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Miami Lakes receives new Rescue unit during historic 'push-in' event



PICTURED at Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Station 64 during the push-in ceremony for the Town's new Rescue Unit are (from left) Miami Lakes Councilmembers Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez and Carlos Alvarez, Mayor Manny Cid, Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez, Miami-Dade Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr., Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Miami-Dade Fire Chief Dave Downey, Miami Lakes Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Council member Jeffrey Rodriguez and Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez.

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M. Lakes 'Women of Distinction' honored at Women's Month lunch

Miami Lakes Cultural Affairs Committee hosted a luncheon on March 30 at Shula's Hotel on Main Street in honor of Women's History Month. The event was sponsored by The Graham Companies.

Miami Lakes resident Lorena E. Bravo, Esq. the director of the Law Department for the City of Hialeah, introduced the keynote speaker, Miami Lakes resident the Honorable Judge Monica Gordo, with a moving history of her education, public service and continued commitment to the community.

The Cultural Affairs

Committee had extended an opportunity for the community to nominate "Women of Distinction" who either live or work in Miami Lakes.

The award recipients included:

- Arts - Alena Beasley, an art teacher at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School.
- Business - Dr. Kristina Christoph, owner of Family Dentistry and Orthodontics of Miami Lakes.
- Community and Civic Affairs - Dorothy Cook, former president of the Miami Lakes Civic Association, former presi-

dent of the Garden Club and former Town councilmember.

- Education - Lourdes Islarrero, founding principal of a Mater Gardens Academy and the dean of Education for Doral College.
- Government - Kenia Fallat, Miami-Dade Police Department.
- Health Services - Dr. Ruth Schobel, pediatrician.
- Humanitarian - Martha Gonzalez, Project TeamWork.
- Volunteer - Yesenia Ruano, president of the Bob Graham Education Center PTSA.

(Please see photo on Page 2)

Graham Cos. and Main Street Merchants announce Banner Art Contest winners

The Graham Companies and Main Street Merchants announced the winners of "Best Day Ever" Main Street Banner Art Contest.

With over 300 submissions, only 26 pieces of art could be selected to be showcased on the light poles along Main Street. The submissions were judged by more than 50 individuals with a selection of the top piece of work based on Elementary, Middle and High School

groups.

The top Elementary School submission was from Bob Graham Education Center student Elizabeth Grace Roque.

The selected top Middle School submission was created by Miami Lakes Middle School student Anabella Calles with her artwork titled "Hoo Visited My School."

The top High School submission was artwork created by

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TOP HIGH SCHOOL winner was Miami Lakes Educational Center's Nicole Perez. (See other winners on Page 3).

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Cultural Affairs Committee honors 'Women of Distinction' winners



MIAMI LAKES "WOMEN OF DISTINCTION" are pictured (front, from left) Dorothy Cook, luncheon keynote speaker Judge Monica Gordo, Lourdes Isle Marrero, Alena Beasley, Martha Gonzalez, Yesenia Ruano, Kenia Fallat, Dr. Christina Kristoph and Dr. Ruth C. Schobel. Town councilmembers and Cultural Affairs Committee members (back, from left) Luis Collazo, Melissa Cid, Marilyn Ruano, Charles James, Felicia Salazar, Yulet Miguel, Esther Colon, Karla Acosta and Elsa Reus.

Miami Lakes receives its long-awaited Fire-Rescue unit for M-Dade Station 64

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

The top brass from Miami-Dade County and Miami Lakes gathered for a special occasion last week when a new fire-rescue unit was added to Station 64 to increase the emergency response time for the west side of town.

The town's elected voices and residents have been asking county officials for the added service to help save lives since Miami Lakes' population has increased, and traffic congestion sometimes delay the arrival of fire-rescue units at other fire stations.

Miami Lakes celebrated the arrival of the new unit with a push-in ceremony at 15325 N.W. 77 Court as county officials, firefighters and town officials pushed the new unit into the fire station.

Miami Lakes was among three cities awarded a new fire-rescue unit on April 8 as retiring Miami-Dade Fire Chief Dave Downey called it a historic day. The county added units at the fire station in Palmetto Bay (9798 East Hibiscus Street), and the West Kendall fire station at 8501 S.W. 127 Avenue.

"Today, we put three new trucks in three stations in one day, the first time in county history," Downey said during the push-in ceremony at the Miami Lakes Fire Station 64. "It's an unprecedented feat and we did it during tough budget times. We added the service because it's the most important one in the

community."

The day was so historic that Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez, County Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr., and Florida's Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez were on hand for the event.

Gimenez said Miami Lakes Mayor Manny Cid, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez, a Coral Gables firefighter, and Councilmembers Jefferey Rodriguez, Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez and Carlos Alvarez, who were sitting in the front row, all made it possible in their efforts to bring a new unit to the town for their constituents.

"I thank Mayor Cid and council members for what they are doing for their residents and town," said Gimenez, himself a retired City of Miami fire chief. "It's an honor to add the new service at Station 64 in Miami Lakes."

Bovo, whose district include Miami Lakes, said the new unit is the result of town and county officials working together to achieve their goals and objectives.

"That's the reason why we get into public service," he said. "We want to solve issues in our community."

Cid said adding the new unit was the top priority for residents in the town's strategic plan.

"Public safety is No.1 and the new unit helps achieve that goal," he said.

Collazo said, "It's a very proud day for the Town of Miami Lakes."

Town's Veterans Committee will sponsor banners to honor military

Miami Lakes Veterans Committee announced it will once again recognize and pay tribute to Miami Lakes' military heroes for their sacrifices.

With the sponsorship of Miami Lakes AutoMall, family members and loved ones may now nominate an active duty service member, reservist, veteran or retired member from any branch of the military to be honored with a street banner

with the individual's name and photo. The banner will be prominently displayed along Miami Lakes Drive.

To qualify, honorees must be a Miami Lakes resident or business owner. Nomination forms can be found at <http://bit.ly/2019VeteranBanner> and must be submitted by Friday, May 10. For more information, visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/vc.

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Main Street Banner Art Contest winners revealed

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Miami Lakes Educational Center student Nicole Perez.

The overall winners from grades K-5 included Delilah Caceres, Jonathan Cid, Gabriel Diaz, Allison Estelles, Isabella Garcia, Amanda Martinez, Anabel Ramirez, Christopher Rodriguez, Elizabeth Grace Roque and Valerie Valdes.

