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5th annual Cars for a Cure set for Saturday, April 7, on Main Street in Town Center

The 5th annual Miami Lakes Cars for a Cure which raises cancer awareness and money to help fight the deadly disease is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Main Street.

With Hialeah Park Racing and Casino as a new partner, the event features a concert at the park at 7 p.m., Friday, April 5. Scheduled to perform are 1980s and 1990s music legends Erotic Exotic, Man Trap, Coro, Angel A-Love and D.J. Santana.

More than 250 classic cars will be on display on Main Street for the classic car show as participants will enjoy live

entertainment and food, while honoring Miami Lakes' first Vice Mayor, Roberto Alonso who brought the event to the town before he succumbed to cancer.

All the proceeds from the event benefit the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami.

Roberto Alonso Jr., the event's organizer, said since the event started, the Miami Lakes Cars for a Cure has raised about \$100,000, all of it going to the cancer center. This year, he's hoping to raise more money than before.

Town launches 'Miami Lakes Connect' service request portal

On April 1, the Town of Miami Lakes launched "Miami Lakes Connect," a new platform that improves the public's ability to submit and track non-emergency service requests ranging from litter and park maintenance to damaged sidewalks and potholes through an online web portal and mobile devices.

Powered by SeeClickFix, "Miami Lakes Connect" allows residents to submit quality of life concerns on the Town's

website, mobile applications (iPhone, Android), call center and Facebook.

When submitting requests, residents can provide locational, descriptive and photographic information as they see the issue in real time. The "Miami Lakes Connect" platform provides town staff with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution while engaging residents throughout the process.

This partnership not only

allows Miami Lakers to report problems, but also to view, comment on and vote to fix problems submitted by their neighbors. Residents can even create their own "watch areas" to receive notifications about all issues reported in their community, enabling them to follow the progress of all service requests, not just the ones they report.

Direct communication based on the user preference such as *(Please see Page 2)*

Two egg hunts planned at annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 20

Miami Lakes Youth Activities Task Force invites residents and their families to enjoy the annual Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Miami Lakes Picnic Park West, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue.

Title sponsor this year is Ignite Church along with other sponsors Family Dentistry and

Orthodontics of Miami Lakes and Specialty Smiles.

There will be two egg hunts this year for children 12 years and under. The 1st Egg Hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. and the 2nd Egg Hunt, a Helicopter Egg Drop, begins at noon.

The popular Farmers Market will also be open and participants can enjoy tasty treats from

the famous Food Trucks.

Other activities include a Petting Zoo complete with bunnies, chicks and even pony rides, along with a photo booth, arts and crafts pavilion and face painters.

For more information visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/yatf.

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Miami Lakes Connect will serve as constant updates on residents' service requests

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 email, phone call or mobile push notifications will keep residents updated on the status of their service requests and can also be used to inform residents on other Town news.
 The "Miami Lakes Connect" web and Facebook reporting portal went live on April 1. The mobile app for Android and

iPhone users will be available for download on April 30.
 To submit service requests, visit www.miamilakesconnect.com. For more information, contact Community Engagement and Outreach director Clarisell De Cardenas at 305-512-7133 or email at decardenasc@miamilakes-fl.gov.

Christmas tree mulch available free for Solid Waste customers at North Dade Landfill

Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste (DSWM) encouraged residents to participate in the "Go Green, and Recycle Your Evergreen" Christmas tree this past holiday season. These evergreens have now been chipped and the material is available to DSWM residential waste service area customers free of charge.
 Persons interested in picking up Christmas tree mulch must bring their own bags or contain-

ers and the mulch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.
 For DSWM customers in northwest Miami-Dade, including Miami Lakes, the nearest mulch pickup location will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the North Dade Landfill, 21500 N.W. 47 Avenue.
 For more information, visit miamidade.gov/solidwaste.

Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Dave Downey plans retirement

Miami-Dade's fire chief Dave Downey is calling it a career.
 Downey said he is retiring because of the government Deferred Retirement Option Program which allows him to take the maximum amount allowed under his pension.

"I entered the DROP program five years ago and I can't turn back," he said during an exclusive interview with *The Miami Laker*. "I don't want to leave but I don't have a choice."
 Downey has spent 37 years as a firefighter, six years with the city of Sunrise and 31 years at Miami-Dade.

He said it all started when he was a teenager.
 Downey, 56, said he accepted a friend's invitation to visit a local fire station in Broward County. They entered the fire department's Explorer program and the rest is history.
 "I liked to play sports but being a firefighter was the closest thing to a job other than playing sports," he said.
 Downey said firefighters depending on each other's ideas was what sold him on the profession.



FIRE CHIEF DAVE DOWNEY

After he joined Miami-Dade's fire department, Downey left his mark as fire chief, especially during tough economic times. He currently manages a budget of over \$100 million and oversees 2,000 firefighters and certified paramedics.
 Prior to his appointment to fire chief he served as Operations Division Chief, EMS Division Chief, Chief of the Training and Safety Division and most recently, as the assistant chief of operations.
 Downey was the Southeast Regional coordinator for the Statewide Emergency Response Plan in Florida and he chaired the Fire Rescue Workgroup for the SE Regional Domestic Security Task Force. Downey has been a member of FL-TF1

US and R since 1991 and currently serves as one of the task force leaders. He has responded to numerous disasters domestically as well as internationally, and most recently to the earthquake in Haiti.
 He is the East Coast Task Force Leader Representative and previously served on the Command and General Staff Work Group for the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

As fire chief, Downey said his biggest challenge came during the economic meltdown. He said he was able to maintain services despite drastic budget cuts and didn't layoff a single firefighter or close any fire stations.
 "I was pretty proud of that," he said.
 Another initiative he embraced was firefighter safety and health as some firefighters were stricken with cancer.
 Downey recently assisted the Town of Miami Lakes in adding a fire rescue unit at the new fire station on the west side to increase the emergency response time.

Downey earned an associate's degree in Fire Science from Broward Community College, a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University, and a master's degree in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University.
 He said he has yet to make retirement plans but wants to relax a little before deciding what he wants to do next.
 "Who knows the next step," he said. "I have no plans yet but to relax a little bit and lose some weight while I try to figure things out by talking it over with my wife and kids."

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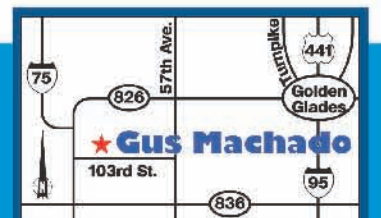
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In Memoriam:

Longtime Optimist leader and coach Jack McCall



JACK MCCALL, his grandson Brennan McCall and his son Christopher McCall in their "Green Machine" jerseys.

Jack McCall has coached so many young baseball players, including his sons and four grandsons, during his 40 plus years with the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes that he lost count.

But the humorous anecdotes from his former players help jog his memory, as the coach of their kids and grandchildren who told him he was a big inspiration in their lives.

"They would come up to me and say, 'Mr. McCall, do you remember me? You coached me in T-ball and Mustang leagues with the Athletics. You were a great coach and mentor'."

McCall passed away last month at the age of 83.

McCall, born in Pennsylvania, joined the Optimist Club in 1973 and created a legacy, marked by three generations of coaching and participation, and he served as the organization's president and South Florida District Optimist International's lieutenant governor and two-term governor.

In 2012, he was enshrined in the South Florida District Optimist International Hall of Fame, signifying four decades of devotion to helping youths both on and off the field.

In addition, McCall was inducted into the inaugural class for the Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame in 2017 joining former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, the NFL's winningest coach, former Dolphins tight end Jim Mandich and former MLB player Alex Ochoa.

To commemorate its 50th anniversary this year the

Optimist Club will enshrine McCall into the organization's inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2019 in July, honoring a man who devoted his life to coaching kids and helped improved their academic skills in the classroom for 45 years.

Joining the exclusive club epitomized his Optimist career and he was thrilled when given the opportunity to coach his youngest grandson as the newest member of the Green Machine.

McCall adopted the moniker years ago as the Little League version of the 1970s Cincinnati Reds' Big Red Machine, and because of his Irish heritage.

"Since 1973, I always loved to volunteer and coach kids because it's a passion of mine," McCall said "I will be volunteering and coaching until the end."

McCall remembered his team played with the luck of the Irish on their side. During a tournament game in Palm Springs North, his team executed the impossible – a triple play by a five-year-old and six-year-old.

To his recollection, it was the second time in T-Ball play the rare act of making three outs during one continuous play occurred.

"The kids executed it flawlessly," he said. "The kids didn't realize what they had accomplished."

Many residents said that McCall's passion for volunteering and coaching that influenced thousands of kids made him an icon.

He served as Grand Marshal of the Miami Lakes Veterans Day Parade.

Longtime Optimist Club member Jim Hamilton, a longtime friend of McCall, said he was the heart and soul of the organization who loved kids.

"He placed his emphasis on working with kids," Hamilton said. "He had two goals – improving their skills and having fun. The Optimist Club will miss Jack and everything he brought to the club and our community."

Hamilton thanked McCall's wife, Pat, for allowing him to devote his time to the Optimist Club.

Other Miami Lakes residents also remembered McCall and his four-decade commitment to the Optimist Club.

Miami Lakes Councilmember Josh Dieguez said it was an honor to meet McCall in 2010. "He was a real gentleman and cared deeply about our town as is evidenced by his decades of involvement with various community organizations in Miami Lakes," he said. "He always kept a great sense of humor about him and will be missed by many. On behalf of our community, thank you for all you did for us, Jack."

Former Miami Lakes Councilmember Nelson Hernandez said McCall was a good man. "A true loss for the town," he said.

Attorney Leslie Seiner Langbein said Miami Lakes will never be the same now the McCall has perished. "He was selfless," she said.

Azalia Guillen Garcia said her son played for McCall's Green Machine team. "He was the best coach my son ever had," she said. "He'll be missed."

Hamilton said the Optimist Club is establishing the Jack McCall Scholarship Fund to help kids in the program who are in need of financial assistance to play sports.

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Mayor's basketball classic will aid D. Quesada

Miami Lakes is seeking revenge against Doral when the two cities clash in the 2019 Mayor's 2nd Annual Basketball Classic as town employees will try to wrestle the cup away from their rival in a showdown.

The contest, pitting Miami Lakes Mayor Manny Cid's team against the team led by Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 12, at Barbara Goleman High School, 14100 N.W. 89 Avenue.

