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This and That....Odds and Ends

Scuttle The Skittles?

Skittles lovers please be aware that a class action lawsuit has been filed against **Mars Candy**, the makers of **Skittles** claiming the candy is '**not fit for human consumption**' because one of multicolored candy's ingredients is **Titanium Dioxide**, a food coloring that is a known toxin and banned in Europe. Haven't had any Skittles in a long time but sure like the TV commercials where the awkward teenagers break out in Skittle pimples.

Taste The Rainbow but eat at your own risk!



Skittles acne brought this handsome couple together in weird TV spot



Declared dead in 2010, some claim Jimmy Dean is above ground and still doing sausage commercials.

Jimmy Dean Is Alive and Well?

Speaking of TV commercials, it creeps me out every time I hear **Jimmy Dean** hocking his sausage, especially since ol' Jimmy, died in 2010 at age 81.....or did he? Some conspiracy theorists believe he's still alive and point to the latest commercials. **The Sara Lee Company** owns the **Jimmy Dean Sausage** name and claims the current ads have been dug from the archives when Dean was the spokesman but no evidence of the current ads can be found before 2021, adding to the conjecture that Dean is still among us. Voice recognition experts agree that the voice in the ads is in the exact audio range of a 93-year old man and Dean had (has) a voice nearly impossible to imitate. Several sites have popped up claiming Jimmy Dean is being held hostage and is hogtied down at the pig pens, forced to eat slop and voice the commercials for nothing. **freejimmy.com** posted: "**Sara Lee has always been cheap and after Mike Pence** was certified as the winner of

the 2020 presidential election, anything is possible. We believe Jimmy Dean is still kickin' "

The multitalented Dean had a #1 hit song in 1961 with '**Big Bad John**' and won an **Academy Award** for **Best Supporting Actor** in the **James Bond** film, **Diamonds Are Forever** in 1971. In his 1998 memoir, Dean claimed he should have won the **Oscar** for **Leading Actor**, since **Sean Connery's** role as Bond had to be reduced because '**he was drinking martinis on the set all day long, shaken, not stirred.**'

Dead or alive, **The Jimmy Dean Museum** is open daily in his hometown of **Plainview, Texas**. He was well known for his sausage in Plainview long before he became an entertainer and got in the pork business. Admission is free with the purchase of a Jimmy Dean T-shirt or any pork product in the museum's gift shop.



Jimmy Dean sausage is consumed by more than 100 million Americans and is considered the missing link to a great breakfast.



Hollywood city officials are headed west to convince Arkansas town to change its name.

Hollywood Delegation Headed For Arkansas.

Forrest City will have a new name if Hollywood officials have their say. The Arkansas town of 13,000 is named after Confederate officer and **Klu Klux Klan Grand Wizard, General Nathan**

Bedford Forrest. Forrest had a Hollywood Street named for him until 2017 when commissioners, in a move of political correctness renamed streets, **Forrest, Lee** and **Hood** (all Confederate Generals) to **Freedom, Liberty** and **Hope**, barely beating out other suggested street names, **Happy, Fluffy** and **Michael Bolton Avenue**

In early 2023, an eight person delegation of Hollywood officials and business owners will travel to Forrest City to meet with locals and tell them how great life can be

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Cap's Corner

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without the name of the historically disgraced General on city signs. "We only changed the name of streets," said Hollywood hardware store owner, **Ace Lowe**, who will be making the Arkansas trip, "and life has improved exponentially. Can you imagine how the lives of our Arkansas brothers and sisters will be enriched by renaming the whole town? We'll be making suggestions like **Obama**, **George Floyd** or **Benjamin Crump City** but it's up to the residents to come up with a name. Choice is what democracy is all about, especially when they realize we know what's best for them."

Forrest City is 70% black and has its third black mayor currently in office. They've been through this before with outside do-gooders. "Our position is that the name is part of our legacy," said Forrest City historian, **Mabel Lincoln**. "Plus, there aren't many trees around here so it's good to have some Forrest. Nathaniel Forrest was not a good person but his name is a reminder we have to strive for racial equality, denounce hate and forgive our enemies. A lot of people in Illinois don't like the band, **Chicago**, but nobody's clamoring to change the name of that city."

Note: Forrest City is home to singer, Al Green and blues legend, Albert King, spent most of his childhood there.

Speaking of Name Changes and Political Correctness.

This applies mostly to fishermen but everyone should be aware that the fish long known as the **Asian Carp** has a new name. Due to the backlash against the Asian community during the pandemic, the fish will now be called **Grass Carp** or

Copi Carp. These names were taken as alternatives for two reasons. First, the species that originated in Vietnam, has a fondness for marijuana. They are voracious eaters that can wipe out native fish populations, especially when they have the munchies. Second, the **Copi Carp** term applies to their ability to *cope* in any water condition with reports of some of the fish living in urban toilets and surviving up to 300 flushes.

The name ban (spoken and written) goes into effect January 1, 2023 with first time offenders using the **Asian Carp** term receiving warnings with a second offense fineable up to \$250. Some anglers have questioned the need for this new regulation and believe Fish and Game officials are being **Koi** about the name change.



The Asian carp will from hereon be known as the Grass carp or Copi Carp.

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Alexandria C. San Francisco... The food was amazing! Huge portions and everything cooked to perfection. The best FRICKING bacon I've had in years and our server, Tasmania, was above expectations. My husband and I will be back. Jack's is a new tradition for us!



Chris W. We love this place and come every week. We try different items and the food is always very good. The 24-hour schedule is great! We're night owls and often get in from the airport and head straight for Jack's. Melissa the cook is amazing and we love spending time with our waitresses, Felicia and Jennifer.



John P. Hollywood My sister and I have been coming here of years. Everything is great...the best meatloaf in town.



Tony R. Forest City, NC Great food and prompt friendly service. Jack's is a Hollywood landmark. Huge portions cooked to perfection. My chicken fried steak was so tender I didn't need a knife. Their omelettes are five eggs!



Denis F. I eat breakfast and dinner at Jack's 3-4 times a week. The price is right and the portions are good. Be sure and check the 'White Board' for the daily specials. You got to try it!



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AROUND TOWN

by Cap Peterson

November is Hollywood's Recycling Month.

Although recycling should happen every day, November in Hollywood is a reminder that *Mother Nature* needs a helping hand. Since 1992, Hollywood has held November recycling events and urges people to make sure trash ends up in the right place. Hollywood merchants have pledged 200 shopping carts to downtown residents to help pick up paper and plastic items and some of the carts even have wheels that don't lock up. This year's event will include prizes for the most plastic and cardboard collected and the best clothing made from



Hollywood resident, Howard Rump, helps with downtown recycling each November. His clothing is made completely from discarded plastic.

recycled material. "It's all for a good cause," said last year's fashion winner, **Howard Rump**. "and it's always a challenge to come up with a new outfit every year but this is not my first recycling rodeo. Last year my tight shorts, reveling top and high heels were made from *Good and Plenty* boxes and 'Big Hunk' candy bar wrappers. Some people may *Snickers* but there's a reason I'm known as *Mr. Goodbar*."

Los Angeles 'French Dip' Eatery Opening in Hollywood

Philippe's, a Los Angeles dining institution since 1912, took 110 years to decide on a second location and finally picked downtown Hollywood, Florida. Known for being the birthplace of the **French Dip Sandwich**, Philippe's ownership checked out numerous United States sites



Philippe's French dip sandwich will attempt to replace poutine as the French Canadian meal of choice while in south Florida.



LA's Philippe's restaurant is opening a Hollywood location in hopes of improving the health of French Canadian visitors

before choosing Hollywood. A partnership with the **Broward County Health Department** (BCHD) sealed the deal. In an attempt to get Quebec snowbirds to stop eating their beloved poutine while in Florida, the county gave Philippe's a \$12 million grant to entice the LA eatery to expand to Hollywood Boulevard. "We're not saying that a roast beef sandwich on a white roll, dipped in roasting pan drippings is a healthy food, but our emergency services are overtaxed during the winter months because of the poutine," explained BCHD Director, **Dr. Willard Wellbee**. "The combination of French fries, gravy and cheese curd causes arteries to clog quickly and the county doesn't have enough ambulances to pick up all those suddenly stricken. We have to get them *roto-root-*

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The Commissioner's Corner Hollywood Beach District Commissioner, Caryl Shuham

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of summer and that students are off to a terrific school year!

I am thrilled to let you know that come November, I will begin my second term as City of Hollywood *Commissioner for District 1*. Because our campaign was unopposed, I have already technically been re-elected and am looking forward to continuing our work together to make Hollywood the best it can be. Idelma Quintana was also unopposed in her campaign and will soon be the new District 6 commissioner. Idelma will be a wonderful addition to the Commission bringing years of community involvement and legislative experience.

Hollywood has accomplished many things since my election in November 2018. Each of the commissioners leave their unique mark on Hollywood and below are a few of the changes since 2018 that I pursued with lots of help from residents and city staff and support of the rest of the commission:

- The Hollywood Police Department will start wearing body cameras.
- Hollywood has the most stringent post-2011 Short Term Vacation Rental ordinance in the state and is being modeled by other impacted cities.
- Hollywood now has one of the toughest single use plastics bans on municipal property in Florida (including Hollywood's beach and Broadwalk).
- Our lakes are now covered by an improved City marine/anchoring ordinance and soon will be designated as "anchoring limitation areas" under a county ordinance and state statute.
- Hollywood now has a much-improved noise ordinance and our code/police officers are armed with noise detectors to enforce it.
- Our beach and Broadwalk are now patrolled by a new class of unarmed Community Service Officers (CSOs) for minor but constant infractions like excessive

bike speeds, dogs, and obnoxiously loud amplifiers. We also implemented safer rules and regulations on the Broadwalk and as of 6/1/22, banned dangerous banana bikes.

