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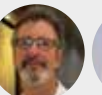
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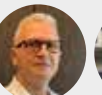
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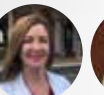
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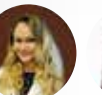
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For more info visit

[www.HollywoodHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.HollywoodHistoricalSociety.org).



## SEPTEMBER 4

### Dream Car Classic Show

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## SEPTEMBER 5

### Labor Day

Labor Day is celebrated to honor & recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. President Grover Cleveland signed the first National Bill recognizing the holiday into law in 1894. It marks the traditional end of summer and beginning of the school year. Labor Day is a great time to spend with family and friends as the weather gets a bit more forgiving in South Florida.



## SEPTEMBER 10

### Full Moon Drum Circle

Bring a drum or percussion instrument to the ArtsPark and participate in a guided drum circle. All skill levels welcome. Meet at the Palm Court (West Side). 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at ArtsPark at Young Circle, Hollywood.



## SEPTEMBER 10

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## SEPTEMBER 11

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## SEPTEMBER 17

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## SEPTEMBER 19

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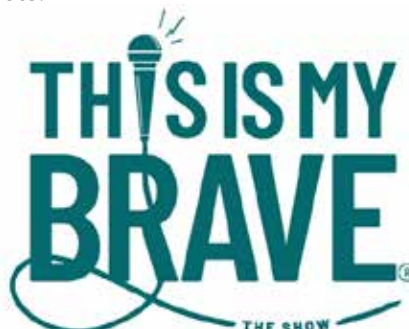
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# Art and Culture Center/Hollywood Announces 2022 Florida Biennial Artists

By Terry Jaillet

The Art and Culture Center/Hollywood presents contemporary gallery exhibitions, live stage performances, and award-winning education programs in the visual and performing arts at three unique facilities in downtown Hollywood. The Center's mission is to cultivate creativity and the support of the arts in our community through education, innovation, and collaboration.

The Art and Culture Center/Hollywood is pleased to announce that 24 artists have been selected to participate in the upcoming 2022 Florida Biennial. This 11th edition of the Center's Biennial was juried by Ylva Rouse, Senior Curator at MOCA Jacksonville. Rouse reviewed over 1,000 submitted works from 349 artists from cities throughout Florida. From the large number of submissions, 24 artists, representing eight Florida counties were selected by Rouse.

The exhibition is organized by the Center's Curator Meaghan Kent, and will be on view from October 15, 2022 through February 5, 2023.

## The following artists have been selected for the Biennial:

- Javier Barrera (Miami Beach)
- Isabella Cardim Faro (Key Biscayne)
- Christopher Clark (Jacksonville)
- Elaine Defibaugh (Miami)
- Dana Marie Donaty (Boynton Beach)
- Christian Feneck (Ft Lauderdale)
- Brendhan Garland (Gainesville)
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- Zaplaflora (Jesús F Torres) (Hialeah)

Through a plethora of mediums, from site-responsive installations, video, painting, sculpture, and photography, to conceptual art – the artists in the exhibition will address themes that are often directly, or sometimes more loosely connected to the world and current events, as well as general themes that define the recent developments and significant changes of our era.

One of the artists will also be selected for a solo exhibition next year (2023).

This year's exhibition is being judged by Ylva Rouse, who currently serves as Senior Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Jacksonville, Florida, overseeing the exhibitions and collection of the institution. Ylva is joined by Curator, Meaghan Kent, who is Curator of Exhibitions at the Art and Culture Center/Hollywood. She is the Founder of Site95, an organization that holds exhibitions in available spaces including Locust Projects, Abrons Arts Center, and public outdoor spaces in Miami and New York.



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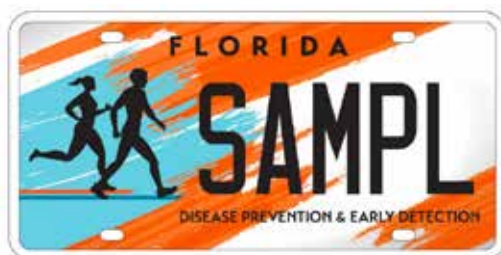


**The community outreach program at Hollywood Kia marks one year since The Women's Breast & Heart Initiative's designation as the first official Florida license plate that supports disease prevention & early detection.**