The overall winners from grades 6-8 included Anabelle Calles, Aniya Forbes, Amber Gavcie, Helen Gomez, Jadel Guerrero, Layla Jackson-Yanez, Ce'Mone Jose, Camyr Maddy, Salma Petron and Kamryn Turner.

The overall high school winners included Kylie Caplin, Juliet Feros, Josh Matias, Nicole Perez, Valentina Serrano and Raiza Torres.

The Graham Companies expressed its appreciation to Bob Graham Education Center, Miami Lakes K-8 Center, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School, Miami Lakes Middle School, Miami Lakes Educational Center and Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High for supporting the art contest with involvement from their art teachers and students.



TOP MIDDLE SCHOOL winner was Miami Lakes Middle's Anabella Calles with "Hoo Visited My School."



TOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL winner was Bob Graham Education Center's Elizabeth Grace Roque.

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Miami Lakes Town Council:

Road and baseball field named for Jack McCall

By David L. Snelling
The Miami Laker staff

Jack McCall had such a huge impact on the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes that Town Council members granted him the ultimate honor.

At the April 9 regular Town Council meeting, lawmakers sponsored legislation proposed by Mayor Manny Cid to rename the road leading to the Optimist Clubhouse after McCall, and name the 10U baseball field as Jack McCall Field.

Cid said he received so many emails and phone calls from residents to honor McCall and the legacy he left behind.

McCall spent 46 years at the club coaching youths on his T-ball and Mustang leagues Athletic teams he called the Green Machine, a moniker he adopted years ago as the Little League version of the 1970s Cincinnati Reds' Big Red Machine, and because of his Irish heritage.

McCall 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 Interna-

tional'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.

McCall passed away in March at the age of 83.

In other Town Council news:

- Council members gave their final approval for an ordinance to amend the town's land development code to post human trafficking awareness signs in commercial areas, hotels, apartment buildings and parks and recreation centers in the town.

At the behest of lawmakers, the town's Planning and Zoning Board studied the issue and passed an ordinance two weeks ago for council members' consent in an effort to protect youth and innocent victims from sexual exploitations.

The measure requires the town to post human trafficking awareness signs in commercial areas, hotels, motels, apartment buildings, night clubs, massage parlors, parks and recreation centers throughout the town. All signs will be printed in English and

Spanish.

- Council members gave their final approval for an ordinance sponsored by Joshua Dieguez to change the town's code to provide for a two month RFP process with town residents input followed by a two month deliberation process by council members in the event the town attorney office is vacant. The process specifically addresses the process for the hiring of an outside law firm, the current model.

In addition, lawmakers gave their final approval for Dieguez's ordinance to change the process for selecting a town manager should the position be vacated. The Town Selection Committee would be changed to the Town Manger Selection Advisory Board to clear up confusion during the recent search for a new town manager.

- Council members approved a resolution to authorize the town manager to award contracts for the purchase and installation of playground safety surface, new swing shade structure, and an expression swing set at Miami Lakes Picnic Park West to Robertson Industries and Play-Power Inc not

to exceed budgeted funds.

- Lawmakers approved a resolution to give the town attorney the green light to take Eminent Domain action on private property located near N.W. 59 Avenue so the town can proceed with the connector road project along N.W. 151 Street.

The extension and redevelopment project includes the design and construction of a bridge and roadway improvement extending along N.W. 59 Avenue over a canal south to N.W. 151 Street.

The town was able to acquire land near Opa-locka Airport from Miami-Dade's aviation department but a nearby owner refused to sell his property to complete the project.

- Lawmakers approved Dieguez's proposal to create a plan for bulky waste pick up during one week each month. He said the idea was inspired by a resident and aligns with one of the purposes for incorporation to provide enhanced service to the community, and consistent with the town's strategic master plan.

- Council members approved Councilmember Carlos Alvarez's proposal for additional accessibility regarding meeting with constituents which is an alternate to Mayor Manny Cid's meeting twice a month on the first and third Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Alvarez's plan would require council members to work on Saturdays and be accessible to meet with residents and address any of their concerns and offer solutions.

The meetings would also include meeting with homeowners associations and listen to their concerns and how to improve their quality of life.

- Lawmakers approved Councilmember Marilyn Ruano's and Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez's proposal to reinstate the Miami Lakes' Blasting Advisory

Committee to get council members and residents informed about the blasting issue in Tallahassee and recommend more solutions to the explosions that are allegedly causing property damages.

The Blasting Advisory Committee finished with its business but Ruano, who created the group, and Rodriguez said members did a good job and that they should continue to help the town address the rock miners' blasting.

- Council members approved Cid's recommendation to eliminate the process where residents need to fill out a pink card (in opposition to an item) and a green card (in favor of an item) to participate in public comments and change the buzzer for public comments to a clock.

Cid believes the public should be able to speak on any subject without identifying their position beforehand and utilize an actual clock that the public can see the time instead of a buzzer letting them know their time is up.

- Council members approved Cid's proposal to honor all of the town's volunteers since incorporation by dedicating a wall inside the council chambers as a tribute to the volunteers.

"I think it's a great idea and may inspire future generations to give back," Cid said.

Councilmember Luis Collazo also wanted to honor Miami Lakes' first town manager Merritt Steirheim and resident Felicia Salazar who designed the town's seal.

- Town Manager Edward Pidermann outlined a plan to reduce speeding in the Balgowan area including bike lanes only, a traffic circle and a planted median. Pidermann said council members will give their feedback during a council strategic plan workshop which is scheduled for May.



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News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

Town encourages residents to sign up for 'ALERT MIAMI LAKES' mass notification system

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:

Step 1: Visit www.miamilakes-fl.gov/alertmiamilakes

Step 2: Register for a new account

Step 3: Create a profiles an opt-in to receive alerts from the Town.

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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Elderly Affairs Committee hosts Latino Alzheimer's forum April 25

It's a fact. There are over 30,000 Latinos suffering from Alzheimer's in South Florida and this number will six-fold in the next 30 years.

The Latino Center on Aging (LCA), in partnership with the Miami Lakes Elderly Affairs Committee, will host an Alzheimer's Conference in Spanish from 8:30 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the Roberto Alonso Community Center, 16500 N.W. 87 Avenue, to educate and inform the Spanish speaking Miami Lakes residents of all the latest information on the disease.

