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BY BRETT DALY

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Dr. Gorbатов acknowledges, “Patients have a choice in who to trust with their smile. And that no matter how skilled a dentist is technically, if the skill is not matched with a gentle and friendly demeanor, the patient will choose another dentist.” This philosophy, which is grounded in gratitude, has been the foundation for growth and expansion.

“Patients today know how important quality dental work is and they already come to us wanting an exceptional smile,” added Dr. Anokhina. “They do not need to be ‘sold’ on additional services or pressured to have more work done than is necessary.” We provide an atmosphere where the client is respected and empowered by their experience from basic dental care to popular cosmetic procedures.”

PROFESIONAL BACKGROUND

Dr. Dmitry Gorbатов and Dr. Lana Anokhina have more than 21 years experience in providing patients with excellence in General Dental Care, and specialize in Cosmetic Dentistry and Implantology: Veneers, Bonding, Metal-Free Crowns, Bridges and Innovative Dental Treatments.

Originally from Russia, these highly-educated doctors attended Moscow Medical University later meeting at New York University, College of Dentistry. They have extensive post-graduate education in Dental Implantology, Smile Makeovers and Full Mouth Reconstructive Dentistry.

This husband and wife team work together in a state-of-the-art environment. The positive atmosphere is a reflection of their assiduous attention to the teeth, gums, mouth and smile; a complete ideal balance of function and beauty. An office visit is like spending a few hours with family, where you will discover their friendly caring staff.

Dr. Gorbатов says, “We create a positive energy and atmosphere where our patients feel comfortable and at ease. We'll answer any question a patient has and spend time with our patients to explain any of the procedures or options. We also work with them by offering a financial plan if needed.”

“I feel being a good dentist is really a combination of art and science. First, you're a doctor and must have excellent technical skills. But a great smile is much like a great work of art. I create beautiful teeth that will serve the patient for years and be aesthetically admired,” Dr. Gorbатов said.

COSMETIC DENTISTRY

Studying at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute of Aesthetic Dentistry, Dr. Anokhina offers many cosmetic procedures with complete makeovers that require a higher level of specialization and she is a certified provider for Botox, Mesotherapy and Restylane.

Working delicately with the soft tissues that surround the mouth Dr. Anokhina says, “When I look at the human face, I look for harmony. When patients have a perfect smile but thin lips or wrinkles around the mouth, this does not achieve the optimal aesthetic result. Now, we can achieve those ideal effects with our safe and effective cosmetic procedures.”

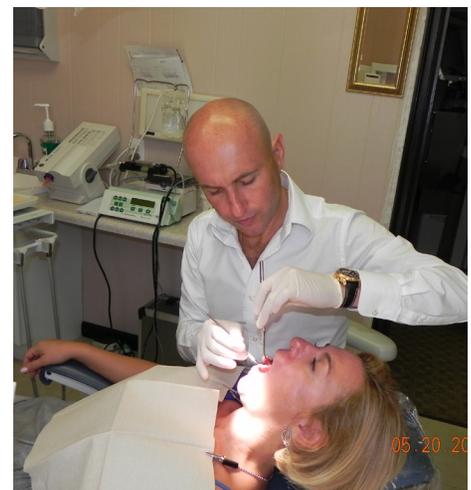
When living in South Florida it's hard not to notice the beautiful people. One of the first things a person notices is their teeth and smile. Dr. Anokhina has done cosmetic procedures for many famous celebrities and respected patients to look and feel their best. She is also regularly requested to correct work done by plastic surgeons. In addition, they have many international clients and are well-known in Moscow.



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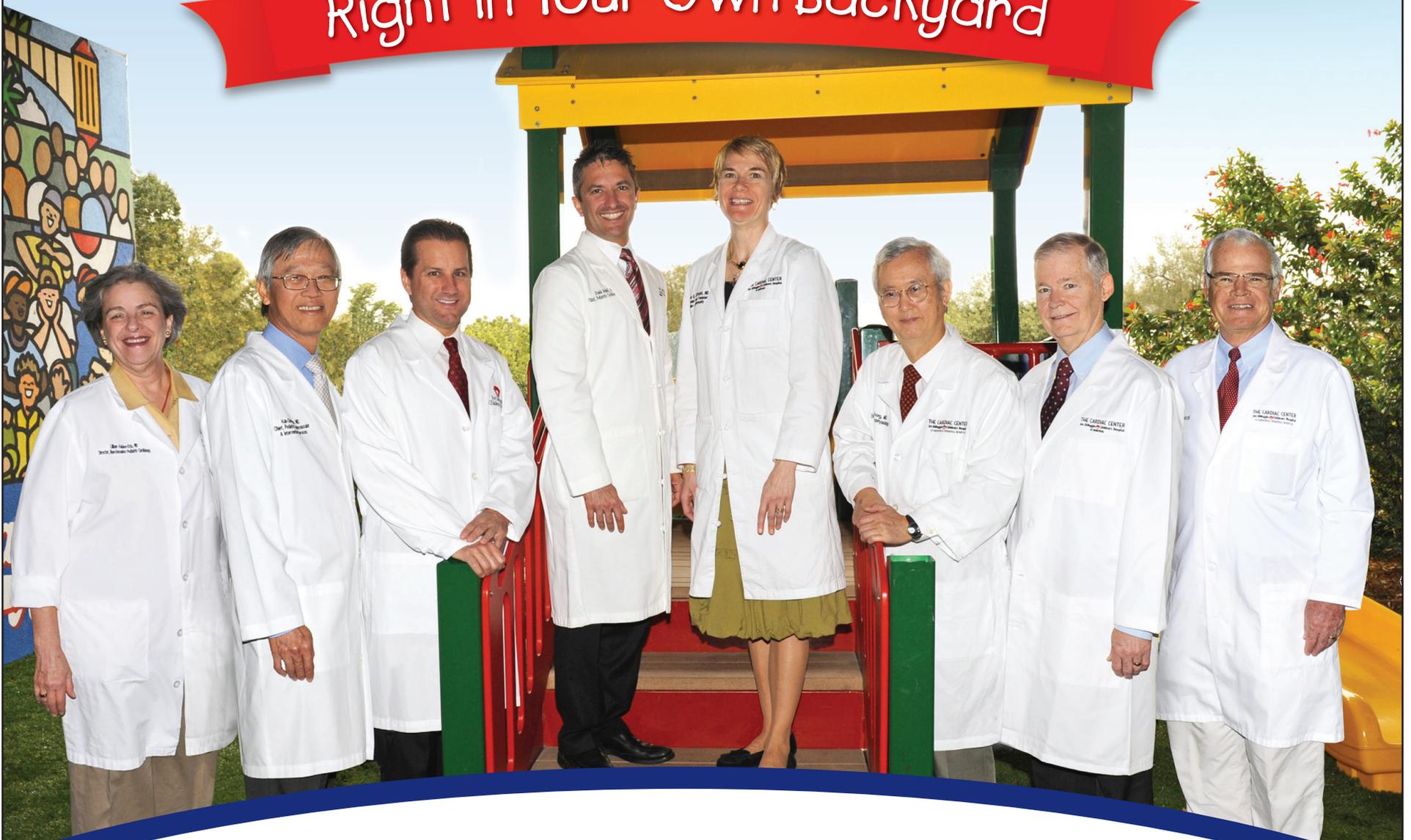
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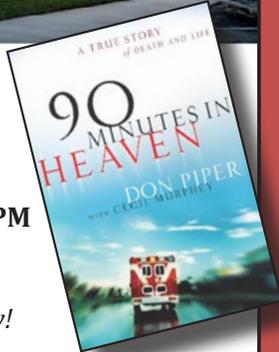
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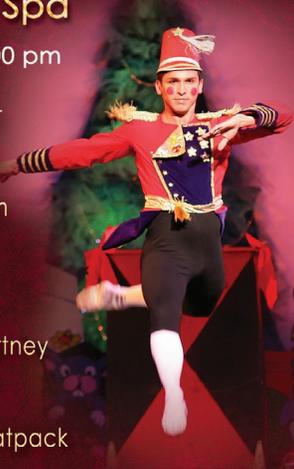
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E-mail a hi-res photo with the following information: Name (owners/parents); Pet (breed and name); Age & Gender; and Special traits & talents to creative@hollywoodgazette.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns about the City...

