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Letter to the community...



Well, the days may be long and hot, but whatever happened to the time when Florida was dead in the summer? Sometimes it seems like there's just as much traffic and there are just as many people around as always -- well, maybe not always, but things are definitely not as quiet as one might expect

as we ease our way into the dog days of July. And surprise, there's actually quite a lot to do! Hollywood is certainly not the sleepy Southern town it used to be.

This month's issue focuses on some wonderful local folks who go the extra step to make a difference in their City. We visited with Ray Shipman, who runs the Memorial Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Institute; Franchesca Stoyer, who gives a free weekly community yoga class at the Yellow Green Farmers Market; and Bev Russell, who has given

her time for 17 years, to represent children in the court system as a Guardian ad Litem.

Then we talked with one of our favorite amateur Hollywood historians, Clive Taylor Jr., who answers the eternal question of how Dania, our mostly inland neighbor, got its beach.

We're gearing up for the annual Hollywood Scavenger Hunt Dec. 7-9 when we take participants on a wild journey through the city hunting for clues (there *may* even be some in this

issue... wink, wink)

As usual, we bring you the latest in Hollywood news and views, and the updates on everything you need to know if you live and work here.

And as always, we wait eagerly to hear back from you. How are we doing? Let us know. We're always only a phone call or an email away. Have fun and stay cool. 🌴

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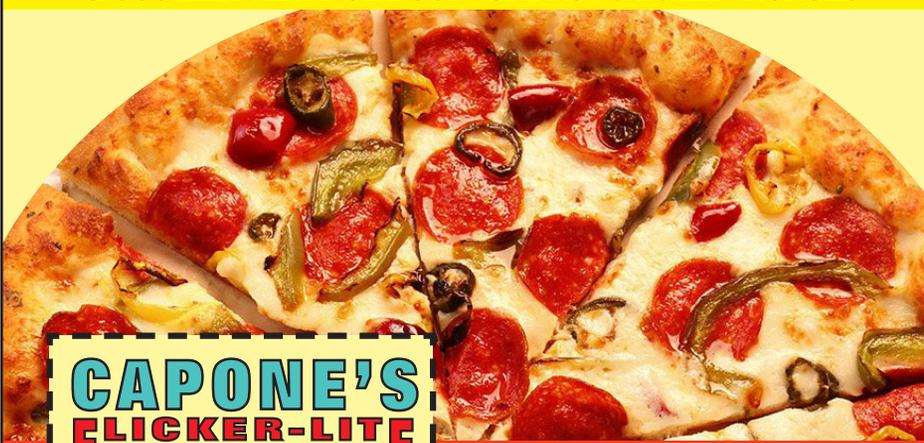
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The annual Hollywood Scavenger hunt is produced by the staff at Hollywood Gazette and takes participants on a wild journey through the city hunting for clues (there *may* even be some in this issue... wink, wink...)

Past participants have made lasting friendships while having fun discovering new things about Hollywood for points and prizes. Participation is free and anyone with a smart phone can play.

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OPINION

The Constitution Review Commission Has Done a Disservice to Voters

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Florida has its own Constitution that acts as a blueprint for the state government's legislative, executive and judicial branches as well as containing a bill of rights. The Florida Constitution is much longer than the U.S. Constitution and is more detailed by addressing topics unique to the Sunshine State.

While the U.S. Constitution is much more difficult to change, the Florida Constitution allows for a few ways to amend it. One way is by citizens petition, which requires collecting approximately 766,000 verified voter signatures from across the state. A proposed amendment must be focused on a single subject and then be approved by the state Supreme Court. Another way is by the Florida Legislature placing an amendment on the ballot though 60 percent both legislative chambers need to approve it before it is placed on the ballot. Of course, any amendment on the ballot must be approved by 60 percent of the voters in the general election in November. This year, there are three amendments placed on the ballot by the Florida Legislature and two placed on the ballot by the citizens petition process.

There's another factor this year in Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) which is formed every 20 years to propose changes to the Florida Constitution. The 37 members of the Commission are selected by the governor, the president of the state Senate, the speaker of the state House and the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court. The CRC has the power to place proposed amendments directly on the ballot which do not need Florida

Supreme Court approval or be limited to a single subject.

The CRC voted to place eight amendments on the ballot this year, joining the other five approved by the Legislature and added by citizen petitions. By having 13 amendments for the voters to consider in November—in addition to the elected positions on the ballot—there is a high probability for could lead to voter fatigue. Even worse, the CRC did not have to use the single subject rule as they often piled up two or more issues in one amendment. The eight CRC amendments contain 22 different issues so voters really have 27 proposed amendment issues to consider.

The CRC did not even bother to put related issues together in one proposed amendment. One amendment wants voters to consider banning offshore drilling for oil and natural gas and—in the same proposal—also ban vaping tobacco in enclosed indoor workplaces. Voters might support one of those proposals but not the other, leaving them divided. The CRC also proposed an amendment dealing with the Chevron Deference repeal included in the same proposal creating Marsy's Law in Florida. If you are not sure what each of those are, you are not alone, and you won't find much information on the ballot.

With these kind of proposed amendments, the CRC has done a great disservice to Florida voters, creating confusing language, and forcing voters to decide whether to vote yes or no on proposed amendments where they support one of the issues but not another. The CRC has made a travesty of what should be an opportunity for voters to weigh in on how we govern our state. Instead the CRC has made Florida look like a banana republic.



The 2018 Florida General Election ballot will have 13 amendments for voters to consider. These amendments have many subjects combined and can be difficult to understand. The Liberty First Network has created a webpage to explain the amendments that voters will see on their ballot. They will be continually updating the page as additional information becomes available.