**T**he Women's Breast & Heart Initiative (WBHI)— a leader in Disease Prevention & Early Detection— joins Hollywood Kia on October 12th during Breast Cancer Awareness Month to bring critical disease prevention educational strategies and early detection access and resources to the local community. In keeping with their commitment to the community, the 2nd annual event is being held at the flagship Hollywood Kia, known throughout South Florida for its local contributions including breast cancer awareness programs. The event offers screening mammograms at no cost and by appointment only. **To secure an appointment, women in the area are directed to contact WBHI at 305-825-4081.**

"We are so delighted to once again partner with Hollywood Kia and together advance healthy communities," states Andrea Ivory, WBHI's founder and executive director. "Through our work we know that

early detection and disease deterrent lifestyles help transform and save lives. Delayed, or missed screenings could lead to disease diagnosed at a later stage with poorer outcomes, but with partners like Hollywood Kia, our community outreach makes a difference."



A leader in fostering healthy communities, WBHI was recently designated the first official Florida license plate designed to support Disease Prevention & Early Detection. Pre-sale vouchers are available at [flbreasthealth.com/licenseplate](http://flbreasthealth.com/licenseplate) to provide increased education and awareness relating to early detection, prevention, and screening of breast and heart issues. Voucher pre-orders will be available during the exclusive community event at Hollywood Kia on October 12th.

During the event at Hollywood Kia, WBHI will also offer a series of heart screenings including cholesterol, hypertension, and glucose. In addition, educational tools will be provided with information to help reduce risk, manage levels, and promote early detection, while modeling a healthy lifestyle.

Through its community partnerships, WBHI offers screenings for early detection, health education, care coordination and patient navigation. Aligning with WBHI's mission to combat disease through healthy lifestyles and ensure access to preventative care for all, the Florida specialty license plate

"Disease Prevention & Early Detection" bill went into effect October 1st and is available to the general public, benefiting The Women's Breast & Heart Initiative.

Disease prevention and early detection are critical to fostering healthy communities. WBHI is a leader in providing breast and heart health education and resources through a comprehensive strategy serving South Florida communities.

The Women's Breast & Heart Initiative (WBHI) is dedicated to changing and saving lives while providing at-risk women with the prevention and early detection necessary to beat the odds of breast cancer and heart disease. The organization firmly believes that early detection and living disease deterrent lifestyles are critical in the prevention of breast cancer and heart disease, the leading causes of death for women. Throughout the year, WBHI provides women in South Florida with valuable education, screening, and resources regarding their health.



**Steven Gutstein**, Managing Partner, Hollywood Kia and **Andrea Ivory**, Executive Director, Women's Breast & Heart Initiative



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General Sales Manager, Hollywood Kia

► For more info about The Women's Breast & Heart Initiative, visit [www.flbreasthealth.com](http://www.flbreasthealth.com) or call 866-315-7711.



# Hollywood, Start Your Engines DREAM CAR CLASSIC RETURNS

By Beverly Perkins

**T**he Dream Car Classic, presented by Cobra Joe Productions, has made a great come-back to the downtown Hollywood area. The monthly event is revved up and ready for the fall season.

Expect to see dozens of automobiles lined up along the Boulevard. The classic car show gives gearheads and auto enthusiasts a chance to bring their pristine "pride and joy" rides out to show them off to the public on a stretch of Hollywood Boulevard right in the heart of the city.

Cobra Joe Productions take car shows to the next level as they can be found all over South Florida and surrounding areas. Their philosophy is that all car shows and events should be enjoyable for both participants and spectators. Additionally, besides the classics, their shows are open to a multitude of vehicles such as hot rods, customs, muscle cars, tricked-out trucks, classic motorcycles, and late models.

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enthusiasts have the opportunity to engage and interact with each other in a setting created especially for them. This kind of environment allows them to exchange ideas and thoughts on this popular pastime. The car craze has been around for decades, and even celebrities such as Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster) have been known to make appearances at these local expos.

If you have a cam and carb that you would like to display, you can register your vehicle for a nominal fee of \$20. Vehicles can also be registered the morning of the show as space permits. Participation for judging is limited to 85 vehicles and the top 30 vehicles will receive a trophy.

Of course, all the events are family-friendly and young ones are encouraged to attend. Spectator attendance is free and many restaurants discount menus. Don't drive yourself crazy, if you missed the last one, you could catch the next as they are held on the first Sunday of each month.