Dear Editor,
Why are there no police on the Broadwalk to keep bicycles in the bike lane – do we need some toddler to get killed because police are busy filing lawsuits to keep their retirement packages? Let's get them to do their job. – J.A. 🗣️

Dear Editor,
I have an opinion about the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and South 28th Avenue. If you are north bound on 28th, you can turn left from both northbound lanes; however, the painted arrows on the street indicating this are almost worn off.

PLUS, there should be a sign hanging above the intersection with arrows also. I have been hit two times in the intersection by people who do not know that both lanes can turn left. – J.G. 🗣️

Dear Editor,
My Wife and I are tired of all the people going up and down our block littering, peeing and cursing, and of all the beer cans, etc. in the alley on

Scott Street. – Frankie 🗣️

Food for thought...

Dear Editor,
I received the Hollywood Gazette and always read it with interest since moving to Hollywood a year and a half ago. In response to Commissioner's Dick Blattner's update on the proposed "free" parking downtown, I'd like to make a suggestion that worked in the city I lived and served as city councilman.

Council member's all over our country worry about revenue loss that comes from parking in downtown areas, city neighborhoods, etc. and in Cleveland, we faced the same issue

when brought forward to the council members and to the City of Cleveland; after many complaints from area residents, visitors and merchants, our council held hearings and after those hearings, our council decided to compromise with the residents, visitors and local businesses in many areas around our city. The compromise was to not charge parking fees after 6 p.m. and until 7 a.m. the following morning and upon Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Yes, free weekends and holidays. This allowed the city to collect revenue and at the same time serve the wishes of the residents, visitors and merchants.

Today's council here in Hollywood should consider this alternative. – J.S. 🗣️

Dear Editor,
Just a thought on the free parking. Why not leave the meters up and the City can donate any funds collected to some of the many struggling charities in Hollywood like Jubilee Soup Kitchen, LES Inc., CEC of Hollywood, etc. This would save the City money by not having to remove and store the meters. This would be a win win for everyone. – Marty Jacobsen 🗣️

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Humane Society encourages smart adoptions this holiday season

BY MIRIAM CRONKHITE | Managing Editor
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The holidays are the busiest adoption time for the Humane Society. However, Cherie Wachter, vice president of marketing for the Humane Society of Broward County, asks families to take into consideration the best time to introduce a new pet into a home. If holiday activities mean a packed house, Wachter notes that pet adoption gift cards are available in any denomination, allowing a family the time they need to pick out the perfect pet for them. The shelter is closed on Dec. 24 and 25, so if a new kitten or puppy is a Christmas surprise, it might



Pekingese Cha-lie and Lucy (recently rescued from a puppy mill) were both adopted at the Humane Society by Hollywood resident Barbara Pellicano-Tisi.

require an early gift or a friend who will temporarily house the new pet.

The Humane Society of Broward County receives 300 to 400 animals a week. Most are surrendered by people who can no longer care for their pets. Among the puppies, kittens and adult animals, approximately 30 percent are purebreds. Wachter encourages those looking for a common purebred, like a Yorkshire Terrier, to check out the Humane Society. For those looking for rare purebreds, like the Irish Setter and French Bulldog, they offer the Match-a-Pet program (MAP). People are notified when the Humane Society receives their “match.”

Current adoption rates are \$135 for puppies, \$100 for dogs and \$50 for felines younger than 6 months. The adoption fee is waived for felines older than 6 months. This fee covers the cost of spaying/neutering, treatment for fleas and ticks, preliminary vaccinations and de-worming, an overall wellness check, heartworm test for dogs and feline leukemia test for cats, microchip and registration, complimentary bag of Purina ONE pet food, free pet behavior counseling and a 14-day follow-up care

provided by VCA Animal Hospital. Rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets may also be available for adoption.

Buying verses Adopting:

Putting a little thought into where you intend to find your new furry friend will pay off in the long run. Many of the commercial facilities are suspected of obtaining their inventory from so-called puppy mills.

According to the ASPCA, a puppy mill is “a large-scale commercial dog breeding operation where profit is given priority over the well-being of the dogs.” Consumers pay top dollar for purebreds that may have been overbred and raised in inadequate living conditions. The ASPCA notes there are multiple loop holes in the regulation of these businesses because of the categorizing of primary breeders verses retail breeders state and the lack of enforcement by the USDA and state departments. Breeders who sell animals online may not be subject to inspections, standards or consequences because of the lack of regulation.

The Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act was introduced in 2008 with an agenda to close the loophole in the Animal

Welfare Act that allows commercial breeders who sell puppies online and directly to the public to escape licensing and regulation. It also would have required all dogs held by licensed breeders to be exercised out of their cages daily. It did not pass in 2008 or 2010. The PUPS Act was introduced again in 2011 and is now referred to the House subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry.

According to the Animal Legal & Historical Center, Florida does not have state laws regulating the commercial use of dogs by pet stores, breeders, kennels and pet dealers. Animals coming from these “puppy mills” are often plagued with respiratory infections including pneumonia, as well as hereditary defects like hip dysplasia and severe allergies. Florida law does restrict the sale of puppies that are less than 8 weeks old by any person. Puppy mills that sell directly to the public are exempt from any federal oversight whatsoever, according to the Humane Society.

“Buying from a pet store was never an option for us,” explained local resident Andrea Urrea about



Humane Society advocate and Whiskey Tango All American Bar and Grill's 'marketing goddess' Jennifer Roberts.

the adoption of ‘Luna,’ a min pin / doberman mix. “Why would we want to pay \$1,200 to a store when we could go to a shelter and give an animal the opportunity to live a happy life? We went to the shelter and we knew immediately that she was our dog. She has honestly been the best addition to our little family.”

Pets that come from the Humane Society receive top-notch preventative and follow-up care. Adoption counselors can help owners decide on the right dog for them. Things to take into account when adopting a pet include the time needed to care for an animal, related expenses, restrictions for pets in homes, including lifestyle and living arrangements. The Humane Society, however, offers inexpensive medical services and dog-training classes. Breeders and pet stores are costly when compared to the Humane Society adoption fees, often in addition to the cost of vaccination, de-worming and spaying or neutering.

The Humane Society also relies on

support from the local community to help keep its operations going.

Whiskey Tango All American Bar & Grill in Downtown Hollywood is one local business that stands behind the Humane Society of Broward County in a big way. Twice a year, they present “Playthings for Pups,” a benefit to raise money for the animals at the HSBC who are waiting for their forever homes. The next event takes place on **Saturday, Feb. 18 from noon until 3 p.m.** A dollar from every drink sold goes to the HSBC. They also encourage the public to bring a new dog toy in exchange for a free drink.

