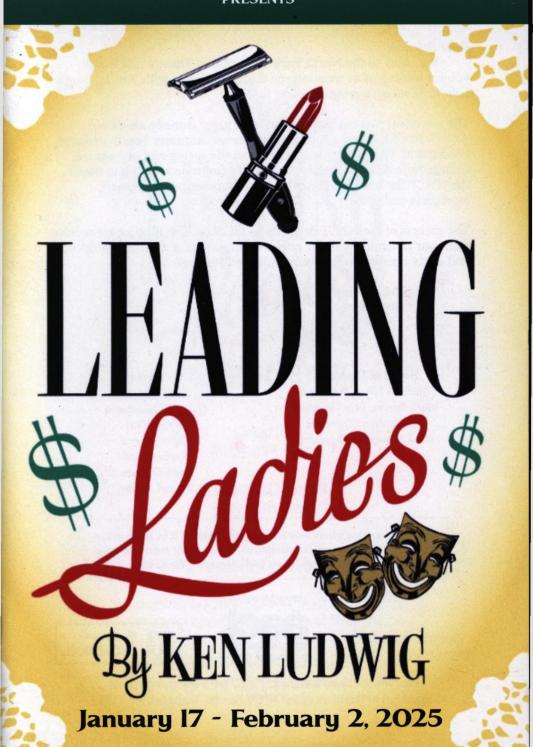
NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE
PRESENTS



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the North Fork Community Theatre and thank you for joining us as we continue our 66th season with Ken Ludwig's *Leading Ladies*— a cross-dressing farce.

The rest of our season includes another great comedy, an iconic American classic and a rock musical for our summer Youth on Stage production. Watch for a Magic Show in the spring and our annual Gala in June. Behind the scenes, we will continue working to make the NFCT the best that it can be for our audience, performers, musicians and crew.

The success of the NFCT depends on all of us. The support we receive from our community never ceases to amaze me. I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support.

Mike Hipp President

### **Board of Directors**

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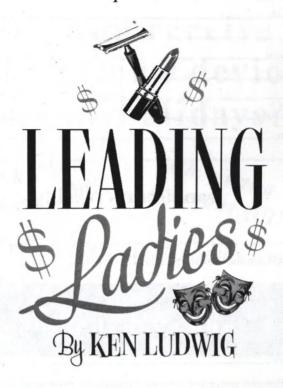




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### NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE

presents



Director Robert P. Horn

Assistant Director Stephen Ness

Producer Julia Cappiello

Leading Ladies is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals

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Thank you.

### CAST

Daina Reynolds	Meg Snider
Alek Lewis	Leo Clark
	Jack Gable
	Audrey
Lon Shomer	
	Florence
Gene O'Brien	Doc Myers
Eric Koch	Butch Myers

### **PRODUCTION TEAM**

Director	Robert P. Horn
Asst. Director/Costume Design	/Props/Set Decoration Stephen Ness
Producer	Julia Cappiello
Set Design/Set Construction	Robert Taylor
Choreographer/Production Assi	stantJocelyn Podlas
Stage Manager	Addison Heck
Sound Design	John Lovett
Lighting Design	David Sheer
Backstage Crew	Jonathan Parramore
	Sam Kerrigan, Robert Taylor
Sound Operators	Katrina Lovett, John Lovett, Alex Boerum-Ruhl,
	Michael Curtin, Leslie Thompson, Rigel Braverman

### TIME AND PLACE

York, Pennsylvania, 1958

### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

We would like to thank the following who have helped bring this production to the stage. Our casting committee, Dee Martin, Michael Horn, Marilee Scheer, Stephen Ness, the Board of Directors, Kim Cappiello and the Play Reading Committee. We'd also like to thank The Tuesday Crew (Gary Ristau, John Consiglio, Dick Romeo, Ben Zukowsky, Jim Calkins, Dave Highee and Willy Martin) for building our set and welcome to our new volunteers who helped (Steve Amiaga, Tom Collins, Steve Oakley, Steve Tulumba).