But the game will take on a much deeper meaning as the proceeds will benefit the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) for Team Danny Quesada, who's in dire need of a double lung transplant. Danny suffers from Cystic Fibrosis, a hereditary disorder affecting the exocrine glands.

COTA is a non-profit organization that helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing

fundraising assistance. The money also covers expenses for post-operative care such as transportation, ventilator and pain medications while recovering from a lung transplant.

"We feel blessed and thank Miami Lakes and Doral for choosing Danny as a beneficiary of this event," said Danny's father Mike Quesada.

Last year, Doral beat Miami Lakes in the inaugural game, and the town has been waiting

for the rematch for an entire year.

In fact, Cid and his team have been training and practicing for months preparing for the rematch.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities visit <http://bit.ly/MayorsBasketballClassicTickets>.

In a related event, the Miami Lakes community will participate in the Great Strides Miami Lakes, a walk scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, at

Meadow Walk Park.

This year's event marks the first time Danny Quesada will not participate since he is in North Carolina awaiting his transplant

"For the first time in 17 years, Danny won't attend the walk," said Mike Quesada. "We have been involved with Cystic Fibrosis medical research for a preventable cure. I encourage everyone to come out and walk for Danny."

Main Street Players opens 2019 New Play competition

The Main Street Players (MSP) located at 6766 Main Street announced its 2019 new Play Competition. As part of its mission, the theatre group wants to support local playwrights and bring new plays to the South Florida theatre community.

The winning submission will be presented as a staged reading as part of the South Florida Theatre Fest. Since MSP produces its plays in an intimate black box theater, organizers suggest the following for all submissions:

- 4-7 characters desired, but there is flexibility.

- A unified set or limited set requirements.

- A running time of approximately 90-120 minutes.

- All genres are welcomed.

Submit plays to MSP board member Chris D'Angelo at chdangelo@gmail.com or mail a copy to Main Street Players, c/o Chris D'Angelo, 6766 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014. The deadline for submission is April 30.

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News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

Town officials welcome Andy's Gun Range during grand opening ceremony



MIAMI LAKES Mayor Manny Cid and Councilmember Jose Dieguez celebrated the grand opening of Andy's Gun Range recently at 14000 N.W. 82 Avenue. The range is a training facility for law enforcement officers and military personnel. Pictured are owner Andres Perez, his son Christopher and wife Michelle Rodriguez.

Council honors Miami Lakes Middle for 'We the People' wins



MIAMI LAKES TOWN COUNCIL recognized Miami Lakes Middle School (MLMS) students for their win at the District and State levels for "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition at the March 12 council meeting. Pictured are Councilmembers Marilyn Ruano, Carlos O. Alvarez, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez, Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez, Mayor Manny Cid, Councilmember Luis Collazo, student sponsors Liza DeYarza and Lenard Gutierrez, MLMS principal Maria Medina and student members of the competi-

Miami Lakes lists a variety of events for residents during April

Several Miami Lakes citizens' committees will be hosting a variety of events during April.

Miami Lakes Special Needs Advisory Board will host its official Kick-Off Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Mary Collins Community Center, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue.

The event will include vendors, refreshments, adaptive sports, music and more. The event is free.

Miami Lakes Elderly Affairs

Town seeks police reserve officers

Miami Lakes along with the Miami-Dade Police Department are looking for police reserve officers who are certified police officers who choose to work as volunteers in a sworn capacity in a variety of assignments in the Town.

Held to the same standards, police reserve officers work alongside full-time officers to assist the Department's efforts in the prevention and detection of crime and general enforcement of laws. The reserve officers will also perform those vital functions that are necessary to assist full-time officers in emergency situations.

For additional details, visit https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1523276785826504.

Committee has scheduled several events for seniors during April.

Wednesday, April 10 – Lunch Bunch and Bingo. Seniors can socialize and make new friends while having fun and enjoying a free nutritious lunch.

The activity is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mary Collins Community Center, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue.

Reservations are required by visiting www.tom1.eventbrite.com. Reservations open at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3.

Wednesday, April 24 - Another Lunch Bunch and Bingo with fun and free nutritious lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mary

Collins Community Center.

Reservations will be available on www.tom1.eventbrite.com beginning at 8:30 a.m. on April 17,

Saturday, April 13 - Senior Easter Social will be an "egg-star" event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Roberto Alonso Community Center, 16500 N.W. 87 Avenue.

Miami Lakes Veterans Committee will host an annual Tree Planting sponsored by Miami Lakes Auto Mall during an Arbor Day ceremony. The free event will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at Royal Oaks Park, 16500 N.W. 87 Avenue.

Emergency notices available on 'ALERTMIAMILAKES'

Miami Lakes residents have been encouraged to sign up for "ALERTMIAMILAKES," the Town's mass notification system.

Powered by Everbridge, the global leader in critical mass notification, the system enables the Town to reach its residents and visitors effectively in case of an emergency.

The system enables the Town to reach its citizens who have opted in to use the service online via different channels they chose to be contacted like text messages, emails, app noti-

fications, etc.

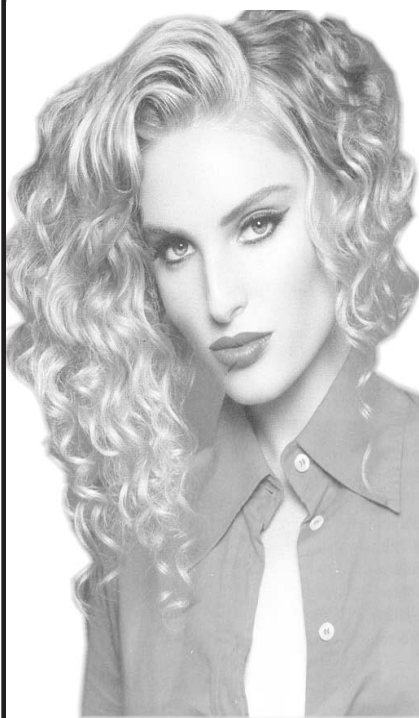
How to start receiving Alerts:
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Step 2: Register for a new account

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Residents can also download the Everbridge mobile application (optional but recommended) on their mobile devices to start receiving geographically tagged emergency notifications in the Miami Lakes area.

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News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

Spring Student Job Fair scheduled for May 4

Miami Lakes Youth Activities Task Force and Economic Development Committee are joining forces to host the annual Spring Student Job Fair for high school and college students from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4, at Mary Collins Community Center, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue.

Students looking for internships and/or jobs can pre-register free at <http://toml/eventbrite.com>.

Previous student job fairs have attracted over 30 local participating businesses and more than 100 students many of which were hired.

Miami Lakes encourages the entire local business community to participate in this free opportunity to meet potential interns and/or future employees.

Space is limited and registration is required. Employers who are interested in the Job Fair must submit the registration form by Friday, April 26. The form can be found at <http://bit.ly/2019YouthJobFairBusinessRegistration>.

For more information, contact Leisure Services manager Kristina Labossiere at 305-364-6100 or email YATF@miami-lakes-fl.gov.

'The Spot' Youth Center plans teen events for April

Miami Lakes Youth Center will be hosting several fun and exciting programs for middle and high school students from 6 to 8 p.m. during April at "The Spot," 6075 Miami Lakes Drive East.

Open Hang Nights are scheduled for Friday, April 5, Wednesday, April 10 and 17, and Saturday, April 26. The Youth Center is equipped with a billiard table, table tennis, indoor basketball shootout game, Microsoft Xbox One Console, Nintendo Wii, and more. Bring friends for a night of fun and games.

Elementary School Open Hang Night is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 with popcorn, drinks and a movie on the giant screen. Open for ages 5 to 12 years old.

Escape Room Field Trip - Think you can escape the room in 60 minutes. Join in the field trip from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$15 and available on toml.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Programs coordinator Manny Martinez at thespot@miami-lakes-fl.gov or 305-819-7768.

Farmers Market, Yoga in the Park will close on April 20

Miami Lakes Farmers Market and Yoga in the Park will be concluding for the season on Saturday, April 20.

The market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers a variety of fresh produce, natural juices, assorted flowers, cultural foods and handcrafted acces-

sories.

Lighthouse Yoga and Wellness has free Yoga in the Park open to all ages and levels from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Fall 2019 start date for both activities will be announced in the future.

U.S. Sen. Rubio, Fla. Sen. Manny Diaz set office hours

The offices of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and Florida State Senator Manny Diaz Jr. are providing monthly constituent hours in Miami Lakes.

Marco Rubio's office will be in the Mayor's Conference Room at Town Hall, 6601 Main Street, every third Wednesday

of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Manny Diaz's office will be in the Mayor's Conference Room at Town Hall, 6601 Main Street, every second Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

NOTICE IS HEREWITH GIVEN that meetings of the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, and its committees, have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Youth Activities Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Veteran Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Madden's Hammock Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 AM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Elderly Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 8:30 AM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Education Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Veterans Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Fla.

In accordance with the provisions of F.S. Section 286.0105, should any person seek to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made; which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accomodation to participate in the proceeds should call Town Hall at (305) 364-6100, no later than (2) days prior to the proceeding for assistance.

Please be advised that two or more Councilmembers may be in attendance at the above events/meetings.

This Notice dated
March 29, 2019
at Miami Lakes, Fla.
Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk



Sen. Manny Diaz files blasting bill; Town plans capitol bus trip

Relief for Miami Lakes and nearby residents whose homes have been allegedly damaged by blasting could be on the way.

Florida Senator Manny Diaz Jr. announced he filed Senate Bill 1356, proposed legislation to stop the effects of the rock mining industry's blasting that plagues his district causing property damages and lowering the quality of life for his constituents.

State Representative Ana Maria Rodriguez has filed a companion bill in the House.

"For far too long, residents have felt frustrated and helpless over this ongoing problem," said Diaz. "People enduring the noise levels, their houses shaking and damages to their property is simply unacceptable. This issue is a top priority and I appreciate the support from my colleagues in both the House and Senate as well as from the leadership of both chambers. I believe that, working together, we can make real headway toward resolving this issue for the affected neighborhoods."

Diaz and Rodriguez's bills are proposing to lower blasting intensity, move the blasting zones away from residential areas and create a fund for repayment of blasting damages. It will also ensure transparency for blasting levels and schedules going forward. The blasts impact communities near Miami Lakes, Palm Springs North, Miramar and Southwest

Ranches in Broward County.

