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Over the past decades, we have seen incredible advancements in women's rights and empowerment, and we must continue to strive toward equality and equity for all women.

As we recognize the achievements of women in our community, it is important to also acknowledge the challenges that still exist. Despite the progress we have made, women continue to face barriers in many areas, including pay equity, representation in leadership roles, and access to education and healthcare.

However, the inspiring women who have come before us give us hope and motivation to keep fighting for a better future. Women like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who broke down gender barriers in the legal field and became an iconic figure for women's rights, serve as a reminder of the power and potential of women.

Women's History Month is not just about celebrating the past, but it is also about inspiring the next generation of women to reach their full potential. Let us continue to uplift, empower, and celebrate women in all their diverse and incredible forms. Here's to another year of honoring the women who have made and continue to make history!

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## MARCH 2-5

### Little Flower Church & School Carnival

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## MARCH 3-4

### Greater Fort Lauderdale Science Festival

South Florida's new science festival in the Arts & Entertainment District of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Festival brings together leaders in STEM, with families and science lovers of all ages and abilities to celebrate the wonder of science, showcase technology innovations, and open minds to STEM careers in our region's major industries. The Festival will take place primarily in the heart of the downtown Arts & Entertainment District of Fort Lauderdale at the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) and Esplanade Park. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Scan the QR code for more info.



## MARCH 4

### Broward County Waterway Cleanup

Join your neighbors across Broward County's largest and longest-running environmental events. The annual event brings volunteers together for one day to celebrate our beautiful environment and remove trash from our community and waterways. There are over 30 locations across the county where you can help make a difference. 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Scan the QR code to register and select a location. Turn to page 22 for more info.



## MARCH 7

### Full Moon Drum Circle

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

## MARCH 8

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific.



## MARCH 10

### ArtsPark Movie Night featuring: Paws of Fury

See a free family-friendly flick every Friday at the ArtsPark at Young Circle in Downtown Hollywood. Lawn seating is available, so bring a blanket or beach chair for comfort. This week's feature film will be Paws of Fury, The Legend of Hank. A fast-moving fun cartoon featuring Underdog. Movie starts at 8:00 pm.





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## MARCH 11

### Hollywood Beach Sweep

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## MARCH 18

### Florida AIDS Walk & Festival

While HIV and AIDS have fallen out of the spotlight in recent years, the epidemic is far from over. An estimated 1.1 million people in the US are living with HIV, and 15% of them don't know it. Florida AIDS Walk works to bring attention to this pressing issue, educate and inspire our community to work together, and end the epidemic once and for all. We walk for the more than 100,000 people living with HIV in Florida. We walk to remember those who no longer can. 7:00 am till 3:00 pm at Fort Lauderdale Beach and Park, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd. **Visit [www.floridaaidswalk.org](http://www.floridaaidswalk.org) for more info.**



## MARCH 17

### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrated on the 17th of March every year, St. Patrick's Day is one of the most popular days of the year to travel to Dublin. For centuries, the Irish have celebrated the day as both a religious and social holiday. South Florida has become one of the go-to locations to celebrate Saint Patrick's day in the United States. **So, kiss me if you're Irish!**



## MARCH 25

### ArtsPark Movie Night Featuring: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

See a free family-friendly flick every Friday at the ArtsPark Amphitheater at Young Circle in Downtown Hollywood. Lawn seating is available, so bring a blanket or beach chair for comfort. This night's show will be Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. Based on the best-selling book series by Bernard Waber, Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile is a live-action/CGI musical comedy that brings this beloved character to a new, global audience. Food trucks will be on hand to offer treats and cuisine. The movie starts at 8:00 pm. **For info, call 954-921-3404.**



## MARCH 12

### St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival

The City of Hollywood and Hibernians of Hollywood are teaming up to host the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in downtown Hollywood. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. and will feature dozens of festive floats, local marching bands, and spectacular bagpipe and drum corps, including the New York Police Department Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Corps. The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales are also scheduled to join the parade. Anniversary Park will transform into the "Magic of the Emerald Isle" children's activity area for youngsters of all ages. Noon till 6:00 pm in Downtown Hollywood.