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### **CAST**



Nicholas Auletti



Eric Koch



Alek Lewis



Kat Motlenski



Gene O'Brien



Suzette Delia Reiss



Daina Reynolds



Lon Shomer

### **CAST BIOS**

Nicholas Auletti (Jack Gable) Nicholas is an actor, director, and playwright from East Quogue, NY. He graduated with a B.A. in Theatre from Lycoming College. Most recently, he was Man in The Dispatchment Society (Corchaug Repertory Theatre). Previous acting credits include Marcellus, Player, Clown, and Fortinbras in Hamlet (Northeast Stage), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (Hampton Theatre Company), McDuff in Macbeth (Northeast Stage), and Ernie, Bert, Harry, and Mr. Welsh in It's A Wonderful Life (Northeast Stage). Plodgett in A Chemical Imbalance (bootsonthegroundtheater), Franz Liebkind in The Producers (NFCT), Jedidiah Shultz, Matt Galloway, and Russell Henderson in The Laramie Project (NFCT), Valdez in Jesus Hopped The 'A' Train (Unworldly Ensemble), Miles in She Kills Monsters (Theatre-Off Kilter), and Michael Evans in Dancing at Lughnasa (Lycoming College). His works that have been produced are In The Wee Small Hours (with Theatre-Off Kilter), Pharmacy Jesus (Unworldly Ensemble), Over and Under the Wings of Vultures (Corchaug Repertory Theatre), and Bite Me Broke (Northeast Stage). Nick is grateful for the friendly cast and crew for guiding him throughout this process and would also like to thank his friends, family, and Esme for all their support.

Eric Koch (Butch Myers) When the last summer sun sets, Eric sheds his UV windbreaker and sails to the North Fork Community Theatre. Welcoming the role of Butch Myers to his budding list of credits, Eric would like to thank his girlfriend, Daina, for encouraging him to keep his word; a vow he set for himself to pursue a long time desire to act. Albeit a first, not a last. Thank you to the fans who have been there from the start.

Alek Lewis (Leo Clark) Alek is thrilled to be involved in his second NFCT production. He last performed on the NFCT stage during the 2017 Youth on Stage production of Thoroughly Modern Millie. Alek has performed in many productions with the Riverhead Faculty and Community Theatre, including Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play (Fred Gailey), The Addams Family (Lucas) and The Glass Menagerie (Jim). He also directed The Foreigner and Love Letters for RFCT last year. A 2021 graduate of Stony Brook University, Alek works as a local journalist covering his hometown for RiverheadLOCAL.

Kat Motlenski (Audrey) Kat is ecstatic (that means excited) to join the wonderful cast of Leading Ladies. She is a recent graduate of Post Theatre Company where she studied Musical Theatre Performance and Shakespeare extensively. Past credits include Spamalot, Follies, Pippin, The Laramie Project, Cabaret, and Sweeney Todd. She wants to thank her mom and the rest of her family and friends for their unwavering support. She also wants to thank the talented cast, crew and production team for making this show as special and hilarious as it is. Enjoy the show! @kat.mot

Gene O'Brien (Doc Myers) Gene is happy to be back on stage at NFCT, playing Doc in Leading Ladies. He recently appeared in Sondheim's Follies, A Catered Affair and The Producers here at NFCT. Other favorite roles were Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar at Country Gate Players in Belvidere, NJ, Jeff in Brigadoon at Chansonette Theatre in Easton, PA, and Rusty Charlie in Guys and Dolls at Civic Theatre in Allentown, PA. Gene also serves on the Board of Directors at NFCT. In real life, Gene works as the IT Systems Manager for a Fertility Practice on Long Island.