As a state representative, Diaz worked on the issue, filling legislation to conduct a new study of how the blasts affect residential areas which have changed significantly since the last study in 2000. The bill was vetoed.

"I believe we have real traction now," said Diaz. "I plan to keep pushing ahead to give relief to residents who have been suffering for far too long."

When no solution was in sight, Miami Lakes created a blasting advisory committee which made recommendations to control the blasting and seeking to add them to Diaz's bill.

The Town Council adopted the recommendations that included placing mining monitoring devices in multiple sites throughout the town, reduce the legal limit of energy waves created by blasting to 7 inches/second, transfer the authority from the state's Fire Marshall office to local municipalities within the five areas of the state and ask the state to extend the statutes of limitation to 36 months.

The committee also recommended to expand homeowners insurance coverage to include damages caused by the blasting.

Though Diaz's bill doesn't include blasting insurance coverage, a bill filed by State Representative Cindy Polo and Senator Oscar Braynon does. House Bill 1011 and Senate Bill 1288 would require insurance

companies to provide man-made explosion coverage.

"For years, the residents impacted by mine blasting in my district have been ignored and dismissed," Polo said. "While this is a complicated issue, this legislation provides an alternative to protect what is, for most families, their most important investment."

Some residents reportedly spent thousands of dollars on repairs and were never reimbursed by the rock miners through an independent inspection claim they filed for the damages.

Most residents said the claim process was not fair since the inspectors were hired by the rock miners, as they served as both judge and jury on their claims.

In support of Diaz and Rodriguez's bills, Miami Lakes is planning a long bus trip to Tallahassee where the town's elected voices and residents will visit state lawmakers.

The town organized the bus trip to meet with the chairpersons of the House and Senate committees who oversee rock mining legislation.

The bus will depart Miami Lakes Town Hall, 6601 Main Street, at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, and is scheduled to arrive in the State Capitol around 11 a.m. on Wednesday. The bus is slated to return on Thursday, April 11 at 3 a.m.

Miami Lakes Chamber hosts Com. Esteban Bovo at April 10 luncheon meet

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr., is the guest speaker for the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and luncheon which is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, at Don Shula's Hotel.

Bovo was elected in 2011 to serve as the County Commissioner representing District 13, which includes Hialeah, Miami Lakes, Palm Springs North and neighboring areas of unincorporated Miami-Dade. On December 6, 2016, Bovo was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for the 2017-2018 term.

Bovo commenced his public service when he was appointed Councilman for the City of Hialeah in 1998. After being re-elected twice, Bovo's colleagues selected him as President of the Hialeah City Council and he remained in that capacity throughout his term.

In 2008, Bovo was elected as State Representative for District 110 and was re-elected without opposition in 2010. During his tenure in the Florida Legislature, he was an outspoken advocate for the historic Hialeah Park and worked diligently towards its re-opening. Throughout the 2009 legislative session, he also sponsored a resolution naming May as "A Safe Haven for Newborns Month," in recognition of the Gloria M. Silveiro Foundation.

Bovo continued to focus his legislative agenda on the betterment and safety of the community by sponsoring the Ashley Nicole Valdes Act, which requires defendants who have been arrested for leaving the scene of a fatal accident to be



COM. ESTEBAN BOVO

held in custody until a judge's ruling. Due to his tenacity and dedication to public service, his colleagues in the Florida Legislature nominated him as Chairman of the Hispanic Legislative Caucus. Bovo, while Chairman of the County Commission, restructured the commission committee system and established a Chairman's Policy Council to address several key issues facing the community. The Policy Council was tasked with developing recommendations to address issues such as mass transit expansion funding, courthouse and jail infrastructure funding, sea level rise, housing affordability and gun violence epidemic.

Luncheon networking starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon. Deadline to RSVP is 2 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

For reservations and/or more information on this or any other Miami Lakes Chamber event, contact Marta Diaz at 305-556-2212 or email mdiaz@miamilakeschamber.com.

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Allivet Pet Pharmacy relocates to Miami Lakes

By Megan Medina
The Miami Laker staff

Allivet is one of the top leading online pet pharmacies in the United States with over 25 years of experience. Although the company is based online they try to keep their facility comfortable for their employees with pictures of their pets displayed on the wall.

Allivet has been around since 1992 and recently moved to Miami Lakes at 14540 N.W. 60 Avenue. At first Allivet sold farm products and larger animal products, today they sell pet medicine, pet food and much more. In 2004 they saw the opportunity for pet medication to be sold online and allivet.com was launched.

President and CEO Peter Batushansky and Allivet pride themselves in being "the pet parents preferred partner" when it comes to their pets medication. Allivet believes they have the best price, selection, speed and are trustworthy. They consider themselves one of the fastest, if not the fastest, when it comes to processing an order and getting it to the pet parents home.

Although there are other online pet medication sites, none are quite like Allivet. Allivet not only offers a larger selection of products, but they also ship nationwide. Despite their only location being in Florida, Allivet offers quick shipping to all consumers as well as expedited shipping options. They also offer auto-ship where the consumer does not have to place an order every month or every three months for a product, it simply ships on its own and they receive a discount for selecting that option.

Not many people are aware that pets need prescription medicine. Batushansky says most pets need two types, a flea and tick medication as well as a heart worm medication. If pet parents are regularly taking their pets to the veterinarian they should be giving them these medications.

Aside from those basic medications, some pets require other medications for certain diseases or allergies they may have. Allivet carries all these medications and are constantly trying to raise awareness of the medications pets need.

All online orders go through a process. Once a customer places an order online and it is received it needs to be verified by the veterinarian that signed the prescription. Once it is approved the order is filled and shipped directly to the customer's door. Although this seems like a lengthy process, the verification of the prescription typically takes one business day plus the time of shipping and ensures that the pet is receiving the correct product.

Since Allivet is based online, they offer customer service via telephone, chat and email, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they are available via email 24/7 and typically respond within a few hours.

Allivet understands that ordering pet medication isn't as fun as ordering a pair of shoes so they make the process easy. Their goal is to help pet parents provide the best care for their pets through knowledge, reliability and value. For further information visit www.allivet.com.



THE KEY STAFF MEMBERS of Allivet posed for a photo (from left) Leticia Vasquez, Finance Manager; Katie King, Director of eCommerce; Peter Batushansky, President; Nicolas Dubus, Director of Technology and John Navas, Director of Operations.

Optimist Club adds Hall of Fame for 50th anniversary

To commemorate its 50th anniversary this year, the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes will enshrine Jack McCall into the organization's inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2019, honoring a man who devoted his life to coaching kids and helped improved their academic skills in the classroom for 45 years.

On Saturday, July 27, at Don Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes, McCall is among four inductees who will be honored for their achievements as volunteers and dedication to the Optimist Club over the years.

McCall will be inducted posthumously for creating the Green Machine team for his Athletics T-Ball club.

He adopted the moniker years ago as the Little League version of the 1970s Cincinnati Reds' Big Red Machine and because of his Irish heritage.

McCall, who died last month at the age of 83, joined the Optimist Club in 1973.

In addition, the Golden Anniversary event includes a golf tournament and dinner where the organization will recognize past Optimist Club presidents and members, current members, Roland Gomez Scholarship award winners and sponsors that financially supported the club over the years.

The golf tournament will kick off the event at 8 a.m., at Shula's Golf Club, and the proceeds will benefit Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

The cost for dinner is \$35 with an exception for the organization's past presidents.

For more information, call Jim Hamilton at 305-216-9615 or email jimhamiltonfsu@gmail.com, or Sandy Meneses at 305-333-6899 or cmeneses1@dade-schools.net.

'B' Graham Memorial tourney set April 22

The South Florida Council Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual William "B" Graham Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, April 22, at Shula's Golf Club, 7601 Miami Lakes Drive. Registration will

begin at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Sponsored by The Graham Companies, the tournament is one of the longest standing fundraisers for the Boy Scouts and has been going for 45 years.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to register to play, call Diane Hickman at 305-364-0020, ext. 228, or diane.hickman@scouting.org.



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Miami Lakes honors domino pioneer Guido Inguanzo Sr.

Guido Inguanzo Sr., loved to play Dominoes.

In fact, before Royal Oaks Park was converted to a full-pledged recreation facility, Inguanzo created a Dominoes Club and invited the community to play while their kids had fun in the park.

“He loved Royal Oaks Park and spent a lot of time walking at the park,” Guido Inguanzo Jr., told Miami Lakes council members during their March 12 regular meeting. “When the grandkids came along, he took them to the park, too.”

Councilmembers approved Mayor Manny Cid’s proposal to honor Guido Inguanzo Sr. by designating a courtyard at Royal Oaks Park as “Guido’s Domino Plaza.”

Inguanzo Sr. died in December at the age of 86.

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Councilmember Luis Collazo co-sponsored the proposal.

The courtyard will feature a Dominoes-like mural and other minor improvements that would reflect Inguanzo’s legacy in the Miami Lakes community.

Miami Lakes will also honor Inguanzo with an annual Dominoes tournament, the inau-



GUIDO INGUANZO SR. is pictured with his son, Ramiro, during a Domino event at Royal Oaks Park.

gural one is scheduled for 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019.

The town has received about \$3,000 in donations for the memorial.

“Let’s make this one the best one yet,” said Inguanzo Jr., who’s the village clerk for Pinecrest.

Ramiro Inguanzo, who recently served as chairman of the Miami Lakes’ town manager selection committee, said his father literally started a Domino effect as many residents came to the park.

“He played there for nearly 10

years and gathered other people to play at the park,” said Ramiro Inguanzo, an assistant village manager for Bay Harbor. “That’s my dad’s legacy and we hope to continue his legacy.”

Cid said Inguanzo was a kind man willingly to volunteer to help Miami Lakes. “He was a friend to us all and loved our town dearly.”

Rodriguez said Inguanzo was his Boy Scouts leader who later became his mentor.

“When this item came up, I said this is an amazing tribute to Mr. Inguanzo,” Rodriguez said.

Miami Lakes Auto Mall contributes to Optimist Club

Miami Lakes Auto Mall’s Chevrolet dealership recently donated \$500 to the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes as part of their partnership in support of the large automobile company and 50 year-old organization.

The money is used for the baseball/softball and soccer programs at the club including purchasing uniforms and equipment.

Chevrolet, which has been the club’s biggest supporter for

eight consecutive years, also donates sporting equipment each year to the kids in the programs.