The LCA's unique mission is to improve the lives of Latino seniors through advocacy and education. The challenge is to

increase knowledge on the hardships faced by the elderly and to assist in the creation of new programs and services directed towards them.

For more information, contact the Latino Center on Aging at 305-647-1150, or email info@gerolatino.org.

Annual 'Spring Fling' scheduled for April 20 at Picnic Park West

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.

Town committees post April events

Several Miami Lakes citizens' committees will be hosting several events during the rest of April.

Miami Lakes Elderly Affairs Committee has scheduled Lunch Bunch and Bingo on Wednesday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mary Collins Community Center. Seniors can socialize and make

new friends while having fun and enjoying a free nutritious lunch.

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

Miami Lakes Veterans Committee will host an annual Tree Planting sponsored by Miami Lakes Auto Mall during

an Arbor Day ceremony.

The ceremony will be dedicated to the late, longtime Miami Lakes Optimist Club member and inaugural Sports Hall of Fame inductee Jack McCall. The free event will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at Royal Oaks Park, 16500 N.W. 87 Avenue.

Council recognizes Girl Scout Day



MIAMI LAKES Mayor Manny Cid and the Town Council proclaimed March 12 as Girl Scout Day during the recent Council meeting. The proclamation marks the 107th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts by Juliette Gordon Low. Pictured are Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez, Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez, Cid, Councilmember Luis Collazo, and Chelsea Wilkerson, CEO of Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida along with members of five Miami Lakes Girl Scout troops.

News and Notes from the Town of Miami Lakes

‘Open Hang Night’ for elementary age children set during April at ‘The Spot’

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 Wednesday, April 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@miamilakes-fl.gov or 305-819-7768.



Miami Lakes businesses encouraged to participate in Student Job Fair on 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@miamilakes-fl.gov.

National Day of Prayer will be observed on May 3

Mayor Manny Cid and the Town Council will host a reception in observance of the National Day of Prayer at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, in the Council chambers, 6601 Main Street.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the

U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

This year’s theme is “Love One Another” based upon John 13:34 “Love One another. Just as I have loved you.”

A light breakfast will be served followed by a musical ensemble from the Elevate Church Worship Band and prayers from members of local houses of worship.

Town of Miami Lakes ranked #11 Safest City in state of Florida

SafeWise, the leading resource for all things safety and security, announced the release of its 50 Safest Cities in Florida report for 2019 with all 50 cities limiting violent crime to fewer

than 2.5 incidents per 1,000 people.

The Town of Miami Lakes is proud to announce it has been ranked #11 Safest City in Florida by SafeWise.

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.

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.

Imagine Miami Lakes 2025 Strategic Plan Review Workshop
Monday, April 22, 5:30 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.

Youth Activities Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 PM

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

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 7:00 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 April 12, 2019 at Miami Lakes, Fla.
Gina Ilinguano, Town Clerk



Garcia brothers continue their campaign 'Give a Ball, Spread the Love' for basketball donations

Lifelong Miami Lakes residents Carlos and Keven Garcia are again collecting new basketballs to benefit the children at the Overtown Youth Center (OVC).

The brothers, who are avid basketball fans 17 and 14 years old, started the campaign in 2013 and have collected hundreds of basketballs that were donated in an effort to keep kids

physically active and engaged.

By "spreading the love" of basketball, the brothers have turned their passion for the sports into a life-changing event for those receiving them.

The goal this year is to collect 200 basketballs which will be donated at a recreational game with the kids at the OVC.

The Town of Miami Lakes will act as a donation site for the

"Give a Ball, Spread the Love" campaign between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. until Friday, April 27. Basketballs may also be dropped off at the Law Offices of Gloria M. Garcia, P.A., 6500 Cow Pen Road, Suite 302.

For more information, call 305-821-1440.

Keller Williams announces opening of new market center in Miami Lakes

Keller Williams has recently opened a new location in Miami Lakes at 14261 Commerce Way, Suite 102.

"We are thrilled to bring all that Keller Williams offers to the Miami Lakes agents and community and are excited to be the company of choice for top agents and their teams," said Natascha Tello, operating principal.

Launched in mid-February, the Miami Lakes Market Center has already recruited nearly 50 agents and brought in more than \$106 million in production.

"When we opened, we instantly became the highest producing office in Miami Lakes," said Marietta Mont, a 27-year Miami Lakes resident and Team Leader for Florida's newest market center.

"I am honored to be part of the core team that is bringing

Keller Williams to Miami Lakes. Being able to support our associates and this community is a dream come true."

The new market center's top two agents produced \$20 million last year and are now on track to produce \$48 million in 2019. Another agent, in just two months of joining the market center, is expecting to double his production this year.

"Keller Williams' culture of putting the agents first makes it easy for us to be successful," Mont said. "By focusing on our agents' needs and using Keller Williams' sophisticated technology systems and models, we help our agents achieve their independent business goals and maintain a healthy work-life balance. Profit and growth are simply the byproducts of our approach."



VOLUNTEERS present donated basketballs to children at the Overtown Youth Center during last year's recreational game.



GROUP PHOTO of staff at Keller Williams in Miami Lakes.

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Farmer's Market and Yoga in the Park will close on Sat., 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 accessories.

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.

MSP's Children's Theatre Workshop opens June 10

Places everyone! It's time once again to raise the curtain at the Main Street Playhouse (MSP) located at 6766 Main Street on its youngest performers. MSP believes that the development of theatrical skills is a life-long journey.

The MSP Children's Theatre Workshop is perfect for the scene-stealing stars and the budding thespians waiting quietly in the wings. Students will sing, dance and act their way into the magical world of theatre, where every day will be filled with music, movement and adventure. The workshop will culminate with an on stage performance for friends and family during the final class session.

MSP teachers are there to provide a program that not only broadens the students' understanding of content, but also leads them to develop secondary skills that are unique to the-

atre training, the confidence to speak in front of a group and to engage with peers, the ability to work as a team to solve problems and the skill to examine 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.



CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP participants at Main Street Players are pictured during a previous workshop performance.

Univision donates \$50,000 for MDC scholarships in Gaming Complex

Univision Communications Inc., the leading media company serving Hispanic America, has presented Miami Dade College with a check for \$50,000 to provide scholarships for students at the acclaimed Miami Animation and Gaming International Complex (MAGIC), the Miami region's premier animation and gaming educational facility.