Visit: libertyfirstnetwork.com/2018/06/23/2018_florida_amendments/

They have also put together a presentation on the Florida Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot. If you are part of a group or organization that would be interested in scheduling a presentation, contact John Hallman at JohnHallman@JohnHallman.org

Baby OF THE MONTH

Anya Garceau

Anya Garceau is two and a half years old. She goes to Lisa's Daycare Center and is very active in the social life of her community. Anya likes to make new friends, feed them and give hugs when her friends are sad. She likes to ride bike to the beach with her mom, swim in the ocean and build sand castles.

She loves pets, especially dogs and rabbits. Anya also enjoys reading books, eating ice cream, drawing and watching Paw Patrol with her sister.



Visit hollywoodgazette.com to submit your baby of the month.

SOME HEROES DON'T WEAR CAPES:

Hollywood Resident Volunteers to Advocate for Children in Foster Care for 17 Years



BY ROBIN KERR DRULARD
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The latest Immigration Crisis has brought to the forefront the plight of children being separated from their parents and leaving many of us feeling helpless, wishing we could make a difference.

At the same time, there is an equally urgent need right here at home, where just in Broward County, there are at any given time between 2,700 to over 3,000 kids that are in "out-of-home" placement -- that is, living with relatives, family friends, neighbors or in foster homes. Every one of those kids needs an impartial advocate to represent them in the system.

That's where the Guardian ad Litem program comes in. Just ask Hollywood resident Bev Russell, who has been making a difference for these local kids for 17 years.

"I first worked as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem," she explained. "I was working in administration at the Hollywood Christian School, where my kids went, and I dealt with many foster parents, and I saw a lot of kids with 'issues'. I often thought it would be rewarding to be a foster parent, but I was raising my own three children at the time, and working, and when I learned about the Guardian ad Litem program, it just fit! So I volunteered and have been with them since 2001."

A Guardian ad Litem ("GAL") is a trained, court-appointed volunteer who serves as the voice for abused, neglected and abandoned children in court. GALs are volunteer advocates, empowered directly by the courts to offer judges the critical information they need to ensure that each child's rights and needs are being attended to while the children are in foster care and child welfare system. Studies have proven that when a volunteer Guardian ad Litem serves on a child's case, the child spends less time languishing in foster care and has a greater chance of achieving long-term stability.

"The program," said Russell, "the way I explain to the kids, is that I am the eyes and ears of the courts. The eyes look and see, the ears listen and hear, the mouth speaks, and that's what I do for them, I look and make sure they're being cared for, and getting everything they need, and

then I speak to the court on their behalf and advocate for their best interests. And most of the kids get that, even the little ones."

How many children has Russell represented in 17 years of being a Guardian?

"Well, that's a loaded question," she answered modestly. "I've been a volunteer since 2001, and the actual answer is about 300. But I went to work for the program as an employee for 6 ½ years, when I was first a staff advocate for as many as 75 to 80 kids at a time, and then a supervisor, so I think I had an effect on a few."

A few thousand, maybe.

After her stint on staff, Russell returned to her job at the school for another few years, retired, and went back to volunteering at GAL, where she continues as an active Guardian, and mentor and trainer of new recruits.

Over the years, Russell has had, of course, both huge successes and some not-so-happy results. She speaks proudly of a 19-year-old for whom she began advocating in 2006 and who has since aged out of the system.



"She never got adopted but she has a job and an apartment and I think she's going to be just fine," she smiled. "We have lunch and we just 'do life'. We're still friends and we hopefully always will be."

She said it was particularly fulfilling when she was able to place large sibling groups into adoptive homes where they were able to stay together, and sad when such arrangements didn't work out. The goal, she explained, is whenever possible, is permanency: adoption, a forever home and family.

"Both my husband and I came from broken homes and we decided early on we would do what could, to the best of our abilities, to provide a good loving stable home for our kids," said Russell.



BEV RUSSELL

"We've been married for 49 years this year, raised three kids and now have 10 grandkids and by the grace of God we've been able to do what we set out to do. But not everybody can do that. As a Guardian ad Litem, we can help fill that gap a little bit."

The qualifications for becoming a GAL are simple. You can be as young as 19, fill out an application, pass a background check and get started. Once approved, there are a ton of online classes followed by in-person training. You get to observe court, paired with an experienced guardian -- you get a mentor, so you're never on your own.

"We empower you to be the best, we don't just throw you to the wolves," quipped Russell. And, she added, "You've got to be willing to get into people's business a little bit. You have to be able to speak with the people providing services, the therapists, the teachers, the doctors and psychiatrists, anybody that has anything to do with the child, and ask the hard questions. Because you're going to need to know what's really going on. In that respect, you have to like being a little nosy, because you need all the info in order to make good recommendations to decide what's best for the child."

Most important though, she says, you have to just care.

"And that's not hard to do, once you meet your kids." Her face softens as she recalls some of hers. "They just look at you. You do some age-appropriate activities. You talk and maybe you do some coloring or something, and once you build that relationship, and the kid knows that you're there just for them, and nobody else, it opens them up, and from

there, it's easy."

The Guardian ad Litem program is a national program. In some states, it's called CASA, for Court Appointed Special Advocates. When Russell first started volunteering for them, it was housed in a small office in the Broward courthouse with six or eight people on staff. Now they have their own building on Andrews Avenue and a staff of almost 50.

"That's both good and sad," Russell laments. "You can see the need, because each of these children should have their own guardian. Most guardians have two or three, some have more... you do what you can do. Even one. That child is so grateful to know that there is someone there for them. And there is absolutely always a need for more."

One of the benefits of the GAL program, Russell explained, is that you can pretty much make your own hours, except for court dates which are scheduled usually months in advance. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you choose, and the relationship can be superficial or very deep.

"It depends on what you're willing to do," she noted. "It's all about your mindset. My mindset is that it's not about me. It's about sharing the love of God, doing what He puts in my heart to do, and the rest I have to leave to Him."

"And I love working with the kids."

Some people prefer working with babies, while others are drawn towards older kids and teens. All report richly rewarding and life-enhancing experiences.