Luis Cuevas, National Benefits Program manager for Chevrolet said the community has helped his company prosper and he wants to return the favor.

“We wanted to give back to the community, especially for the kids,” he said. “We would do anything for the kids.”



MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST CLUB member Jim Hamilton and Miami Lakes Auto Mall’s Chevrolet National Benefits Program manager Luis Cuevas.

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Our Lady of the Lakes celebrates Women's History Month at forum



IN CELEBRATION of Women's History Month during March, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School (OLL) invited some of its women alumni to participate in the first OLL Women Alumni Forum on March 28. The women answered questions from the seventh and eighth grade students. They shared their experiences as women in their workforce and family life. OLL is proud of these alumni who have proven to be Women of Distinction! Pictured (from left) are the alumni that attended the event: Jennifer Bonet, Lawyer, class of 1993; Raquel Garcia Edmondson, Director of Marketing and Alumni for PACE, class of 1994; Jennifer Becerra Santiago, Sales Manager at Carnival Cruise Lines, class of 1997; Haydee Sera, Lawyer, class of 1999; Jackie Farah Fernandez, President of Jackie OHH Events, class of 1996; Monique Redondo Bustamante, CPA, class of 1999; Elsa Reus, Director of Community Relations and Alumni at OLL; Tina Vazquez Wickenden, Speech Pathologist, class of 1999; Stephanie Davis Casas, Police Officer, class of 2004; Ashley Shepple, Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist for the Town of Miami Lakes, class of 2002 and Stephanie Farah, owner of BLACC Boutique, class of 2003.

Miami Lakes Optimist Club hosts MLB's Pitch, Hit and Run plus Junior Home Run Derby on Sat., April 28

MLB Pitch, Hit and Run is returning to Miami Lakes as the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes is hosting the event which is scheduled for Sunday, 1 p.m., April 28 at Miami Lakes Optimist Park, 6411 N.W. 162 Street.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals during the 2019 MLB All-Star Week.

The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each division age group at the Local Competition will be awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of competition.

Later that day, the Optimist Club will host Major League Baseball's Junior Home Run Derby for area youths, which is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at Miami Lakes Optimist Park, 6411 N.W. 162 Street in Miami Lakes.

The event will be fun and an exciting youth competition for talented youths to showcase their hitting abilities with the opportunity to compete at the National Finals during MLB



All-Star week.

Boys and girls are divided into two age divisions: 12U and 14U and they will have the opportunity to advance through three levels of competition.

The local champions from both age divisions advance to the regional level and regional championships will advance to the National Finals which will take place during the 2019 MLB All-Star week.

All participants in both events must bring a copy of their birth certificates and have their parents or guardians fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition.

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Miami Lakes Branch Library programs for April

Miami Lakes Branch Library announced the following programs that are available for the public during April:

For Children and Families: Movies and Stories for Kids – Watch favorite movies with family and friends. Movies being shown this month are “Brave,” “Dolphin Tale,” “Disney Nature Earth,” and “WALL-E.” Events made possible by the Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Talking is Teaching. Talk, Read, Sing for Toddlers – Stories, songs and activities for toddlers. Best for ages 18 months to 3 years old at 11 a.m. on Thursdays, April 4, 11 and 18.

STEM Saturday – Enjoy fun, hands on activities with FIU undergraduate and medical students. Every month is a different experiment. A Neighbor-

hoodHELP Educational Pipeline Program. Email stemsaturday@gmail.com for more information. Best for ages 5-15 years. Space is limited and contact branch to register. Made possible by The James Wilson Bridges, MD Medical Association at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 6.

Crafty Little Fingers – Participants will make a variety of craft projects. Smaller toddlers may need help. No registration needed. Scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Science in the City – Going Haywire. Learn how to build circuits that can turn on lights, robots and other cool gadgets with hands-on lessons infused with experiments to spark interest in STEM. Space is limited. Contact branch to register. Best for ages 8-12 years. Made possible by the Manifest Foundation at 10 a.m. on Saturday,

April 27.

Paws to Read – A reading program aimed at improving the literacy skills of children through the assistance of therapy dogs who serve as literacy mentors. Bring a book or choose one from the branch collection. Event is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 13.

Fantasy Theatre Factory presents: “The Three Mess-Keteers.” The Prince of Pollution is at it again. This time the vile villain has kidnapped the Queen of Clean and it’s up to the three Mess-Keteers to save the day and the environment. The audience becomes part of the action in a hilarious educational show designed to teach children the importance of environmental conservation. Good for all ages at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Introduction to Robotics and Coding – During this fun two-hour workshop, participants will learn how to code games and work in teams on exciting robotics projects. Presented by Coding Doctors Kids Club and best for ages 8 to 16 years at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

My Gym Presents – A special class at the Branch Library will have a variety of different skills and activities for children from a welcome song and warm up to gymnastics skills, dances, songs, games, puppet shows and much more. Event is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m.

For Teens:

Teen Club – Play video games, watch anime, draw, participate in STEAM activities

and move. Contact the branch for details. Events scheduled at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 9, 22 and 29.

Retro Game Night – Play retro video games on the big screen or classic board games around the table at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Teen Club Presents “Spider-Man: Into the Spideverse” PG 13 – Bitten by a radioactive spider in the subway, Brooklyn teenager Miles Morales suddenly develops mysterious powers that transform him into the one and only Spider-Man. When he meets Peter Parker, he soon realizes that there are many others who share his special, high-flying talents. Miles must now use her newfound skills to battle the evil Kingpin, a hulking madman who can open portals to other universes and pull different versions of Spider-Man into this world. Made possible by the Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

For Adults:

American Sign Language Workshop – A six-week workshop designed to provide students with a language and cultural foundation in American Sign Language and Deaf culture. Learn the alphabet, everyday signs and more. Space is limited. Contact branch to register. Best for ages 8 years and up at 2 p.m. on Saturdays, April 6, 13 and 27.

Purls of Wisdom – Learn basic knitting and stitching. Materials will be provided. Best for ages 18 and up at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and

30.

Strum the Lute: Tai Chi for Beginners – Practice this ancient tradition and learn gentle movements to increase strength, flexibility and balance. Class is led by library staff. Best for ages 18 and up at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Meditation – Join in meditation derived from Raja Yoga, a discipline that helps develop inner calm, clear thinking and personal well-being. Meets at 11 a.m. on Fridays, April 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Book Discussion Group – This month’s selection is “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16.

Become a Foster Parent or Adoptive Parent – An orientation on how to become a foster parent in Miami-Dade County, including a comparable overview of the requirements and expectations of the process. Meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 27.

Mario Diaz-Balart Outreach Table – A member of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart’s staff will be available to discuss federal issues and address any concerns a constituent may have with a federal agency, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

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‘Push-in’ ceremony set April 8 for M. Lakes new Fire-Rescue truck

A push-in ceremony to welcome the new fire rescue unit at Miami-Dade’s fire station No. 64 will take place at 10 a.m., Monday, April 8, at 15325 N.W. 77 Court in Miami Lakes.

The new unit will help increase the emergency response time for residents living on the west side of Miami Lakes.

For some time now, town officials have been lobbying the county for a new fire rescue unit but Miami-Dade lacked the money.

This year outgoing Miami-Dade’s fire chief Dave Downey was able to secure funding for the new unit.

To increase the emergency response time on the west side

of town since the fire station on N.W. 67th Avenue near the Palmetto Expressway is frequently caught in traffic, the west-side fire station opened several years ago following a decades-long struggle for county officials to buy land and build the facility.

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situations from different angles and perspectives.

The workshop is limited in size offering personal training to all participants from June 10 to June 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The workshop fee is \$650 and is open to ages 7 -13. Early morning and late afternoon pick-ups are available for an additional fee. The fee includes a camp T-shirt, group photo and a personal headshot.

For more information or to register for the workshop, visit the MSP website at www.mainstreetplayers.com or call the workshop coordinator, Dennis Lyzniak, at 786-395-7296.

Final call for Hall nominations

Time is running out for residents to nominate persons to be inducted in Miami Lakes Sports Hall of Fame located inside the Optimist Park Clubhouse at Miami Lakes Optimist Park, 6411 N.W. 162 Street.

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee is seeking nominations to honor athletes, coaches, community members and teams from the Town of Miami Lakes for their outstanding contribu-

tions or achievements in sports. Nominate an individual or a team that excelled and brought positive recognition to the Town. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 5.

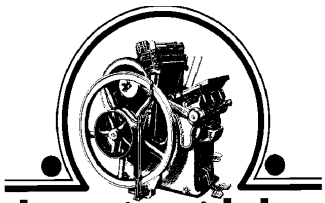
The nomination form is available at <http://ly/2019SportsHallNom>. For more information, contact Hall of Fame committee liaison Jeremy Bajdaun at bajdaunj@miamilakes-fl.gov or 305-364-6100, ext. 1239.

We Get Letters:

Miguel Martinez, a Miami Lakes resident and member of the Town of Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board, wrote that information published in the March 15 issue of The Miami Laker concerning "Council adopts Blasting Committee suggestions" contained erroneous misinformation.

To clear any confusion, we point out the article was based on the official minutes of the Blasting Advisory Board's February 27 meeting including five motions approved as legislative recommendations to the Town Council which, subsequently, were approved at the Council's March 12 meeting.