## MARCH 18

### Downtown Hollywood Art Walk

The Downtown Hollywood ArtWalk is back! This monthly event is open to all. Explore all that downtown Hollywood has to offer! Visit galleries and shops while enjoying art, cultural entertainment, live music, murals, and more! Artisan Market, 6pm-11pm; Mural Tour, 6pm-7pm; Gallery Tour, 7pm-8pm; Impulse Art - fusion of music and foot painting, 8pm-9pm. **For more info visit [floridashollywood.org/ArtWalk/](http://floridashollywood.org/ArtWalk/).**



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Actually, Hamm made this arrangement while he was still alive, allowing the Historical Society to hold meetings in the house while he lived out the rest of his life there rent-free.

Since then, the city has honored this agreement, leasing the entire property to the HHS, a completely member-supported 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural and educational organization, for \$1 a year. In exchange, the HHS has kept it pretty much as it was when Hamm and Vera lived there...until the HHS Board of Directors decided that it was time for a cleaning and facelift of the house that Hamm built.

How do you bring an 85-year-old house into the present, without sacrificing its old-world charm? It’s a skill that the HHS team worked hard to maintain as they got to work. The plumbing, electricity, and landscaping needed updating. The drawers and cabinets were haphazardly stuffed with beautiful china, crystal, and linens. The window treatments were mismatched, and the whole house needed painting inside and out.

Over the next few months, security systems and new lighting were installed, glass, china and silver were cleaned, polished and organized, and bathrooms were made usable again. Window treatments were replaced and made consistent throughout the house.

The entire house was repainted and exterior lighting was installed, which, along with new landscaping, makes the house a City Beautiful showplace. This is all due to the hard work of the HHS House Beautification Committee, the generosity of the Windhover Foundation and the Quadracci Family, which underwrote the clean-up, and the many volunteers and craftspeople who donated their time and expertise to make it happen..

► To learn more about the Hollywood Historical Society, please email [HollywoodFLHistory@att.net](mailto:HollywoodFLHistory@att.net), or visit [www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org/).

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## Family Dental Care

Dr. Toral and his staff is dedicated to caring for every member of the family. Whether it is a toddler's first visit to the dentist or grandma getting dental implants, the team at **Smile Dental Center** ensures every patient is relaxed and cared for. They take caring for their patients personally, and it shows. Visiting the dentist every six months is very important to preserve your teeth and protect your overall health. The welcoming, family environment at the office makes every visit a no-stress visit!

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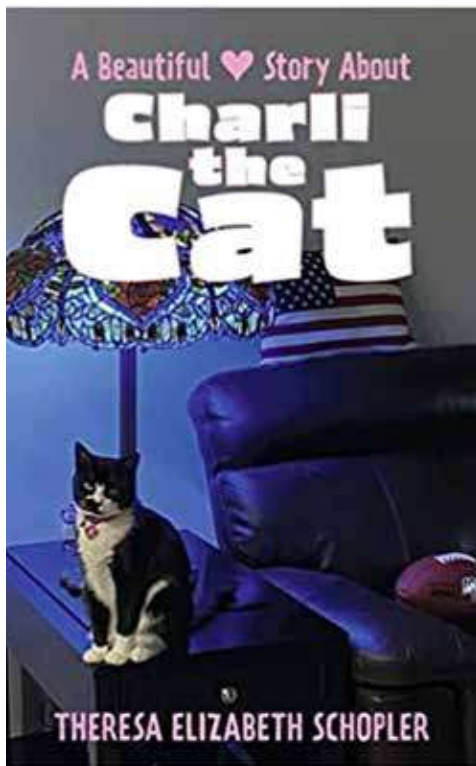
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A portion of the proceeds from book sales will go to rescue and adoption at Broward County Animal Care.

### About the Author

Theresa Elizabeth (Ryan) Schopler is a registered nurse with an externship at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Currently, she works with her husband, Dr. Thomas A. Schopler, as a dental implant surgical coordinator at Atlantic Florida Dental, Inc.