In Broward County, the Guardian ad Litem Program was implemented in 1983 with a handful of volunteers and one staff member. Today, there are over 650 volunteer advocates and the need continues to grow. Together, the volunteers and staff currently advocate for approximately 2800 children.

"So there is always a need," Russell stressed. "A lot of the public doesn't know what's going on, but you can make a difference. Just take that first step. Just one step."

"Give the GAL program a call.

"You can make a difference." 🌟

For information on the Broward County Guardian ad Litem Program, visit guardianadlitem.org or call 954-831-6214.

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WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING IN HOLLYWOOD JULY

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 to list yours.

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CIRC Hotel, Downtown Hollywood will host its Red, White and View Party on July 4th at The Muse Rooftop Bar and Lounge. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. Tickets to this private, 21+ pool party and Fourth of July bash can be purchased online for \$100 each. Includes dinner and two drink tickets. **Information:** 954-500-1780

6-7 **DISNEY'S THE LION KING JR.** 5:30 p.m., Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center, 1770 Monroe St.

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Information: 954-357-7785

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4 **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION** 2-10 p.m., Hollywood Beach, 300 Connecticut St.

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Information: 954-921-3404



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- July 6: Hometown Throwdown, professional boxing
- July 20: KC and The Sunshine Band
- July 21: Peter Frampton and The Steve Miller Band
- July 24: Rod Stewart and Cyndi Lauper
- July 27-29: Britney Spears
- Aug. 25: Prince tribute show, "Purple Reign"
- Aug. 31: Amy Schumer and friends

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6-7:30 p.m., ArtsPark at Young Circle, 1 Young Circle

Information: 954-962-7447

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AN EVENING WITH THE FLORIDA SWEET TARTS

7 p.m., The Palace Restaurant

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DOWNTOWN ARTWALK

5-10 p.m., Harrison Street area

Special enhancements include an artisan market featuring pop-up shops, handmade items, local purveyors, vintage shopping, boutique goods and more; the downtown Hollywood mural tour from 6-7 p.m., featuring outdoor murals by recognized artists; and Impulse Art at 8 p.m., a fusion of music and painting from Daniel Pontet.

Information: 954-924-2980



Impulse Art at the Downtown Artwalk



Aug. 5

DREAM CAR CLASSIC

10 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown Hollywood Blvd.

Classic cars, trucks and other vehicles on display. Attendance is free. Vehicle registration is \$20. To pre-register for the Dream Car Classic, visit CobraJoeProductions.com. Participation is limited. There are awards for the top vehicles as well as a People's Choice Award.

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- July 13: A League of Their Own
- July 20: The Sandlot
- July 27: Angels in the Outfield
- Aug. 3: Epic
- Aug. 10: Grease (1978)
- Aug. 17: Captain Underpants

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Solar concerts featuring local, live tribute bands, with free shows beginning at 8 p.m.

- July 14: Turnstiles (Billy Joel)
- July 28: Simply Tina (Tina Turner)
- Aug. 11: Jaded (Aerosmith)
- Aug. 25: California Gwen (Katy Perry & No Doubt)

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Information: 954-921-3500

Hollywood Police Seek New Recruits to Serve as School Resource Officers

BY DAVID VOLZ
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The Hollywood Police Department is requesting funds in the budget

process to add ten part-time officers to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs), addressing the concern for the safety of students in the wake of school shootings throughout the country.

The department's goal is to have at least one SRO in every public school in the city.

The part-time officers could be retired police officers or former military police officers and would receive health benefits.

"They would provide security and give staff, students, and parents a sense their kids will be protected," said Derik Alexander, a major for the special operations division.

Hollywood's 22 public schools would be covered by this program but the city's charter schools would have to

find their own security personnel. Alexander said the officers would receive regular police training and should be able to relate to regular people. "They should be engaging, friendly and not fearsome," he said. In addition to being capable of handling a physical incident with a knife or a firearm, an SRO should be able to handle difficult parents, work with teachers and students, and be media savvy.

All officers go through active shooter training quarterly and will continue to do so year-round. "Our philosophy is that to stop a killer you have to proactively seek the shooter. We believe we prepare our officers as best we can," said Alexander.

In addition to the school resource officers that Hollywood is seeking, there are about 20 vacancies for police officers on the force. But it is facing competition from other departments that also have vacancies. 🌊

Free Summer Fun Concerts at ArtsPark at Young Circle

Visitors to the ArtsPark at Young Circle in Downtown Hollywood may have noticed the new solar trees recently installed



by Florida Power and Light. The trees are, in part, powering the amphitheater stage equipment, as well as other ArtsPark fixtures. In celebration of this green partnership, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts will be hosting a series of "Solar Blast Summer Fun Concerts" featuring local, live tribute bands. The concerts begin at 8:00 p.m., are free and lawn seating is available. Below is the schedule of bands.

SATURDAY, JULY 14:
Turnstiles (Billy Joel)

SATURDAY, JULY 28:
Simply Tina (Tina Turner)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11:
Jaded (Aerosmith)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25:
California Gwen (Katy Perry & No Doubt)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:
Chain Reaction (Styx & Journey)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:
Let It Be (Beatles)

Tribute band schedule is subject to change. For additional information, please call the ArtsPark at 954.921.3500.

Hollywood's First-Ever Juneteenth Celebration Held at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

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Members of the community got together recently to commemorate Juneteenth at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The celebration began with a parade.

Georgette Lasley-Wiggins organized and led the event. "This has been amazing. We have had a great turnout for our first time," she said. Her husband Bruce Wiggins helped Georgette run the event.

Juneteenth celebrates the end of one of the darkest chapters in our nation's history. It commemorates the time when Union General Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston Island, Texas with about 2,000 soldiers on June 18, 1865. The following day, Granger read "General Order No. 3" announcing the total emancipation of those held as slaves.