- Hollywood now has a mandatory public outreach requirement by project developers to inform the surrounding community of proposed projects.
- We got ahead of the communications companies (notwithstanding another state preemption) and passed a telecommunication ordinance restricting the placement of new 5G equipment in city rights-of-way.
- There's a new Hollywood investment policy that is more ethically responsible by precluding city investment in fossil fuels, firearms or tobacco products. The new policy also encourages investments in socially responsible entities that support community well-being through safe, clean and environmentally sound practices, and that promote equality of rights regardless of race, religion, color, ancestry, age, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or place of birth.
- The City expanded our dog beach hours from 3 partial days to 7 full days per week



The Hollywood Dog Beach is now accessible every day to mutts and their masters.

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By Robin Drulard

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“He was like the Bert Parks of the Miss Hollywood Pageant,” Augie’s son, Hollywood attorney Alan Paoli, agreed. “He was the city attorney back then, quite involved with various civic organizations, and he was asked to be the pageant MC -- that was one of



Judy Sessa was named Mrs. Hollywood in 1954 at the age of 20

residents were sure a bunch of late partiers!
“We sure do miss those times...we had some great Miss Hollywoods’ and Miss Teens Hollywoods”; who represented us,” said Debra Gronvold, Executive Director of the Hollywood Jaycees, which sponsored the competitions. Gronvold, the former Pageant



HERE SHE COMES... MRS. HOLLYWOOD...

Hollywood Beauty Queens? You bet! Both Miss Hollywood and Mrs. Hollywood pageants were held from the 1920s, until quite recently, with a few breaks in between. Fern Peck, later McMann, was the first Miss Hollywood in the mid-1920's. In 1947, the pageant was in its heyday and Wilma Mae Tucker, later Carvel, held the title of Miss Hollywood. “It was quite an exciting year, recalled Tucker, Carvel,93. “My sister got me

involved, and there were two gentlemen -- Augie Paoli and Ralph Lawson who took me to a lot of the places I had to go to represent Hollywood.”
“He was like the Bert Parks of the Miss Hollywood Pageant,” Augie’s son, Hollywood attorney Alan Paoli, agreed. “He was the city attorney back then, quite involved with various civic organizations, and he was asked to be the pageant MC -- that was one of the most fun things he did to give back. We even have old super 8 movies of it.”
“It brings back a lot of fun memories,” said Tucker. “I have a picture of me with Mr. Paoli, and one of me when I won. I was truthfully in shock! I think back on it often. It was a thrill, a lot of fun and I enjoyed every minute of it.”
A record crowd was expected at the Hollywood Beach Casino Pool for the Pageant, on June 17, 1950. The event opened with a swimsuit competition followed by one in evening gowns. Next up was a talent show which included singing, dancing, modeling of clothing the girls made themselves, and a water ballet in the famous pool.
Entertainment followed: a comedy show, two parades of former winners, the crowning of the new Miss Hollywood, and finally, the Coronation Ball.
Considering that the event started at 9 pm, those old Hollywood

Director and “Behind-the-Scene Queen”, noted that several Miss Hollywood delegates went on to compete and score highly in the Miss Florida and Miss USA Pageants. Grant Gravitt agrees. His family’s company, Tel-Air Interests, ran the state competition from 1978 till 2017, bringing Florida pageants to the newly-reopened Diplomat Hotel in the year 2000.
“Hollywood was always the grandest pageant in the state,” he noted. “We did Miss Florida a lot here. It was a live TV pageant and we were the host city. Everyone would of course root for the Hollywood girl, and the winner would get a key to the city; it was a big deal in the freaky little fiefdom that is the world of pageantry. At one time Hollywood was truly the pageant capital of the state.”
Gravitt, a self-described “defender of the industry”, explained that the Florida pageants were not the beauty pageants depicted on reality TV today “We never got those types of girls who were burned out by 12 or 13,” he said. “We were about progressive women trying to get ahead. The girls in our contests were career-driven and saw this as a step to what they wanted to do. I always taught my girls to get business cards and



Miss Ft. Lauderdale and Miss Hollywood enjoy the beach in 1947



ments! And their home addresses! My personal favorite headline: “They’re not only attractive, but they can cook, sew and keep house too!”
Boy, how times have changed.
Judy Kent Sessa, at 20, was one of the youngest girls to ever win the Mrs. Hollywood title “It was so much fun,” recalled Sessa. “Hollywood didn’t really have a lot going on back then, and with all the clapping and carrying on, it was just a fun thing.” At the time of her competition in 1954, she was 20 years old and the mother of one. Her husband John was defending the USA in the Korean War. She went on to compete in the Mrs. Florida pageant where she was named Mrs. Congeniality. “I ended up having five more children as soon as my husband came back, and my pageant days were over,” she laughed.
In the Hollywood Broadwalk sunshine, one can still see the royalty in Sessa, who is now approaching 90.“I wasn’t so beautiful, just attractive,” Sessa said modestly. “And I think I’m still holding my own! But, you can’t be a beauty queen forever.”
Judy, we beg to differ.



Judy Sessa is still a Hollywood Beach beauty!
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I will always make myself and my office available to you on any matter in which you feel I may be helpful. I am looking forward to working together with you and all my constituents to make District 6 and all of Hollywood a better place of choice to live, work and play.

Once I assume the office of District 6 Commissioner, I may be reached at 954-921-3321 or email me at quintana@hollywoodfl.org.

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October 8 - Smashing Pumpkins + Jane’s Addiction- Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 6:30 pm. These two legendary alt-rock bands team up for their Spirits On Fire Tour. They have a long history together since The Smashing Pumpkins opened for Jane’s Addiction in 1988.

October 15 – Chris Stapleton’s All American Road Show Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 7 pm.

This country artist with eight Grammy Awardshas a knack for astonishing people with just how good he is in concert.



October 19 & 20 – Pitbull

Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 8 pm.

South Florida’s very own Armando Christian Perez, better known as Pitbull, is an international superstar known for his sexy Latin hip hop. The Can’t Stop Us Now Tour will include Mr. Worldwide’s new hit “Can’t Stop Us Now” and his #1 hit, “Give Me Everything.”

October 22 – Amos Lee

The Parker, Ft. Lauderdale, 7:30 pm.

On his new album, Dreamland, there’s a certain sophistication to this singer-songwriter’s eighth album with his own brand of folk, rock and soul. The Parker is the perfect venue for this talented artist.

October 25 – Greta Van Fleet

Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 7 pm.

These young hard rockers are often compared to Led Zeppelin but they are no tribute band and will really rock their Dreams InGold tour.

October 28 – Stevie Nicks



Culture Room, Ft. Lauderdale, 7:30 pm.

Bob Dylan’s son, Jakob Dylan, has had much success fronting his own rock band for over thirty years and seven great albums. To see this superb band in a smaller venue is a real treat. Be prepared to stand.

November 11- Joe Satriani

The Parker, Ft. Lauderdale, 8 pm.

Guitar hero Satriani brings his Earth Tour to town to electrify and dazzle.

November 12 - Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes – Au-Rene Theater at the Bro-

ward Center, Ft. Lauderdale, 8 pm. Nicolas Reyes has been the co-founder and leader of the Gipsy Kings for over 30 years and sold over 25 million albums with their blend of gypsy rock and salsa flamenco. They won a 2013 Grammy for Best World Music.

November 16 – Bonnie Raitt

Au Rene Theater at the Broward Center, Ft. Lauderdale, 7:30 pm.

Her smoky rich voice, expressive singing and ability to play the blues has earned her a whopping ten Grammys and her place in The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

November 19 – Marshall Tucker Band

The Parker, Ft. Lauderdale, 8 pm.

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December 9 - MÅNESKIN: The Loud Kids Tour

Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 8 pm.

This Italian rock band is a can’t miss act that has brought glam rock back into fashion and is as exciting as they come.



December 9 – Herman's Hermits

The Parker, Ft. Lauderdale, 8 pm.

For those that grew up in the 1960s, you can revisit “Mrs. Brown You’ve got a Lovely Daughter” and “I’m Henry the VIII, I am” with the ever-youthful Peter Noone and company.

December 10 – Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Hard Rock Live, Hollywood, 8 pm.

Legendary Jersey Boy frontman of The Four Seasons since 1962, sings his hits “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Walk Like A Man” and “Big Girls Don’t Cry.”

December 18 – Smokey Robinson

Au-Rene theater at The Broward Center, 7 pm.

This legend has more hits than a baseball player and still performs at a high level with his angelic voice. And what great songs he has!

December 30 – Strangelove The Depeche Mode Experience with Special Guest Electric Duke-A David Bowie Tribute

Stage 954 at The Casino @ Dania Beach, 8pm.

Julian Shah-Tayler, aka “Electric Duke,” opens the show accompanied by Brent Mayer in a very impressive Bowie tribute that sounds eerily like the iconic ‘Let’s Dance’ man. Then, they join Leo Luganskiy, Chris Olivas and James Evans and do a great Depeche Mode tribute. The members are accomplished musicians based in Los Angeles. Perfect for Bowie and Depeche Mode fans.



By Cap Peterson

With competitive eating events gaining popularity worldwide, it was just a matter of time before Hollywood jumped on the face-stuffing bandwagon. City officials announced they’ve landed the sports two biggest stars with **Joey Chestnut** and **Miki Sudo** set to appear at the **Hollywood Beach Fruitcake Frenzy** on Christmas Eve this year at the **Hollywood Beach Bandshell**. “Not only will they attract a big crowd,” Hollywood Spokeswoman, **Floanne Husky**, said, “it will dispel the myth once and for all that there is only one fruitcake in the world and it just keeps getting passed around.”