Her hobbies include playing the piano and guitar, swimming, biking, dancing, crafting, and traveling. Theresa's passion is focused on animal adoption.

She says, "I felt compelled to write the book to promote animal adoption and rescue! A major portion of the sales from the book goes to the Broward Rescue."

### Where to Find the Book

The first printing of "A Beautiful Love Story About Charli, the Cat" was released on February 6th, 2023, and can be purchased on Barnes and Noble, Target, Amazon, Book Baby websites, and other online sellers. Copies are being sent to Nicklaus Hospital, St. Jude's, and Joe DiMaggio Hospitals.

► Check out Theresa's website at [tschoplerauthor.com](http://tschoplerauthor.com) to learn more.



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**M**obile School Pantry is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization established in 2013 to help alleviate hunger through the provision of nutritious food to children and their families at Title 1 Schools in South Florida.

The Mobile Pantry affords the chance to reach a greater number of schools and families, allowing them to serve those who are unable to access a food pantry in their neighborhoods with little burden for the school.

One in five children in South Florida live in food-insecure households. Mobile School Pantry understands that hunger is a reality facing children and families in our communities and gives families an opportunity to get fresh fruits and vegetables in their neighborhoods with very little burden on schools.

## How Mobile School Pantry Works

MSP works with schools to establish a pop up Client Choice pantry on site. Students and their families can access nutritious food items from these pantries

with no questions asked. The goal of the school pantry program is to provide not only food but connections to additional services for the family in order to achieve long-term solutions to end hunger and malnutrition.

Children and families are referred to the Pantry by the guidance counselor or social worker at the school. There are two qualifications to participate in the program - Students must be enrolled in a participating school and need a helping hand.

MSP offers a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, and non-perishable food items in a farmer's market-style atmosphere at no charge to families in need of food assistance. The program operates once a month at each school. During this time, they distribute an average of 14,000 pounds of food items and serve 450 to 750 children and families.

## How You Can Help

There are a number of ways community members can help MSP end hunger. Financial donations are always welcome.

In addition, MSP accepts anything from cases to truckloads of food and non-food items that are dry-stored, frozen, fruits and vegetables, meat products, or surplus; and for any of the following reasons: surplus or seasonally packaged, cosmetically damaged or code-dated, unlabeled or mislabeled, discontinued or test-market, private-label brands, or under/over-weight items.

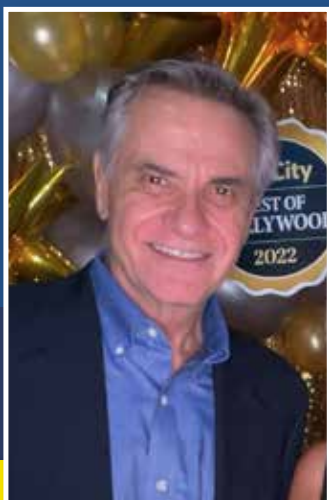
MSP welcomes volunteers ages 14 and older. On the day of the pickup, fresh produce and other nutritional goods are sourced from several local partners and are delivered to an outdoor packing location. A limited number of volunteers pack all items. The families are then able to select the items they would like, using reusable bags, helping to lower food waste.

► **Mobile School Pantry's (MSP) mission is to provide nutritious, healthy grocery items to students and families at low-income schools throughout South Florida. If you know a child or a family that may benefit from their program visit [www.mobileschoolpantry.com](http://www.mobileschoolpantry.com).**

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# Help Make Broward County Beautiful at the Waterway Cleanup



**B**roward County Waterway Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2023. The cleanup is open to volunteers of all ages and is a great way for students to earn community service hours. This year's event will be hosted at more than 30 different locations across the county.

The Broward County Waterway Cleanup, organized by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, is the county's largest and longest-running environmental event.

The first Waterway Cleanup was held in the late 1970s to help ensure that both the community and the marine industry could enjoy our local waterways.

Last year more than 1,100 volunteers of all ages joined with more than 300 boats/personal watercraft throughout 35 sites across Broward County to remove 25 tons of trash and debris from our inland waterways.