In 2010 The Broward Humane Society placed 9,800 pets into new homes. Three to four million dogs and cats are euthanized each year in the United States.

You can be part of the solution by adopting from the Humane Society.

For more information about the Humane Society of Broward County, call 954-989-3977 or visit <http://www.humanebroward.com>.

FPL strengthens the electrical infrastructure serving Hollywood in 2011

Florida Power & Light Company is continuing its infrastructure-strengthening initiatives in and near the City of Hollywood and is on track to complete key improvements as part of its long-term reliability and storm preparedness plan.

By the end of the year, FPL will have inspected approximately 2,780 utility poles, cleared vegetation from approximately 280 miles of power lines and used advanced infrared technology to examine 18 main power lines in and near Hollywood.

"We're committed to delivering exceptional reliability while continuing to provide our customers with the lowest typical bill in the state," said FPL External Affairs Manager Ben Wesley.

FPL customers can visit www.fpl.com/maps and enter their street address to see a detailed map of improvements in their neighborhoods. This online tool reveals FPL's system improvements and investments – including pole inspections, line clearing, power line strengthening and power line inspections – at the level of the individual power lines serving

neighborhoods within Hollywood.

2006-2011 Infrastructure Investments and Action Plan

Following the 2004–2005 hurricane seasons that saw seven storms in a 15-month period, FPL responded to the state's call to maintain a high level of storm preparation. FPL embarked on a series of comprehensive investments and improvements to strengthen its electrical infrastructure to better withstand the impact of severe weather. The work is also designed to further reduce customer outages through aggressive preventive maintenance on its power lines and equipment.

System Improvements in Hollywood

Once the 2011 upgrades are completed, FPL will have made the following improvements and investments benefiting the City of Hollywood since 2006 as part of its comprehensive strengthening program:

- Upgraded and strengthened

several main power lines serving critical and community facilities in and near Hollywood, including Memorial Regional Hospital South, Kindred Hospital, the Breast Cancer Center at Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood Medical Center and Memorial Hospital Pembroke. FPL has completed strengthening the electrical infrastructure serving every existing major hospital and acute care facility in its service territory and 66 percent of all 911 facilities and emergency operations centers.

- Inspected approximately 19,530 utility poles for strength and health – 92 percent of the approximately 21,320 poles in Hollywood – reinforcing them and replacing them as necessary. The company remains ahead of its long-term inspection schedules for its system of more than 1 million distribution poles and 65,000 transmission structures.

- Cleared vegetation along approximately 1,355 miles of power lines in Hollywood. Tree limbs, branches, palm fronds and other plants that come into contact with power lines are among the most common causes of power outages and flickers. In 2011, FPL planned to clear vegetation along more

than 12,000 miles of distribution power lines throughout its service territory.

- Inspected 79 main power lines in and near Hollywood using advanced infrared technology to detect and address issues in power lines and equipment before they become problems or outages.

Systemwide Improvements and Service Reliability

Across its service territory, FPL has cleared vegetation from more than 60,000 miles of power lines and inspected more than 660,000 utility poles since 2006. The company has also strengthened 284 main power lines serving critical and community facilities such as hospitals, police and fire stations, and 911 communication centers.

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City Commission approves free street parking in Downtown Hollywood



Marty Jacobsen and his wife, Anna, are eager to dismantle the master meters Downtown. On Nov. 16, city commissioners voted 4-2 to pass free street parking in Downtown Hollywood, which took effect on Dec. 1. The move will cost the City about \$1.4 million in revenue.

BY BRETT DALY | Editor
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The City of Hollywood will remove 82 master meters and 373 single-head meters from Downtown Hollywood after city commissioners voted 4-2 on Nov. 16 to allow three-hour free parking on Downtown streets. The switch to free parking began Dec. 1.

Lorie Mertens-Black, director of Parking and Intergovernmental Affairs, said the transformation to the new program would consist of free surface parking on Downtown streets and lots west of 17th Avenue and east of I-95 (excluding the Marina and Holland Park boat ramps); a three-hour parking limit at all times, excluding short-term parking and specific employee parking areas; and the elimination of the first two hours free program and the \$7 flat-rate after 10 p.m. in

both Downtown garages, establishing a flat rate of \$1 at all times. She also proposed parking pads around Young Circle to have a one-hour limit.

"The national economic crisis has hit particularly hard in Downtown Hollywood where the perception persists that parking enforcement is harming business and turning away visitors to the area," Mertens-Black said. "Parking in Hollywood is too complicated, so we want to try to keep the rules to very few and make it easy to understand."

The switch, however, will come at a loss of about \$1.4 million of revenue for Hollywood – a revenue source the City has not yet found a way to replace. While talks include raising parking fees on Hollywood Beach, Mertens-Black said they are still discussing ways to develop new sources of parking revenue. In addition to revenue loss, the switch will also eliminate three full-time positions and

four part-time positions.

Speaking on behalf of the Downtown shareholders, Chris Eberle, owner of the Big Easy Bar and Grille and the president of the Downtown Hollywood Business Association, said he supports the transformation to free parking but proposed alternative time limits: a three-hour time limit from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and no time limits from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

"We have a true consensus here of the community, organizations, developers, retailers, restaurants, real estate firms, etc.," Eberle said. "I'm aware of no one opposed. We believe that in itself is instructive."

CRA Executive Director Jorge Camejo also strongly supported the transition, urging commissioners to see the value of free parking. He cited Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and Gulfstream Park as successful businesses currently promoting free parking with great success, stating "we don't stand a chance unless we can solve this parking issue."

"Parking is perceived as a major impediment to Downtown," Camejo said. "Creating the opportunity where we would be able to market free parking Downtown and affirmatively state to the public that by visiting Downtown Hollywood you would no longer run the risk of being ticketed, I think that is a huge, huge value and a tremendous opportunity that we can take advantage of."

The move, he said, would create a convenience aspect for patrons.

But while the agenda item passed at the Nov. 16 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Dick Blattner and Commissioner Heidi O'Sheehan voted against the parking changes.

"It's not profit; it's just loss," Commissioner O'Sheehan said. "The reason we got in the financial position we got in is because we were spending money we didn't have to spend. Period. I'm not willing to do that again."

The City will now move forward with publicizing the free parking to attract more patrons Downtown. 🌐

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At the November breakfast meeting, John Benz of the Memorial Healthcare System educates the audience about upcoming health care reforms and how they will impact business owners.



October Breakfast sponsor Michael Kaufman from Kaufman Lynn addresses attendees.



From left to right: Michael Hopkins of Gerlinde Photography, Dorie-Lynn Newirth of Atlantic Sands Beach Suites and John Benz of the Memorial Healthcare System.



Retiring Port Director Phil Allen addresses the audience at the November Chamber breakfast meeting about the importance of the business community knowing about the role of the port as an economic engine.



Debbie Orshefsky speaks on behalf of the November breakfast sponsor Greenberg Traurig.



The Chamber introduces and welcomes its new members at the breakfast meeting.

WHO SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FREE PARKING?



ANNE HOTTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREATER HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After months and months of fact finding, meetings and dialogues, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to highlight the significant role it played in bringing together the Downtown

in the Downtown Hollywood area. Those recommendations were approved at the City Commission meeting on Nov. 16. The new resolution permits visitors to park free on the streets with a three-hour time limit from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and no limit between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Parking in the garages will change to a "pay-as-you-go" format, ensuring that visitors don't risk getting tickets if they stay longer than they anticipated.