► The Dream Car Classic is held on the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 am -3:00 pm - Hollywood Boulevard between 19th & 20th Avenue in Downtown Hollywood. For more information and car registration, please visit [www.CobraJoeProductions.com](http://www.CobraJoeProductions.com).



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Lilli believes that being a Realtor is more than just buying and selling homes, it's also about being involved in the community and giving back. She serves on the MLS Committee for the Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie Realtors Association and is on the LoKation Real Estate Leadership Council. Lilli is a trustee member of the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Hollywood LGBTQ+ Council, and is a member of the Dania Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Lilli is also part of the Sofar Sounds Fort Lauderdale team, sponsors the local Shamrock Comedy Club shows, and is a member of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts 'Ghost Light Society.' She is actively involved with the Humane Society



of Broward County, where she participates in multiple groups and committees, and donates a portion of each sale to the organization.

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# HOLLYWOOD HAS A NEW WEAPON AGAINST POTHOLES

One of the most frustrating and infuriating things drivers run into when living in a city like Hollywood are potholes. In fact, according to the American Automobile Association, U.S. drivers suffer more than \$3 Billion a year in damages from potholes. Have no fear, however, Hollywood drivers will likely see fewer potholes than ever from now on.

The city recently purchased a high-tech machine to combat those annoying gaps in pavement. The Python 5000 Asphalt Pothole Patching Machine has been delivered and deployed city-wide to attack potholes. The Python 5000 is the only product on the market with multiple functions, all-in-one, that a single employee can operate.

The machine does the work of a standard crew of three to quickly and efficiently repair potholes. An average-size pothole can take between 30-40 minutes of manpower to repair. The new equipment can typically com-

plete the repair in under 5 minutes. While the Python 5000 operator is focused on repairing smaller holes, Hollywood's crews are out tackling the larger repairs to ensure a smoother ride on our roads.

The Python 5000 was purchased for just under \$500,000 using transactional funds collected from the recent sale of Margaritaville, as well as general capital funds. The machine's incredible efficiency should leave Hollywood roads smoother for all drivers.

One existing user commented, "workers were able to fill 75 potholes and 7 longitudinal voids in 2 hours, demonstrating unprecedented pothole patching productivity and efficiency with minimal impact on roadway traffic by using rolling lane closures."

It might be time to invest in those fancy wheels you had your eyes on. With the Hollywood's Python 5000 on the streets, we are sure to have smoother roads ahead!



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# SCHECK HILLEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

One of the world's largest Jewish day schools will welcome a prestigious new Head of School on August 1, 2022.

Scheck Hillel Community School is eager to grow from Rabbi Ari Leubitz's extensive school leadership experience, having most recently served as Head of School at Atlanta Jewish Academy and at Oakland Hebrew Day School. A visionary educator, he also has held the role of mentor and coach in the Day School Leadership Training Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary since 2015. Rabbi Leubitz's impressive record of strategic planning and fundraising, faculty and talent development, and educational leadership naturally pair with the Blue Ribbon School's academic, college preparatory profile, mission, vision and values, and unmatched sense of community.

"Everybody talks about community. Yet I felt it in this school - Scheck Hillel Community School - like I have never ever felt it in any other school," Rabbi Leubitz shared at the school's 2022 Annual Meeting in June.

Upon the school's recent 50th anniversary celebration, Rabbi Leubitz's appointment as Head of School marks an exciting new era of Scheck Hillel's growth on campus and in the greater community.

"Rabbi Leubitz brings a strong track record of success and, most importantly, he has a kind heart and will provide a fresh perspective so we may continue to reach new heights within Scheck Hillel's deep tradition of excellence," reflected Isaac Marcushamer, Chair of the Board of Governors.

Advancing with bold vision, timeless values, and enduring identity, Scheck Hillel is designing Jewish education for a new generation.

## About Scheck Hillel Community School

Scheck Hillel Community School educates and inspires students 18 months-Grade 12 to become exemplary global citizens with enduring Jewish identity and values through an individualized college preparatory curriculum highlighted by Design/STEM, Capstone Seminar, college dual enrollment, arts,

athletics, and community service. Its 14-acres include a 115,000-sq.-ft athletic complex with academic expansion plans. Set within a nurturing, diverse community, Scheck Hillel is one of the world's largest Jewish community day schools and a U.S. Blue Ribbon School. For more information, to schedule a private family tour, or to learn about the school's High School Merit Scholarship, please call 305.931.2831 or visit eHillel.org.