To volunteer for the event, you must first complete the registration form and sign the waiver. When registering, you will be asked to choose one of our more than 30 site locations to clean up at.

Once you have registered, on the day of the event, you will arrive at your site location, and a site coordinator will provide you with additional instructions on cleaning up at that specific location.

Participants are strongly recommended to wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes for the event. Each volunteer will receive a Waterway Cleanup T-Shirt. The event is open to all ages. However, kids 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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# South Florida Ballet Theater Celebrates Its 20th-Year Anniversary With A New Facility



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Don Quixote with Misty Copeland and Julio Bogota -Young, Cinderella with Diana Catalina Gomez and Rolando Sarabia, Sleeping Beauty with Christine Thomas, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Coppelia, La Fille Mal Gardee', Carman Suite, Romeo and Juliet Balcony Scene, and Several performances of Peter & the Wolf to name a few. The company also presented many famous variations like Flames of Paris, Diane & Acton, Esmeralda, cupid Variation, and a primer of "Remember Me" by Edgar Anido and Susan Bello.

To help celebrate our 20th-anniversary SFBT has opened its beautiful new facility located at 4571 Sheridan St. Hollywood FL. 33021. This studio will provide the company with many more classroom technique opportunities and rehearsal hours for this season's performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", to be presented at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on April 22nd, 2023 at 8 pm, and next seasons full

length," The Sleeping Beauty" April 28, 2024" at 2 & 8 pm. This will be the South Florida Ballet Theaters' 10th season at the Broward Center.

► Go to [Browardcenter.org](http://Browardcenter.org) for tickets or visit our website at [Southfloridaballettheater.com](http://Southfloridaballettheater.com). We also have SFBT Director Circle Tickets Memberships, and class info for all ages and levels available at our SFBT studio. (954) 929-4601



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# Vivian Fazio

Trial Attorney  
Law Offices of Vivian H. Fazio, P.A.

## About Vivian

Vivian is a civil and commercial litigator. More simply, she helps good people who find themselves in bad situations. These are ordinary people going about their daily lives who suddenly find themselves in situations they never expected a young lady rear-ended on her way home from work, a mother who slipped and fell while shopping with her kids at Target, a grandmother injured when her plane landed in Fort Lauderdale from Jamaica, a couple from Texas injured during their stay at a local hotel before the start of their Caribbean cruise, or a young man attacked while he was a patient at a local mental health hospital. These are just a few examples of the people injured due to others’ negligence that Vivian has been honored to help.

She also helps small businesses when they face lawsuits. She has been fortunate to obtain dismissals or other favorable relief for them, allowing them to continue to focus on what they do best - running their businesses. She also sues individuals and businesses that have taken advantage of an individual or business – by not honoring a contract, engaging in deceptive practices, or fraud, to name a few.

Vivian has been awarded an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Only attorneys who consistently demonstrate extraordinary legal ability and the highest ethical standards receive an AV Preeminent rating. Only an estimated five percent of all attorneys receive such recognition.

## What Makes Vivian’s Practice Unique

Vivian only takes on cases she believes in. She gives potential clients an honest evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of their case and does not create false expectations. Oftentimes, she will advise against proceeding with a case. If there are other options available, e.g., your insurance will provide you a defense for free, Vivian will tell you that. Clients appreciate Vivian’s consistent honesty.

## What Contributed to Vivian’s’ Success

Vivian credits being authentic and credible, employing creativity, persistence, and resilience, and taking chances to her ongoing success.

## Something to Know About Vivian

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# Ghea Adeboyejo, MD & Krista Kant, MD

Obstetrician Gynecologists  
Oasis Obstetrics & Gynecology

## About Dr. Adeboyejo and Dr. Kant

Dr. Adeboyejo and Dr. Kant provide women’s health care from adolescence through menopause. By listening and educating, we are able to help women make the best choices for their wellness.