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Classes and Recreation Calendar

The Town of Miami Lakes has scheduled the following classes and recreation activities during **April**:

(Youth Programs)
(All classes are free unless noted by [\$])

Archery Juniors [\$] Ages 11-17 Mondays	4:30 pm MLOP
Just Run Ages 5-14 Tues./Thurs.	4:30 pm MLPW
Code Explorers [\$] PK Coding Ages 4-5 Saturdays	10:00 am MCCC
Code Explorers [\$] Computer Science Tuesdays	
Ages 6-9 6:00 pm / Ages 10-13 7:00 pm	MLYC
Code Explorers [\$] Engineering Wednesdays	
Ages 6-9 6:00 pm / Ages 10-13 7:00 pm	MLYC
Martial Arts Tots Ages 6-8 Mon./Wed.	4:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Beginners Ages 7-9 Mon./Wed.	5:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Intermediate Ages 8-10 Tues./Thurs.	4:30 pm MCCC
Martial Arts Advanced Ages 11-16 Tues./Thurs.	5:30 pm MCCC
Open Hang Nights (Themed Nights)	
Ages 11-17 Select Wed./Fri.	6:00 pm MLYC
YMCA After School Care [\$]	
Ages 6-8th Grade	2:00 to 6:00 pm MLOP
YMCA After School Care [\$]	
Ages K-5th Grade	2:00 to 6:00 pm RACC


(Adult Programs)

Zumba [\$] 18+	Tues./Thurs.	6:30 pm RACC
Open Play Dominoes	Mon. to Fri. 18+	6:30 pm RACC
Painting 1 18+	Fridays	9:30 am MCCC
Painting 2 18+	Fridays	12:30 pm MCCC
Painting 3 18+	Wednesdays	10:00 am RACC
Spanish Advanced Conversational 18+	Mon./Wed.	6:00 pm MCCC
Spanish Intermediate 18+	Tues./Thurs.	6:00 pm MCCC
Yoga 1 18+	Mon./Wed.	7:45 am MCCC
Yoga 2 [\$] 18+	Tues./Thurs.	7:45 am MCCC
Yoga in the Park 18+	Saturdays	9:00 am MLPW

(55+ Senior Programs)

Computers (English)	T/Th (Ages 55+)	9 & 11:15 am MCCC
Computers (Spanish)	M/W (Ages 55+)	9 & 11:00 am MCCC
Knitting/Crocheting	T/Th (Ages 55+)	1:00 pm MCCC
Sewing	T/Th (Ages 55+)	1:30 pm MCCC
Tai Chi	Mon.-Th. (Ages 55+)	9:00 am MCCC

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MLPW is Miami Lakes Picnic Park West, 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue
Shula's GC is Shula's Golf Club, 7601 Miami Lakes Drive



Meetings Calendar

The Town of Miami Lakes, homeowners associations, professional and volunteer groups have scheduled meetings during **April**:

Town of Miami Lakes

Youth Activities Task Force Meeting	April 3	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Cultural Affairs Com.	April 4	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Veteran Affairs Committee Meeting	April 4	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Madden's Hammock Meeting	April 6	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Ctr.
Town Council Meeting	April 9	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Elderly Affairs Com.	April 10	8:30 am M.L. Govt. Center
Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting	April 10	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Education Adv. Board	April 11	6:30 PM M.L. Govt. Center
Economic Devel. Com.	April 16	5:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	April 17	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Veterans Committee	April 18	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Neighborhood Improvement Committee	April 18	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Public Safety Committee	April 23	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center

Homeowners Organizations

Loch Lomond	April 3	6:30 pm MLOP
Royal Palm Estates	April 4	7:00 pm MCCC
Loch Ness	April 8	7:30 pm MCCC
Silvercrest North	April 9	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Cynthia	April 10	7:30 pm MCCC
Loch Lomond East	April 10	7:00 pm MLOP
Windmill Gate	April 11	7:00 pm MLOP
Loch Andrews	April 15	7:00 pm MLOP
Loch Isle	April 15	7:00 pm MLOP
Lake Glen Ellen	April 16	7:30 pm MCCC
Cypress Villas	April 16	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Carol	April 17	7:00 pm MCCC
Serenity Point	April 17	7:00 pm MCCC
Royal Oaks	April 17	7:30 pm MCCC
Regatta Point	April 18	7:00 pm MCCC
Gramercy Park	April 18	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Elizabeth	April 22	7:00 pm MCCC
Lake Martha	April 23	6:30 pm MCCC
Loch Lomond West	April 23	7:30 pm MLCC
Villa Vizcaya	April 24	7:30 pm MCCC
Lake Sandra	April 25	7:00 pm MCCC
Anchorage	April 25	7:30 pm MCCC
Fountain Park	April 29	7:30 pm MCCC

Miami Lakes Clubs, Professional & Volunteer Groups

M.L. Cham. Comm.	April 10	Shula's Hotel
M.L. Garden Club	April 22	7:00 pm MCCC
M.L. Bridge Club	Mondays	11:30 am MCCC
MLCA Bridge Club	Thursdays	11:00 am MCCC
M.L. Quilting Club	Tuesdays	11:15 am MCCC
M.L. Kiwanis	2nd/4th Thurs.	6:30 pm Pamper.Chef
M.L. Toastmasters	1st/3rd Tues.	ML Educ. Center
M.L. Lions Club	1st/3rd Tues.	7:00 pm Bev. Hills.

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Mater Lakes Academy wrestler wins school's first state title

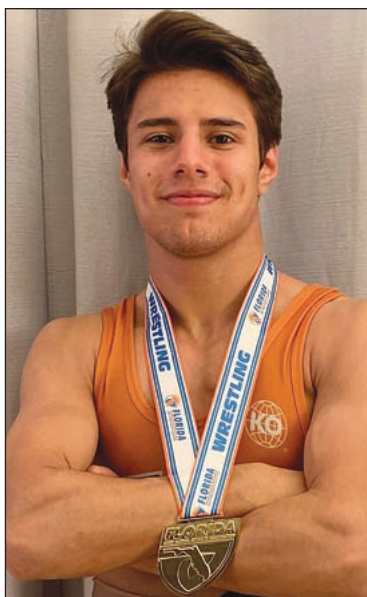
Mater Lakes Academy's wrestling team made history at the FHSAA State Tournament in Kissimmee where senior Nick Luna brought home the school's first state championship.

The feat came when Luna defeated Vincenzo Napolitano of American Heritage Delray to capture the 1A, 120-pound weight class title in dominating fashion. Luna built an early lead and never looked back as he won with a 9-4 score.

Overall as a team, Mater Lakes Academy finished in fourth place.

The Bears sent two wrestlers to the state finals, Luna and senior Omar Armengo. Armengo defeated Alan Morano of Tampa Prep to win their semifinals match. Armengol started the tournament on a tear pinning his first two opponents in the early rounds and was on the verge of an emphatic comeback in the final but lost a very tight match in the 132-pound bout as he was in the process of scoring a possible match winning takedown as time expired. He joins Luna as the only other wrestler to make it to the state finals match.

Three other Bears achieved milestones as they reached the



NICK LUNA

placing rounds with exciting wins to qualify as state place winners. Senior Nestor Nunez took home fourth place in the 160-pound weight class. After a tough loss in the quarter finals, Nunez battled back with three straight victories. Two of those were come from behind wins symbolizing his resilience.

Senior David Alvarez captured fifth place in the 195-pound weight class with two dominating pins along the way. Eighth-grader Danny Martinez

placed fifth in the 106-pound weight class losing a tight bout in the quarter finals, but following it up with a pin and a technical fall in the consolation rounds. Prior to this season, the Bears have only had two other state place winners in program history.

Four other wrestlers competed at the State tournament but came up just short of reaching the placing rounds. Seniors Rafael Alvarez (138-pounds) and Danny Rodriguez (220-pounds) each won exciting matches but came within a match of making it to day two.

Sophomore Gonzalo Perez (126-pounds) also had an exciting win and sophomore Justin Zerbinati (113-pounds) got some much needed experience for next season as they competed at the state tournament for the first time.

Coaches Brandon Neifeld and Jonathan Ramsey will be working during the off season with their new USA Wrestling Club (Golden Bears). The club will be open to all wrestlers in the community as long as they have a current USA Wrestling Card and is available for athletes ages 5-18.

Pace High adds Anthony Walker Jr. to Wall of Fame

Indianapolis Colts linebacker Anthony Walker Jr. was overwhelmed when his alma mater, Monsignor Edward Pace High, retired his NFL jersey and placed on the Spartans Football Wall of Fame.

Before a packed crowd of Pace alumni including NFL quarterback Stephen Morris, Houston Texan defensive back Kayvon Webster, principal Ana Garcia and Walker's father and students, Walker thanked everyone for the honor and donated a \$5,000 check to his former high school.

Walker became the seventh

Spartans football player to have his jersey placed on the Wall of Fame.

A seventh round draft pick from Northwestern in 2017, Walker recorded nine combined tackles and made his first career interception off a pass by Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz during the 2018 season.

Walker played a big role in the Colts' upset victory over the Houston Texans in a wild card game before losing the the Kansas Chiefs in the divisional playoffs.



PACE HIGH retired Anthony Walker Jr.'s jersey and added it to the Spartans Football Wall of Fame.

Goleman High's wrestling team competes at state

Barbara Goleman High's wrestling team recently competed in the state championships.

After winning the district and regional championships, the Gators sent three players to compete in the state tournament at Silver Spray Arena in Kissimmee, Florida.

Raul Chavarry (152 pounds), Maximo Fernandez (182 pounds) and Shawn Rodriguez (220 pounds) were sent to bring home the state championships for the Gators who made their presence felt in district and regional competition.

Head coach Ray Manfito said he's proud of his team's performance this season.

"They have been working hard all summer and training season

round," Manfito said. "After that little by little they started picking it up. They have spent a lot of time on the mat."

He said six seniors on the team made a big difference this season but a group of freshmen also demonstrated their wrestling skills on the mat.

"We beat HML, Doral and other top ranked teams by large margins," Manfito said. "With the three freshmen, we should be good again next year."

In his four years of coaching at Coleman, Manfito won two district titles and one regional championship which Fernandez won for his school.

He competed in the state tournament last year and finished in the top 25.



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HML men's volleyball team off to strong start



HIALEAH MIAMI LAKES HIGH'S MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Hialeah Miami Lakes (HML) Trojans men's volleyball team is off to a great start this season with an 11-1 record. The Trojans returned seven players from last year's team that went 5-13. The men's volleyball team is 9-0 in District 13.

Leading the Trojans this season is Alain Martinez, setter and captain of the team. Martinez is ranked both in the state of Florida and nationally on Maxpreps.com for assists. With a veteran team and players like Tomas DiContanzo and Kevin Mena, who both play middle and are also ranked for blocks and hitting percentage.

The Trojans also added a few new players including Ah'mon Phillips, Jahkary Fenn, Ricardo Mascaro and Doan Ramon. Phillips is a tremendous asset to the Trojans volleyball team because he has been playing

volleyball since he was nine years old. He is a setter and outside hitter for the Trojans.

After spring break, the Trojans will be tested with their upcoming matches versus Krop, Braddock, Coral Park and Goleman. The volleyball team has qualified to play in the Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championship, which determines who is the best team in Miami-Dade County on April 10.