The partnership supports a fellowship and internship program for students currently attending the MAGIC program at MDC providing students with expanded resources, tools and guidance from media professionals at UCI. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time MAGIC students who demonstrate academic achievement and unmet financial need.

"Univision is proud to support Miami Dade College by helping ensure these young innovators learn and thrive as a direct benefit of our company's dedication to the program. Our commitment to the MAGIC program has spanned years and helps develop talent in a field that can only benefit from diversity. Univision is proud to continue partnering with Miami Dade College in order to develop the next generation of leaders in our industry," said Claudia Puig, president and general manager of Univision Miami.

"Partnerships between the MAGIC program and local industry are a key part of our academic program," said Mauricio Ferrazza, chairperson of MAGIC.

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School Board chair honored with women's 2019 Trailblazer Award

Miami-Dade County School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman was awarded the 2019 Trailblazer Award by the Miami-Dade City/County Management Association and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. The award is given annually in recognition of efforts by outstanding women in the community.

This year's award ceremony was held at Pinecrest Gardens in the Village of Pinecrest. The first ever recipient of the award

was former Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen who was on hand at this year's award ceremony to help present the award to Hantman.

Also participating in the presentation of the award was Senator Bob Graham who said, "It is an honor to recognize Perla for all her many years of leadership, commitment and dedication to the children of our community."

Hantman has served on the Miami-Dade County School

Board since 1996 and has been elected to an unprecedented 11 terms as the Chair. Ramiro Inguanzo, incoming president of the Miami-Dade City/County Management Association said: "Chairwoman Hantman has spent over 30 years working to improve the quality of educational opportunities for children from Pre-K through college and she was an obvious choice for this year's award."



PICTURED at the Trailblazer Award ceremony (from left) former U.S. Senator and Governor Bob Graham, Miami-Dade School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, former U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and Ramiro Inguanzo, incoming president of the Miami-Dade City/County Management Association and a Miami Lakes resident.

Local elected officials join at kick-off party for former State Sen. Rene Garcia's bid for County Commission seat

Miami Lakes Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Councilmembers Carlos Alvarez and Josh Dieguez joined former State Senator Rene Garcia for his campaign kick-off party for Miami-Dade County Commission at Hialeah Park Racing and Casino.

Garcia filed papers to run for the District 13 seat for next year's election seeking to replace County Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr. who is term-limited.

"It was a pleasure joining my

colleagues on the Town Council as we celebrated the kick off for the next Commissioner from District 13, former State Senator Rene Garcia," said Dieguez.

"Senator Garcia was a huge champion for Miami Lakes during his years in the Florida Legislature bringing millions of dollars to our town in that time. I look forward to supporting his candidacy and working closely with him for the betterment of northwest Miami Dade County."



PICTURED at Rene Garcia's kick-off campaign party are (from left) Miami Lakes Councilmember Carlos Alvarez, former State Senator and Miami-Dade Commission candidate Rene Garcia and Councilmember Josh Dieguez. (Not pictured Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez.)

Visiting 'Spring Breakers' enjoy visit to Mayor's Cafe



SYDNEY AND MELANIE COLLADO, granddaughters of long-time Miami Lakes residents Hugo and Maria Hilde Muniz, enjoyed visiting the Mayor's Cafe during spring break. They brought their Flat Stanley school project with them. The girls attend Embassy Creek Elementary. Melanie (left) and Sydney (right) are pictured with cafe owner Mayor Manny Cid.

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Lakes Family Eye Care marks first anniversary

By Megan Medina
The Miami Laker staff

Lakes Family Eye Care (LFEC) located at 14750 N.W. 77 Court, suite 110, recently celebrated its one year anniversary in March. The facility is led by Dr. Maria Briceno Martin who has been an optometrist for over 12 years and has served The Town of Miami Lakes for 11 years.

Briceno Martin grew up in Miami Lakes, she studied at Florida International University where she received her Bachelor's degree in 2003. She then moved when she was studying at the prestigious New England College of Optometry

in Boston. She graduated in 2007 and moved back to Miami Lakes.

Briceno Martin worked at a large optometry office for about a year then went to work at Miami Lakes Eye Care Center for 10 years. It was always her dream to open her own private practice. One night during dinner her husband asked her if she still wanted to pursue that dream and that is when LFEC was born. Briceno Martin knew she wanted to stay in Miami Lakes because she loves this town, this is home. "I wanted to give back to this community," she said.

Many of her patients fol-

lowed her on this new journey and loved the new place, everything was designed brand new and has a very family-home style environment. Briceno Martin wanted to make sure everyone that walked in felt comfortable and at home. She understands that some people get nervous when going to a doctor's office so her goal was to incorporate a family feel as much as possible.

LFEC is not like most optometry offices. Aside from eye exams and treating major eye emergencies they also have their own lab to create the lenses for eye glasses. Having this machine in-house makes the process of a patient receiving their eye glasses much quicker and easier adding a personal touch.

LFEC was created for the convenience of families. They treat all ages from small children to elders. They take almost all major insurances. LFEC is open Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and conveniently open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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Main Street Players open *37 Postcards* on April 26

The Main Street Players presents *37 Postcards*, the third show of their 2019 season opening on April 26 at the Main Street Playhouse, 6766 Main Street. This hilarious comedy was written by esteemed local

playwright and actor Michael McKeever.

After years of traveling abroad, Avery Sutton is happy to return to the comfort of his home in Connecticut. Unfortunately, almost nothing

is as he remembered it. The entire house is tilted at a distinct angle, the dog hasn't been fed in five years and Avery's Grandmother, who everyone thought was dead, is still alive and kicking.

The show is directed by Chris D'Angelo and the production manager is Dennis Lyzniak. The cast includes:

Avery Sutton is portrayed by Daniel Llaca, Gillian Moore is portrayed by Isidora Miranda, Evelyn Sutton is portrayed by Lory Reyes, Stanford Sutton is portrayed by Peter Librach, Aunt Ester is portrayed by Francine Birns and Nana is portrayed by Fern Katz.

37 Postcards runs through May 19, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students, seniors and military personnel. Theatre League and Industry tickets are \$20 with I.D. at the door.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.mainstreet-players.com, or at the door an hour before show time.



THE CAST of *37 Postcards* includes (standing, from left) Peter Librach and Daniel Llaca; (seated, from left) Lory Reyes, Fern Katz, Isidora Miranda and Francine Birns. (Photo by Dennis Lyzniak.)