Dr. Adeboyejo is Chair of the Department of Maternal/Child Health at the new HCA University Hospital on Nova University’s campus; she leads a team dedicated to bringing cutting-edge medical excellence to all women in South Florida. With a disposition as calming and positive as Dr. Ghea Adeboyejo’s, it’s no wonder why she has become one of South Florida’s most sought-after OB/GYNs.

Dr. Kant grew up in coastal Alabama. After completing her schooling and training, she was in private practice for ten years as a general OB/GYN in Clearwater. She relocated to the Fort Lauderdale area in 2019 and has been practicing as an OB hospitalist until joining Oasis in February 2022. She loves the personal connection with her patients that private practice provides. Her general interests include well-woman care, contraception, sexual health, low-risk and high-risk obstetrics, gynecologic surgery, abnormal uterine bleeding, postmenopause, and perimenopause.

## What Makes Their Practice Unique

Both Dr. Kant and Dr. Adeboyejo have spent years practicing obstetrics and gynecology, serving the women of Florida. They are intimately aware of what has worked well in women’s healthcare and what has not. They know what it feels like to be uncomfortable in a doctor’s office and set out to design a healthcare experience to put women at ease. They offer the same level of up-to-date care, comfort, and accessibility that they expect for themselves, family, and their neighbors to every patient.

## What Contributed to Their Success?

Both doctors contribute a significant amount of their success to their extensive clinical experience, approachability, and willingness to think outside the way things have always been done helps



to set us apart. In 2022 they launched Oasis Obstetrics and Gynecology. They operate their business with the mindset that: “empowered women empower women.” When you authentically love what you do, it shines through. They are changing the way women experience and expect health care.

## Something to know about Dr. Adeboyejo and Dr. Kant

When they met four years ago, they instantly clicked because they had the same love for what they do and shared a vision to take women’s care to the next level. They love being part of the community and seeing patients through every phase of their wellness journey. The team of healthcare professionals at Oasis OB/GYN share the same passion and integrity.



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# Christy Jaillet

Co-Publisher & Editor-in-Chief  
Our City Media of Florida, LLC

## About Christy

Christy is the Co-Publisher and Editor-in-Chief at Our City Media. She manages all of the positive community news stories that go into Our City’s eight magazines every month. Christy leads our editorial team and ensures we get the word out about all of the amazing things happening in South Florida! She is also the primary conduit for our guest writers and expert columnists to reach our readers with their informative stories.

Despite being incredibly talented at her current role, what makes Christy truly remarkable is the fact that Our City is actually her second career. Dr. Christy Jaillet is also a board-certified Optometrist. Prior to moving to Florida, Christy owned an Optometry practice in Johns Creek, Georgia. She practiced Optometry for more than 20 years, taking care of the ocular health of thousands of patients.

## What Contributed to Christy’s Success?

Christy is a principled person. Her integrity is very important to her, and it shows in all of her business dealings. Deadline week at a community magazine publisher can be stressful for anyone. Having a consistent, level-headed leader like Christy keeps the team on task.

She is also a voracious reader, often finishing two books a week. Christy’s continuous absorption of new ideas and information makes her particularly adept in her role.

## Fun Fact About Christy

Like many South Floridians, Christy loves the beach and the ocean. When she isn’t working, watching one of her children’s sporting events, or attending a community event, you will likely find her at the beach or on the Intracoastal waterway. In fact, she and her husband plan to complete the “Great Loop” boating trip one day.



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# Leticia Milazzo

President  
ASM Beauty World Academy, Inc.

## About Letti

Letti founded ASM Beauty World Academy to prepare each student to become a fully licensed and qualified professional in his/her field and to prepare them for diversified employment opportunities across a number of fields, including Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Skin Care, Instructor Training, Full Specialist, Barber, Basic Makeup Artistry, Advanced Makeup Artistry and Electrology.

## What Makes ASM Beauty World Academy Unique

ASM's maintains honest and fair relationships with its students, patrons, staff, and faculty and protects their health, education, and welfare. Their classes are bilingual in English and Spanish. They have been in business for more than 37 years.