"The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce played a leadership role in getting the downtown business

community together to address this critical concern" said Chamber CEO/ Executive Director Anne Hotte. "We helped bring the business community together to advocate for free parking, enabling our merchants to be in a better position to compete with other local destinations. Who doesn't like free parking?"

The approval comes just in time for the busy holiday season, enabling visitors to the downtown area to leisurely shop and dine in Hollywood's attractive downtown shopping district.

Business community to formulate its own recommendations allowing "free parking"

IF GAMBLING COMES TO BROWARD COUNTY WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR BUSINESS?

By Anne Hotte

Executive Director, Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

State Sen. Elyn Bogdanoff, a Fort Lauderdale Republican whose district includes part of Palm Beach County, is spearheading a plan to create a statewide gambling commission that will allow up to three full-fledged, non-tribal casinos in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, in concert with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber and the Broward County Council of Chambers, is sponsoring a "Gambling on Gaming" forum on Nov. 29 aimed at helping area business owners understand the pros and cons associated with this initiative.

The forum will present panels that argue the "for" and "against" arguments of the proposed legislation. Panelists

include Senator Bogdanoff; John Stemberger, president of the Florida Family Policy Council; Dan Adkins, president of Mardi Gras Casino; Rob Wyre, general manager of Isle Casino & Racing; and Nick Larossi, a lobbyist for the Las Vegas Sands. Sun-Sentinel editor Antonio Fins will serve as the moderator for the panel.

To register online for the "Gambling on Gaming" forum, which is being held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Westin Cypress Creek, visit ftlchamber.com/gaming; registration is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door.

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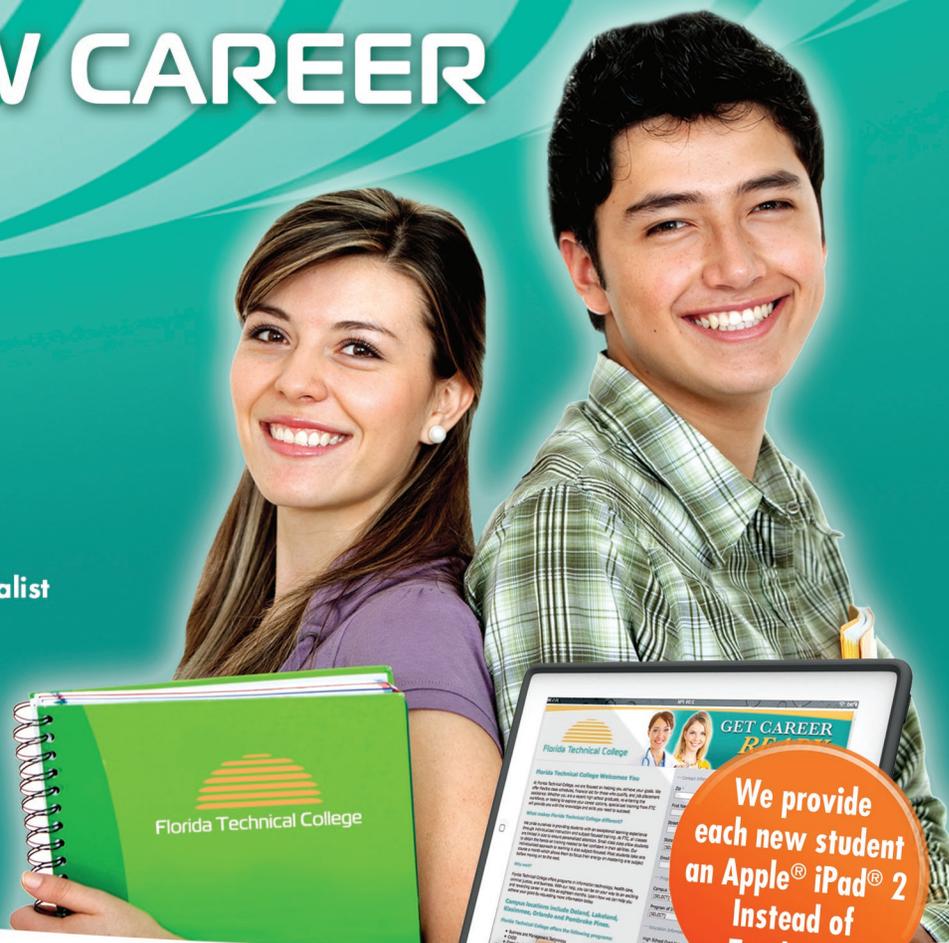
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Hot Topics Speaker: Jerry Saltz
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Jerry Saltz is the Senior Art Critic for *New York Magazine* and a judge on the Bravo television show *Work of Art*. He is a three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and in 2006 was named "Best Art Critic" by *Time Out New York* for his work at the *Village Voice*, where he wrote from 1998 – 2007.

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New Age Cycles expands to beach location

BY MIRIAM CRONKHITE | Managing Editor
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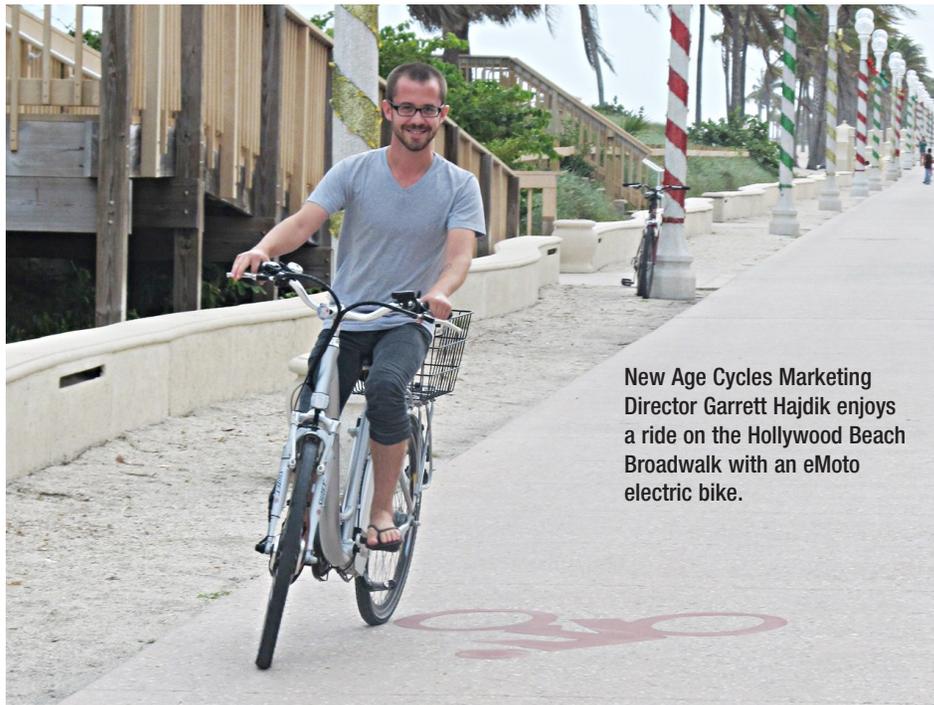
New Age Cycles has recently expanded from its Downtown location to also include Hollywood Beach. Located in the lobby of the Hollywood Beach Resort, they rent beach cruisers and electric bikes by the hour or day. They will even deliver them to hotels or homes.

“Every day I ride an electric bike, people stop me to ask questions about it, most from the window of their car,” said Mary, owner of an eMoto electric bike. “People are fascinated by the simplicity of use and effectiveness of the motor.”