Fruitcake is new to the competitive eating circuit governed by the **International Federation of Competitive Eating (IFOCE)** which sponsors over 100 major eating events annually. “Fruitcakes have the reputation of tasting horrible,” Husky added, “To be able to choke them down in any quantity is a daunting task but competitive eating is so popular there weren’t many foods that haven’t already been covered at IFOCE events. We really only had a food choice between possum snouts and fruitcake. I’ve had the snouts and they’re delicious but possums can be tough to catch unless they’re *playing possum* and getting enough noses for a field of 12 competitors in both the men’s and women’s division would be tough.”



Considered colorful but almost uneatable, fruitcake will be featured at competitive eating event on Hollywood Beach

Chestnut, 39, has won over 60 sanctioned eating contests including ones for chicken wings, Twinkies, pulled pork sandwiches, fried asparagus, cow brains and of course, chestnuts. He has two ‘south of the border’ titles, taking home first place trophies for eating the most burritos and tamales in Tijuana. “I try to stretch my stomach by drinking lots of water and milk,” Chestnut said, “but I switch to agua and leche a week before competing down there. I’ve also found it’s an advantage to chew and gulp in Spanish when it comes to Mexican



Miki Sudo and Joey Chestnut are reigning Nathan’s Hot Dog eating champions. They are headed to Hollywood to take on some dreaded fruitcake

food.”

Chestnut is the all time Nathan’s **Hot Dog Eating** champion with 15 wins in the international televised event held on Coney Island every July 4th. He currently holds the record of 76 hot dogs (with buns) in the regulated 10 minutes. This year he coasted to victory, eating 63 dogs while applying a nifty headlock to take down a protestor who crashed the Nathan’s stage with a sign denouncing the Nathan’s hot dog supplier.

With eight Nathan’s titles including this year’s, Sudo, 36, is at the peak of her gastric powers and has also won 11 other food eating titles. She recently won the **Chicago Ribmania** title, downing 14 racks of ribs in 10 minutes. “That was a tough event,” Miki admitted. “It wasn’t until I got there that I found out you had to eat the bones too.” Sudo’s husband, **Nick Wehry** will also compete and is currently ranked #3 in the world by the IFOCE. The couple will be bringing their 1-year old son, **Max**. “I sat out competition in 2021 because of my pregnancy,” Sudo said. “Max weighed 14 pounds at birth. Can you imagine how big he would have been if I were competing?”



The ‘First Family of Eating’, Nick Wehry, Miki Sudo, and Baby Max.

Chestnut is the champ but is envious of Sudo’s family life. “It can be lonely out there, eating your way from city to city,” Joey said. “It would be nice to have some support. I was engaged in 2015 but made the mistake of coming home right after winning my 10th



Joey Chestnut’s profession made romance impossible for former girlfriend

Nathan’s title. I was on the john for three straight days and we only had one bathroom at the time. That experience really killed the romance as far as my girlfriend was concerned.”

With their international eating notoriety, Chestnut and Sudo are guaranteed \$300,000 each in appearance money win, lose or draw. “You have to pay to get the best,” Husky added. “The first place winners only get \$2 million each so there has to be some incentive for the best to show up. Having Joey and Miki here will ensure the best eaters from around the world will compete.”

Chestnut and Sudo are looking forward to the Fruitcake Frenzy but with a little caution. “My grandmother made me eat a piece of that stuff when I was a little kid and it was downright nasty,” Chestnut said. “There’s a reason you never see it on a restaurant dessert menu.”

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CATCHING UP WITH HOLLYWOOD MAYOR JOSH LEVY

Florida is now allowing municipalities more authority to outlaw smoking on city beaches. Is this something Hollywood will try to enact? Earlier measures outlawing single use plastics and use of large tents don't seem to be working.

Would a smoking ban be just another unenforceable ordinance?

The issue of banning smoking on the sandy beach has been a topic of discussion in Hollywood for years. City staff and volunteers remove thousands of cigarette butts from our sandy beach each month. From an environmental standpoint, I know most people would be very pleased with a cigarette ban, as cigarette butts don't decompose easily and can injure or kill wildlife. Most of us also don't appreciate having to smell and inhale unhealthy cigarette smoke while we're trying to enjoy the fresh air. Enforcing the ban would be tough considering that our beach police officers and the lifeguards focus is on maintaining public safety of tens of thousands of daily beachgoers. Nonetheless, we shouldn't let perfect be the enemy of good. We have been able to move the needle when it comes to mindfulness and reducing single-use plastics, and I hope we can do the same when it comes to deterring cigarette smoking on the beach through signage and enforcement at whatever level we can achieve once the City Commission votes on an ordinance.



Mayor Levy thinks Hollywood Beach goesers would prefer a smoke-free beach but enforcement would be difficult

mission votes on an ordinance.

Given what's happening in at other beaches, do you see any changes to Hollywood's beach alcohol ordinance? Could you briefly explain ordinance as it stands now?

Except for the Margaritaville Entertainment Zone area by the bandshell, the city's long-standing ordinance does not allow open containers of alcohol on the sandy beach. Alcohol is allowed to be consumed on the premises of the businesses on the Broadwalk which have a state license for on-premises consumption.

With 'snowbird season' around the corner what is status of Air B&B properties in Hollywood? Do complaints increase during winter months?

Currently there are 1,511 vacation/short-term rental properties registered with the City. Many more knowingly or unknowingly operate without registering with the City, so we continue to encourage our residents to call our 24-hour vacation rental hotline to report problems or unregistered locations. The number to call is 954.231.2375. The City's hotline vendor has received 763 complaints for noise since we launched the program on July 1, 2021. There is no season for complaints, they come in all year. Beyond dealing with the day-to-day issues with vacation rentals, we work with state legislators to improve the state laws that prevent cities from deciding where in our cities vacation rentals may be appropriate and where they are not.

Know we've discussed last couple of issues but any update on equipping Hollywood PD with body cameras?

The City of Hollywood's Police Department was awarded \$1.7 million in federal funding for 250 body worn cameras (BWCs). Funding for this program was co-sponsored by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson as part of their 2022 Community Project Funding Appropriation Requests.

Through this funding, in the first year the Department is expected to purchase 250 BWCs, and the additional necessary hardware, software and infrastructure to launch the program. Four new staff members, including a Sergeant and three civilian Digital Evidence Specialists are being hired to administer the program. The estimated time to complete full deployment of the program is 8-12 months.

What percentage of Hollywood homes are still using septic tanks?

Just under 50% of the City of Hollywood is unsewered, meaning properties are not connected to the City's wastewater system and rely on on-site septic tanks. Our city's Public Utilities department installs new sewer system segments as it can, but to embark

MAYOR JOSH LEVY

on new sewer installations for large parts of the city requires funding at levels that require state and federal support. We continue to work on that.

With the death of a dog accidentally hit by a Hollywood lifeguard truck, have there been any changes to vehicles operating in the Hollywood Dog Beach area?

Earlier this summer a Captain with Beach Safety was on patrol in the north beach area of Hollywood Beach. He was traveling slowly in the designated driving area that is designated for emergency vehicle use when a small, unleashed dog came running at his vehicle. I am told he hit the brakes and, because of the sand, the vehicle coasted forward and fatally injured the dog. The driver was completely distraught over this unfortunate accident.

As part of the Department's Standard Operating Procedures, all staff participate in the annual emergency vehicle operation procedures training. Safety is the number one priority, as such, drivers of emergency vehicles are instructed to be aware at all times, drive very slowly and cautiously, and to make eye contact with people on the beach. Since this unfortunate accident, staff is taking a closer look at the rules in place at the dog beach and the City's Code of Ordinances to decide if they need to be modified or strengthened, or if enforcement in this section of the beach needs to be modified. Existing dog beach rules call for animals to be on a leash or under voice command control at all times.

Streets named after Confederate Generals have been renamed. As former slave owners, were Washington and Jefferson Streets ever a consideration for change?

No, only the Confederate General streets were considered. Today they are named Liberty, Hope and Freedom Street.

Is Roosevelt named for Teddy or Franklin



Was Hollywood's Roosevelt Street named after Teddy or Franklin?



Roosevelt

Hollywood's streets go in order of Presidential term, starting with Washington in the southern portion of the City. Heading north you get to Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th President. The presidential street names end with Coolidge Street as he was in office during the time the City of Hollywood was incorporated (1925). Franklin came along in 1933.

Downtown Hollywood is going through major redevelopment. What do these large residential/retail projects (including proposed twin 35-floor towers) have to offer? Are you concerned that much of Hollywood's history is going the way of the wrecking ball?

There are many benefits from downtown's growth. Having new, high-quality, affordable and luxury options for residents to live, work and play is what residents and visitors look for. When a city's downtown doesn't grow or renew, it stagnates, and that's a place we don't want to be and can't afford to be.

We're coming up on the city's 100-year anniversary in 2025, and as we look to an exciting future, we also recognize the value and importance of preserving our past and honoring our history. Hollywood has a designated historic downtown, several historic neighborhoods, and a strong connection to its history. When the condition of the original Great Southern Hotel proved to be unsafe and too unstable to save, we worked with the owner to reconstruct historically accurate replica that preserved the look and detail of the original building, adding appeal to our downtown. We have a very robust process for vetting such projects and I don't think we are seeing anything that has sacrificed any actual historic structures in our downtown. The magic is in combining the old with the new in a successful way.

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Beach Spotlight

Famous Seagull Set For Next Year's Arrival

Much like the swallows of San Juan Capistrano and the chicken buzzards of Hinckley, Ohio, Hollywood Beach has its own airborne celebrity governed by Mother Nature's clock.



Sammy arrives on Hollywood Beach each July 23rd at 3:34 p.m. At a whopping 47 lbs. he's the world's biggest seagull

Sammy the Seagull arrives on Hollywood Beach every July 23rd at precisely 3:34 p.m. and nests in Charnow Park. The world's largest seagull (47 lbs.), Sammy has made the trek from Buffalo, NY to South Florida since 1943. "Most seagulls live between 12-15 years

but Sammy is almost 80," said ornithologist, Bill Peck. "I guess you can say Sammy is a bird of a different feather. Unlike most migrating birds, Sammy heads to South Florida in the summer and returns to chilly Buffalo for the winter, it's one of those mysteries of nature."