ASM has programs to help students from all around the world become professionals in the Beauty Industry. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has approved the school to process International Student Visa applications (M-1) with programs lasting between two to ten months.

## What Contributed to Letti's Success

Letti's success was due, in part, to her ability to meet with and interact with school directors from all around the world. She meets with directors from Latin America and Europe on a regular basis to discuss the latest education techniques in their regions and implements best practices at ASM.

## A Fun Fact About Letti & ASM Beauty World Academy

ASM Beauty World Academy offers scholarship programs for students in need. An international student from Medellin Colombia recently received a scholarship, graduated from the program and now owns his own business.



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# BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIRES YET ANOTHER INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

**D**r. Earlean Smiley agreed to terms with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) to serve as the school district's interim superintendent. The retired school administrator was selected by the school board in a 7-2 vote. She was Superintendent of McCormick County Public School District in South Carolina from 2010 to 2013 and was the Principal of Blanche Ely High School.

School Board negotiations were led by Chair Lori Alhadeff. Smiley's compensation package is said to be valued at approximately \$300,000.

The move comes after the departure of controversial Superintendent Dr. Vickie Cartwright. After agreeing to a separation agreement, Cartwright said, "I am confident that the district will continue to thrive under new leadership, and I do wish the district continued success in the future. Thank you for your support and your understanding."

Smiley's initial focus will be on improving the culture within the district's administration.

"I've heard many board members talk about toxic culture," Smiley said, "I want to move out of the culture that we're in, to a

culture where we can thrive at every level."

Smiley, who is 71 years old, will fill the role as the School District looks for its fourth leader in just three years.

"She has a no-nonsense personality, and I believe that is what Broward County Public Schools needs right now," said Broward School Board Chair Lori Alhadeff, "This is how I know that she's going to be tough but fair and a very strong leader."

Leadership at BCPS has been a political hotbed since the Tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. The fact that the school board and Dr. Cartwright were frequently at odds with Governor Ron Desantis during the COVID pandemic made matters only more difficult. Desantis frequently quarreled with Broward County over back-to-school rules and mask requirements.

The rift between Tallahassee and BCPS culminated when Desantis removed four board members last August. He had convened a Grand Jury to investigate the root causes of the Parkland tragedy and used his powers as governor to remove the board members after the grand jury's findings suggested the

school board was partially at fault.

Desantis' hand-picked replacement board members were at odds with Cartwright from the moment they took their seats, eventually voting to terminate her during a late-night meeting just days before three of them were to be replaced following the November election. In a twist of fate worthy of a TV melodrama, Cartwright was reinstated by the new board two weeks later, only to be pushed out for good a month later.

Dr. Smiley will remain interim superintendent until the board recruits a new, permanent leader. Finding the best candidate to lead the nation's sixth-largest school district will likely be a challenge, given the chaotic history of the last three years. Dr. Cartwright was hired after former Superintendent Dr. Robert Runcie was indicted for allegedly lying to a grand jury in 2021.

"We're not looking to rush it, but we want to make sure that we have Dr. Smiley in place for enough time for us to be able to do the national search for a permanent superintendent," said Alhadeff.

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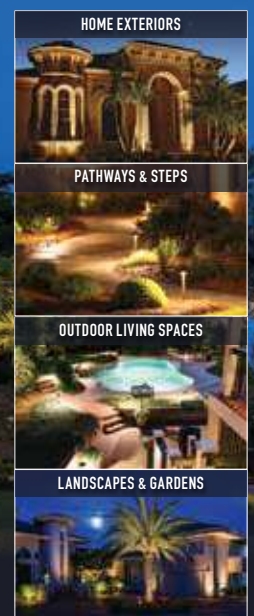
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By Mayor Josh Levy

Fellow residents, Let's talk Hollywood. What's our purpose? Our mission is to provide you with a thriving community, where quality living and the opportunity for success is made available to all.