Wallace

Owner of New Age Cycles, Reed Wallace, started the business in Hollywood to provide an alternative to soaring gas prices with inexpensive, dependable, green transportation. “As the demand grew for the bikes Downtown, the next logical location to open was the beach,” explained Wallace, “and additional expansions are coming very soon.” Upcoming



New Age Cycles Marketing Director Garrett Hajdik enjoys a ride on the Hollywood Beach Boardwalk with an eMoto electric bike.

locations include Miami Beach and Key Biscayne.

Electric bikes provide power by means of pedal-assist (a combination of the motor and pedaling), torque thrust (a switch that allows the bike to advance via the motor) or simply by pedaling. Much of New Age’s rental fleet consists

of the durable eMoto line of bikes that can travel 20 plus miles per hour, with a range of approximately 20-40 miles. The motor charges on a simple outlet and they are equipped with puncture-resistant tires and self-sealing tubes. Bikes are maintained and checked daily to ensure safety and comfort.



Electric bikes rent for \$50 daily and \$150-199 weekly, and brand new Beach Cruisers are available for \$99 per week. Children’s bikes, tandems, trikes and everything needed for a smooth ride from child seats and helmets to locks and baskets are also available.

Clients of all ages come from all over the world as the popularity of electric bikes grows at a rapid pace. With the ease and convenience of an electric bike, even business professionals are discovering it to be a viable alternative means of transportation.

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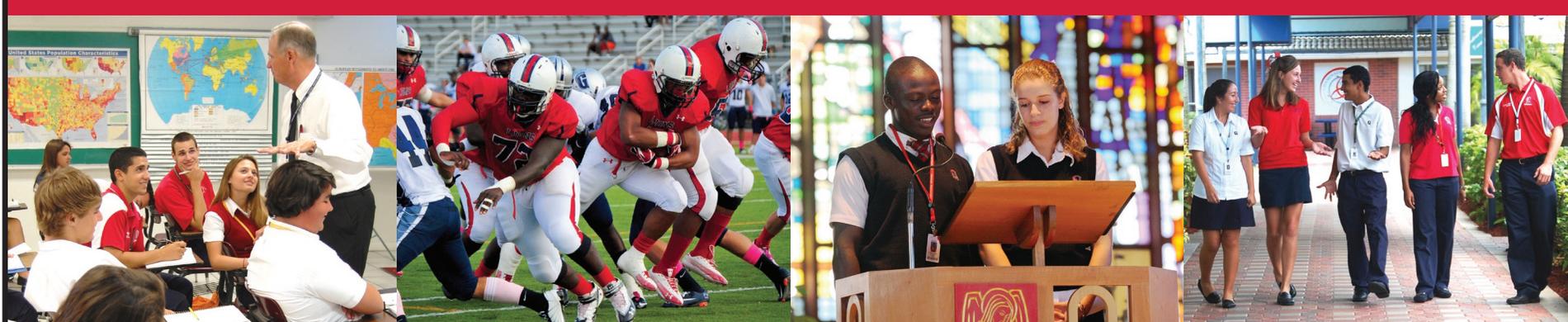
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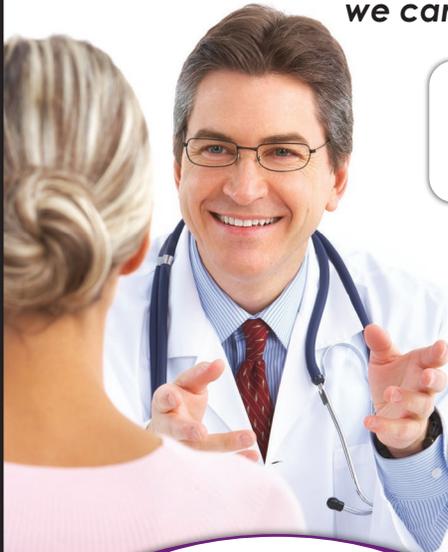
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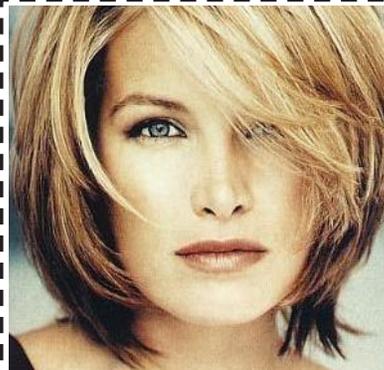
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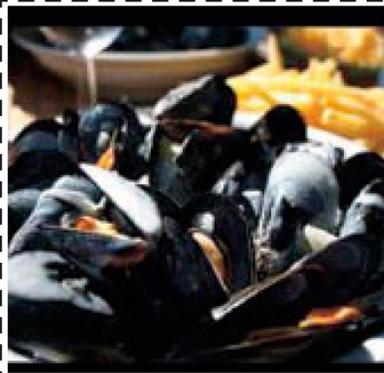
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Pink Angels fifth annual Healthy Me Luncheon raises \$65,000 for Memorial Foundation

A record number of more than 200 guests attended the recent Pink Angels fifth annual Healthy Me Luncheon, raising \$65,000 to benefit the breast service areas of Memorial Healthcare System.

The fundraising event, which supports women with breast cancer in the community, was held at the home of Denise and Peter Wittich, supporters of the Breast Cancer Center and founders of the Wittich Family Breast Cancer Research Fund at Memorial Foundation. It marked the fourth year the couple hosted the Pink Angels Luncheon at their home which is located on the beautiful Harbor Inlet. Denise personally oversaw every detail while guests dined al fresco with the scenic intracoastal as the backdrop.

The day included lunch and the presentation of the Pink Angels Award given to Jonathan R. Weiser, MD and J. Craig Uecker, MD of the Physician's Institute of Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery: Aesthetic and Oncoplastic Surgery of the Breast.

"On behalf of the Memorial Foundation, I would like to thank our gracious hosts and the entire

Pink Angels Host Committee; their generosity ensured that this year's luncheon was a tremendous success. We are so grateful for their support," said Kevin Janser, vice president and executive director, Memorial and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundations. "The dollars raised will go a long way towards helping many breast cancer patients and survivors."

Pink Angels is a volunteer group of Memorial Foundation supporting the breast services areas of Memorial Healthcare System with a mission of collaborating with Memorial Cancer Institute to offer the women in the community the latest in education and awareness on the benefits of leading healthy lifestyles from discovery to recovery. The Pink Angels provide financial support to



Memorial Foundation staff with Pink Angels Executive Committee. From left to right: Kevin Janser, vice president and executive director, Memorial and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundations; Carolyn Newman; Aimee Zadak; Robin Birns, DDS; Denise Wittich; Maggie Wiegandt; Dara Levan; Felicia Bell.

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Nonprofit organization seeks new or gently used toys for needy children this holiday season

BY BRETT DALY
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Hollywood resident Marty Jacobsen is avidly trying to raise awareness for a toy drive benefiting less fortunate children this holiday season. He encourages residents to get in the Holiday spirit and give back to their communities, which, he said, is what the season is all about.

The toy drive benefits Liberia Economic & Social Development Inc. or LES – a Community Development Corporation engaged in improving the overall well being of low-income residents in Dania, Liberia and Washington Park in the City of Hollywood. This is the third year the nonprofit organization has held a toy drive, and Jacobsen, a board member of LES, said they are once again relying on the community to help make Christmas special for needy children.