"This is a great opportunity for people to see how far we have come and how far we have to go to promote equality," said Broward County Mayor Beam Furr stress-

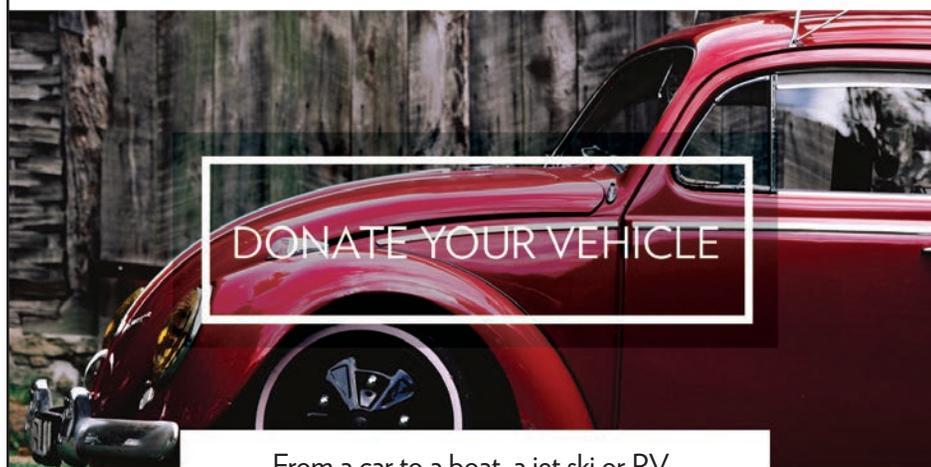


Community leaders at the Juneteenth celebration at the MLK Community Park in Hollywood.

ing the pervasive issue of income inequality in our society.

When celebrating Juneteenth, people often say this was the day the slaves in Texas were told they were free. Former slaves in Texas and throughout the South struggled during the years after the Civil War, but they would gather in mid-June to celebrate the day they learned they were free.

"We are here to promote friendship and equality," said Hollywood Commissioner Peter Hernandez. "We have come a long way, but we still have a way to go." 🌊



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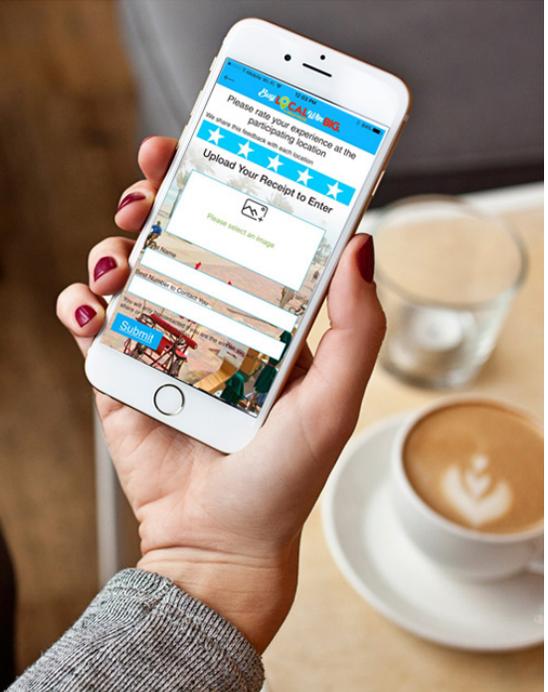
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For the past four years, Hollywood-based music and entertainment producer Scott Evans has celebrated his birthday by doing what he does best: bringing the community together for fun and philanthropy. This year, the fourth annual Scott Evans charity birthday party will be held at the Hollybrook Golf and Tennis Club Playhouse in Pembroke Pines on July 28.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Parkland Cares, a local organization whose mission is to provide funding for mental health counseling and programs for shooting survivors, their families and the community-at-large in Parkland.

Festivities include dinner and a show, live 1960s music performed by the Sweet Tarts, a costume contest, dancing, raffles, drinks, craft vendors, and a cash bar- all inspired by the legendary 1969 music festival.

Broward County District Three Commissioner Michael Udine, who represents Parkland, will be the guest speaker.

Evans said he can't imagine what shooting survivors must be going through, speaking about his motivation for choosing the event's cause. "I like to speak for those who can't speak for themselves," said Evans. "I just want to

be a participant in the community." And what better way than by bringing people together for a party with a purpose?

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Former Pro Football Player Infuses Inspiration with Adaptive Fitness at Memorial Rehab



BY ROBIN KERR DRULARD
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When Miramar-raised Ray Shipman was signed by the New Orleans Saints in the 2013 NFL draft, he thought he had his future set.

But an injury cut his professional career short, so Shipman, who had never had a job outside of sports, used his smarts and his contacts to start a non-profit, ChampionShips Inc., which, among other things, teaches how the skills of sports -- dedication, tenacity, discipline -- translate into business and other parts of life.

"The NFL is a business," he said. "And football is not for long for anyone. You need education. After sports is over, it's time to go into the real world and get a job, and when you're in sports you don't have the opportunity to have a job. So I started doing these community-based camps and seminars, bringing former athletes that are now successful in business or politics to discuss how to interview and focus on transferring these intangible skills to the business world."

These skills came into play for Ray himself, when, after his own injury, he had to look for his first job. With some trepidation, he applied for the job, as Manager of the Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program at the Memorial Regional Hospital South Rehabilitation Institute.

"My wife and I went back and forth on this one because it was a management position, not an entry level one," he said. "But there was something about it... I just knew I could do it. I was able to talk about my work with the community organization -- the only work experience that I had -- and I got the job."

Up until his first day, though, he thought he was going into an existing position. Imagine his surprise when he learned that he'd be creating the program from scratch!

Today, the Memorial Rehab Center is a 12,000-square-foot, two-story gym on Washington Street, plus four outpatient locations throughout Broward. The gym contains a vast range of state-of-the-art adaptive equipment that allows and trains people to regain abilities and strength after strokes, lost or injured limbs, traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries, various congenital



Hand Cyclists at the 2018 Adaptive Sports Expo managed by Ray Shipman at Markham Park

conditions, and other illnesses that affect mobility or ability to function. There are handcycles, specialized wheelchairs for sports like tennis and basketball, and training for adaptive bowling for both pediatric and adult patients, cycling, mountain biking, rowing, water aerobics, fishing, and even rugby! Currently, the Memorial Rehabilitation Institute treats more than 1,900 patients per year.