HML will be hosting District 13 volleyball championship on April 16 with semifinals at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The finals will be held on April 18 at 6 p.m. The Trojans are looking to finish strong this season, win a district championship and hopefully a state championship. The Trojans last two home games are on April 8 at 3:30 p.m. against Coral Park and April 11 at 3:30 p.m. against Goleman.

Goleman softball team second in District



BARBARA GOLEMAN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

Before the start of Spring Break, Barbara Goleman High's softball team was second in its district with a 12-1, 4-1 record while squashing most of the competition.

Now its back to business as the Gators prepare for the last stretch of the regular season starting with another district showdown rematch with Hialeah Miami Lakes (7-3, 7-3) this week.

The Gators won the first district game, 9-2, and are seeking to take over the division with Miami Springs in the top spot.

Goleman defeated the Golden

Hawks 4-3 before Miami Springs returned the favor with a 14-0 victory.

The two teams could meet in the tournament for the district championship.

After Hialeah Miami Lakes, the Gators face Northwestern, Jackson, Varela, North Miami Beach, Mater Lakes Academy, Westland Hialeah and Hialeah to close out the regular season.

The Trojans are also seeking to finish the regular season strong and win the district despite being swept by Miami Springs and perhaps Goleman following their game on April 2.

Mater Academy's Onelio Rios earns Carnival grant

Mater Academy High's football player Onelio Rios was among several Miami-Dade County Public Schools students who earned the Carnival Cruise Lines Foundation Scholarship for mentoring and serving the youths of their communities.

The students were recognized during the Miami Heat-Milwaukee Bucks game at American Airlines Arena.

The academic award will go to the college of his choice for the

next five years.

The Carnival Foundation, in partnership with Florida Prepaid College Foundation, annually presents 16 high school seniors with four-year college scholarships.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, students were presented with a new Dell laptop computer to support their studies, compliments of Carnival Foundation, Dell and Microsoft.



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Resident Tano Capote selected for Florida U14 soccer team

The love, dedication and commitment to play soccer at an early age has paid off for Tano Capote.

The Miami Lakes resident was recently selected to the State of Florida U14 soccer team and he was picked to join the 2018-2019 Florida Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program state team.

As a member of the Olympic development team, he will travel this summer to the University of Alabama, where he will live on campus while his team will play against 12 state teams in the region.

Tano said he's honored and excited to be picked on the team following a series of tryouts and camps.

"I was surprised that I made the team," he said. "With auditions in October and November in three different cities including Ft. Myers, analyzing us



TANO CAPOTE

three times and the final tryouts with 100 to 200 kids during a series of two-hour sessions, I was thrilled I made the team. It was a lot of hard work."

Playing locally for the Miami

Stars Soccer Club, his team won the Florida Youth Soccer Association league championship.

Tano doesn't like to tot his own horn so his father did it for him. "He scored 47 goals this season," said Tony Capote. "My son is modest so as a proud father, I like to say what he accomplished in soccer because he worked so hard at it. Forty seven goals is remarkable."

Tano started playing soccer at the Miami Lakes Optimist Club when he was eight-years-old. He said he was inspired to play because how much he loved the game.

Tano said his coaches at the Optimist Club, Anna Butzlaff and Jeff Arellana, taught him well. "They were really nice and worked with me one-on-one in practice to help me learn how to play soccer," he said.

Tano said his current coach, Miguel Gutierrez, also should be commended for showing him the work ethic to become a better soccer player. "He has taught me a lot," Tano said. "He helped me make the Olympic development team."

Tony Tano said his son's trip to the University of Alabama this summer will be an overwhelming experience for a middle school student. "It will be the most eventful experience for him, a seventh-grader experiencing a college-like atmosphere," he said.

Goleman's Nicole Lugo receives President's Gold Volunteer Service Award

Nicole Lugo, a 10th-grader at Barbara Goleman High School (BGHS), has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Gold Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

BGHS nominated Lugo for national honors last fall in recognition of her 200+ hours of volunteer service for the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust's Teen Court Program.

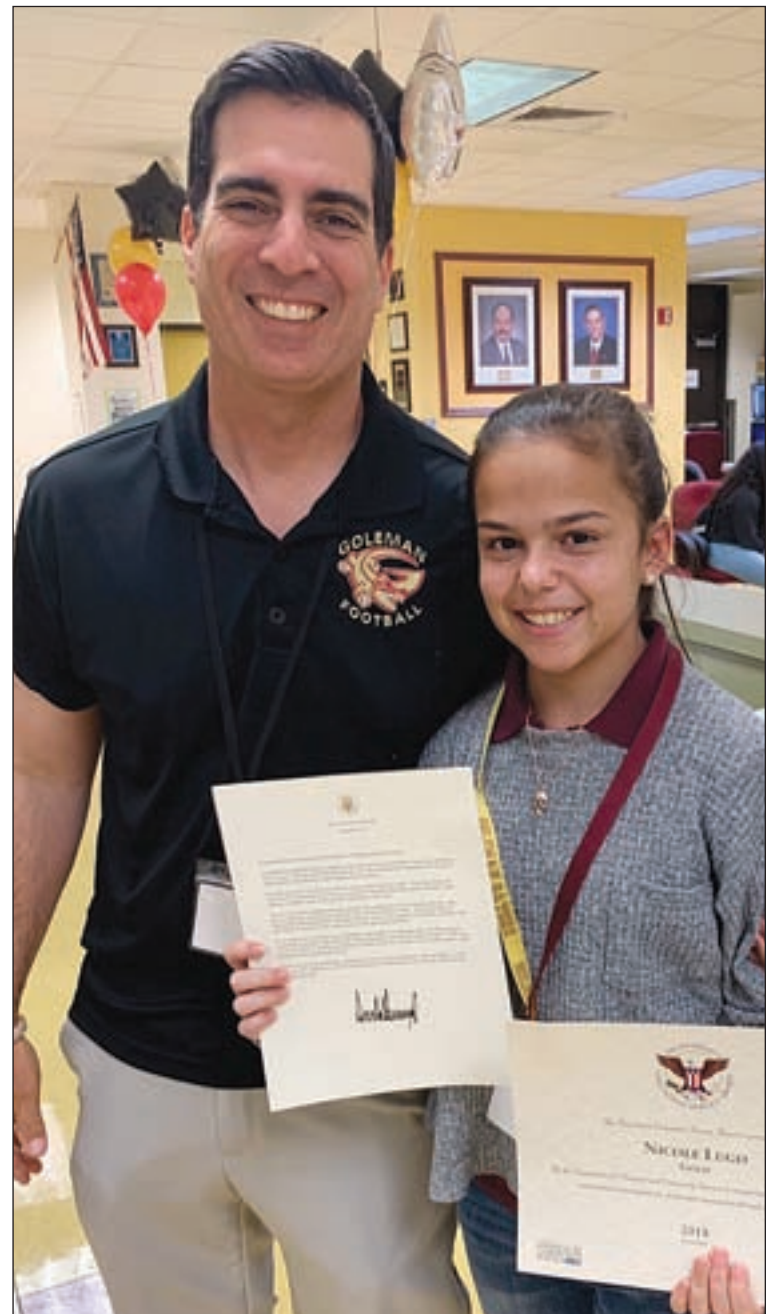
In her role as a volunteer she has served as a Youth Prosecuting Attorney. Lugo has volunteered her services at the North Dade Justice Center, Miami Gardens City Hall and Hialeah City Hall, in the MDEAT Teen Court, a diversion program offered to first-time juvenile offenders. Her role has been to uphold the law, seek justice and

advocate for a verdict based on the severity of the offense. She also encourages and promotes law-abiding behavior among her peers.

Lugo believes that she has "directly impacted those individuals that she has prosecuted, having given them an opportunity to reflect on their actions and the ability to become model citizens in the future."

Principal Dr. Manuel Sanchez III praised Lugo for her accomplishment and commitment to excellence. "Nicole is an amazing student who proudly represents the Goleman family. She deserves all the accolades she's been awarded."

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.



BARBARA GOLEMAN principal Dr. Manuel Sanchez III congratulates 10th-grader Nicole Lugo for her President's Volunteer Gold Service Award.

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HML's Model UN team wins in Large Delegation

From March 22-24, the Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High (HML) Model United Nations (MUN) team competed against delegates across Florida and as far away as the United Kingdom in FIMUN 31 held at Florida International University's main campus.

With topics ranging from cyber security and the regulation of GMOs to colonial empires, HML delegates honed their public speaking, diplomacy and policy-writing skills. Out of 35 participating schools, the team was awarded the Outstanding Large Delegation Award.

HML students also won individual awards in several committees. In General Assembly committees, Gerardo Basallo and Marycarmen Hernandez received the Outstanding Delegates Award in the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC).

Anyer Francisco and Franco Hinojosa received the Outstanding Delegates Award in the World Health Organization (WHO). Gabriel Barrios and Keven Dominguez received an honorable mention in WHO. Akil Cole and Brianna Sanchez received honorable mentions in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM). In

Crisis Committees, Daniel Miro was awarded an honorable mention in the Irish War of Independence (1919) Committee.

Joaquin Otero received an honorable mention award in the Spanish Privy Committee. Daniel Concha received a verbal commendation award in the EU council 2019 and Michael Mahmoodi received a verbal commendation award in the NATO 2080 Committee.

Previously, the team also competed against high schools across the county in the Miami Dade Model UN Conference which was held on February 22 and 23. This MUN conference was organized by the Foundations for Leadership, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Social Sciences and Miami Dade College.

Topics ranged from maternal health in the UN Women's Committee and supporting democracy in Latin America through the Human Rights Council to the verification of disarmament in the International Atomic Energy Agency and the question of Palestine in the Security Council.

Competing in pairs, HML's students took home two best delegation awards first place and three honorable



HML'S Model United Nations team displays its Outstanding Large Delegation banner received at the MUN competition.

mentions third place. Senior delegates Naomi Valdez, Erika Canela, Miro and Erik Fernandez won Best Delegate awards in their respective committees. Kellyn Pritchard, Michel Vasquez, Samya Zia, Sanchez, Basallo and Cole won honorable mentions in their respective committees. The team is led by Rukayat Adebisi.

St. Thomas University names D.P. Harris new basketball coach

St. Thomas University (STU) has tapped Don Paul Harris as the school's new men's head basketball coach, assistant Athletic Director and director of Development, Bobcats director of Athletics Laura Courtley-Todd announced during a news conference.