“I really, really believe in giving back to the community,” he said, adding it’s a belief his

mother instilled in him at a young age. “It’s not the kids’ fault that their parents (don’t have money). The toy drive is so the kids can have a great holiday.”

LES is collecting both new and gently used toys up until Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, LES will deliver the toys to the children on a Hollywood Fire Department fire engine.

“The kids absolutely love it,” Jacobsen said. “The look of sheer joy and amazement on their faces is a feeling that’s just hard to get. It’s really rewarding to see the looks of joy on their faces.”

He said LES has received a tremendous response from the community in the past, with the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood alone collecting 300 toys for them last year.

In addition to its annual toy drive, Liberia Economic & Social Development Inc. provides certain services to low-income children and families to address family needs, such



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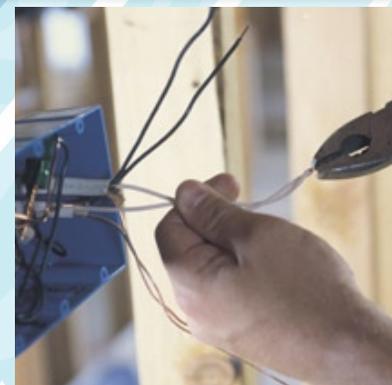
as career counseling, employment training, job retention, affordable housing, food and child care, according to its website. Since its inception in 1981, Executive Director Henry L. Graham said the nonprofit has serviced 49,000 families and built 386 homes for the needy. He hopes to continue on the same path with the help of the community.

“It’s been fun working with the individuals, although it’s a challenge because you’re working with very little government funding,” Graham said. “But people like Marty Jacobsen find the money.”

LES has drop-off locations at the following places: Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 1650 Harrison St.; Sun Credit Union, 4205 Hollywood Blvd.; Sun Credit Union, 701 Promenade Drive #105, Pembroke Pines; or LES, 3220 N. 24th Ave. In addition, if residents cannot drop off their toys to these locations, someone from LES will pick up from the donator’s location.

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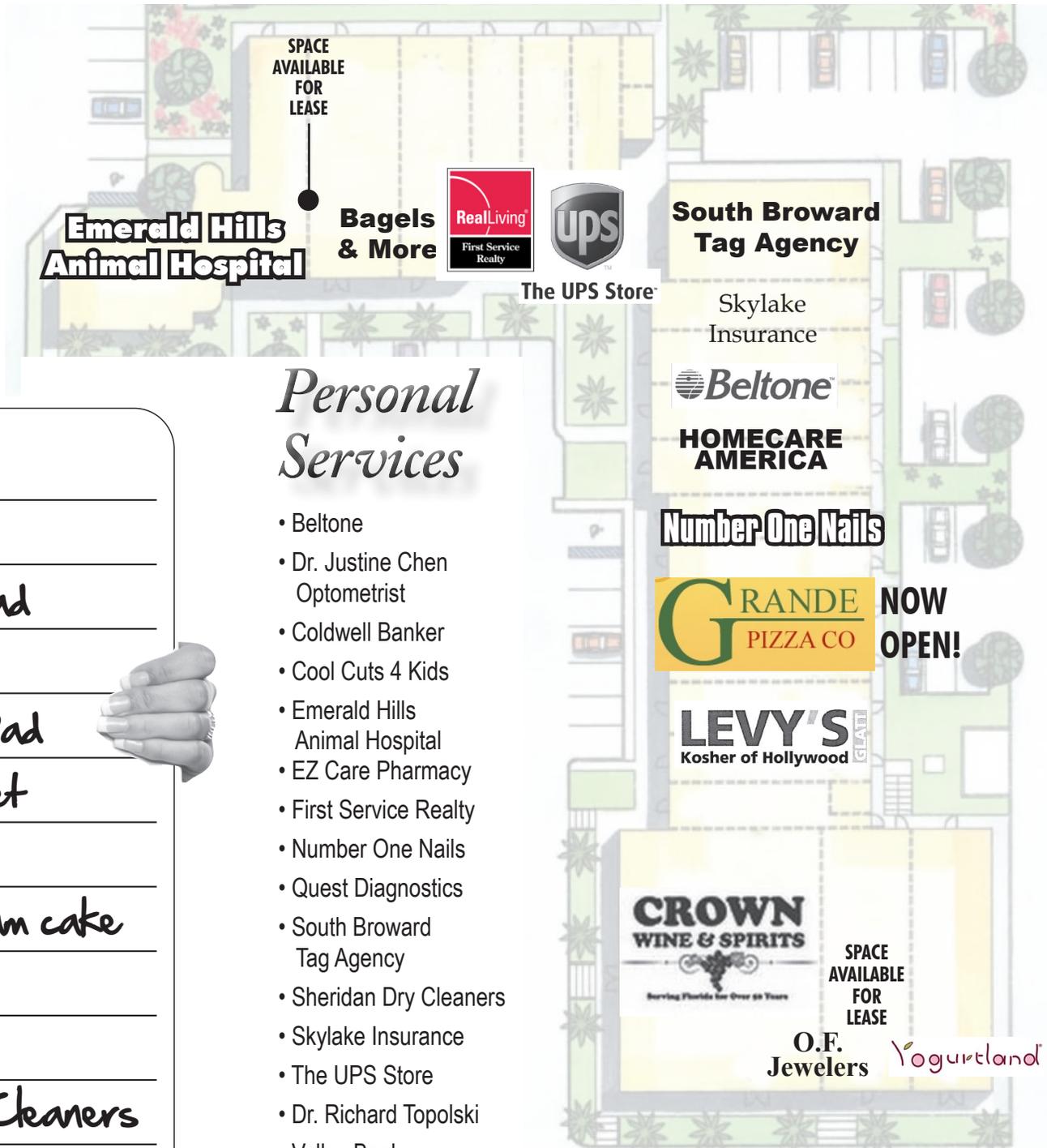
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- 16 Weed
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- 18 Alcott heroine
- 20 Sable
- 22 Article
- 25 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 27 Garland
- 28 Time period
- 29 International (abbr.)
- 31 And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
- 34 Sinbad's bird

- 35 Fr. author
- 37 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
- 38 Wing (pref.)
- 40 Grape syrup
- 41 Jap. fish
- 42 Article (Fr.)
- 44 Negative population growth (abbr.)
- 45 Deviate
- 46 Necktie
- 49 Droop
- 51 Male person
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- 58 Pointed (pref.)
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- 9 Wink
- 10 Wayside
- 11 Pour
- 19 Camelot lady
- 21 Female ruff
- 22 Manmade protective mound
- 23 Owl's cry
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- 26 Hindu soul
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- 32 City in Judah
- 33 Den
- 36 Legend
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- 43 Palmetto
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FEATURE

Hillcrest to host tournament benefiting nonprofit that builds homes in Philippines

BY BRETT DALY
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Hillcrest Golf & Country Club now has ties to the Philippines thanks to the establishment's involvement with Gawad Kalinga, a nonprofit organization that aims to make the Philippines a slum-free nation by providing land for the landless and homes for the homeless.

Through various fundraising efforts and a golf tournament, Hillcrest raised enough money to build eight homes for poverty-stricken families in a village on the island of Leite and subsequently had the village named after it: South Florida Hillcrest Golf Village. Eight families forever had their lives changed through Hillcrest's philanthropic efforts with Gawad Kalinga – which means “to give care.”

And now Hillcrest once again asks for the community's help to change even more lives.