## ■ COMMUNITY NEWS



# HOLLYWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS ARE PART OF WHAT MAKES THE CITY GREAT

By Alex Bruno

I have lived in Hollywood for over 25 years. It is a great place to live. One thing I have learned over those 25 years is

the importance Civic Associations have in our city. There are twelve (12) Civic Associations that make up the Hollywood Council of Civic Associations.

All members of these associations are volunteers looking for the best for our neighborhoods. We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood addressing a wide range of issues that affect the community. It is a responsibility and a commitment to the residents of our neighborhoods to be their voice. Civic Associations help resolve local issues and are a great way to meet neighbors.

Civic Associations are also an important way to communicate with and influence city and county officials. Different



departments from the city will meet with us and explain how they work. Hollywood government groups like the Community

Redevelopment Agency (CRA) discuss future projects and developments in the neighborhood and how they will affect current and future residents.

Frequently local commissioners will participate and meet with residents to answer our concerns. Civic Associations are a great way to meet code enforcement and the Police Department. We always participate in the Hollywood PD's annual Night Out. We are a gathering for families and neighbors to get together.

We get to meet the SWAT team, K9 unit, and first responders who keep us safe. We also get to put the name to the face of those working in our city and get a more personalized relationship.

► Scan the QR code to learn more about your Civic Association and become a member and participate or learn more about Our City or visit [www.hccacentral.org](http://www.hccacentral.org).



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# Holocaust Education & Documentation Center Hosts

## *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*



They are currently exhibiting an intensive presentation: *The Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race* Exhibition explores the history of eugenics and the inhumane, criminal practices the Nazi Party utilized between 1933-1945.

The Nazis, fueled by a genocidal ideology, aimed to eliminate those they deemed “life unworthy of life.” The Nazis and the medical professionals who furthered this ideology began with forced sterilizations and escalated to the “Euthanasia” Programs and Aktion T4 program, the goals of which were experimentation and mass murder.

This Exhibition highlights many of these physicians, including Josef Mengele, known as the “Angel of Death,” who experimented on twins. These murderous practices left a mark on the medical field forever, including on medical ethics and social responsibility today. *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race* walks us through this dark part of history and reminds us to continue the fight never to let it happen again.

The exhibit is free of charge for visitors. The museum also offers the ability to tour this

exhibition using QR code scanning. Bring your smartphone and headphones to be able to take advantage of this feature. The exhibit will be open until September 15, 2022.

► The First South Florida Holocaust Museum is located at 303 N Federal Highway, Dania Beach. It is open 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. For more info visit [www.hdec.org](http://www.hdec.org) or call 954-929-5690.



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**T**he Holocaust Documentation & Education Center (HDEC) was created in 1980. Its Founders, the late Arnold Picker, and Abe Halpern envisioned the HDEC as “A Living Memorial through Education” – through the collecting and archiving of Holocaust eyewitness oral history testimonies (Oral History Collection). From its inception, the mission of the HDEC was embraced in its name: to document and educate.

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# DANIA AFTER DARK

## SEPTEMBER 10TH

**D**ania After Dark (DAD), is a monthly street festival established in 2018 and presented by the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency to create a sense of place and community space for Dania Beach residents, businesses, and visitors to enjoy family-friendly entertainment in the heart of downtown Dania Beach.

DAD is held in the current City Hall compound. This event is setting the stage for proposed art and entertainment area in the heart of downtown Dania Beach which will foster business development and the enhancement of existing businesses in the area. DAD is held on the second Saturday of each month, showcasing all forms of art and craft, music, food, and culture.

Some favorite features of the event are the kids' corner which features art projects and games, food trucks, and entertainment. For art aficionados, a live art piece is produced on-site by a South Florida artist at each installment. Nonstop music throughout the event from 5:00 pm to 10:00pm is the main attraction as

patrons relax on the greens and enjoy Dania Beach's hospitality.

The pet-friendly event is sponsored by the Dania Beach Community Development Agency, who's mission is to provide the expertise and strategic investments needed to implement inclusive strategies that enhance financial security; expand business opportunities; stimulate private investment; foster revitalization; and improve the quality of life for our diverse community.

Dania After Dark is hosted at the area around Dania Beach City Hall. More than 40 artisans turn up to create a mall around the City Hall fountain providing new designs and one-of-a-kind brands. You can find ethnic and vintage clothing, accessories, bric-à-brac, home goods, jewelry, and other charming pieces. DAD provides that opportunity to find something unique. Come out and support these highly skilled independent entrepreneurs.