One of Shipman's biggest accomplishments in his job is the creation of the Rehab Expo, held each Spring for patients, former patients and anyone in the outside community who would like to participate. Hundreds of people with disabilities come to play or compete in sports from the expected like basketball and hand-cycling to others including adaptive soccer, disk golf, fishing, sailing, scuba diving, water skiing and flying remote control airplanes.

"This is about encouraging people with disabilities to stay fit and stay active with people. Sometimes people with disabilities will go into their room and become depressed and feel hopeless. We want to prevent that," said Shipman. "Our goal is to make sports and recreation activities available to all."

To that end, the program partners with multiple outside organizations and strives for community involvement. Often, participants in the rehab program go on to volunteer and coach others. In fact, the center opens its doors every Friday for Adaptive Fitness Fridays, inviting both former patients and the general physically disabled community in for an invigorating and fun group workout with a trainer.

This has been a big year for Shipman.

"Our motto is: Go Beyond. We say it and we live it. Go Beyond your perceived limitations. Life is not over because you have an injury. Go Beyond what you think you're capable of, or the limitations others place on you, and don't ever let your current physical situation dictate the quality of your life."

- Ray Shipman

He got married. Became a father. Wrote a children's book. He was named Caregiver of the Year for the State of Florida by the Florida Hospital Association. He completed his MBA in Sports Administration and got a promotion at the Hospital.

"My new job, as Director of Sports Medicine and Adaptive Sports at the Memorial Rehabilitation Institute, entails growing the business for our new Sports Medicine Center," he said. "Our aim is to provide the highest level of care to all patients who wish to perform at their personal peak for physical activity, especially after an injury. We treat college and professional athletes who need to get back on the field in a timely and safe manner while regaining their prior high level of performance. We treat "weekend



warriors" who may want to get back to their sports league or high-intensity gym workout. We also treat seniors who want to remain active in activities such as golf or tennis, although we have certainly treated those who participate in much more vigorous sports as well.

Shipman explained that the Memorial Sports Medicine Center is the first of its kind in Broward County, offering a multidisciplinary collaboration between top-notch specialists in orthopedic surgery, physiatry, cardiology, family medicine, as well as ancillary services such as physical therapy, sports nutrition, and sports psychology. Working seamlessly within the Memorial Healthcare System, patients navigate from diagnosis to treatment to recovery under a unified treatment plan that is continually being discussed amongst team members and optimized based on the individual condition and treatment goals.

"Our goal is to make sports and recreational activities available to all," said Shipman. "Adaptive sports provide numerous long-term therapeutic benefits, in addition to enhancing the quality of life and improving overall health. These activities are not just fun but very important for people with disabilities to know that they can do anything they put their minds to. We treat the person, not just the injury. We hope we can give even those with permanent injuries a new outlook. 🌟"

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Broward Voters to Consider One-Cent Sales Tax Increase

BY DAVID VOLZ
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This November, Broward residents will be asked to vote on a proposed one-cent increase in the county's sales tax to fund transportation projects over the next thirty years.

The additional funding is sought to relieve traffic congestion in all 31 municipalities, improve traffic signalization, roadways, intersections, senior mobility options, public transportation (bus and rail) and to fund future investments in Broward's transportation system.

If the sales surtax ballot measure is approved, the surtax will be in effect for 30 years which coincides with the County's 30-year transportation plan. For the first year, the penny sales tax is estimated to raise approximately \$300 million.

For every \$1 spent on taxable items, Broward residents, visitors, and businesses will pay 1 cent more in sales tax. For example, if you go to a restaurant and spend \$25 on a meal, you will spend an additional 25 cents in sales tax.

Commissioners approved placing the transportation sales surtax question on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The surtax would increase the sales tax from six percent to

seven percent and will raise an estimated \$257 million annually and an estimated \$16 billion over thirty years which can only be used for local transportation projects.

Currently, Broward funds its transportation programs through gas tax revenues and general revenue funds (derived from property taxes and other sources). The federal gas tax is a flat amount that does not change with the price of gas, has not increased in 20 years and the amount of money generated by the gas tax has declined as a result of people driving less and cars being more fuel efficient. At the same time, the costs for operating and maintaining a fleet of public transit buses, traffic lights, and roads has increased.

The 30-year penny surtax plan identifies specific projects that will alleviate traffic and increase connectivity.

"Ninety-eight percent of the transportation projects are within Broward's municipalities," said Broward Mayor Beam Furr.

The plan also creates an independent review board to oversee the transportation projects. After the expiration of the 30-year term, the surtax could only be renewed by the voters of Broward County. ♻️



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Medication-Assisted Programs Treat Opioid Addiction Differently

BY ARIANA BOLAND

Amid a national epidemic of opioid abuse and addiction, policymakers have placed increased emphasis on stopping opioid abuse and addiction, often through the appropriation of funds to provide patients with new treatment opportunities.

One such program is underway at Memorial Healthcare Systems in Hollywood. The Memorial Medical Detoxification Program provides management and counseling services in conjunction with prescribed medication to empower people to overcome addiction. The outpatient program allows patients to manage responsibilities to their families and careers while medically treating an opioid addiction.

The program was originally founded

three years ago based upon expertise founders Claudia Vicencio and Dr. Alberto Augsten gained in another program called Mothers in Recovery, which helps treat post-pregnancy opioid addiction. Now, it is one of three locations in Broward funded by a federal state targeted response grant designed to provide addiction treatment.

On average, patients spend nine months in the medical detoxification program, receiving help with employment, group therapy, psychotherapy, and monitoring symptoms. For pregnant women, Memorial offers specialized maternal addiction treatment with integrated care for women and their babies.