On Dec. 9, Hillcrest will host its second GK Charity Golf Classic to raise funds for building additional homes with the Gawad Kalinga organization. Last year's event raised \$25,000 through 120 golfers and various sponsorships, and Hillcrest has set a goal of \$35,000 and 144 golfers for this year's event. If raised, the money would build 12 additional homes in the Philippines.

“I knew the best way to make as much money as possible was a golf tournament,” said Lewis Rissman, general manager of Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. “People get touched, moved and inspired by this whole cause.”

Rissman, who has volunteered with the South Florida division of

Gawad Kalinga for two years, began Hillcrest's involvement with the nonprofit organization because of his strong ties to the Philippines. He lived in the country for seven years, married a Filipino woman and had three children born in the Philippines. Because he has seen firsthand the amount of poverty in the country, he felt compelled to help eradicate the issue and used his connections with Hillcrest to help make it happen.

Founded seven years ago by Antonio Meloto – who was born to humble beginnings in Bacolod, Philippines and went on to achieve a successful business career – the nonprofit organization has built 300,000 homes since its inception. In addition to providing homes, Gawad Kalinga also aims to give families the skills they need to achieve financial success and remove them from an impoverished lifestyle and mentality.

“This man is changing the entire country,” Rissman said about the organization's founder. “It's amazing what's going on. Now, there is hope.”

Rissman encourages people to attend the annual golf tournament to help further the cause and said participants can expect a high-quality event complete with a Filipino buffet that will include his wife's famous spring rolls.

“Eight families are now living with dignity in their own homes,” Rissman said. “This is a very special tournament.”

For more information about the GK Charity Golf Classic, call Rissman at 954-987-5000. For more information about Gawad Kalinga, visit www.gk1world.com.



Because of the generosity of Hillcrest and residents, this home was built for a family in the Philippines. The golf course will host another event on Dec. 9 to benefit even more families.

Calendar of Events

SAT., DECEMBER 3

HOLLYWOOD BEACH CANDY CANE PARADE

56th annual parade features marching bands, floats, community groups and more with a "Candy Land" theme; presented by City of Hollywood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Dept. & the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA); 7-9 p.m.; Hollywood Beach Broadwalk, east of South Ocean Drive at Johnson St.; free. Call 954-921-3404; www.everythinghollywood.org.

TOY DRIVE SOUTH FLORIDA

Includes a toy distribution to needy kids, holiday shopping with vendors, holiday fashion show, performances by Kid-ertainment, music, refreshments, Miss Runway Model Queens; 4-8 p.m.; Holiday Inn Ft. Lauderdale Airport, 2905 Sheridan St.; free with one unwrapped new toy. Call 1-800-490-9632, ext. 704.

ADVENT'S DANCE

German American Society dance features music by Oscar Kay; 6:30 p.m.; 6401 Washington St.; \$9 admission, with food & drinks available for purchase. Call 954-434-0455.

FRI., DECEMBER 9

ROCK AND SOUL SHABBAT

A night of rock, soul, jazz and gospel featuring Temple Beth El's Rock Band and Cantor Manny Silver; 7 p.m.; Temple Beth El, 1351 S. 14th Ave. Call 954-920-8225; www.templebethelhollywood.org.

SAT., DECEMBER 10

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE

Enjoy an evening of popular dancing to a DJ, Scottish country dancing and a performance by the St. Andrew's Pipe Band; 8:30-11.30 p.m.; Little Flower Church, 1805 Pierce St.; \$15. Call 786-205-5350 or 954-476-5559; www.standrews-pipeband.org.

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Ages 3-8 can listen to stories with Conductor Bill and enjoy a wintry treat; 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Stirling Road Branch Library, 3151 Stirling Road.; free. Call 954-985-2689.

SHALOM TIME

Children's Hanukkah program for ages up to 7 features storytelling, puppetry and music presented by the Rose and Jack Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education; 4-5 p.m.; Stirling Road Branch Library, 3151 Stirling Road.; free. Call 954-985-2689.

THURS., DECEMBER 15

HOLIDAY MUSICAL FANTASY

Presented by Palms Center for The Arts; 7:30-9 p.m.; Hollywood Beach Theatre, Johnson St. & the Broadwalk; free. Call 954-288-5443.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Evening of song and dance includes sacred, traditional & popular Christmas music performed by Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory's choir, jazz and symphonic bands and dance class; 7-9 p.m.; Chaminade-Madonna gym, 500 E. Chaminade Drive; free. Call 954-989-5150; www.cmlions.org.

FRI., DECEMBER 16

CHRISTMAS ON THE BEACH

5th annual variety show extravaganza presented by Expressions of Joy performing arts ministry features bands, vocalists, dancers, mimes and more, hosted by former Saturday Night Live cast member Victoria Jackson; 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Hollywood Beach Theatre, Johnson Street & the Broadwalk; free. Call 954-428-4480 or Denna McDaniel at 573-280-8486; www.expressionsofjoy.org.

MOVIE NIGHT

Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic basket and enjoy the 1947 holiday classic Miracle on 34th Street; 8-10 p.m.; ArtsPark at Young Circle, Hollywood Blvd. & U.S. 1; free. Call 954-921-3500; www.everythinghollywood.org.

SAT., DECEMBER 17

3RD ANNUAL FESTIVUS PARTY

Event benefiting the Ann Storck Center includes a two-hour open bar, live music, raffles, games and prizes; 7 p.m.; Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub, 1921 Hollywood Blvd.; \$10 donation at the door. Call 954-921-2317; www.mickeybyrnes.com.

SUZUKI HOLIDAY CONCERT

Suzuki Family Holiday Concert features classical music and holiday favorites performed by the young musicians of Suzuki Academy; 2-3 p.m.; Stirling Road Branch Library, 3151 Stirling Road.; free. Call 954-985-2689.

POLAR EXPRESS

Interactive presentation of the classic children's story for ages 6-9; 2 p.m.; Hollywood Branch Library, 2600 Hollywood Blvd.; free. Call 954-926-2430.

SUN., DECEMBER 18

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Annual fundraiser presented by the South Florida Ballet Theater includes a four-course dinner, excerpts from The Nutcracker Ballet performed by professional ballet artists, Lennon-McCartney tribute duo the 2 of Us and Sean Patrick Kennedy & The Hollywood Ratpack; 5 p.m.; Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa, 3555 S. Ocean Drive; \$100 adults, \$50 children. RSVP: 954-929-4601.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DANCE

Featuring the Edelweiss Chorus, a Christmas sing-along, Santa Claus, complimentary Wiener Wurst (hotdog) and coffee; 6:30 p.m.; German American Society, 6401 Washington St.; \$5 (guests are asked to bring cookies and snacks). Call 954-434-0455.

TUES., DECEMBER 20

COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING

Join Temple Beth El for the First Night of Hanukkah with a Community Candle Lighting on the front lawn; 5:30 p.m.; 1351 S. 14th Ave. Call 954-920-8225; www.templebethelhollywood.org.

FRI., DECEMBER 23

MARVIN DIXON'S CLASSY CHRISTMAS

Standup comedy show; 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Improv Comedy Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 5700 Seminole Way; \$20. Call 954-981-5653; www.improvftl.com.

SAT., DECEMBER 24

HOLIDAY EVE PARTY

Holiday Eve Party Under the Stars for ages 21 and older features a live DJ; 8 p.m.-3 a.m.; Sky Lounge on the rooftop of Bongos at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 5733 Seminole

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SUN., DECEMBER 25

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Standup comedy show; 8 p.m.; Improv Comedy Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 5700 Seminole Way; \$20. Call 954-981-5653; www.improvftl.com.