Tesla chooses Miami Dade College for first southeast electric automotive training center in high tech facility

Tesla, the leader in electric car design and manufacturing, has chosen Miami Dade College (MDC) as its first institutional partner in the Southeastern United States for its Tesla START automotive training program. The program will train students to become Tesla automotive technicians at a new state-of-the-art facility being constructed at the College's West Campus.

"I'm very proud that the College was chosen to do this for the Southeast U.S.," MDC president Eduardo J. Padrón said. "The educational opportunities in electric vehicles will give us new ways to serve students and our region."

Tesla START, scheduled to launch at MDC in the fall, is an accelerated 12-week program that pays students while they train to become electric vehicle technicians. Tesla provides the vehicles, equipment, instructor, tools and curriculum for hands-on learning.

After completing the program, students become eligible for employment with Tesla at one of their service locations across the country. Tesla will collaborate with graduates to

place them at Tesla Service Centers from Coral Gables to Tampa and across North America. Tesla is planning to open additional service centers in the Miami area.

"We are partnering with Tesla in Miami to create more jobs, making the city and Miami Dade College an important connection point for the tech sector," said Dr. John Wensveen, MDC's vice provost of academic schools.

"These are the types of programs that prepare our students for the jobs of the future," said Antonio Delgado, dean of the School of Engineering, Technology and Design. "The students in the Tesla START program are going to be ready and eligible for good-paying jobs once they finish. It's a unique opportunity."

Details about the program will be announced at the eMerge Americas technology conference being held April 29-30, in Miami Beach. Up to 12 students will be selected by Tesla over the summer for the first class at MDC. Three students will graduate from the program each year.

For information, call MDC at 305-237-2000.



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The Spa at Shula's debuts first of its renovations

The Spa at Shula's located at 15150 Bull Run Road recently upgraded some of its amenities. The renovation began in September and ended in October. The nail room was reopened on February 5. The floors were replaced through all

the main areas, the area was painted and wallpaper was added to the walls.

New lighting and sconces were added as well as new cabinets and quartz counter tops in the relaxation area, bathroom and lobby. All new furniture and

décor was added in the lobby, relaxation area and bathroom.

The biggest part of the renovation was the Spa's nail room. It was completely revamped and the room was expanded by four feet. An additional manicure and pedicure station was

added. The Spa went from having two manicure and two pedicure stations to having three manicure and three pedicure stations.

The room has been modernized and beautified. With its new furniture layout, the lobby feels

more spacious. The Spa also added touches of natural stone such as quartz and alabaster with wood and gold accents and curtains to the lobby to give the spa a softer and homey feel.

Miami Lakes' Armando Bernal IV returns to TV




EMMY AWARD-WINNING Miami Lakes kid Armando Bernal IV is back on TV with a new season of author James Patterson's "Kid Stew" this May. A screening event with the cast is scheduled on April 27 at the Crest Theatre at Old School Square in Delray Beach, 51 N. Swinton Avenue. The "Kid Stew" cast returns for six new half-hour episodes. Pictured is the cast (back row, from left) Milena Rivero, Satine Sorensen, Luke Nappe and Blake McCall; (middle row, from left) David Bolinger, Nicholas Hernandez, Armando Bernal IV and Caroline De Leon; and (front row, from left) Madison Maxwell and the mascot Ozzie.

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Miami Lakes Branch Library sets events for adults and kids in 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,” “Disneynature Earth,” and “WALL-E.” Events made possible by the Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 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 Thursday, April 18.

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 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 Manifezt Foundation at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27.

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

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 Saturday, April 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 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 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 19 and 26.

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.

Miami Lakes Branch Library is located at 6699 Windmill Gate Road and is open Monday and Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The branch is closed on Sundays.

For more information, call 305-822-6520.

Express Employment Professionals’ Rasjhen Cotton is national finalist

For three years, Rasjhen Cotton has been the “go to” associate for Express Employment Professionals of Miami-Dade North based in Miami Lakes.

No car has been no problem for Cotton. He takes the bus or rides his bike to the Express office every morning to “mark himself available” for any assignment in an office, warehouse or even as Obie the mascot for the Orange Bowl in his time at Express. He has taken assignments with 24 different companies.

In recognition of his exceptional performance and positive attitude, the Miami Lakes office selected him as Employee of the Year in 2018. He was then chosen as regional Employee of the Year with a \$1,000 award and was one of five finalists for the national Employee of the Year winning an additional \$5,000.

Since Express Employment Professionals employed a record 566,000 people in 2018, this made Cotton “one in a half million.”

Cotton recently completed the Express Bridge to a job program making the transition from a



RASJHEN COTTON

temporary worker to a full-time employee with a local aeronautics firm.

“We wish Rasjhen the very best in his new career and hope we can find a couple of clones so that we can continue impressing clients by matching good people with good companies,” said Express Professionals’ Miami Lakes owner Michael Huffaker.

‘Long Life Educator’ honor for Perla Tabares Hantman



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman was honored at the 2019 National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference which took place at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Hantman received the “Long Life Educator Award” for making a difference in the lives of Florida’s bilingual learners and their families. Pictured (from left) NABE executive director Dr. Santiago Wood, Jose Marti Foundation in Miami president Dr. Arnhilda Badia, Hantman, and Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho.

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Optimist Club hosts Pitch Hit and Run and Home Run Derby events

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 of the start of the competition.

For more information, call Danny de Varona at 305-457-6688.

Free Oral Cancer screenings planned for April 22 to 30

In honor of Oral Cancer Awareness Month, Miami Lakes Cosmetic Dentistry will offer free oral cancer screenings from April 22 to 30 at 6600 Cow Pen Road, Suite 240.

Oral cancer is not a rare disease as more than 49,000 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer every year in the U.S. It kills one person every hour of the day. Oral cancer can often be found early in its development through a simple, painless and quick screening and every adult should be screened. With early detection survival rates are high and the side effects from treatment are at their lowest.

Oral cancer can develop in

one of two distinct pathways. One is through the use of tobacco and alcohol, a long-term historic problem and cause.

The other is through exposure to the HPV16 virus (human papilloma virus version 16) which is now the leading cause of oropharyngeal cancers in the U.S., and the same one responsible for the vast majority of cervical cancers in women.