"There's definitely a big problem in Hollywood," said Vicencio, and "It's multi-systemic."

Prior to 2012 regulations, South Florida was dubbed the 'Oxy Express.' People would go to local independent clinics to get prescriptions to sell illegally in other parts of the country.

Additionally, as opioid manufacturers marketed medication to doctors, the medical industry became misinformed about the addictive effects of opioids. Their powerful pain relieving effects only increased their popularity among physicians.

Since then, there's been a big spike in the number of people admitted to emergency rooms. More have died since 2010 from opioid related deaths than did in car accidents before wearing seatbelts was required. Statistics like these have brought drug abuse and addiction issues to the forefront of news and politics.

The Memorial Medical Detoxification Program aims to dramatically decrease such numbers, and an anonymous patient praises it for its work.

The patient, an air conditioning mechanic and artist, had dabbled with drugs for about 20 years and became addicted to opioids after being prescribed medication for a back injury. His family was aware he experimented with drugs like marijuana but was unaware of his opioid usage until

he overdosed in his parents' bathroom. He equates this experience to hitting rock bottom.

While in the hospital, the patient became aware of the program and applied and was accepted for the afore-mentioned grant, which allowed him to participate.

Now, during his second month of treatment, the patient has made significant health gains, going from "pathetically skinny" to a gaining 20 lean pounds. He has not relapsed into drug usage.

"This program has saved my life," he said. I feel like I'm learning to live all over again."

He goes to the program each weekday to receive counseling and attend group therapy. He even participates in the art activities. He says he has done some of his best work in the months he has been sober.

To learn more about the program or start the admissions process, call the 24/7 hotline 954-883-7771.

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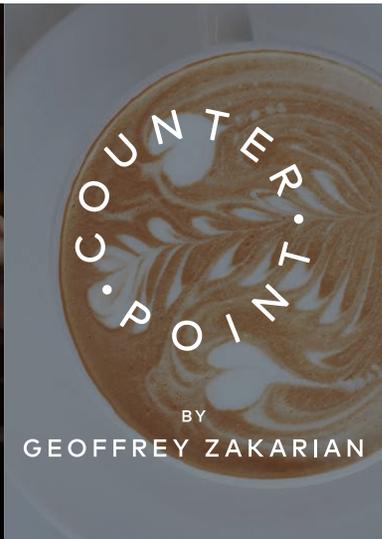
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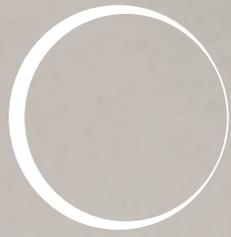
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Broward voters will vote on a one-half mill rate increase on Aug. 28

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Broward County voters will have the chance to vote on

a one-half mill rate increase to their ad valorem taxes on Aug. 28. This increase has been requested by the School Board of Broward County.

The question voters will see on the ballot is:

“Shall the School Board of Broward County levy an ad-valorem operating millage of one-half mills annually for fiscal years July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 to enhance funding for school resource officers, including charter schools with more than 1,000 students, hire school security staff, providing funding to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and fund other essential instruction-related expenses to preserve important programs in public schools.”

According to a statement by the Broward School District, the Florida legislature continues to fund education at one of the lowest levels in the nation. For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, the legislature has provided an increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA), the amount spent per child per school year, of 47 cents per student. Which, in the case of Broward County, reduced the amount of the District Cost Differential, allocating this District a decrease in the BSA of \$16.75 per student.

Education funding continues to fall short of pre-recession levels while teacher and other staff salaries, employee health care costs, utility costs and the need to enhance security staff in Broward schools continues to increase. In fact, Broward County Public School District’s total new funding, including earmarks that must be used as directed by the state, is \$52 per student, the lowest funding increase of all 67 counties across the State of Florida.

Because of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, next year’s budget for Broward County Public Schools includes funding for more School Resource Officers (SRO), and more access to mental health services for students.

But, the state’s categorical allocation for funding of more SRO’s falls significantly short of the funding required

to provide a minimum of one SRO per school. And even though the Mental Health Categorical will enhance counseling services to our students, it falls short of providing funding to create a significant increase in the number of trained counselors, clinicians and social workers assigned to our schools.

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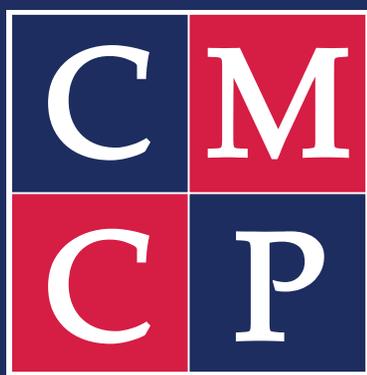
approximately \$12 million forecasted for the upcoming fiscal year (2018-19), new required costs such as increases in retirement and health insurance costs will exceed those savings by nearly \$15 million. This means the District must find reductions to cover the \$15 million before the increase of staff salaries is even considered. [🔗](#)

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Hollywood History

Hollywood Who Put the Beach in Dania Beach?

BY CLIVE TAYOR

Ever wonder how Dania got its Beach? Really, it's a mere 700 yards of quickly-eroding sand surrounded by Hollywood on all sides.

I asked many people in Dania as well as Hollywood and nobody could give me a straight answer. I was starting to wonder if Dania could actually be squatting on Hollywood's beachfront. Hmm...Maybe there's a pier in Hollywood after all.

One email to a very efficient Dania city clerk gave me the official answer once and for all but ultimately left me with even more questions.

It all happened in one very crazy decade. The Roaring Twenties brought South Florida out of the wilderness and into a huge building boom, only to be then hit with a devastating hurricane, a burst real estate bubble, the big stock market crash and the subsequent Great Depression.

The sign that welcomes you to the city of Dania reads "Welcome to Dania Beach, Broward's first incorporated city, Chartered in 1904." Interesting that this was before Broward County was formed, in 1915!