Suzette Delia Reiss (Florence) Suzette is beyond thrilled to be in Leading Ladies with such a terrific cast, crew, and director! Previous shows have included Northeast Stage's Playlets & Poetry Festival (created and directed by Nicholas Auletti), a staged reading of Lessons from Hollywood (by James A. Pritchard), Macbeth (directed by A.D. Newcomer), It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play (directed by Michael Disher), NFCT's The Laramie Project (directed by Huck Hirsch) and The Three Sisters (directed by Peg Murray). Suzette graduated from NYU's Experimental Theatre Wing many moons ago. She currently practices real estate locally and loves the beautiful North Fork.

Daina Reynolds (Meg Snider) Born and raised under the salt kissed winds of Breakwater Beach in Mattituck, Daina makes her return to the big stage as Meg. Drawing inspiration from her days as a student member of the Mattituck High School playwright across all facets of production, she is thrilled to be back on the scene and invites you to enjoy the laughs.

Lon Shomer (Reverend Duncan Wooley) Lon is excited to, once again, return to the North Fork Community Theatre stage, so quickly after appearing in Stephen Sondheim's Follies! Favorite past NFCT roles include Mr. Twimble and Wally Womper in How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Walter Flood in Becky's New Car and Victor Frankenstein in Young Frankenstein! Lon, as always, would like to express his love and gratitude to his wife Shari and daughter Jamie, the most wonderful supporting cast, a husband and father could ever have. THEY are truly the stars!

### PRODUCTION BIOS

Julia Cappiello (*Producer*) Julia is elated to be working on another production here at the North Fork Community Theatre. She has thoroughly enjoyed watching the cast of *Leading Ladies* bring out the humor and charm of this show live on stage. While not working on a production, Julia is also a proud member of the Board of Directors at the NFCT. She would like to extend her congratulations to Robert Horn on another great production and thanks him for having faith in her from the start. Lastly, Julia would like to thank her mom for not only passing down her expertise as a producer — but for her unwavering support, knowledge, and belief in her.

**Addison Heck** (*Stage Manager*) Addison is a junior at Riverhead High School. She has been a part of many productions with RFCT and NFCT and enjoys both on stage and behind the scenes. She also performs in various band groups and is the team captain of Unified Sports at RHS. She is thrilled to be working with Robert Horn for another amazing production!

**Robert Horn** (*Director*) Robert is pleased to once again be a director at the North Fork Community Theatre. He has been involved with the NFCT for 15+ years and he's proud to be a member of the board of directors. Some of the past shows Robert has been involved with include *Qutside Mullingar*, *Ripcord* and last year's *Wonder of the World*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued support, especially his daughter, Emily.

**Stephen Ness** (Assistant Director/Costume Design/Props/Set Decoration) This is Stephen's 16th show at the NFCT and his 4th show with Robert Horn. Stephen has assistant directed, costumed, worked on props, set decorated and even directed his first show, Follies, last spring! Stephen is thrilled to be working with this amazing cast as well as a stellar production team.

**Jocelyn Podlas** (Choreographer, Production Assistant) Jocelyn is thrilled to be a part of the production team of Leading Ladies! Jocelyn is a substitute elementary teacher and longtime lover of theatre. You may have previously seen her in NFCT's production of Spamalot (Co-Choreographer/Featured Dancer), Cinderella (Charlotte), or in 9 to 5 (Roz). Jocelyn would like to thank the rest of the production team for welcoming her with open arms, the cast and crew for their talent and hard work, and her family for supporting her passion. Enjoy the show.

**Robert Taylor** (Set Design & Set Construction) Leading Ladies is the 50th production Robert has been involved with. In addition to directing, acting, lighting, set design, set construction, special effects, and general maintenance, he is also a board member. His cell phone thinks that NFCT is his residence.

### NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE



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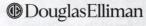
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### Letter from The Director...

Welcome and Happy New Year! So happy that you joined us today at the North Fork Community Theatre as it is the first play of our 66th season. We are proud to present to you Ken Ludwig's *Leading Ladies*.