An oral cancer screening should be conducted every year. To take advantage of the free screening offer at Miami Lakes Cosmetic Dentistry, call 305-823-7521 for make an appointment.

Upcoming **Miami Lakes** Meetings Calendar

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

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Veterans Committee	April 18	6:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Neighborhood Improvement Committee	April 18	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Imagine Miami Lakes 2025 Strategic Plan Review Workshop	April 22	5:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Public Safety Committee	April 23	6:30 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Youth Activities Task Force Meeting	May 1	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Cultural Affairs Com.	May 2	7:00 pm M.L. Govt. Center
Homeowners Organizations		
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. 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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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+		
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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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American's special ed students form a runner's club with success

In 2016, a group of special education students at American High School formed a runners club and instantly gained the support of students and teachers throughout Miami-Dade.

They became the source of pride for the school and everyone embraced their efforts to accomplish what they love to do — keep running.

The American Runners Club includes 40 students with

Autism or have intellectual deficits but their conditions don't stop them from running each day at the school.

"The student population recognizes them, salutes them, they're in the population," said Annie Perez, American High's physical education teacher who created the program.

For the first time, the AP Runners Club participated in Miami-Dade County Public

Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho's annual 5K earlier this month.

The event, which partners with the Foundation of New Education Initiatives (FNEI), attracted thousands of students and teachers throughout Miami-Dade, and benefits local public schools. FNEI donates a percentage of race proceeds to participating schools based on the number of participants each school team registers.

Before the event, Carvalho trained and ran a mile with the team, and some of the runners left him in their dust.

"These kids have skills, these kids have desire to succeed, all that's lacking sometimes is someone who believes in them," said Carvalho. "Annie Perez believes in them."

American freshmen Amin Darrazi said the runners club gives him the ability to do a lot of stuff. "I like it a lot," he said.

Joaquin Figueroa, a sophomore who also plays varsity volleyball and swims for his school despite having autism spectrum disorder, said the AP Runners fits into his training.



AMERICAN HIGH runners participated in Superintendent's annual 5K event.

HML female wrestler heads to Women's World matches

Jasmine Godinez, a female sophomore and wrestler from Hialeah Miami Lakes (HML), will be flying to Dallas, Texas, on May 10 to compete in the Women's World Wrestling Championship.

Godinez has been wrestling for almost two years for HML. She competes in the 106 pound weight division. She won the GMAC women's wrestling competition for the county and achieved third place in the Florida State championship in February. Godinez is also a two-time regional qualifier in the men's division for Miami-Dade County.

Godinez said, "When I joined the HML wrestling team, I was excited but nervous. However watching the team last year when my older brother wrestled motivated me to try something new. Thanks to my family, my coaches and my team, I will be representing HML at a world-wide competition."

The Trojan wrestling team includes 25 participants and Godinez is the only female on the team. HML students are eligible to join the team beginning in their freshman year as she did. Godinez is also a member of the Trojan cross-country team, where she has earned second-best long distance time among the girls on the team.



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FIU beach volleyball stars named CCSA Pair of Week

Florida International University beach volleyball standouts Federica Fresca and Margherita Bianchin were named the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA) Pair of the Week.

The recognition comes one day after being named the American Volleyball Coaches Association/Collegebeachvb.com National Pair of the Week. It's the duo's second CCSA honor this season.

The tandem posted a 3-0 record at the Florida State University Invitational, April 5-6, in Tallahassee. Frasca and

Bianchin defeated No. 17 Georgia State (21-18, 21-18), No. 3 Florida State (24-22, 21-15) and No. 16 Florida Atlantic (21-13, 21-15).

Frasca and Bianchin have proven to be one of the most dominating pairs in collegiate beach volleyball. The tandem has an impressive 18-4 record on the season, and a 16-3 mark on court one.

The duo is currently ranked No. 6 in the nation at number one by Collegebeachvb.com, and are 65-17 all-time as a pair including a spectacular 53-16 on the number one court.



FIU beach volleyball standouts Federica Fresca (left) and Margherita Bianchin

FIU's swim/dive team wins 5th conference title

Florida International University's swimming and diving team captured its fifth-straight conference title after picking up 935.5 points for the championship trophy.

History was made as the team became the first in FIU athletics history to win five-straight conference titles.

Senior Oceane Peretti welcomed the evening with a historic performance in the 1650 Freestyle that resulted in the Panthers first gold medal of the night. She went on to break the school record and qualify for the NCAA B Standard when she tapped in at 16:22.73. The previous record holder belonged to FIU's very own Kyna Pereira (2016) who set and held the 16:24.36 mark for three years.

Freshman Holly Shepherd followed with silver in the 200 Backstroke. The newcomer impressed in her first ever conference championship.

Shepherd battled wire to wire to fight off the competition when she touched at 1:56.93, just .18 seconds short of the gold.

Senior Naomi Ruele made it three-for-four when she won the

100 Freestyle. The seasoned vet was hot off the block and never slowed down. She finished with a time of 48.45 which qualifies her for the NCAA B Standard. Freshman Helga Fodor made a presence in the finals race with a ninth-place finish (50.46).

Junior Carita Luukkanen landed the number two spot on the podium when she touched at 2:12.75 in the 200 breaststroke. Junior Taylor Grabenhorst followed in fourth-place with a time of 2:16.36.

In the 200 butterfly event, sophomore Stephanie Hussey landed a silver medal with her time of 2:00.44. Camile Wisaupt landed in ninth-place with her time of 2:04.73.

To complete the weekend on a perfect note, the divers swept the Platform diving event. Freshman Maha Gouda recorded her third gold medal of the competition when she scored 303.20 points from the board. In the final dive on the final round the rookie received a perfect 10 and was later named Diver Of The Meet.

Freshman Kaitlyn Federicks won the silver with her score of 265.95 and sophomore Rachel

Foord completed the diving sweep when she won the bronze with her score of 257.90 points.

The championship ended with nothing short of an exciting

win. The come from behind finish led the Panthers to the gold.

The team of sophomore Sara Gytertyanffy, freshman Helga Fodor, junior Megan Bowen

and Ruele battled from end to end and chased off the competition when they touched at 3:18.66.



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S swimming and diving team members celebrate their fifth consecutive conference victory.

FIU's Alexa Bryant named one of 14 winners of USA Spirit of Service Award

Florida International University (FIU) swimming and diving student-athlete junior Alexa Bryant was named one of 14 honorees for the Conference USA (C-USA) Spirit of Service Award, the league office recently announced.