So when Dania was incorporated, it was actually part of Dade County. At that time, Dania was a town of farmers, mostly of Danish descent, hence the name Dania. Rumor has it that the main motivation for the incorporation of Dania was the desire for a post office stop in town.

Most new arrivals during the early part of this century arrived on the trains which ran along the Dixie Highway corridor and are known today as the Florida East Coast Railway, Built primarily in the last quarter of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century, by Henry Flagler. The railroad reached the New River in Fort

Lauderdale in 1896 and opened up the opportunity for farmers to get their produce to northern markets without spoilage. Ed King, Ft. Lauderdale's first builder, had family in Dania at the time. King is credited with pioneering the use of hollow block brick construction. You can see some of King's bricks in old structures still standing in Dania. Some buildings in Dania date back to the teens and even earlier.

During the twenties, when Joseph Young was building his dream city, "Hollywood By The Sea," this tiny farming commu-



nity decided they wanted to be a part of the action of Hollywood. In 1925, when Hollywood was incorporated, the residents of Dania voted to dissolve the City of Dania and be annexed into the new city. The neighboring city of Hallandale did the same. So at one time, Hollywood encompassed the area from Ft. Lauderdale to what is now Dade County. What a coastline city Hollywood was then!

After the 1926 hurricane and the Great Depression, both Hallandale and Dania wanted to resume their own identities, and in 1927 both cities were removed from Hollywood's city limits.

In August of that same year, Hollywood agreed to sell a very small part of its beach to the city of Dania for the tidy sum of ten dollars, with a deed restriction stating that this beachfront parcel would only be used for open space, a public park and/or



a recreation area.

That's the equivalent of about \$135.00 in today's money.

What a bargain Dania got! Over the years, more beachfront land was sold and de-annexed to Dania to make up the present-day boundaries of Dania Beach.

So that's how Dania got its beach. The question is, why did Hollywood sell, and why so cheap?

The answer may lie in the close relationship that developed between the two cities during their time together.

Martin Frost, I.T. Parker and A.J. Ryan, all Dania pioneers, held seats on the Hollywood Commission. In addition, L.O. "Larry" Hansen, Dania's tax assessor and former Dania Commissioner, became Hollywood's tax assessor when Dania was annexed into Hollywood in 1925.

Curiously, Hansen stayed on as Hollywood's tax assessor after Dania re-incorporated and served until 1933. He was a Dania resident at the time.

I'm not drawing any conclusions here, just stating some

very interesting facts to try to explain an almost-giveaway of prime beachfront real estate.

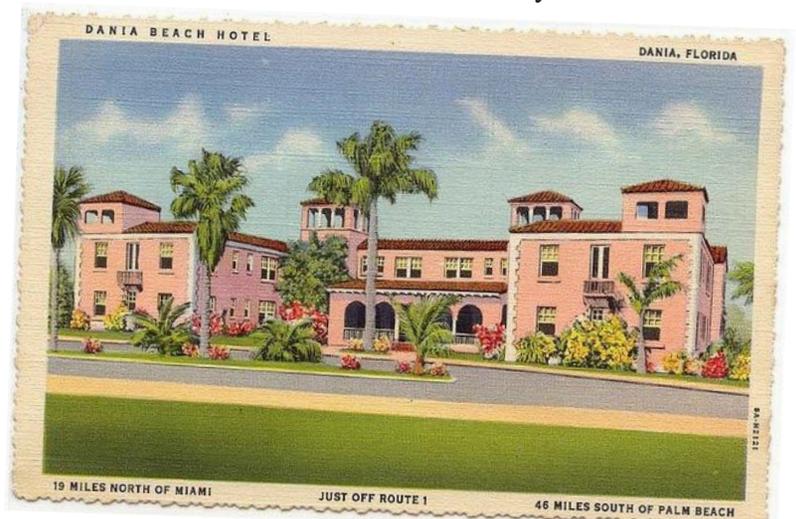
As recently as 1988, Dania had to ask Hollywood to quitclaim this same deed, in order to lift the public space deed restriction imposed in 1927. At that time, Dania was planning to build the short-lived Sea Fair project and couldn't proceed without Hollywood's approval in lifting the deed restriction. The quitclaim document was signed by then-Mayor Mara Giulianti, who stated that it was in the best interest of both cities.

The Sea Fair project was a colossal failure, and now, that

same parcel is a big money maker for the city of Dania. It's become a municipal marina and the former Sea Fair building is rented out to an educational facility. So much for that open space recreation area.

And that's how the Beach got into Dania Beach. 📍

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Franchesca Stoyer Gifts Hollywood with Free Community Yoga Classes Weekly



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Franchesca Stoyer is a woman of many talents. The busy young Hollywood wife and mother of two enjoys writing, photography, and gardening. And like many of us, she was still trying to figure out which to make her life's work, when participating in a free community yoga class at TY Park, going through the poses for exercise, when she had her 'Aha!' moment.

"I actually started 7 years ago, on my living room floor with a beach towel and a yoga CD," she recalled. And then, and about 4 years ago, in that moment in TY Park, "it became a passion. There was a calmness and peace, beyond the exercise benefits.



Especially when I went to my first teacher training. That's when I was like, this is what I want to do. It felt right, it felt good. And it was something I could potentially share with other people."

She began her first teacher training nine months later, she said, and

"then it was like full steam ahead."

Within a year, Stoyer became a yoga instructor. She started teaching in late 2015 began giving free classes at TY Park, then in early 2016 brought her idea for community classes to the Yellow Green Farmers Market. "Everything blossomed from there," she reported.

Today, Stoyer teaches classes at Bend and Breathe Yoga in Downtown Hollywood and offers private sessions as well. But by far her greatest love is the free class community class she offers every Saturday morning at 8:30 am at the Yellow Green Farmers Market.

"It's my baby," she said with pride. "I put a lot of work into building that class and bringing the community together there. Universe has been on my side and it has grown immensely

-- with the help of Yellow Green, which has been wonderful in getting the word out."