MON., DECEMBER 26

SOUTH FLORIDA CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

32nd annual family event features the lighting of one of the world's largest menorahs, The Amazing Hassidic Flying Acrobats from France, Hip Hop sensation Nosson Zand, Jewish Star winner Yisroel Amar & Benny Friedman, "the Prince of Jewish Music;" The Village at Gulfstream Park, 901 S. Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach; free. Call 954-458-1877.

SAT., DECEMBER 31

PAUL ANKA NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ring in the New Year with celebrated singer, songwriter and former teen idol Paul Anka; 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 9:30 p.m.); Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way; \$89, \$124 or \$154 (reserved seats). Call 954-797-5531; www.hardrocklivehollywoodfl.com.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

German American Society event includes hors d'oeuvres, prime rib or salmon entrée, hats and noisemakers; 7:30 p.m.; 6401 Washington St.; \$60 in advance or \$65 at the door. Call 954-434-0455.

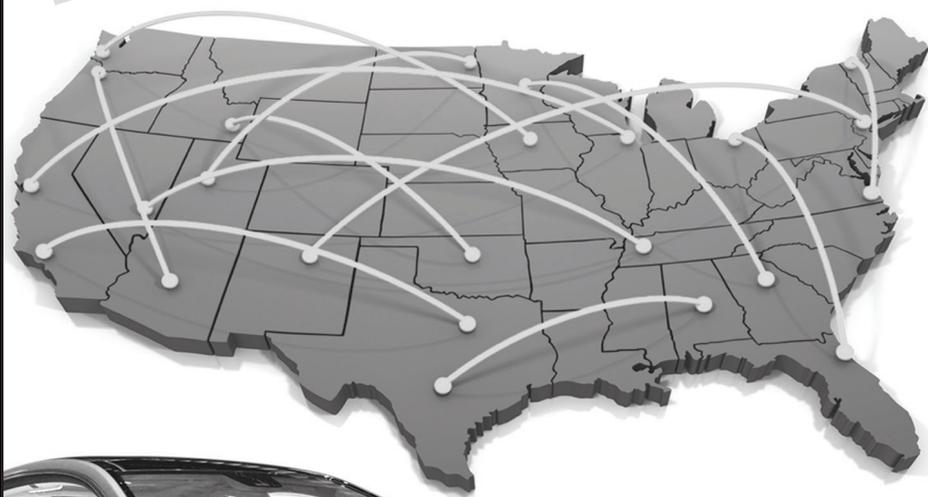
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SCHOOL NEWS

Hollywood Education Advisory Committee begins campaign to benefit local schools

BY BRETT DALY | Editor
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The Hollywood Education Advisory Committee requests that the next time residents purchase General Mills products, they take a few moments to cut out the Box Tops for Education coupons on the packaging to help support local schools.

For every Box Top for Education turned into the committee, General Mills will donate 10 cents. The committee – a group of residents appointed to promote Hollywood schools and to help generate interest in those schools – will then divide all money earned evenly between participating Hollywood elementary and middle schools.

“The State of Florida has cut the budgets for public schools significantly,” said Donna Greene, co-chair of the Hollywood Education Advisory Committee. “Schools are really cut to the bone. Any extra money they can get for spending helps.”

Since 1996, Box Tops for Education has helped America’s schools earn more than \$400 million, according to its website. Residents can earn cash for local schools by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products.

“Our committee started this to make more Hollywood residents aware that free money is sitting in their kitchens and getting thrown

away instead of helping our local Hollywood schools,” Greene said. “We have collection boxes in all Parks Department offices, and we have been speaking to civic groups, the Hollywood Women’s Club and other forums about this easy way to help our schools.”

The committee started the program over the summer, and in its first month, it raised \$240 for local schools. Greene is confident that with the continued help of Hollywood residents, they can increase that number significantly.

“It doesn’t cost anyone anything,” Greene said. “We encourage people to bring box tops to their local elementary and middle schools if they want to see the money go to a particular school.”

The great thing about the program, she said, is that schools can use the money from the Box Tops for Education initiative in any capacity. And in addition to clipping Box tops, residents can help earn cash for schools by shopping online at stores such as Walmart and Barnes & Noble and by entering for a chance to win bonus Box Tops on their website.

For more information about Box Tops for Education, visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com. For more information about the Hollywood Education Advisory Committee’s request for Box Tops, contact Donna Greene at HollyEd1@aol.com.



If every resident of Hollywood collected and donated just 10 Box Tops, local schools would have \$150,000 more dollars to spend on school and classroom supplies. Collection boxes, like the one pictured above, are located at: City Hall lobby; Arts Park; Boulevard Heights; David Park; Driftwood; MLK; Fred Lippman; Kay Gaither; and Washington Park.



IMPORTANT DATES



HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

DEC. 7: Community Redevelopment Agency board meeting, 11 a.m., City Hall - Room 219

DEC. 7: City Commission meeting, 1 p.m., City Hall - Room 219

DEC. 21: City Commission meeting, 1 p.m., City Hall - Room 219

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

DEC. 5: Superintendent's Listening Tour, 6:30 p.m., Coral Glades High School, 2700 Sportsplex Dr., Coral Springs

DEC. 6: Regular School Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., KCW Administration Building, 600 SE Third Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301



DEC. 12: Superintendent's Listening Tour, 6:30 p.m., Hollywood Hill High, 5400 Stirling Road, Hollywood

NOV. 15: Regular School Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., KCW Administration Building

DEC. 13: School Board Members' and Superintendent's Workshop, 10 a.m., KCW Administration Building
- Policies 5.8 & 5006
- School Board Attorney's Performance Evaluation
- Superintendent's Performance Evaluation
- SBMs Requests for Workshop Items/Current Events

DEC. 14: Master Board Training, 10 a.m., J A World, 1000 Coconut Creek Parkway, Broward College North, Coconut Creek; This is a training for Board Members and the Superintendent of Schools.



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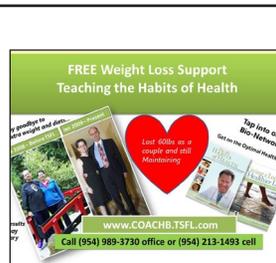
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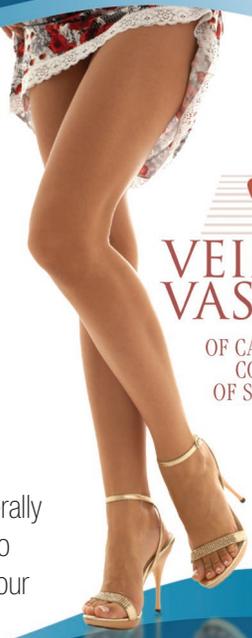
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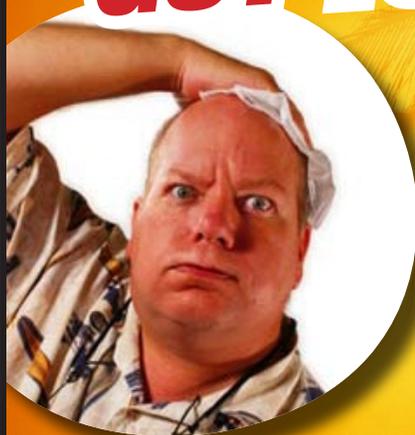
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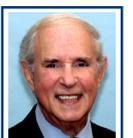
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