Mr. Ludwig's plays have a knack for farce comedy meaning characters pop in and out, humorous instances, fast pace, and lots of laughs.... and this show is no exception! I picked this show for the NFCT so audience members could sit back and enjoy a laugh at the expense of Leo and Jack's crazy plan. I cannot think of a better way to spend time with us and kick off the new year than with a laugh.

Once again thanks for joining us today. -Robert P. Horn

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### From the Artist's Corner . SHARED VISION

Shared Vision is a group of local artists – (in no order) Imelda Corcoran Farrell, Trish DeBlasio, Fran Liburt, Penny McCallion, and Robin Ziemacki and led by Lee Harned, an Art Educator of 35 years, and previously, the Art Coordinator for Mattituck High School who has extended her teaching by continuing workshops in her Laurel Studio.



As longtime residents of the North Fork, these artists share a common sensitivity to the changing colors of the season, the effect of light on the landscape and surrounding water, the wonder of the sunrise and sunset, as well as the bucolic nature of our farm fields, vineyards, architecture and winding creeks. They travel the same roads, view the same sightings and some even live in the same neighborhood; however, they each express themselves individually by infusing a love of the environment in which they live into their work.

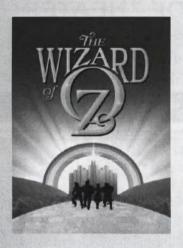
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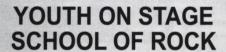
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### **NFCT SHOWS**

### (M=Musical YM=Youth Musical)

1957

The Man Who Came to Dinner

1958 -1959

Harvey
Bus Stop
A Visit to a Small Planet
Romanoff and Juliet

1959 - 1962

Night Must Fall Born Yesterday The Glass Menagerie Guys and Dolls (M)

1962 - 1963

The Happy Time The Hasty Heart Petticoat Fever Critic's Choice Damn Yankees (M)

1963 - 1964

Mousetrap Separate Tables The Crucible The Pajama Game (M)

1964 - 1965

Kiss Me Kate (M)
Blithe Spirit
The Peanut Butter Prince
(an original musical
written for the NFCT)
The Potting Shed

1965 - 1966

Mary, Mary
Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn
The Browning Version
Call Me Madam (M)

1966 - 1967

There Comes a Time (M) Write Me a Murder My Three Angels

1968 - 1969

Bell, Book and Candle The Absence of a Cello The Peanut Butter Prince (M) She Loves Me (M)

1969 - 1970

The Little Foxes Jack in the Box (M) The Thurber Carnival Little Moon of Alban The Odd Couple Bells Are Ringing (M)

1970 - 1971

The Haunting of Hill House Auntie Mame Man of La Mancha (M) The Music Man (YM)

> 1971 - 1972 The Price

Wait Until Dark
See How They Run
Finian's Rainbow (M)
South Pacific (YM)

1972 - 1973

Spoon River anthology Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Summer and Smoke Carnival (M) Anything Goes (YM)

1973 - 1974

A Thousand Clowns
The Effect of Gamma Rays on
Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds
Cabaret (M)
Funny Girl (YM)

1974 - 1975

40 Karats
The Lion in Winter
A Ms. By Any Other Name
Kismet (M)
Guys and Dolls (YM)

1975 - 1976

Bertha the Beautiful Typewriter Girl Dark of the Moon Prelude Of Thee I Sing (M) Brigadoon (YM)

1976 - 1977

Arsenic and Old Lace The Night of January 16th Finishing Touches The Country Girl Fiddler on the Roof (M) L'il Abner (YM)

> 1977 – 1978 Desk Set

A Man for All Seasons Angel Street Calamity Jane (M) Dames at Sea (YM)

1978 - 1979

Inherit the Wind The Last of the Red-Hot Lovers A Clearing in the Woods The Pirates of Penzance (M) Little Mary Sunshine (YM)

1979 - 1980

The Rope Dancers Come Blow Your Horn Anatomy of a Murder Godspell (M) Once Upon a Mattress (YM)