Stoyer reports that in the 2 ½ years since she started, she's had as few as 8 to as many as 40 or 50 people in the class, and students from absolute beginners to those who have been practicing yoga for 30 years!

"I'm really grateful for that class," she beamed, "especially since the way I got started was through a free class. Which was the whole reason that I started the Yellow Green class to begin with. I want to give people the same opportunity that I was given. Without that, I would probably never be where I am now.

"We provide a welcoming environment, a neutral place, where it's totally non-intimidating."

She admits to a special weakness for people stepping onto the mat for the first time.

"I like to think that it might blossom into a passion for them like it did for me," she said, adding that, "If it doesn't, that's cool too!"

For information on Stoyer and her classes at the Yellow Green Farmers Market, call 954-448-2393, visit her Facebook page: Franchesca Stoyer Yoga, or email her at fstoyer@gmail.com. You may also be interested in her blog, www.simplelifefinprogress.com

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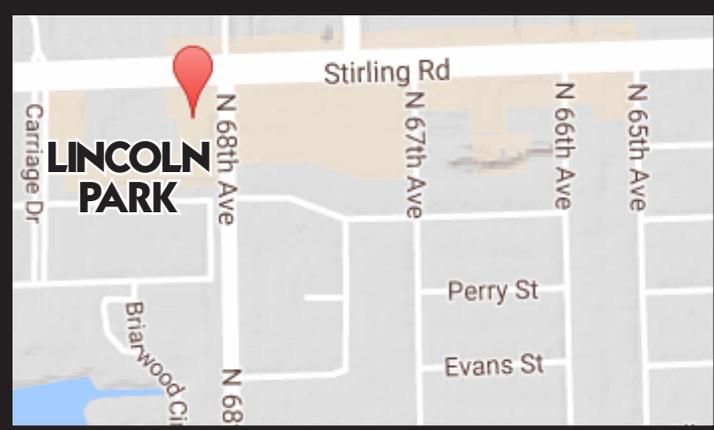


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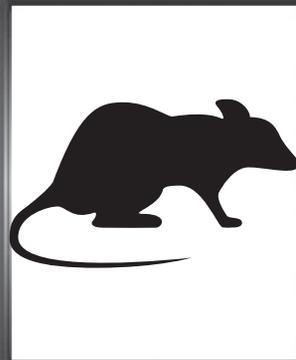
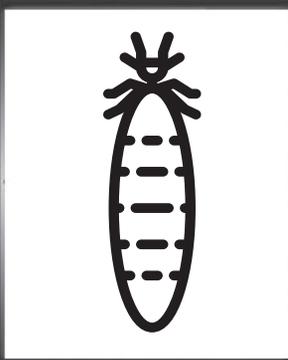
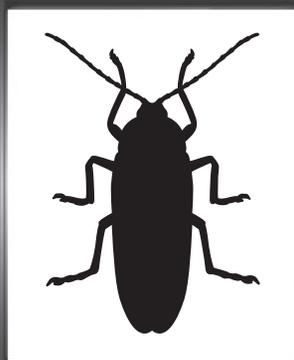
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The atmosphere was loud and festive at Leona's Palace on Harrison Street when the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce graduated the 42nd Leadership Hollywood Class on Friday night, June 15th.

The 30+ graduates include such local dignitaries as Hollywood's Chief of Police Chris O'Brien, Broward County's Clerk of Courts Brenda Forman, Hollywood Vice-Mayor's First Man Terrence Case (husband of Debra) and the Hollywood Gazette's very own Robin Kerr Drulard. Over 100 people were in attendance, including Mayor Josh Levy, most of the Hollywood Commissioners, former Leadership Hollywood alumni and a host of local business, non-profit and other community leaders.

The honoree of the evening was Andrew Zullo, the executive director of Leadership Broward and former chairperson of Leadership Hollywood, who was presented with the 2018 Leadership Hollywood Award. Zullo is a past president of the Hollywood Beach Civic Association and the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and chaired



Scott Roberts, Robin Kerr Drulard, Marie Suarez

the Leadership Hollywood program for 6 years. He was a member of Leadership Hollywood Class XXXIII.

During the nine-month program, LH participants produce several community projects, for which they are recognized at the graduation. This year, the five projects, summarized at the event, were TEDx Young Circle Park, SPARK Hollywood, Hollywood's Diamonds In The Rough Golf program, the First Annual #BrowardCODES Computer Science Fair and Wild Wild Hollywood, a show featuring the Exceptional Theater Company and the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida.

All the Leadership Hollywood participants agreed

that the projects, although a huge amount of work, were fun and fulfilling and absolutely worth every bit of the effort. Four of the five projects reported that they surpassed the previous years' receipts, while the fifth, the Computer Science Fair, was a first-time creation that set the stage for future editions.

Alumni also agree across the board on the value and enjoyment of Leadership Hollywood and encourage everyone to consider joining. Applications are now being accepted for Leadership 43. For more information, visit www.hollywoodchamber.org/Leadership-hollywood, call 954 923 4000, or email marie@hollywood-chamber.org

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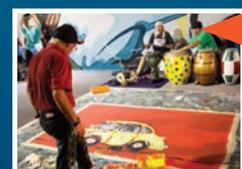
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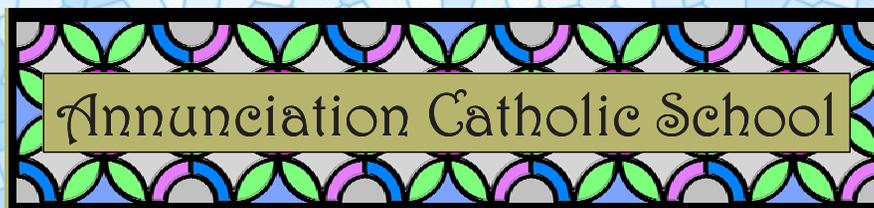
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