We have a vision to make Hollywood "South Florida's top city to live, learn, work, invest, and play" and we recognize that amidst the vibrancy of the many cities in South Florida that this is a bold vision. But our pride in Hollywood is driving us with great enthusiasm to achieve our vision, because we know the gem that Hollywood is, situated here at what's referred to as the 50 Yard line of South Florida – a/k/a "the best seats in the house." J

To lead Hollywood toward this destination, we adopted and are executing upon a strategic plan that aligns all municipal activities toward achieving our vision – in order to ensure that our city's leadership is making calculated decisions while we manage the precious resources we have to work with year to year. So let's review where we are and what's to come in 2023 in the context of our primary strategic focus areas and goals. It's historic and a big lift. Starting with financial management and administration, which is critical for any corporation, as it is for our municipal corporation.

For a city to be successful it must ensure that its finances and general administration activities are well managed, and that begins with maintaining a sustainable city budget. One that controls expenses and maximizes the opportunities for revenue generation.

For Fiscal year 2023 our Operating Budget totals 672 million dollars and represents a turning point for our city – as this is the first structurally balanced budget in over a decade - where revenue equaled expenditures, 17% in reserves was maintained and not used to help balance the budget, and new appropriations were not implemented unless they were off-set by a new revenue source, an existing revenue source increase, or another expenditure was reduced.

Now, speaking of revenues, and as we all know, whether we are managing a household, a business or a city, what we can provide for our family, our customers our employees, and in our case, our city - all starts with how much money we can make our enterprises generate - what we have to work with.

For a city, the largest revenue source we have is the taxable value of the real estate in our city, residential, commercial, and industrial – and we are fortunate in Hollywood, that this year, our taxable real estate values increased by a whopping 11.5% - to 21 billion dollars, that's a record total, and its 5.8 billion or 39% better than each of the record years of the past five years, with a flat operating tax rate.

And we can thank this current real estate market and the new development we have been able to usher in for those incredible numbers, because, regardless of what happens on the revenue side from year to year, up or down, the city's annual required contributions for pensions, healthcare costs and our operating expenses in general, are nevertheless projected to keep rising.

Fiscal sustainability requires decision making & governance that is future oriented and ensures that a local government can protect the public health, safety and welfare of present and future generations. This is a core principle through which I evaluate the expenditures and revenue opportunities that come before us. Hollywood is turning 100 in a couple years, and we will keep working to ensure that our collective enterprise celebrates its centennial in good economic footing.

Sincerely,

*Josh Levy*  
Mayor of Hollywood





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*"Lucy"*

This is Lucy she is a mini dachshund. She is almost 5 months old. She is 7 pounds of joy! Lucy loves people and other dogs. She's super friendly and brings happiness to everybody who meets her. Lucy travels really well and she goes everywhere we go. Lucy is very well behaved and loves to fall asleep on my lap. If it's a car, a plane, out to dinner, or just watching a movie at home. Lucy loves to cuddle!