"What an honor for Alexa to get this recognition from C-USA. Alexa is a service-oriented, student-athlete that always keeps others in mind first," said head coach Randy Horner.

The honor recognizes the league's student-athletes' significant community service endeavors, good academic standing and participation in their elected sport. The Spirit of Service award is presented three times throughout the season with these honorees representing winter sports: Swimming and diving, women's basketball, men's basketball, men's and women's track and field.

Bryant, a member of the 200 Medley relay team and 200 freestyle relay team, has been a crucial force in the pool for the Panthers. At the 2019 C-USA Swimming and Diving Championships, Bryant, along with the rest of the 200 free relay squad, finished in second place with a time of 1:31.39. Individually, she has picked up



ALEXA BRYANT

over five top-five finishes including a win against FCGU and UNF when she tapped in at 24.11 in the 50 Freestyle event.

Along with the swim team, Bryant volunteers to feed the homeless. She also holds a leadership position with the FIU Student-Athlete Leadership Council (SALC).

As the communications director for the student group, Bryant is responsible for overseeing all communications strategies and assists with promoting student-athlete welfare and community engagement. Thwjunior also maintains a 3.95 GPA in dietet-

16 Mater Lakes Academy FBLA students win at State Conference

On the weekend of March 22-24, Mater Lakes FBLA members competed at the State Leadership Conference with 16 students winning trophies and qualifying for the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer.

The winners included a first place, Introduction to Business Presentation, Joshua Villamizar, Gabriel Ramirez and Sabrina Arcila. Second place Computer Game and Simulation, Jeremiah Thony, Julian Arevalo and John Zamora. Second place Coding and Programming, Kevin Vega.

Third place Client Service, Melany Diaz. Third place Publication Design, Kathryn Kalouf, Rosa Aleman and Isabella Milanes.

Fourth place Electronic Career Portfolio, Madison Morales. Fifth place Social Media Campaign, Anny Licor, Samirah Ocampo and Andres Triana. Fifth place Intro to FBLA, Angel Ramirez

Milanes was also elected to the district board and will be vice president for District 25 FBLA next year.

After his first place win,

Villamizar said, "I am very proud of the hard work we put in to get first place and there is no better feeling than being on that stage the moment we realized we got first place. Amazing".

FBLA advisor Giovanni Lorenzo said, "This club has grown a lot in the past six years and I am proud of each individual that has helped make this club what it is now and hopefully we can get some positive results at the National Leadership Conference as well."

American High nominates six Silver Knight candidates

American Senior High (ASH) has announced its Silver Knight Award nominees for the 2018-2019 school year. One Silver Knight and three honorable mentions in each category will be announced at a ceremony on May 16 at the James L. Knight Center in Miami.

The ASH nominees include Sebastian Perez, Art Silver Knight nominee; Amy Granillo, World Languages, Silver Knight nominee; Talia Garcia, Social Science Silver Knight nominee; Jose Burgos, Math Silver Knight nominee; Maikol Rodriguez, Athletics Silver Knight nominee and Katherine Elizabeth De Armas English and Literature Silver Knight nominee.

Silver Knight winners will receive a \$2,000 prize and the honorable mention winners will receive \$500 each.



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MATER LAKES FBLA members posed for a photo after the State Leadership Conference.

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Pace finishes third in baseball National Invitational

By Raquel Edmundson

Special to The Miami Laker

Monsignor Edward Pace High School's (PACE) varsity baseball team was among only 16 high school teams in the nation recently invited to travel to Cary, North Carolina to participate in the widely recognized USA Baseball National High School Invitational (NHSI).

From April 3-9, PACE played a total of four games in the single-elimination tournament where they showcased their talent among the best baseball teams in the country.

The team was victorious over Tempe, Arizona's Corona Del Sol High School (4-1) and California's Huntington Beach High School (9-2) bringing the Spartans into the tournament semifinals. The semifinal game brought the Spartans face to face with two-time defending

NHSI champions Orange Lutheran High School of Orange, California.

Although unable to hold on to their winning streak with a 9-0 loss, the team continued to their final consolation game against Blessed Trinity High School of Roswell, Georgia. The game ended in a 5-3 win for PACE, bringing the Spartans into a third place overall tournament standing.

This was the first time PACE has attended this event, now in its eighth year, which gave the local Spartans exposure at the most renowned high school baseball tournament in the country.

Pace (13-1, 4-0) returns home for back-to-back conference games against Tate of Cantonment, Florida on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12.



PACE baseball team finishes in third place at USA Baseball's National High School Invitational in Cary, North Carolina.

The Spartans face Gulf Breeze on April 16 and West Florida on April 18.

Two Jose Marti MAST seniors accepted to prestigious colleges

Two Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy seniors have been accepted to prestigious colleges.

Israel Palencia Lamela has been a student at Jose Marti for the past seven years. He leaves the school as a student who not only took advantage of the rigorous curriculum but also was looking for opportunities to continue his passion for athletics after playing for the Jose Marti middle school basketball team.

He became a varsity basketball player at his home school, Hialeah Senior High School, while excelling academically at Jose Marti. He is the school's first student attending Davidson College this fall and became the school's second ever Posse scholarship recipient. Due to his outstanding community service, he was nominated for the Silver Knight Award in the category of Athletics. Palencia Lamela is a role-model for student athletes as he will be graduating with a 4.734 weighted GPA. He truly embodies the mantra of a student first and an athlete second.

Emilio De Leon is another



ISRAEL PALENCIA

Jose Marti lifer. Throughout middle and high school, nobody can question De Leon's desire to be a leader who wants to make a positive impact on society and change it for the better. He is the Student Government Association's executive president and has presided over Inter-Club Council which has promoted student inclusion across campus.

Overall, De Leon has been accepted to nine different col-



EMILIO DE LEON

leges including Amherst, Boston College, Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, Harvey Mudd and Williams College.

He has received close to a million dollars in institutional and merit aid from the colleges and universities he has been admitted to.

He has yet to make a decision about where he will be attending but as May 1 inches closer, his decision will come sooner rather than later.

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Miami Lakes K-8 students study history with field trip to Boston

Miami Lakes K-8 Center (MLK8) seventh- and eighth-grade students had the opportunity to explore the foundations of United States history on their recent study trip to Boston, Massachusetts on March 15-17. The students and their chaperones got a first hand look at what life was like for native American tribes and early pilgrim settlers while visiting Plymouth Plantation.