► Dania After Dark in on September 10 at Dania Beach City Hall more info visit [www.DaniaBeachAfterDark.com](http://www.DaniaBeachAfterDark.com).





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# STUDENTS ARE WELCOMED TO SCHOOL with Increased Security Measures

**B**roward County Public Schools (BCPS) welcomed students back to the classroom on Tuesday, August 16th. Students styled their favorite lunch boxes and proudly carried new binders in their backpacks as they rode on one of the county's 1,000 school buses.



The children may be less aware of a number of changes at Broward's schools that are less visible.

Several upgraded security measures have been implemented this year. These include technology upgrades and increased security personnel at each county school. Students and faculty will continue to be required to wear their student identification lanyards throughout the day. Some of the new security measures, however, won't be quite as visible.

"Many cameras throughout our schools have been upgraded. Enhancing those cameras from analog to digital and also having additional security measures as you come into the school as you're entering the schools (were a priority)," said Jaime Alberti, BCPS's new Chief Safety and Security Officer. "It's not just about the technology but also about ensuring that we have the personnel that supports the schools and provides additional security at that school."

A critical aspect of preventing tragedies like the one at Stoneman Douglas High School is identifying threats before they do something

horrible. The 2022/23 school year will be the first year the county's Behavioral Threat Assessment Department will be active. The department will coordinate and implement the school system's newly revised Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA) Procedures.

BTA Procedures incorporate the most updated recommendations from national leaders in threat assessment, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Secret Service, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). With the goal of maintaining safe and secure schools, the County's Behavioral Threat Assessment Procedures Manual outlines and provides guidance to school and district staff on the most current threat assessment policies and procedures for Broward County Public Schools.

▶ To report a school safety concern or troubling behavior, contact BCPS's Special Investigative Unit (SIU) at 754-321-350. All reports & tips will be kept confidential. <https://www.browardschools.com/securitytips>

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# THE NEED FOR MEDICAID PLANNING

By Yoni Markhoff

One of the greatest fears of older Americans is that they may end up in a nursing home. This not only means a great loss of personal autonomy, but also a tremendous financial strain. Careful planning can help ease the financial burden.

The average cost of a nursing home in South Florida is \$11,000 monthly. Most people end up paying for nursing home care out of their savings until they run out. Then they can qualify for Medicaid to pick up the cost.

Careful planning, whether in advance or in response to an unanticipated need for care, can help protect your estate, whether for your spouse or for your children. This can be done by making sure you receive the benefits to which you are entitled under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Veterans may also seek benefits from the Veterans Administration.

Those who are not in immediate need of long-term care may have the luxury of distributing or protecting their assets in advance. This way, when they do need long-term care, they will quickly qualify for Medicaid benefits. Every case is different. Some have more savings or income than others. Some are married, others are single. Some have family support, others do not. Some own their own homes, some rent. Still, there are a number of basic strategies and tools that are typically used in Medicaid planning.

- Yoni Markhoff serves on various committees and organizations, including President of The Broward Coalition on Aging, founding member of The Miami Dade Coalition on Aging, Chairperson of the Advisory Council for The Miami Alliance for the Aging, Secretary of Florida Association of Directors of Nursing, and Chairperson of The Miami Dade School Board Committee on Small Business Procurement. Yoni enjoys mountain bike riding, horseback riding, and spending quality time with his two kids.



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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



# HOLLYWOOD UPDATE

By Mayor Josh Levy

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As summer vacation ends and children head back to school, we will be sharing the road with students, buses, and bicyclists. It's an important time to remind everyone to slow down and pay attention. The Hollywood Police Department has the following reminders from Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

### MOTORISTS AND SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- All drivers moving in either direction on a two-way street or highway with paved median must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal, and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- Motorists on a highway divided by a raised barrier or unpaved median driving in the opposite direction do not have to stop for the bus, but should slow down and watch for students.
- Be alert and watch for children, especially near schools, bus stops, school buses, and in school parking lots.
- Pay extra attention to lower speed limits in school zones.
- Watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.
- Only drive or park in authorized areas to drop off or pick up children at school.

### SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING

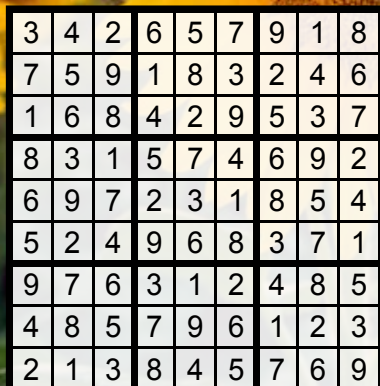
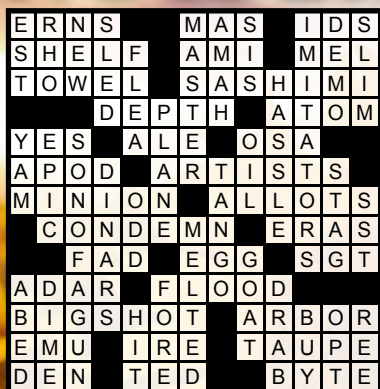
- Fines are doubled for speeding in a school zone.
- Special speed limit signs are posted around schools to alert you as you enter the zone.
- School buses will also be entering or exiting the school.
- Keep your focus on driving and make other activities secondary.
- Be alert and pay attention to the flashing speed limit sign, the stopped school bus, or the construction ahead sign.

Do your part to make sure kids are safe as they head back to school. For more Public Safety tips and information, visit [www.hollywoodpolice.org](http://www.hollywoodpolice.org).

Sincerely,

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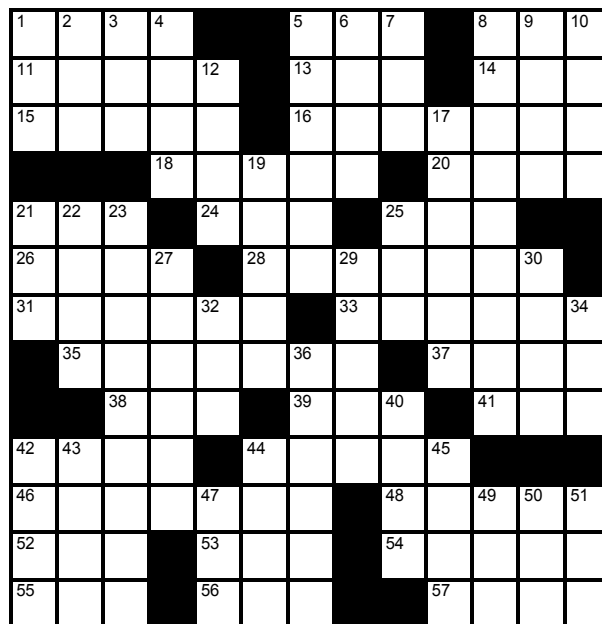
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# PUZZLES

## Across

- 1 Coastal raptors
- 5 More, in Madrid
- 8 Psyches
- 11 Ledge
- 13 Parisian pal
- 14 Actor Gibson
- 15 After bath or beach
- 16 Japanese raw deal?
- 18 Ocean measure
- 20 Molecule part
- 21 Survey choice
- 24 Barley brew
- 25 *Tokyo Rose* actress Massen
- 26 Footless animal
- 28 Painters
- 31 Subordinate
- 33 Apportions
- 35 Declare unfit, like a building
- 37 Notable times
- 38 Craze
- 39 Grade A item
- 41 Cpl.'s superior
- 42 Jewish month
- 44 Inundate
- 46 VIP, usually
- 48 Garden spot
- 52 Outback runner
- 53 Intense anger
- 54 Brownish gray
- 55 Cozy room
- 56 Rocker Nugent



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57 Memory unit

## Down

- 1 Winter hours in CT
- 2 Frat letter
- 3 Not used
- 4 Pung, e.g.
- 5 Type of key
- 6 Chinese nurse
- 7 Marie, to Donny
- 8 Mimics

- 9 Floor model
- 10 Slender
- 12 Dog pest
- 17 Annoy
- 19 Carpenter's tool
- 21 Air potato
- 22 Colossal
- 23 Words of surprise
- 25 Salad topper
- 27 Rial parts
- 29 Ballroom dance

- 30 Buck
- 32 Peculiar
- 34 Retired flier inits.
- 36 Thawed
- 40 Weed eater
- 42 Sacked out
- 43 Thin coin
- 44 Duffer's cry
- 45 Colorless
- 47 Best seller
- 49 Purchase
- 50 Select
- 51 Sandpiper



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