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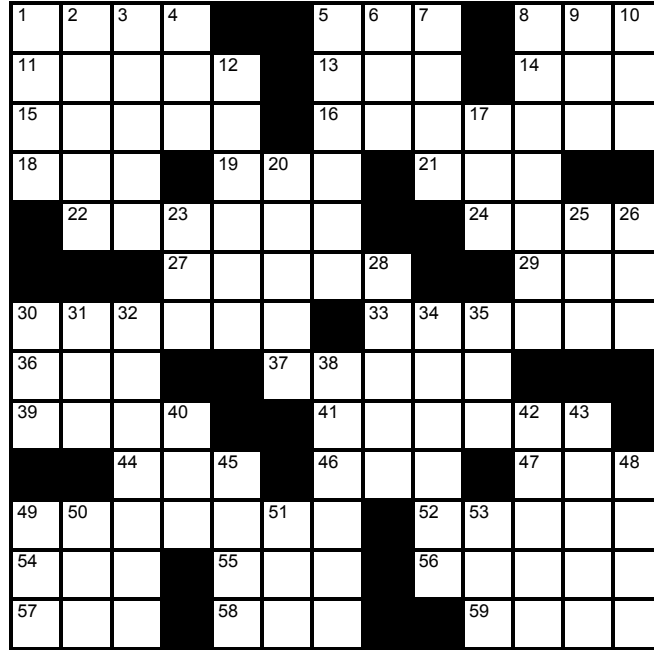
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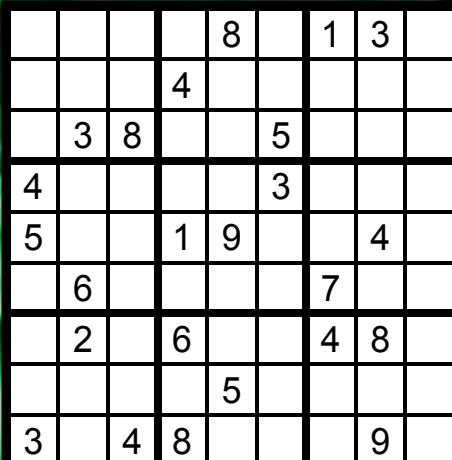
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- 21 Uncle of note
- 22 Make like Sherlock
- 24 Widespread
- 27 Ouzo flavoring
- 29 Dawn goddess
- 30 Late-night name
- 33 Rhymes
- 36 Caustic chemical
- 37 Rank
- 39 Stand up to
- 41 Suitable as food
- 44 Pickled delicacy
- 46 Mouse, at times
- 47 Before meal or grass
- 49 \_\_\_ non grata
- 52 Popeye's gal
- 54 Dudgeon
- 55 Director Van Sant
- 56 Less common
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- 58 Polo Grounds legend
- 59 He loved Lucy



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- 12 Tranquil
- 34 Newspaper VIP
- 2 Vocally
- 17 Wax collector
- 35 Yank's foe
- 3 Embankment
- 20 Cupcake topper
- 38 Supper, e.g.
- 4 Japanese carp
- 23 \_\_\_ chi (martial art)
- 40 Cry of success
- 5 Explodes
- 25 Enemy
- 42 Fr. river
- 6 Jack's inferior
- 26 Feminine suffix
- 45 Apple's apple, e.g.
- 7 Quizzes
- 28 Give the slip
- 48 Garr of *Tootsie*
- 8 Toddler's nightwear
- 30 Antediluvian
- 49 Grenade part
- 9 Rascal
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By Dr. Alon Grosman

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thumb sucking. Sucking is a natural reflex that helps to soothe infants and provides a sense of security.

Problems arise when these habits are carried on beyond the age of two. This may result in a negative affect on development of the upper and lower jaws as well as the eventual alignment of the teeth. The amount of facial/dental changes will depend upon the duration and force of the habit. One common affect of a sucking habit is the formation of an "open bite." This is a "malocclusion" (bite problem) characterized by a vertical space between the upper and lower front teeth.

Another resulting bite problem is a cross-bite. This is seen as a backwards relation of the back teeth. The upper teeth will be positioned closer to the tongue than the lower teeth. Others may simply notice a "buck" appearance of the upper front teeth. Such conditions may possibly lead to self-conscious feelings, social ridicule by peers and may result in speech problems or functional disorders later in life.

We are commonly asked whether one habit is better than another. Pacifier use seems to be the lesser of the "evils." We notice less constriction of the palate with pacifier use

and it is the habit more easily broken. Put another way, we cannot simply throw out a thumb or a finger as may be done with a pacifier. In either case, it is of utmost importance that an oral habit is broken long before the eruption of permanent teeth, which usually occurs between the ages of 6-7.

Most children stop oral habits on their own or with the help of their parents' positive "big boy/big girl" reinforcement. We recommend that parents remember to praise your child for not sucking their thumb/finger instead of scolding them when they are. Try to alleviate anxiety and insecurities that may be causing the necessity to soothe this way. Peer pressure of school aged children also helps the older thumb/finger suckers to stop. Home remedies include covering the hand with a sock, use of long sleeve night shirt with sleeves sewn closed, or rubbing aloe on the culprit thumb/finger. If attempts at habit correction fail or you begin to notice the dental/skeletal effects of these habits, it is advisable to consult with your local pediatric dentist or orthodontist. Prevention is the key! .

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