Next to Groundhog Day, Sammy Fest, marking the seagull's arrival, is Hollywood Beach's biggest event, "This year's Sammy Fest drew a crowd of around 250,000," Fest organizer, Julie Brown said. "Next year we're adding a concert by British group, Flock of Seagulls. They had a big hit, 'I Ran' in 1983. Lots of people said the song was for the birds but I liked it and still have it on Eight-Track tape."

Some locals dispute the premise that Sammy arrives at exactly 3:34. "He flew into town at 3:33 pm in 2004 and 3:36 in 1979. So much for being punctual," said lifeguard and Hollywood Beach historian, Tom Dollinger.

Despite being a boon for beach tourism, Sammy has a dark side. With his size, when Mother Nature calls and he unloads, it can cause serious injury below. He also has the hunting skills to take out a large pizza and a dozen wings in one tactical swoop. "That bird ruined my family's whole day," beachgoer, Mara Coleman, said. "He flew away with all our food and pecked out the eye of an old guy sitting next to us."

"Sammy can get nasty sometimes," Peck admit-

ted. "A veterinarian friend of mine said it might be the greasy pepperoni that gets him riled up."

Sammy is also a 'bird of interest' in the disappearance of six children but with all the worldwide publicity he brings Hollywood Beach, the city is willing to sacrifice a kid every now and then.



British hitmakers, Flock of Seagulls, will give a free concert at next year's Sammy Fest.



Grandma Alice Drabik, known as the 'Bird Whisperer' trained Hollywood Beach's famous seagull to arrive promptly. Here she is shown with Sammy in 1987.

In addition to the July 23, 2023 celebration and concert, there will be ongoing lectures by the Audubon Society as well as guided tours of Sammy's nest. "With the added concert and hopes the band members will still be alive next July, we're expecting an even bigger crowd," Peck said. "We suggest people get here early, say mid June." A number of Sammy-themed trinkets will be available including T-Shirts, key chains, caps, temporary tattoos and handbags to honor the famous bird.

For more Sammy Fest 2023 information, call 954 929-9334

Beach Goers Allowed To Rent Chairs.

With prices at all time highs, a day at the beach isn't exactly 'a day at the beach,' anymore. To help ease expenses, Hollywood is allowing visitors to rent one personal beach chair per visit along the city's 2.2 mile beach. "Prices are out of control," said Miami-Dade resident, Mario Mendoza. "I brought my 1956 Chevy over from Havana when I moved here in 1964 but it's tough to keep it on the road. Replacement parts are harder to find here than in Cuba and it only uses premium fuel and at \$9 a gallon its expensive getting to Hollywood Beach from Hialeah. Plus, the parking rates are out of line on Hollywood Beach. I want my kids to have fun but for



Visitors to Hollywood Beach can rent out one chair per family to counteract high gas and parking costs

the last couple of years they've had to wash dishes at Rocco's Pizza while my wife and I enjoy the beach. I'm thankful for the new law allowing us to rent the extra chair. I'd never be able to do that in Cuba with those damn communists in control. I rent mine out at \$75 for the day which is in line with what the chair rental guys are getting. With the chair money and the kids making a few bucks and sneaking food out of Rocco's kitchen on their breaks, we can make it affordable although we miss the kids, especially when my wife has to get up to get me another beer out of the cooler."



Hector Mendoza, 9, whose name and age is withheld because of child labor laws, washes dishes so his parents can enjoy a day at the beach.

A Day At Beach Is A 'Thumbs Up' Experience



Hollywood has hired 30 new 'Thumbs Up' Rangers to promote positivity on the Boardwalk and beach.

Except in some middle eastern countries, a 'thumbs up' is a gesture of approval or encouragement and Hollywood has embraced it to make sure a day on the beach is a positive experience. "Visitors were giving us a big 'thumbs up' when we put the beach right next to the ocean," Hollywood spokeswoman, Tella Story, said, "and it just caught on from

there and seems to raise everyone's spirits. It gives me chills when I see 30,000 people giving the 'thumbs up' sign on the beach at the same time. It's almost as inspiring as doing 'The Wave' at a Marlins game."

To make sure the positive, 'thumbs up' vibe continues, Hollywood has hired 30 additional Beach Rangers who will be placed at different beach entrances with their thumbs up to welcome visitors to Hollywood Beach. "If the test program is successful we'll be adding another 50 Rangers," Story said, "and it's all inclusive. We'll hire people from diverse groups including folks who have lost fingers playing with fireworks. If you've got your thumbs, we welcome you to apply, especially if you are an experienced hitchhiker."

Chick Magnets Hired for Winter Season.



Abner Higgins, left and Leroy Simmons, DBA: Chick Magnets, will attract women to Hollywood Beach this winter.

'The Boys' will be coming back to Hollywood Beach for this year's winter season and if the past is any indication, the girls won't be far behind. "Actually, the girls get wind of where we're going and get there ahead of us. They're ready to pounce the minute we check into our hotel," said Abner Higgins. "That's why we have to check in under assumed names like Bruno Mars or Brad Pitt."

Higgins and his associate, Leroy Simmons, are partners in Chick Magnets, an Alabama based agency that provides hot young men to beach towns looking to attract college co-eds during the holiday season. "It's just the

two of us for right now," Simmons said. "We haven't had any luck finding guys that measure up to us in looks, intelligence or suave faire."

46 Hollywood Beach businesses as well as Hollywood City Hall have contributed funds to make the Magnets appearance possible. Guy Tusa, owner of Rocco's Pizza (954 926-3305 for delivery after 5 p.m.) said the cost will run well into seven figures but is worth every penny. "I look at those two hicks and can't for the life of me, see what the big deal is but they bring in the women. They came in last year for a slice of pizza at lunch time. Word got out and in no time I had gorgeous women swarming my place. I had to hire a doorman and a bouncer but the \$20 cover charge more than paid their wages."

Higgins is long and lean and known for his Billy goat goatee and Simmons attracts the girls with his 'dough boy' body that drives the female set into a frenzy. "You'd be surprised how many college girls are 'chubby chasers,'" the 5'6", 290 lb. Simmons said. "My only concern is I may spread myself too thin." Past Chick Magnet appearances include sold-out crowds in Cancun, Acapulco, Montego Bay, Cozumel, Panama Beach and Tulsa as well as Hollywood Beach last year.

Some jealous male snowbirds have downplayed the duo's appeal. "They should just be happy we're coming and attracting the ladies, it's better for everyone" Higgins, who claims he and Simmons are college students, said. "We're taking online classes from Fred's College of Taxidermy. We may not have a football team but we're getting a great education, learning to stuff armadillos, skunks, possum and a whole bunch of other critters. That might be where our animal magnetism comes from."

A Wave Of A Cave Ride New To Beach

The latest attraction to hit the Hollywood Beach scene is the Wave Cave, a virtual reality beach amusement ride. The 'Cave' will offer a variety of ocean experiences without getting wet. "I didn't come down here to get fish poop and seaweed all over me," said Wisconsin visitor, Polly Ann Kowalski. "I just want to get a nice tan and get liquored up. I'd also like to hook up with as many guys as possible before I have to go back home to milking the cows."

Noting Polly's plight, Wave Cave inventor and owner, John Bonanza, is sympathetic. "The Wave Cave will



The Wave Cave virtual amusement ride has opened for adventurous beach goers.

take care of any guilt of not going in the water," Bonanza, who was named after Dan Blocker, said. "For just \$50, you get five minutes of ocean adventure without a drop of nasty saltwater." The virtual 'tour' includes a shark feeding, swimming with barracudas, surfing a giant wave in Australia, delivering a newborn penguin, standing in the Hollywood Beach surf feeding a seagull pizza crust and an encounter with a dangerous Morey Eel. "There's always a Morey to our virtual adventures," Bonanza added, "Besides taking your money we try to make you a better person." LSD and other psychedelics are available at the Wave Cave snack bar.

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE! Sidewalk Art Is Hollywood Mural Program's Newest Footprint.

by Norb Sieber

Move over Wynwood! Everyone loves our murals in downtown Hollywood! And with this year's stunning expansion into sidewalk art, Hollywood's Murals Program is really walkin' on sunshine! The Murals Program's mission is to enhance the existing cultural fabric of the community and attract more art related activities, businesses and events.

"The Downtown Hollywood Mural Project has enjoyed great success over the past 10 years," Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Operations Manager, **Lisa Liotta** said. "It is the largest outdoor mural walking tour in Broward County." The project has garnered international media attention and has been praised by residents and visitors alike. The business community has embraced the sidewalk art as its beauty has drawn attention to areas not necessarily located in the commercial core. "The CRA is proud of the Downtown Hollywood Mural Project and recognizes its importance to our economic efforts," Liotta added.

Jill Weisberg, the CRA Art & Culture Coordinator, is the Murals Program leader. She moderates an informative and entertaining walking tour every third Saturday of the month in conjunction with the city's Art Walk event. An accomplished artist/graphic designer, she has been the point person for a program that includes over 30 wall murals and yards and yards of interconnected sidewalk murals.

"We have a bunch of sidewalk murals," Jill said. "There are four on Tyler street and one in front of Anniversary Park. There are six on the east side of Dixie Highway from Van Buren to Washington. We have the most cohesive mural project in



Jill Weisberg's informative Mural Walking Tours have entertained art lovers young and old.



Dragonfly's view of Muralist Stephanie Leyden in action!

Broward County."