"Adding a coach with the type of experience that Coach Harris has is a tremendous testament toward the vision that our President David A. Armstrong has," said Courtley-Todd. "We are all excited to have Coach Harris as part of the Bobcat family and look forward to the tremendous growth and opportunity that awaits the STU community."

Harris comes to STU after 22 seasons, the previous 16 as the head coach at Saint Vincent College (SVC) in Latrobe, Pa., where Harris compiled a 318-126 record. While at SVC, Harris guided the Bearcats to back-to-back NAIA National Tournament Sweet 16 appearances, as well as four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances (2013-2016).



DON PAUL HARRIS

Harris is excited for the opportunity to be coaching at STU saying "I want to thank President Armstrong on recruiting me to South Florida and STU. It is an exciting time to be a Bobcat, both my wife and I are looking forward to being involved in our community by working with local schools, fundraising and most importantly, being supportive of our STU students."

Harris added, "Today is a new beginning for me and every player on the basketball program at STU, we are going to be a family environment. To our basketball and non-basketball alumni: I want to know you, that we are building something together, and I want you to invest in our success."

Armstrong said, "I have never worked with Harris, however, the colleges I have worked for played against his teams for many years. Year-after-year, his teams were always competitive and played for conference championships."

He added, "Whether he had the best talent or not, he always produced championship-caliber teams. We are very excited to have someone with his coaching, recruiting and fundraising abilities at STU."

Harris is expected to begin his responsibilities as the STU head basketball coach immediately. The 2018-19 season of STU concluded in the quarterfinals of the Sun Conference Tournament.

Pace drama students earn superior honors at Florida State Thespian Festival

By Raquel Edmundson
Special to The Miami Laker
Pace High School's Thespian Society and Theatre Academy Program students returned home with an assortment of awards following their participation in the 2019 Florida State Thespian Festival held from March 20 to 23.

This was the 12th year that PACE's Troupe 5457 attended the festival in Tampa.

Five individual competitors earned Superior awards, first place in a variety of categories, senior Melissa Alvarez and sophomore Isabella Cardoso for solo musical, senior Elysse Bernstein for publicity design, seniors Alyssa Mitchell and Kimberly Vilbrun-Francois for monologue. The group also

received an Excellent award, second place in the large group musical category for their performance of "Blackout" from the musical "In the Heights."

Throughout the festival, PACE thespians had an opportunity to attend various workshops taught by professionals in the theater industry. Students benefited from workshops in voice, acting, song analysis, improv and choreography. The group also supported fellow district students from Palmetto Senior High School as they attended their rendition of "The Drowsy Chaperone" musical.

For more information about Pace's Theatre Academy Program contact Marianne Martinez at mmartinez@pacehs.com.



PACE DRAMA students at the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa. The group brought home five Superior awards and one Excellent award.

Pace High holds Career Day and honors a NFL football alumnus



PACE celebrated career day with over 40 guest speakers (pictured above) and held a special NFL event celebrating Spartan alumnus and NFL COLTS linebacker Anthony Walker Jr.



PACE alumnus Anthony Walker Jr., a linebacker with the NFL Indianapolis Colts, presents a check to principal Ana Garcia to be used in the school's football program.

By Raquel Edmundson
Special to The Miami Laker
Monsignor Edward Pace High School (PACE) hosted its annual Career Day on March 20 offering students with the opportunity to meet professionals from a variety of career paths. Throughout the morning students attended various sessions and asked valuable questions about career options. Students received advice by interacting with professionals in law, financial planning, healthcare and marketing as well as government careers.


PACE ended the day with a special NFL event celebrating Spartan alumnus and Indianapolis Colts (COLTS) linebacker, Anthony Walker Jr. Walker spoke about his academic and athletic journey. After graduating PACE in 2013 he continued to play football at Northwestern University.

His collegiate success on the field resulted in Walker being drafted by the COLTS in 2017. Fellow PACE alumni and athletes in attendance were former University of Miami linebacker Roderick "Rod" Mack, quarterback Stephen Morris and Houston Texans cornerback Kayvon Webster.

Walker gave a special thanks to the school's faculty and staff for always believing in him and gave special recognition to his father, Anthony Walker who is currently PACE's dean of students. He thanked him for the sacrifices made and for being a constant source of support throughout his life. The crowd applauded as his NFL jersey was revealed on the school's Wall of Fame and a signed COLTS football was tossed to principal Ana Garcia.

At the end of the presentation Walker presented the school with a check for \$5,000 that will go toward the school's football program.

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Jose Marti students compete in Odyssey of the Mind

On March 2, a Jose Marti MAST Academy team competed at the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition held at Miami Springs Senior High. Team members competed in problem three and finished in first place.

Odyssey of the Mind is an intense problem solving international competition club. There are five long term problem categories where students build machines, engineering structures, paint and create masterpieces and perform a skit with props, costumes, music and sets. These creative and dynamic problem solvings develops skills in young people that help them thrive in the technical

world.

Their problem was "Imagine how inspiring Leonardo DaVinci's (LVD) workshop must have been." Teams portrayed his workplace in an original, creative performance that included LDV, a patron and a naysayer. The teams recreated a LVD painting, made a three-dimensional representation of one of his works and recreated another LDV work in any form the team wished.

There was also an original "debunked" creation that LDV "invented" but discarded because it was mocked. Ironically, the item will be shown as something commonly used in modern times.



JOSE MARTI MAST ACADEMY first place winners are pictured with their medals (from left) Stephanie Espinosa, Alejandra Beltran, Danielle Cruz and Sebastian Mercado.

Pace High's Vanessa Perez-Robles receives Amazon Engineer grant

By Raquel Edmundson

Special to The Miami Laker

Pace High School (PACE) senior and Miami Lakes resident Vanessa Perez-Robles has been named one of the first 100 recipients of Amazon's Future Engineer Scholarship Program. Perez-Robles, who will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall, will receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned. In addition to the scholarship, Amazon has also offered her a paid software engineering internship during the summer following her freshman year of college.

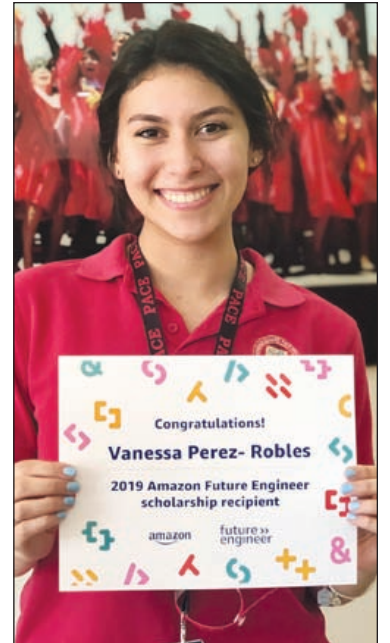
The surprise announcement was made in PACE's administration building on March 26 as Perez-Robles was presented with an Amazon box containing the award news inside. A happy group of fellow classmates, faculty and staff were in attendance as they cheered for her hard-earned accomplishment. After shedding a few tears of joy, Perez-Robles called her mother to share the news.

"I feel extremely blessed to have been selected as a recipient and so thankful to all of the teachers and counselors that stood by and supported me through everything," expressed Perez-Robles. She added that the Amazon scholarship will definitely relieve much of the stress that comes with the cost of college and will open doors for her as a future engineer.

Selection for this competitive scholarship was based on Perez-Robles's strong academic performance, leadership and participation in school and community activities.

This Amazon scholarship was created to help spark and grow a generation of leaders in computer science. Renewal of the scholarship will be contingent on continuation of full-time enrollment in an eligible course of engineering study and a 3.0 or better GPA must be maintained.

Perez-Robles is looking forward to a career in sustainable engineering and knows that the Amazon scholarship and internship will provide a valuable key to help her achieve that dream. The PACE Family is confident that with her continued determination and drive to make a difference in the world, Perez-Robles will only be blessed with a lifetime of success.



PACE senior Vanessa Perez Robles, who will be attending Dartmouth College, is among the first 100 recipients of Amazon's Future Engineer Scholarship Program.

Jose Marti celebrates Black History Month essay winners



JOSE MARTI MAST 6-12 ACADEMY congratulated two seventh grade students for being the 2019 District Black History Month Essay winners. The students placed first and second place in the District's Black History Month Essay Contest. Hannah Mesa placed first and Sabrina Martinez placed second. Pictured (from left) Mesa, Martinez and Jose Marti principal Jose Enriquez.



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Miami Lakes Middle School competes in Model United Nations

On March 2, Miami Lakes Middle School's (MLMS) Legal Studies 1 and 3 students participated in a Model United Nations (MUN) Competition at Miami Dade College.

The competition was sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools Social Studies department. Eleven schools par-

ticipated. MLMS won the Secretary General's Award which is called, "Outstanding Middle School."

Students placed in several categories. Honorable mention honors went to Yaneidy Ruiz, Kailey Pineda, Adrien White and Gabriel Hubert. Best position paper went to Marco Rios,

Erik Rodriguez, Rebecca Guerra and Melanie Mahmoodi. Best delegate went to Melanie Ulloa and Mayte Mendez.

MLMS administration thanked the student sponsors Lisa Deyarza and Lenard Gutierrez with congratulations to all who participated in this competition.



MIAMI LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL Legal Studies students participated at the Model United Nations competition at Miami Dade College and won the Secretary General's Award for Outstanding Middle School.

Lawton Chiles art is finalist in Local 10 eARTh Day



LOCAL 10 is hosting its second annual Earth Day Art contest. The station has received entries from Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. Lawton Chiles Middle School's (LCMS) sculpture entry of an endangered Sea Turtle titled "They Matter Too" was selected as one of the top 10 finalists. Viewers can log onto the website and vote daily for their favorite entry through April 14. The school that receives the most votes will be awarded \$4,500 in art supplies. The winner will be announced on Earth Day, April 22. All original works of art will be displayed at Miami Children's Museum from April 15 to 22. Lawton Chiles is proud of its 8th-grade art students and art teacher Lilian Gonzalez who worked hard to bring awareness to such a crucial environmental issue. Pictured are LCMS tudents with their art work (from left) William Garcia, Kylien Clark, Elizabeth Pretto-Sotelo and Sebastian Garcia.

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Homeless Trust poster is a winner



EIGHTH GRADE art student Takyah Belfort from Lawton Chiles Middle School won first place in the Homeless Trust's Homeless Awareness and Sensitivity Poster contest. Each year, the Trust receives hundreds of incredible entries from many schools throughout the county. Judges reviewed the entries but only a special few captured the meaning and purpose behind the contest with the clarity of message and excellence in execution. Congratulations to Belfort and her art teacher Lilian Gonzalez for a job well done. Belfort's poster is pictured.