1980 - 1981

6 Rms Riv Vu Three For Gin Butterflies Are Free Applause (M) The Boy Friend (YM)

1981 - 1982

The Fantasticks (M)
Tea House of the August Moon
Desperate Hours
The Peanut Butter Prince (M)
Anything Goes (YM)

1982 – 1983\* Frankenstein

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Chapter Two
A Funny Thing Happened on
the Way to the Forum (M)
Henry, Sweet Henry (YM)

1983 - 1984

Barefoot in the Park Deathtrap Blithe Spirit Company (M) Oklahoma! (YM)

1984 - 1985

Never Too Late On Golden Pond Night Watch Gypsy (M) Babes in Arms (YM)

1985 - 1986

Dracula
Harvey
Tea and Sympathy
The Sound of Music (M)
The Music Man (YM)

1986 - 1987

Plaza Suite
Our Town
The Miracle Worker
Mame (M)
Bells Are Ringing (YM)

1987 - 1988

You Can't Take it With You Kind Lady Don't Drink the Water Kiss Me Kate (M) Grease (YM)

1988 - 1989

The House on the Cliff The Philadelphia Story Stalag 17 Promises, Promises (M) Beauty and the Beast (YM)

1989 -1990

A Streetcar Named Desire Witness For the Prosecution Light Up the Sky Oliver (M) South Pacific (YM)

> 1990 - 1991 The Crucible

Bus Stop Mr. Roberts Sweet Charity (M) West Sidé Story (YM)

1991 - 1992

Sweet Bird of Youth
The Rainmaker
The King and I (M)
The Best Man
Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat (YM)

1992 - 1993

The Nerd Tribute Hello, Dolly! (M) A Few Good Men Deadwood Dick (YM)

### **NFCT SHOWS**

### (M=Musical YM=Youth Musical)

1993 - 1994

Speaking of Murder
The Madwoman of Chaillot
Carousel (M)
The Man Who Came to Dinner
Leader of the Pack (YM)

1994 - 1995

A Man For All Seasons Fools A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (M) The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie Good News (YM)

1995 - 1996

Morning's at Seven A Doll's House Lost in Yonkers Where's Charley (M) Guys and Dolls (YM) Bell, Book and Candle

1996 - 1997

Picnic
Brighton Beach Memoirs
Nunsense (M)
Into the Woods (YM)

1997-1998

The Caine Mutiny Court Martial Lettice and Lovage Broadway Bound Breaking Legs Bye, Bye Birdie (YM)

1998 - 1999

Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grill The Farndale Avenue Housing Estates ... Murder Mystery Sweeney Todd (M) A Chorus Line (YM)

1999 - 2000

The Chalk Garden Born Yesterday The Diary of Anne Frank Jerry's Girls (M) Annie (YM)

2000 - 2001

Deathtrap Biloxi Blues Dancing at Lughnasa She Loves Me (M) Damn Yankees (YM)

2001 - 2002

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday Rumors No Way to Treat a Lady (M)

Ten Little Indians
Brigadoon (YM)

2002 – 2003 Wait Until Dark Lend Me a Tenor I Hate Hamlet You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (M)

Little Shop of Horrors (YM)

2003 – 2004 A Play on Words (Eleemosynary and

selections from All in the Timing)

Love Letters

Nude With Violin

Cinderella (YM) 2004 - 2005

The Foreigner
The Price
Man of La Mancha (M)
The Pajama Game (YM)

2005 - 2006

The Dining Room The Glass Menagerie Godspell (M) Fiddler on the Roof (YM)

2006 - 2007

Crimes of the Heart Lunch Hour My Fair Lady (M) Once Upon a Mattress (YM)

> 2007 - 2008 Our 50th Season

The Fantasticks (M) Nunsense (M) Gypsy (M) Babes in Arms (YM)

2008 - 2009

Proof Labor Day Sound of Music (M) Guys and Dolls (YM)

> 2009-2010 Rabbit Hole

Arsenic and Old Lace Anything Goes (M) 110 in the Shade (M) Kiss Me Kate (YM)