Many of the sidewalk murals are interactive as they stroll you along the yellow brick road with mazes, mental challenges or visually sink you into a 3-D undersea swim alongside colorful denizens of the deep. 'Selfie' sites abound. If you're looking for a thrilling, underfoot experience, here's where to discover:

-East side of 20th Ave between Hollywood Boulevard and Tyler Street

-East side of South 21st Ave between Van Buren Street and Washington Street

The Sidewalk Mural Project started in March. Like the wall murals, all sidewalk designs have to be family friendly, with no political content, advertising, violence or nudity. Ten years into Hollywood's cultural renaissance, street art has traveled a long way. "The wall and sidewalk murals will be ongoing," Weisberg said. "I want to start focusing on fun and interactive components. Public art makes people think about what art can be. It's not just murals, a sculpture



Jill Weisberg and her team of sidewalk muralists: On her right, Coni Panizza. On her left: Jennifer Little, Stephanie Leyden, Julie Orsini Shakher, Claudine Julien and Susana Vergara.



Muralist Coni Panizza's puts final touches on vibrant sea creature creations.



Let's Talk! CONVERSATION WITH DANIA BEACH MAYOR, TAMARA JAMES

At a past commission meeting it was mentioned Dania Beach could be facing water supply problems in the future and you seemed concerned. Please explain

Dania Beach has always had to plan strategically for our water. We have invested millions to ensure our residents have affordable water. Quite naturally, it concerns me to hear what decisions we need to make, that will be the burden of our residents because of possible water supply issues. If we are investing millions and telling our residents that, it's confusing to say we need to make additional decisions because of water supply. Either we have it or we don't, right? Well, that meeting had little to do with water supply and more to do with us setting a cost on meters.

The solar, LED light stop signs on SE Fifth Ave seem to really get driver's attention. Will we be seeing more in other parts of Dania Beach? Do you think they help stop drivers running stop signs? Are they expensive?

They are expensive, but I think we need to have a few in



other areas. I am already speaking to staff regarding this. I think it's a deterrent, and not for the residents, but the people who pass through our communities. In other states, they have radars that actually give out tickets! Now that's something to consider!

Why has Dania Beach fallen short when it comes to coming up with flooding solutions during even moderate rainfall? Every city has challenges when it comes to flooding.

Whenever you get a certain amount of rainfall in a short period of time, it will flood. However, the time it takes the flooding to clear is how we should measure it. Dania Pointe has concerning flooding problems that lasts for days, and so does other parts of our City. No one can really plan for Mother Nature. We have to keep trying until we have solutions that will stick.

You've been keeping residents up to date on the Lucky Fish restaurant set to be built on the old Dania Beach Grill property. Any updates since last issue? Any completion dates mentioned?

By next issue, we will have a definite date! The old grill has been officially demolished. Sad to see it go, but excited for what's to come.

Assistant City Manager Candido Sosa Cruz recently met with Hollywood officials to discuss possible public transportation alternatives. Is Dania Beach looking to a 'trolley' type system to help ease traffic?



Frequent flooding is an ongoing Dania Beach concern

Dania Beach is considering a few different options when it comes to transportation and our mission to provide alternatives to help ease our traffic. Trolleys are one! Nothing definite to report, but some exciting things I cannot speak of at this time.

Do you believe development of rental units in the city, especially Dania Beach Blvd, has reached a saturation point or should residents expect more? Is the city equipped to provide services for all the prospective

new residents?

This is a sore topic for me. On one hand I've had it with the amount of rentals. We do not have any more RAC units to build in the CRA areas, but other areas still can be built out. It will be interesting what happens with the many unaffordable units being built as the economy shifts. There is no way we can sustain these high rents! On the legal side, there is little we can do if the property is zoned for it and the code allows it. I don't see many more coming forth soon.

What are two issues residents are most concerned with when you are out in public?

Overdevelopment and traffic!!!

What kind of turnout do you predict for 2022 Commission race?

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Sports

Random Stories From The World of Sports

By Cap Peterson



Famous Fin Football Headed To Court

If you are ever fortunate enough to tour **Dan Marino's** trophy room at his Weston home, you'll see 419 footballs displayed, each one the actual ball he threw for a touchdown during his Hall of Fame career. The only one missing is his FIRST, a 21-yard pass to good friend and third string tight end **Joe Rose**, in a 1983 game against the then Los Angeles Raiders. Rose, who finished with



Dolphin legend, Dan Marino, threw 420 touchdowns during his 16-year Miami career.

13 TD catches in his seven year career, ended up with the ball. "Danny said I could have it," Rose, now a popular south Florida sports radio personality and Dolphins

broadcaster, claims. Thirty nine years later, the Hall of Fame quarterback begs to differ. "As he ran out of the end zone, I told Joe to keep it for me until after the game. It was a big moment, my first TD pass in the NFL," Marino said. "After, I met with reporters and took a shower, Joe was nowhere to be seen. He rarely showered with the other guys and since he was usually only in the game for a couple of plays, didn't think he needed one. Turns out he went down to a UPS store in Los Angeles and mailed the football home. I don't think he knew it would be valuable one day, Joe isn't that deep a thinker. It was more of a 'this might be the last TD I catch before I get cut' moment. Sure I want that first TD ball but the whole thing has gotten out of hand and Joe has been messing



Dan Marino and Joe Rose became teammates in 1983 and have remained amigos despite a football custody battle that is going on 40 years. Appears Rose found some adult beverages before this photo was taken. The guy in dark shirt is former running back, Mercury Morris.

with me for almost 40 years."

Although the two former Fins have remained close, (their families have dinner together five nights a week) that first touchdown ball has always put a strain on their friendship. For years, Rose said he was going to give the ball to Marino but claimed he wasn't sure where it was. "I've got a bunch of old sports stuff in the closet," Rose said in 1994, "I'll look for it when I've got some free time."

When Marino publically offered Rose \$60,000

for the ball in 2011, a bidding war began with collectors rumored to be offering up to \$400,000. Last year, **Chuckie Carr**, a neighbor of Rose's in Davie, claimed his son had the ball and it was given to him by Joe Rose's son, **Guerin**, in 1988. **Bucky Carr** said he, his dad and

SPORTS



Marino to Rose football may be worth \$500,000.

Guerin Rose would often throw the football around on the Rose front lawn and was told that the ball had a history and might be valuable. "Guerin said his dad would only talk about the ball after he'd had a dozen beers and tended to nod off before

he could finish the story," Carr, 43, said. "I've had the ball in my bedroom ever since 1988 so I consider it mine. If I ever have to move out of my parent's place, the ball could make a nice down payment on my own house."

To verify the ball's authenticity, Carr had the ball tested at an NFL approved laboratory and the DNA of Rose, Marino and three 1983 Raiders, **Marcus Allen**, **Ray Guy** and **Jim Plunkett** was present. The ball was certified as the one Marino threw for his first touchdown pass.

"I had it first when I threw it to Joe," Marino told a reporter recently, "and I told him I wanted it. He's been hemming and hawing ever since. One time I was over at Joe's house and mentioned I wanted it and he went in the closet and came out with this heavy black round thing with holes in it. I'm pretty sure it was a bowling ball."

Marino and the Carr family have filed lawsuits in an effort to secure rights to the ball and a judge is set to rule in November with Carr retaining the football until then. "I still throw it around with my dad once in awhile but he's 86 now and can't run routes like he used to."



Sports show host and former Dolphin, (he still has a tight end) Joe Rose, left, may hold the answer to whereabouts of historic football

Rose's attorney, **Scott Rothstein**, said his client scoffs at the idea his neighbors have the right ball. "He told his son to never touch that football," Rothstein said from **Butner Federal Prison** in North Carolina. "He's convinced that ball is still in his house somewhere and is allowing Marino to keep the bowling ball as a sign of good faith until he gets around to cleaning out the closet."

Zack.... No Age Limit Hitting The Sack

The New York Jets have been criticized for a lack of offense but scoring off the field doesn't seem to be a problem for second year quarterback, **Zack Wilson**.



Jets quarterback, Zack Wilson, has matured as a football player and as a man.



NFL player, Zack Wilson, recently broke up with his longtime girlfriend, Abby Gile in search of a more mature relationship.

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“I’ve always dated Mormon girls my own age,” Wilson, 22, explained. “I need a woman with experience and Beth is a Baptist and has taught me so much. Remember, I went to college at Brigham Young and outside of **Jim Mc-Mahon**, no football player has ever had sex before marriage although Mormons often end up with five or six wives. I liked Abbey a lot but she wanted to wait until we were married to even hold hands. I’m a 22-year old millionaire and not bad looking if I do say so myself. I want a little action. Bertha and I are having a great time. We go to a lot of AARP events and she taught me to play bridge. She’s told me all about the 1990’s and although I’m a quarterback, she’s teaching me a lot of new positions.”



Pitcher Milt Pappas' lost 164 Major League games and his wife.



Although she doesn't play football, Bertha Burnside has sacked quarterback, Zack Wilson, multiple times.

The Old Jocks... Pappas Won 200 Games.. Lost The Mrs.

Milt Pappas pitched from 1957-1973 and has the distinction of being the only Major Leaguer with over 200 victories and never win 20 games

in a season. Although he never hit for a high average, Pappas blasted 20 balls out of the park to place him near the top of the list for most career home runs by a pitcher.

In 1965, Pappas was traded by the **Baltimore Orioles** to the **Cincinnati Reds** for the popular and future Hall of Fame outfielder, **Frank Robinson**. Reds fans were outraged and the following season Robinson was named the American League Most Valuable Player and led the Orioles to a World Series win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Pappas was a .500 pitcher for Cincinnati and never won over the Reds fans who considered the trade the worst in team history.

Nine years after his career ended, Pappas was in the news when his wife, Carole, went out to get her hair done in Wheaton, a Chicago suburb, and never returned. Carole's drinking issues had caused problems in the relationship and at first her husband was a suspect in her disappearance. After he passed a polygraph, Pappas was cleared and life went on. Five years later, Wheaton



The car and body of Carole Pappas was found in an Illinois pond five years after her disappearance.

city workers were draining a pond four blocks for the Pappas home and found Carole's body inside a rusting, submerged car. Police surmised she was probably a little tipsy and mistakenly drove into the pond. The autopsy showed she had died from drowning but the body had been underwater so long it was hard to tell if she had in fact had her hair done.