MLK-8 Center participates in S. Florida Science Fair



MIAMI LAKES K-8 CENTER middle school students participated in the South Florida Science and Engineering Fair on January 26. The students submitted poster projects and earned awards for their efforts. Two excellent medals were given to Jayden Sanchez and Solace Tobar and five Honorable Mention medals were announced at the awards ceremony in February at Miami Dade College North's Science Complex. Pictured, (top row, from left) Jayden Sanchez, Leonardo Ladeira, Solace Tobar, Samantha Clark and Mayrit Riquelme (bottom row, from left) Zidane Habib-Mitchell and Erik Guillen.

Barbara Goleman students compete in Ten80 event

A group of Barbara Goleman High students recently competed in the Ten80 Education STEM state competition taking first place in the racing competition and finishing second overall.

Ten80 Education is a team of STEM, education and business professionals dedicated to cultivating a STEM Ecosystem that unites and inspires the next generation to entrepreneurial thinkers and innovators empowering all student to thrive in a world of

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The integrate collaboration and competition allows students the opportunity to demonstrate their STEM skills in race engineering, coding and automation, design and fabrication, graphic design, marketing, community outreach and data-driven design projects that ask students to follow their own interests.

The Gators are now headed to the national competition in April this month



BARBARA GOLEMAN STEM students participated in Ten80 competition.

Lawton Chiles Middle School receives Magnet School Distinction Award

Lawton Chiles Middle School (LCMS) was honored to once more be recognized by Magnet Schools of America (MSOA) for its Cambridge International program for 2019. The MSOA award is given to the top magnet schools in the nation.

It is particularly given to schools that show commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful

desegregation and diversity efforts and the consistent delivery of quality services to all stakeholders. LCMS is a 2019 Merit School of Distinction.

There were approximately 14 schools in Miami-Dade County Public Schools that have been recognized by Magnet Schools of America MSOA to receive Merit Awards.



PICTURED with the Magnet National Award of Merit banner are (from left) assistant principal Adalys Homma, lead magnet teacher and art teacher Lilian Gonzalez, science teacher Patricia Bennett, principal Stefanie Tudor and math teachers Cristina Maseda and Patricia Ferdinand Julmis.

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Mater Lakes Academy partners with Barry for CPR course

Forming a partnership with Barry University, Mater Lakes Academy is now offering a program for students to earn their EMT certificate following cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training in their physical education classes.

The program prepares students to perform CPR in emergency situations.

According to the American Heart Association, in order to perform CPR, an individual needs to meet all requirements to earn an EMT certificate.

Barry University is offering assistance to make sure students complete their health and physical education classes, as part of the curriculum to be certificated to perform CPR and other first aid methods.



MATER LAKES ACADEMY students attend a CPR course conducted by Barry University designed to earn EMT certification.

Miami Lakes K-8 Center students pass Industry Certification Exam



DURING FEBRUARY, 11 students from Miami Lakes K8 Center successfully passed the Industry Certification Exam for Microsoft Office Word 2016. This exam is the industry standard and provides students with the necessary digital skills to succeed in school and college. It also opens career opportunities by demonstrating verifiable, marketable skills. The students are currently preparing to take the PowerPoint 2016 exam. Pictured (above) (top row from left) Anthony Arvelo, Gabrielle Blanco, Kevin Montero and Christian Paneca; (bottom row from left) Jaden Mendez, Sophia Rebusillo, Leah Rios, Evan Cassidy and Nini Zheng. The other students (below) are Manuel Rodriguez and Sophia Gomez.

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FIU's Model UN team wins Best Large Delegate award



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S School of International and Public Affairs Florida Model UN team won Best Large Delegation at the 65th session of Harvard University's Model United Nations (HNMUN) competition. The three-day conference is considered the most competitive Model UN simulation in the world. With over 3,000 delegates from eight countries and a staff of over 230 Harvard undergraduates, HNMUN remains the oldest, largest and most prestigious collegiate Model United Nations conference globally. FIU's program director Michelle Rosario was commended for leading her students to the prestigious award of Best Large Delegation.

Miami Lakes K-8 Center student Michael Montoya competes in Grand Prix Chess



MICHAEL MONTOYA III won third place overall at the 64 Square Foundation's 2018 - 2019 Grand Prix Chess Tournament at Divine Savior Academy on February 9. Montoya represents Miami Lakes K-8 Center's (MLK-8) Chess Team and is an up and coming star of the chess program. He plays in the K3 division and won four out of five games and is a third grade student at MLK-8. He will also be playing in the 2019 National Elementary Championship this May in Nashville, Tennessee. Montoya is pictured with his trophy after the chess tournament.

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Iglesia Biblica Cristiana Español Servcios

6250 Miami Lakes Drive East
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 Sunday Service.....4:00 PM
 Wednesday Youth.....7:30 PM

Iglesia El Nuevo Comienzo

6701 Miami Lakeway South
 Services in Spanish
 Sunday service.....12:30 PM
 Thursday service.....8:00 PM

St. Andrews Lutheran Church

575 West 68 Street
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 Sunday service (English)...9:00 AM
 Sunday service (Spanish)10:30 AM
 Bible School.....11:00 AM

Voice for Jesus Church

4824 N.W. 167 Street
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 Sunday service.....10:00 AM
 Youth Thursday.....7:00 PM
 Friday Prayer Service.....7:00 PM

New Dawn Church/ Iglesia Nuevo Amanecer

17200 N.W. 87 Avenue
 Spanish service.....9:15 AM
 English sevice.....11:00 AM

Hialeah Church of Christ

Shula's Hotel (Davis Cup Room)
 6842 Main Street, Miami Lakes
 Telephone: 305-558-1060
 Sunday Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship Service.10:30 AM
 Sunday Evening Service...6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study.....7:30 PM

Fulfilled Life Church

Country Club Middle School
 18305 N.W. 75 Place
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 Sunday Service (Eng.).....10:30 AM

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

15801 N.W. 67 Avenue
 Telephone: 305-558-2302
 Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM
 Sunday services in English
9:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM
 Sunday services in Spanish:
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 Daily services.....7:00 and 8:30 AM
 Confessions: Saturdays.....3:30 PM

Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic Church

8445 N.W. 186 Street
 Telephone: 305-829-6141
 Daily services (Spanish).....8:30 AM
 Saturday (English).....5:30 PM
 Saturday (Spanish).....7:00 PM
 Sundays (English).....8 & 10:30 AM
 Sundays (Spanish)
9 AM, 12:30 and 7:00 PM

North Palm Baptist Church

7801 N.W. 178 Street
 Telephone: 305-558-2032
 Sunday Bible Study.....9:15 AM
 Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM
 Wednesday sevice.....7:00 PM

M.L. United Methodist Church

14800 N.W. 67 Avenue
 Telephone: 305-821-7274
 Worship service.....10:00 AM
 Contemporary service.....11:30 AM
 (Child care and youth Sunday School during both services)

New Testament Baptist Church

6601 N.W. 167 Street
 Telephone: 305-558-4930
 Sunday English service.....11:15 AM
 Sunday Spanish service.....10:30 AM
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School (Spanish)...11:30 AM
 Wednesday Children's Ministry.....6:45 PM
 Wednesday Bible study.....7:00 PM
 Wednesday Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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16601 N.W. 77 Court
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 Saturday Vespers.....6:00 PM
 Sunday Liturgy.....10:00 AM

Palm Springs United Methodist Church

5700 W. 12 Avenue
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In Memoriam:

MDC's Demie John Mainieri

Former longtime Miami Dade College head baseball coach Demie John Mainieri, who led the Sharks to the 1964 NJCAA National Championship, died on March 13 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He was 90.

A devout Catholic, Mainieri was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on October 21, 1928 to John and Julia Mainieri. He was the youngest of a large Italian family including 11 children (eight sisters and two brothers) and was the last surviving member of his family.

Mainieri received a Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia University in 1952. It was where he met his loving and dedicated wife of 65 years, Rosetta McBee Mainieri. He was a big city boy and she was a dairy farmer's daughter. They

married December 26, 1953.

They spent many years traveling both abroad and home visiting over 35 countries and all 50 states. Together they raised their beautiful family all the while spending many days at the baseball field.

Mainieri went on to complete his Master's and Doctorate degrees at Columbia University in New York. While at Columbia, he was the assistant coach of the football team. He served three and a half years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in LaRochelle, France.

Mainieri became the Athletic Director and head baseball coach at Miami Dade North Community College from 1961-1990. Some of his baseball career highlights include: First junior college baseball coach to win 1,000 games, 30 of his for-

mer players played in the major leagues, more than 100 players were drafted or signed by professional teams, he won the 1964 NJCAA National Championship, finished second three times and third once in the NJCAA World Series and he was head coach for the USA Junior National team that won the 1980 World Championship in Venezuela.

In 1978, Mainieri was on the staff that placed second at the World Games in Italy (forerunner of baseball in the Olympic Games). He has been inducted into six baseball Hall of Fames in addition to being selected to the NJCAA All-Century team.

He is survived by his wife, Rosetta and five children, Rosemarie (Lloyd) Batchelor, Paul (Karen) Mainieri, James Mainieri, John (Zeneida) Mainieri and Catherine (James) Gagnon, eight grandchildren (Nicholas, Alexandra, Danielle, Samantha, Thomas, Isaac, Isaiah and Isabel) and four great grandchildren (Holden, Jonathan, Wren and Rowan). One child predeceased him (Julia Marie).

For more information, call the church office at 305-822-4313.

Spring Rummage Sale at M.Lakes Congregational set for Saturday, April 6


The UCC Women of Miami Lakes Congregational Church (MLCC) have been holding a Spring and Fall Rummage sale for over 29 years. The profits from the sales have benefited different local and global charities as well as needy families and individuals in the community.

This year's Spring Rummage sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at the church, 6701 Miami Lakeway South, across from the Miami Lakes K-8 Center.

A MLCC member, Ruby Holihan, has been the force behind these sales for 18 consecutive years. "We have all sorts of used items for sale - clothing, shoes, appliances and more. There's something for everyone," she said.

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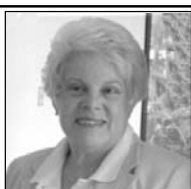
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