2010-2011

Dead Man's Cell Phone Three Sisters 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (M) Oklahoma (M) Footloose(YM)

> 2011-2012 Harvey

Doubt
How To Succeed In Business
Without Really Trying (M)
The King and I (M)
South Pacific (YM)

2012-2013 Night Mother

Golden Pond Joe's Coat (M) Carousel (M) Legally Blonde (YM)

2013-2014

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (M) Steel Magnolias One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Into The Woods (M) The Wedding Singer (YM) 2014-2015

The Boy Friend (M)
It's a Wonderful Life
Moon Over Buffalo
Over the River
and Through the Woods
Camelot (M)
All Shook Up (YM)

2015-2016

Little Shop of Horrors (M)
It's a Wonderful Life
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf
Becky's New Car
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (M)
Urinetown (YM)

2016-2017

First Date (M)
Almost, Maine
The Female of the Species
Cabaret (M)
Thoroughly Modern Millie (YM)

2017-2018

Young Frankenstein (M)
Next to Normal (M)
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (M)
Oliver! (M)
Seussical! (YM)

2018-2019

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Monster Soup The Santaland Diaries The Drowsy Chaperone (M) Pippin (YM)

2019-2020

Little Women (M)
Picasso at the Lapine Agile
Wolf Hall
Youth on Stage 50th
Annivesary Celebration

2020-2021 Clue

Clue YOS Showcases

2021-2022

Outside Mullingar Holiday Survival Guide: A Musical Revue The Laramie Project The Producers (M) RENT (YM)

2022-2023

Cry Baby The Musical (M)
One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall
Ripcord
The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui
Sunday in the Park with George (M)
9 to 5 The Musical (YM)

2023-2024 A Catered Affair The Dance Mechanics (M) Wonder of the World The Father

Follies (M) Rodger's & Hammerstein's Cinderella (YM)

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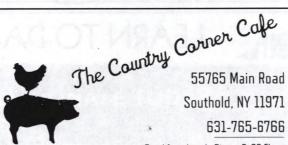


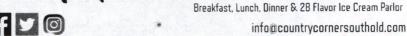
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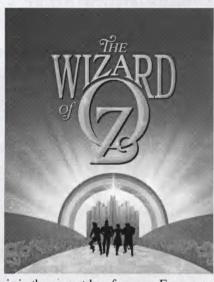


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### The Wizard of Oz



Auditions for the musical will be held on Tuesday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 5th at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Old Sound Avenue, Love Lane, and Rt. 25. Auditions for youth ages 8 through 15 will be at 5:30PM; auditions for ages 16 through adults will be held at 7PM.

Please bring sheet music for a Broadway Style song to sing for no longer than 3 minutes; an accompanist will be provided. Please make sure your sheet music

is in the correct key for you. For young auditioners, we recommend singing "Over the Rainbow" for which you will not need to bring sheet music. Please direct questions about audition music to the Music Director, Dina Mondello at dinamondellomusic@gmail.com.

Wear comfortable clothing for movement and/or dance auditions. Callbacks will be held on Thursday, March 6th. In person auditions are preferred but if you are unable to attend in person, an exception may be made by the director to allow a video audition. For more information, please contact the Director, Mary Motto Kalich at 917-334-6639 or marymotto@yahoo.com.



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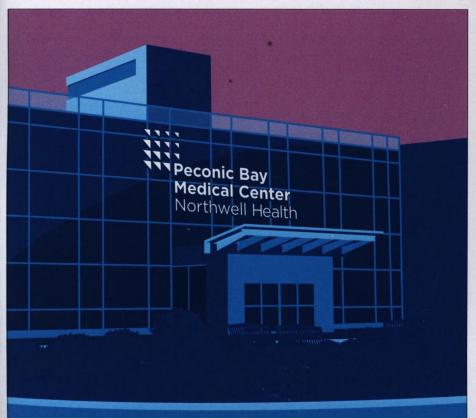
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