Young Weightlifter Headed to State Championships



Corey Wells, 6, practices lifts in his front yard. He will represent Hollywood at state championships in Orlando.

Although only six-years old, **Cory Wells** has the strength of a superior athlete in his 20's. "I've never seen anything like it," said Wells' pediatrician, **Dr. John Grimek**. "Except for testing positive for human growth hormones and other anabolic steroids, there's no explanation for his ability to lift heavy weights."

Cory will travel to Orlando to compete in the **Florida State Junior Weightlifting Championships** this December. He is entered in the 6-8 year old division where he will meet his rival, **Jimmy Fletcher** from Jacksonville. "Jimmy is a nice kid but I have my doubts he's 7," **Wanda Wells**, Corey's mother said. "He's 6'5" and 225 pounds, shaves and has a car. We've never seen his birth certificate so we're kinda skeptical."

Cory's father, Wally Wells, got his son lifting weights at the age of 2. "It was the only good thing that two-timer ever did for his son before he left us," Wanda Wells, said. "I should have known better, I was a real dumbbell to marry him."

Destination Dania Beach
Park Name Change Marked Historic Change

When Dania Beach's **John U. Lloyd State Park** enacted its name change to **Dr. Von Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park** in 2016, the announcement came without much fanfare. Perhaps the most reported moment came when



State Park was renamed the Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park in 2016

Lloyd's widow, **Ms. Terry Lloyd Kettering**, learned of the name change through the local news. According to Ms. Kettering, her husband was an 'environmentalist' before it became en vogue, although historical opinions differ as to why the park land was never developed.

The **Dr. Von D. Mizell Beach State Park Coalition**, whose founder is Dr. Mizell's nephew, **Don Mizell**, spearheaded the name change. State Senator **Chris Smith** and State Representative **Evan Jenne** sponsored the bill. The coalition's goal was to enact change ensuring Dr. Mizell and Eula Gandy Johnson were recognized for their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement. "Dr. Mizell is the most significant African American in the civic life of Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County," Don Mizell stated in a talk to the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society.

In 1946, Broward County outlawed non-whites from county beaches and that's when Mizell's struggles began. After pressure from community activists, Mr. Lloyd, the Broward County Attorney, found 251 acres of land where people of color could swim without



The Mizell-Johnson State Park is home to Whiskey Creek, popular with boaters and kayakers.

legal repercussions although it took seven more years of protests and legal action that culminated in 'wade-ins' at all-white Ft. Lauderdale beaches before Lloyd allocated funds to build a road to the wild area just south of Port Everglades. The road was built but more importantly, the protests set the clock for racial integration. When Ft Lauderdale sued Eula Johnson for being a public nuisance, a federal court ruled in her favor which led to complete desegregation in Broward County.

To be sure, John U. Lloyd had nothing to do with racial justice. Some critics of the name change suggesting keeping Lloyd's name in the mix, making it more of a mouthful than it already is as Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park. Besides, for the name change to have a lasting legacy, keeping Lloyd's name was not a viable option. The fact that Florida still lists it as John U. Lloyd State Park on the state's park website might attest to the Florida political climate. Though times were different, it doesn't mean we should oblige racist history because of a thin silver lining. Broward County residents should be proud they recognize honorable historical figures.

The park offers boating and kayaking, fishing, picnic areas and space for large gatherings by reservation. Mizell-Johnson State Park is open 8 a.m till sunset daily at 6503 N. Ocean Dr. Dania Beach.



A marker notes the 'colored beach' established after protests in the 1940's.

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New 'Art District' Leads SW Fifth Ct. Makeover

In an effort to fight blight in the neighborhood, Dania Beach has designated **SW 5th Court** as an **'Artistic Expression District'**. The short street off Stirling Road and just *'over the tracks'* has been a dumping ground for many years with everything from



A Dania Beach street, home to constant dumping, has been designated a neighborhood art area

rotting food to old appliances and broken down living room sets and abandoned hamsters and pythons finding the way to an always evolving pile of debris. The **NO DUMPING** sign on the street that warned trash dumpers they were being videotaped was

removed when litterers realized the sign verbiage was not enforced or they just couldn't read. The sign was often obscured by the trash it hoped to discourage.

Unable to maintain the number of collections needed to keep the street clean from constant dumping, making the street an



All SW Fifth Ct signs will remain but native vegetation will be planted to give area a 'green' environmental vibe to the proposed arts area



The Westside Wave is the first sculpture made from SW 5th Court trash with main components being plastic bags and bottles.

Speaking of the Dania Beach Environment.....

Following in the footsteps of many Florida coastal cities, Dania Beach has been looking for alternatives to single use plastic tableware. Many towns have outlawed plastic



Use of bamboo utensils has caused a panda nuisance, with many of the animals rummaging through Dania Beach dumpsters.



Bamboo is the food of choice for giant pandas

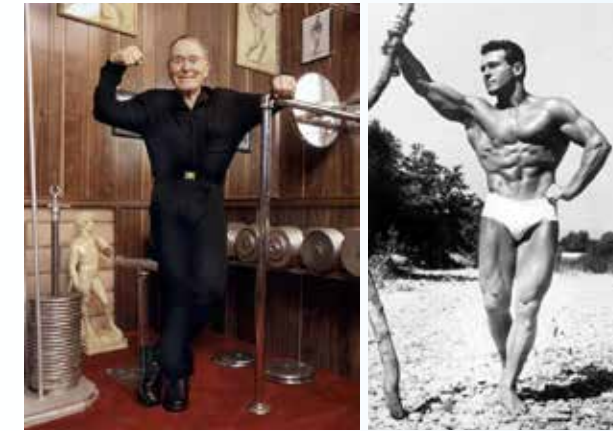
utensils and have switched to bamboo, a fast growing, sturdy and sustainable alternative that can be grown commercially. While bamboo has worked well in many municipalities, it has caused problems locally. With a modest giant panda population, Dania Beach has encountered problems with the loveable species of bear, digging through local trash cans for the bamboo spoons, knives and forks as well as boldly entering restaurants for the takeout goodies. "The Dania Beach pandas are shy animals and tend to hide out in the mangroves where there is a bamboo food supply," **Ranger Rick Rackley**, said, "but with the new source of biodegradable natural bamboo utensils in dumpsters the population is growing and they've become aggressive. They look cute and can be knife around people but when they're eating you don't want to *fork* with them."

Local fishermen have also fallen victim to the foraging pandas, reporting bamboo poles missing from garages and boats. City officials will review the bamboo utensil issue and try to come up with an environmentally friendly alternative.

Fitness Guru, 111, Coming To Frost Park This Winter!

Known as *'The Godfather of Fitness'*, California's **Jack Lalanne**, will be in Dania Beach to promote the **Frost Park** fitness center on Dec 5th. "I'm looking forward to it, I've heard good things about the place and December 5th is Walt Disney's birthday, you can look it up," Lalanne said from his Morro Bay, California home. "I'll give a three-hour class geared to seniors. I know most senior citizens don't work out like I do, so I'll keep it basic, maybe 100 pushups, 25 chin-ups, a five mile run, simple stuff like that."

Lalanne, a former bodybuilder who greatly influenced **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, was the first fitness instructor on national TV, broadcasting from San Francisco starting in 1953. The show featured his wife, **Lorraine** and their two dogs, **Happy and Healthy**. Lalanne shocked mothers across the country by declaring they



Even at 111 years of age, Jack Lalanne works out with barbells and runs 12 miles daily



Lalanne will use his teeth to tow boats up the coast before catching a flight.

shouldn't be giving their kids milk. "*Cow milk is good for baby cows not baby humans*," he said. His anti-milk comments led to the closure of numerous dairy farms around the country. Lalanne had a popular mail order business selling juicers, exercise routines and diets and his famous, *'Glamour Stretcher'* to thousands of housewives who used the device to exercise (and Lord knows what else) along with the Lalanne family on TV. He encouraged men and women to lift weights at a time it was thought to make you *muscle-bound*.

Among Lalanne's feats of fitness and strength are swimming the dangerous currents of *Alcatraz* to *San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf* while handcuffed and chewing and eating two pounds of nails to show his digestive health. "The nails weren't so bad going down but led to some serious soreness on the back end," Lalanne said.

Following his Frost Park appearance, he will swim up the coast to West Palm Beach towing 28 rowboats with his teeth before catching a flight home to California.

For more information on Lalanne's appearance, call 954 929-9334



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Dania Beach Girl Takes Top Spot at ‘Battle of Beaters’

A culinary kid with a bright future, *Sissy Spunkmiller*, has brought home a gold medal to Dania Beach. Sissy won the four year old age division for ‘*eating frosting off a food mixer beater*’ at the *Martha Stewart Future Cooking Stars* competition held in Las Vegas last month. Sissy, a preschool student at Dania Beach’s *Crumb Snatcher Academy*, is a contest veteran despite her tender age. “My mother is quite the cake maker,” Sissy spouted, “and there is always a mixer beater full of frosting to lick even when there is nothing else to eat. My father tells mom to give me and my brother cereal, sandwiches and regular dinners sometimes but she just tells him, ‘*let them eat cake.*’”



4-year old, Sissy Spunkmiller, topped her age group at recent Martha Stewart competition.

The Stewart contest was televised worldwide and has made Sissy a star. Her first place finish earned her \$30,000 and a case of acne that is rare for a child that young. “Beater licking is just getting started here as a competitive eating sport,” the tike’s mother, *Selma Spunkmiller*, explained, “but it’s been popular in Europe and Asia for over a decade. Sissy’s total was five pounds four ounces of frosting chocked down in the allotted 10 minutes at the *Future Cooking Stars* event, where Martha also gave me some great insider stock tips.”

Competition will get tougher as Sissy moves up in the age classes according to her mom. “She will be in the five-year-old Lickers group next year and that will be a challenge because at that level, you have to lick the beaters while the mixer is running at top speed.”

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French in the sandwich name, they’re more receptive to it than something really healthy like Brussels sprouts, although Belgian visitors do like their sprouts as well as waffles. I did some research and although the origins of poutine is in question, from a health standpoint the recipe came from hell.”

In addition to a tasty cow meat sandwich, Philippe’s will be home to a 3,000 square foot dance floor with *DJ Pierre* spinning all the hits from Montreal. “French Canadian men are renowned for their dancing prowess especially when it comes to *dipping* their partners,” said Philippe’s fourth generation owner, *Phillip ‘Flipper’ Philippe*. “We hope to make our French Dip sandwich as popular on the east coast as it is at our Los Angeles location and keep a traditional Canadian dance style, also known as *The French Dip*, relevant in 2022 and beyond.”

Tike, 3, Finishes Montana to Florida Summer Vacation Ride!

Like many students across the country, *Justus Canto* celebrated *Summer Break* with a trip to Hollywood Beach. The difference is Justus came on a bike and is just

three years old. He attends *Big Sky Preschool in White Fish, Montana*. “We get time off just like the big kids,” Canto said. “I thought I’d come to Hollywood Beach and check it out. I’d heard some good things about the hot waitresses at *Rocco’s Pizza* and want to check out their Happy Hour. I’ve got a killer fake ID.”



Justus Canto biked from Montana to Hollywood Beach for summer relaxation

After arriving in Hollywood, Can-to enjoyed two sun-filled months on the beach with beautiful babes at his side. Although no records are kept, his trek might be the fastest ever Montana to Florida trip by bike for a kid under 5, making the 2,965 mile journey in just four days. “I could have gotten here sooner,” Justus said, “but I spent a night at my ex’s place in Mis-souri.” Contracted by phone in Montana, Justus commented on the trip back. “It was a lot harder because it was all uphill and I rode the last 1,123 miles on a flat tire. I’d give you more details but it’s nap time. Call me back at recess.”



National seafood retailer, Neptune’s Best, has opened local store

Seafood Market Opens Hollywood Location

Neptune’s Best, an international seafood giant, has opened at 45673 Hollywood Blvd. The fish lover’s store will carry *trout, bass, carp, shark, flounder, pike, turtles, lobsters, catfish, algae eaters, anchovy, angel fish, herring, piranha, river otter, beaver, mackerel, cod, salmon, orthopedic sturgeon, tuna, flying fish, dogfish, oysters, clams, blue gill, crappie, sea bass, dolphin, smelt, grouper, shrimp, whale, manatee, prawns, yellowtail, Pollock, sardines, mussels, squid, octopus, tadpoles, snook, walrus, roosterfish, pompano, mud-suckers, snapper, whitefish, haddock, marlin, sailfish, eel, croaker, stingray, halibut, gar, goldfish, tilapia, and nine varieties of grunts*.

“We’re just getting started and as you can see we have a limited variety of fresh fish and seafood at this time,” *Neptune Manager, Gil Fishman*, said. “We hope to add another 600 eatable species and a couple of hundred

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Over the next four years, my intent is to remain focused on critical issues facing Hollywood including:

- Continue preparing for inevitable sea level rise.
- Help the many homeless who find themselves living in our city.
- Work with Broward County Schools to improve our local public schools.
- Expand security on the Boardwalk as needed to insure a safe, family-friendly environment.
- Strengthen enforcement of our building and other codes.
- Work with state legislators in Tallahassee to restore home rule and get rid of the excessive preemptions—especially regarding vacation rentals.
- Update and simplify zoning on the barrier Island to encourage sustainable redevelopment while appropriately restricting building heights and protecting Hollywood Beach from overdevelopment.
- Increase our tax base without negatively impacting our environment, including through proper redevelopment along our transit corridors.
- Establish a comprehensive plan to invest in and encourage others to invest in saving Hollywood’s historic structures.

I am excited to work with the community on these issues and encourage you to reach out to me if there is something you would like to pursue with me.



Modules like this one north of the Dania Beach Pier, will soon grace Hollywood Beach waters as part of a the 1000 Mermaids artificial reef project.

Exciting news to report regarding the collaboration between 1000 Mermaids and the Hollywood Beach Community Redevelopment Agency: Hollywood’s first artificial reef project with the team at *1000 Mermaids* is almost ready to be deployed off Hollywood Beach (here’s a link to a CBS4 news story about it from early July: <https://www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/mermaid-sculptures-to-be-used-as-coral-reef-plaguing-continues/?intcid=CNM-00-10abd1h>.)

After extensive supply chain issues, the shade cover is back over the playground at Harry Berry Park. Though there are no updates on the 1301 project next door, it is staff’s current understanding that the existing boundary of the park will not be altered as paart of the proposed condominium project. The formal site plan has not yet been received by City staff.

Finally, city staff is hard at work on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. Thefirst budget hearing is set for September 12 at 5:30 p.m. and can be viewed in real time online. While Hollywood’s fiscal health struggles with excessive pension obligations from past collective bargaining agreements, the increase in property values throughout South Florida will significantly help with much needed increased tax revenue in the year ahead. Per the Broward County Property Appraiser, Hollywood property values increased by 11.56% in the past year alone!

Hope to see you at the beach soon but until then, please reach out with any concerns orquestions to CShuham@hollywoodfl.org.

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What you put in your body has more to do with skin cancer than anything else. Ok stop take a breath and read that again, what you EAT has more to do with SKIN Cancer than anything ELSE! Sounds like a line from “Ripley’s

Believe It or Not” right?

If you’re eating a standard American diet or (SAD) -processed, packaged food products that man has created in a lab or factory, you putting your inner body and life at risk, AND you’re *increasing* your risk of skin cancer. Food products that are made in labs and factories are filled with chemicals such as altered sugar. There are 60 different names for chemically altered sugar. This is NOT allowed in Europe by the way. Why so many names for the same ingredient? The answer is simple; The Food Lobby pays a lot of money to our puppets (politicians) to allow the deliberate confusion.

These products also contain omega six oils-- vegetable, canola, corn oil, safflower, etc., which then manifest into free radicals and inflammation throughout your body. These omega six oils are highly processed and when used in cooking, the heat creates more free radicals and the oil becomes rancid, which is not very different than what happens to your body when you are in the heat and sun. The more toxic the inside of your body is, the less you will be able to tolerate the heat and sun. Mix all the chemicals and rancid oils from your food, food packaging, bath and body products, and mainstream household cleaners and you get a big bowl of toxic soup that creates nothing more than what we are seeing everywhere around us—sickness and disease.

Did you know that in order for a chemical to be used in a product in the U.S., the company must apply to the FDA? The FDA has 90 days to respond and if they fail to do so, the company can use of the chemical anyway.

Needless to say that the FDA is overwhelmed and is backlogged by about 2-3 years so they never test any chemicals presented to them from the marketplace.

Get ready for your head to blow off your body-- I told you that we were going to drop truth bombs on you. One thing that never gets tested is how chemicals react with each other so you could have two chemicals that are “safe” on their own, but mixed together can be toxic.

Think of all the chemicals going into American bodies and how all those chemicals mix into a toxic

What Actually Happens During Coffee Roasting?

Did you know that premium coffee beans start out as coffee cherries that are picked from a plant? Before these cherries can be roasted, the beans must be extracted from the cherries through processing and drying. This prepares the beans for their best form before roasting and that’s what we call ‘green’ coffee. When these beans are being roasted the chemical and physical makeup are transformed. As this begins, you’ll immediately notice a change in aroma and appearance. Once brown, the coffee can be ground and turned into many drinks to enjoy.

Roasters have a lot to remember during the process. The altitude the coffee was grown, density of the beans and the roasting temperature are all factors on the outcome of the beans. As important as the roasting process is, the bean is just as important. No matter how great a roaster you may be, if you are using a poorly grown bean, roasting will not make it better. Roasting affects the acidity and sweetness, so having high quality beans is vital to great tasting coffee. This is why roasters and buyers spend a lot of time *cupping coffee* (comparative tasting) to insure premium bean quality and roasting perfection.

Another key, as simple as it sounds, is keeping an eye on the beans during roasting. You must constantly mix, rotate and move the beans to prevent burning. Roasts come in four major categories; light, medium, medium dark and dark. Maintaining a consistent roast profile, once determined by the roast master, quality is never compromised.

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uneatable over the next six months. Please drop by the store and let us know any specific fish requests and sign up for a chance to win an all expense paid harpooning trip to Alaska.”

Can You Dig It?

Another new retailer to the Hollywood business scene, **Cactus Mart**, offers 32 acres of cactus for hobbyists and

The Cactus Mart recently opened on Harrison Street and offers 347 varieties of the desert plant

offers great gifts, especially if the recipient is a prick. “We also have a large supply of blue agave cactus, perfect for making your own tequila,” manager, **Joe Crow**, said. Customers are given a shovel to dig up the cactus of their dreams but Crow reminds that they call a *spade* a *spade* at Cactus Mart . “We hope to carry all 1750 known varieties of known cacti within our first year,” Crow added “and we’re dedicated to helping gardeners keep their plants healthy. Mealy bugs and red spider mites are known cactus pests and we have environmentally friendly treatment plans for both without using harmful pesticides. If you purchased a plant from us and it gets

infested by them pesky little boogers, our staff will come over, pick them off your cactus and release them into the wild in a humane manner free of charge.”

The #1 enemy of cactus is the mealy bug, a fuzzy cotton ball like insect. You can look it up

Hollywood Unveils Own Iconic Sign!

With Hollywood’s Municipal Landfill on Pembroke Road continuing to grow and become one of the highest elevations in Florida, a group of local business owners have erected a sign to rival the famous Hollywood, California sign that has lured tourists for decades. Plans call for hiking trails up to the sign just like the trails to the sign in the Santa Monica Mountains above Los Angeles that draw hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. **Marco Salvino**, who owns a popular bike shop on Hollywood’s Federal Highway is one of the backers.

Hollywood’s iconic sign has returned thanks to work of local legal eagle, Paul Donnelly.

“We’re being recognized more and more as an international tourist destination,” Salvino said, “and the sign should add to that. You’ll be able to see it before landing in either Miami or Ft Lauderdale and if you’ve hiked up to the Hollywood sign in Los Angeles, you’ll want to hike up to ours, plus with the FL, we have more letters to look at. Just be sure to wear some rubber boots. The sign above LA sits on a mountain but ours is on a landfill, God knows what you might step in up there. The ‘*Other Hollywood*’ may have the movie stars but we’ve got the beach and we’ve put it right next to the ocean.” Salvino reminds flyers that in order to see the sign from the air they will be required to look out the plane windows.

Child Reported Missing From Family Yard

This is the last known photo of Chauncey Simmons, who disappeared August 23rd

Authorities are asking for the public’s help in locating a missing child. Three year old, **Chauncey Simmons**, was last seen at his Hollywood home on August 23rd. Although he was last seen playing with a pet chicken in his front yard, fowl play is not suspected and the child has been known to wander off from time to time.

Tips from local pilots who claim to have seen the child at 1,600 feet have not been verified. After five weeks with no sign of Chauncey, his parents are concerned. “We’ve got a trip to Disneyland planned in September,” the boy’s father, **Ben Simmons**, said, “and Chauncey was looking forward to it. We’d hate to go without him.”

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A1A Utility Undergrounding Ending Soon / Sheridan Street Bridge Open Again.

The undergrounding of the power lines by Florida Power and Light is nearly done on North Beach. They have been digging in 100-foot-long sections to provide for their underground equipment and to minimize disruptions and traffic flow. The contractor, Burkhardt Construction has held monthly “Coffee with the Contractor” meetings to listen to our concerns. This has helped

reduce disruption and made for a smooth process of getting the work done. Thanks Burkhardt! By putting the power lines and other utilities underground it should harden the system against hurricanes and prevent power outages.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) spent three months this summer addressing issues with the Sheraton Street Bridge. Project improvements include installing bicycle-friendly / anti-slip walking plates along the moveable spans, removing the existing curb and adding a 4-foot traffic railing between the sidewalk and roadway, removing and replacing the outer pedestrian railing, adding new pedestrian gates in each direction, renovating the existing tender house, upgrading electrical and mechanical components, and access platforms on the bridge. We are proud of the new bridge and are glad it’s been completed before the annual tourist season.



Sheridan Street Bridge has undergone many improvements during three month renovation

The completion date has been changed to at least October 15th, as of press time.

CRA Property Improvement Program (PIP) Grants

There is \$1.25 million available for beach businesses to upgrade exterior appearance. Grants through this program are available for up to \$50,000 as well as micro grants of up to \$25,000. There are grants for hotels up to \$300,000. The money cannot be used to fix code violations. You can get a grant to update seawalls that will pay 50% of the cost up to a limit of \$25,000. Beach businesses must apply, then meet insurance and other requirements, and if approved, pay for the renovations, then get reimbursed. Chris Crocitto may be able to assist in filling out documents. He’s also an architect so you can pick his brain for ideas and Chris has helped many of our businesses in the past get these grants. The program has certain design guidelines for inspiration, recommended paint colors and more. If you are a beach business owner you should check these grants out by going to www.hollywoodcra.org and click on “Grant Programs” then on “Property Improvement Program”.

Summer HBBA Meeting

Our July meeting drew lots of businesses because of the Property Improvement Program (PIP), Policing, the Mermaid Reef program and updates to CRA projects. We are expanding our membership so please go to HBBAFLA.com to learn more and to join today! We are your voice with the City of Hollywood and we make sure beach businesses are heard.

CRA will end in 2027 – HBBA Oversight of Beach Tax Dollars.

The Community Redevelopment Agency for Hollywood Beach or BCRA was created to address issues with infrastructure, removal of slum and blight and to improve the quality of life for beach residents and businesses by increasing property values. Certain tax dollars generated by the district are kept in the district to make the improvements without drawing on money from other districts or taxpayers in the city. As a result, our businesses can apply for BCRA grants to spruce up properties, tax incentives are offered to bring in more industry and jobs, upgraded roads and public amenities are created and the area becomes safer and more beautiful.

Since 1997 the BCRA has spent more than \$67.4 million for the redevelopment of 52 streets in a four phase project with final phase design just starting, the improved, award

winning new beach Boardwalk, beach sand renourishment, the A1A undergrounding of powerlines, the two new city parking garages and many other important infrastructure issues that are required as we offer a world-class experience for visitors while also serving the needs of a growing citywide residential and commercial population. The BCRA has developed a model for redevelopment that the entire city of Hollywood can and should mirror.

The CRA is not a permanent institution and the BCRA will cease to exist in 2027 when all the improvements and the improved tax base will be given to all Hollywood citizens in the city’s general fund budget. In advance of the sunset of the BCRA, the city has been taking up to 25% of the annual reserves to pay for projects outside of the beach area. Construction expenses under a CRA system have to be completely funded before a contract is signed to build and the money to pay for this has to be set aside each year until the full amount is “in the bank”. Taking funds from the annual set aside funds is reducing this ability to save up for BCRA projects, thereby causing delays and downgrades, and may cause projects to not be completed by 2027 and likely to cost more in the future.

One of our goals at the HBBA is to make sure the beach is not shortchanged and that maintenance and replacement of infrastructure and the many improvements made during the existence of the BCRA, the money for safety and our police and other needs of the beach will continue to be met.

Cardboard Boat Race

This will float your boat if it’s made of cardboard. This annual family fun event takes place on October 8th at the City of Hollywood Marina, 700 Polk Street, Hollywood, Florida at 10 am. We encourage everyone to gather their friends and build a boat then paddle it around North Lake. To find out more go to events at www.hollywoodfl.org.

Holiday’s on the Beach.

Don’t miss our annual Candy Cane Parade on the Beach this December 3rd at 7 pm. Enjoy lighted floats, music and costumes, then have dinner, stroll the Boardwalk and enjoy the salt air. Last year the “Ho Ho Ho Holiday Bike & Toy Parade” debuted the Saturday before Christmas to enthusiastic crowds. We look forward to its return this



Alex Serafini from Tiki Tiki explained oyster shell recycling project. Shells previously went to landfill.

year. The Hollywood Beach New Year’s Eve celebration will light up the beach as local restaurants and hotels offer an array of parties and music. We look forward to welcoming locals and visitors from everywhere to the beach this Holiday season.

HBBA Membership- please join if you are a beach business or as an associate member if you do business on the beach but are located outside our district. The city attends our meetings and you can bring your suggestions, ideas and issues in front of our government officials. Plus, we network and get to know each other in a social setting. Go to HBBAFLA.com to learn more.

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Dan Serafini,
HBBA President

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Welcome Back Home Ernesto!



Ernesto Graveran was on his way to Havana to avoid Medicare fraud charges when apprehended by the U.S. Coast Guard

with food and water for the 90-mile trip to Havana. “Cuba wasn’t my destination of choice, they don’t have a lot of food down there.” Graveran told Coast Guard authorities, “I was hoping to make it to Brazil where there are hot women and no extradition laws but the feds had all the airports covered looking for me and no way I was making it to Rio on a wave runner. I didn’t even get to Marathon.”

Coast Guard records show Graveran is the first documented Cuban American who wanted to actually live in Cuba. Just like Ernesto, this story is going nowhere so*Speaking of Cuba...*

Castro impersonators lead Halloween fun.

Now that Key West’s ‘Ernest Hemingway Look Alike Contest’ is wrapped up for 2022, it’s time to shift focus to the highlight of *Hollyweird’s* annual downtown Halloween festivities. *The Raul and Fidel Bash.* is part of the October 31st fun and a Hollywood

A faulty wave runner ruined the chance to make history for Hialeah’s *Ernesto Graveran*, 52. The medical supply company owner was attempting to be the first Cuban to go BACK to Cuba since the island’s communist takeover in 1959. Graveran was set to be indicted for federal Medicare fraud after pocketing \$2.1 million in just two months for equipment allegedly given to patients who turned out not to exist.

His wave runner was equipped with an extra fuel tank and was loaded

ghoul time tradition since 1961 when the *Bay of Pigs Invasion* failed to remove the Castro’s from power. *Harvey Schwartz* portrays Fidel and *Eddie Silverman* is Raul. “Cubans have settled all over the US and we’re in great demand for appearances,” Schwartz said. “We don’t take the abuse personally, it’s just that our startling resemblance to the Castro’s just brings out a lot of passion in Cuban Americans.”

“Our goal is not to honor those sadistic Bolshevik brothers,” said Hollywood event organizer *Elian Gonzalez*, “but to make substitutes that look like them available for public abuse. The *Bay of Pigs* patriots never made it to Havana to assassinate the Castro Bros so this is the next best thing. We supply rotten fruit to throw at Harvey and Eddie and there’s a lot of verbal abuse in both English and Spanish. Over the years we’ve had a couple of guys jump up on stage with machetes and there’s been a few mortar rounds but nothing really serious, it’s all good fun.”



Harvey Schwartz and Eddie Silverman tour the country as Castro lookalikes.



Did You Know?

Wilma and Fred Flinstone were the first TV couple, live or animated, to be shown sleeping in the same bed. Not *Lucy and Ricky*, not *Ozzie and Harriet*. You can look it up, especially if you have no idea who those people were.

For more forgettable facts look for the next *Cahoots in December*.

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