Their experience jumped forward in time as the group walked the Freedom Trail and learned about important milestones of the American Revolution. The arts were featured in this trip as the group visited Walden Pond and learned about Ralph Waldo Emerson's life story.

The students also visited the House of Seven Gables in Salem and learned how it

inspired Nathaniel Hawthorne's namesake book.

The group also explored Boston's modern history with trips to the Prudential Center's Skywalk viewing platform for a magnificent sunset over Fenway Park and an early morning trip to the New England Aquarium.

As one last added bonus, a majority of the students got to see snow for the first time.



MIAMI LAKES K-8 CENTER students are pictured visiting a frozen Walden Pond during their recent trip to Boston.

Three Pace students honored at 2019 Star Awards luncheon

By Raquel Edmundson

Special to the Miami Laker

Pace High School (PACE) seniors, Lauren Aponte, Paola Calleyro and Emma Rodriguez were honored with the ISSF Star Student Award presented by the Independent Schools of South Florida (ISSF) at its 29 Annual "Star Award" luncheon.

The award ceremony was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center on April 3.

The ISSF unites accredited nonpublic schools to collaborate, share information and cele-

brate the success of its students. Each year the organization bestows the Star Awards to students from over 70 accredited schools and two parochial school organizations

These Spartan "Star Students" were each selected based on their success and contributions in academics, community service, athletics, citizenship and many other factors.

The trio was joined at the luncheon event by PACE's principal Ana Garcia and dean of faculty Lilian Dubon.



PICTURED at the ISSF Star Student luncheon (from left) Lilian Dubon, Lauren Aponte, Emma Rodriguez, Ana Garcia and Paola Calleyro.

Miami Lakes K-8 Center coders compete at Y. Fair



MIAMI LAKES K-8 CENTER'S team of coders, Samuel Borges and Daniel Simeon, competed on April 3 at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair's Digi-Con Coding with Scratch Challenge. Their hard work paid off as Simeon tied for second place among a field of 20 competitors from schools across Dade County. His highly creative animation showcased his talent and skill as a coder. Borges (left) and Simeon (right) are pictured at the competition.



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Our Lady of the Lakes names Barbara Picazo as new principal

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School (OLL) as tapped Barbara Picazo as its new principal for the 2019-2020 school year.

Picazo, the school's assistant principal for the past 18 years, will replace Ricardo Briz, the longest-serving principal in school history, following his retirement.

Picazo joined OLL in 1995 and has excellently served the school with devotion as a middle school Language Arts and Religion teacher and assistant principal throughout her tenure.

Picazo's position as new principal is effective July 1, 2019.

"We are very blessed to have her lead Our Lady of the Lakes School onward as we persevere in building the future for our school," according to the school's website.



BARBARA PICAZO

Lawton Chiles Magnet program

There is still another opportunity to attend Lawton Chiles Middle School (LCMS) Cambridge Magnet program. By taking part in the school's magnet program, it allows students the opportunity to take advanced courses that would aid in the advanced placement courses in top high schools.

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For more information call (305) 816-9101 or visit <https://lawton-chilesmiddle.com>.

Lawton Chiles Middle School Culture students visit Carabba's Grill



ON APRIL 9, Carrabba's Italian Grill in northwest Miami-Dade, generously opened its doors to young aspiring chefs attending the Italian Language and Culture program at Lawton Chiles Middle School. The event was led by managers Carlos Rosaney and Ito Lopez who gave the students a fully hands on cooking class allowing them to prepare and cook the meals in teams. Students had a blast learning cooking skills and creating some Italian classics such as pasta con salsa di pomodoro, mozzarella frita, pizza and the delizioso desert Sogno di cioccolato. Once the meals were completed the students sampled their creations. Pictured are students in the Italian Language and Culture program at Carabba's.

Spanish Lake Elementary goes full STEAM in SECME competition

Spanish Lake Elementary (SLE) attended the 2019 SECME and STEAM competitions held at Miami Dade College North Campus in January.

SLE participated in the Science Brain Bowl, Math Bowl, water bottle rocket, mousetrap car, the SECME vision board and essay, the banner competition and the Science Fair competitions.

In each SECME competition,

the students received participation and honorable mentions. In the Science Fair competition, two bronze medals, a silver medal and a gold medal were awarded. Bronze medals were awarded to fourth graders Amanda Rivera and Dominick Rivera. Silver medal was awarded to fifth grader Alyssa Dueso.

A gold medal was awarded to fifth grader Daniel Caraballo.



SPANISH LAKE ELEMENTARY students and staff who participated in the 2019 SECME and STEAM competitions are pictured (from left, top to bottom) Daniel Caraballo, Alyssa Dueso, Yara Perez, Victoria Carrasquel, Yanohelis Guaramato, Breitner Ferrer, Daniel Carraballo, Jacqueline Arias-Gonzalez, SLE principal, and Maggie Vogel and Nayalia Quintana, team sponsors.

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BGEC marks Autism Awareness



BOB GRAHAM EDUCATION CENTER (BGEC) students celebrated World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. It was a day filled with fun activities for the student body as they brought awareness to their school community. In addition, the students had a fundraiser to benefit UM Card of Miami Lakes which provides services to the students in the school and the community at large.

Miami Dancity performs at Spring Fest



MIAMI DANCITY STUDIOS Company Dancers (pictured above) performed a variety of dance styles for a large crowd on March 9 at the Our Lady of the Lakes Spring Festival. The crowd cheered and applauded for the girls as they loved the performances.

Jose Marti Mast names five Silver Knight nominees

Jose Marti Mast announced its Silver Knight Award nominees for the 2018-2019 school year.

The nominees include Vanessa Tascon, Art Silver Knight nominee; Luis Orozco, Science Silver Knight nominee; Hadrian Gonzalez, General Scholarship Silver Knight nominee; Israel Palencia, Athletics Silver Knight nominee and Alyssa Miguez, Social Science Silver Knight nominee.

One Silver Knight and three honorable mentions in each category will be announced at a ceremony on May 16 at the James L. Knight Center in Miami.



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Our Lady of the Lakes marks Star Student awards



EVERY YEAR Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School selects three eighth-grade students to be awarded the Independent Schools of South Florida (ISSF) Star Student Award. An ISSF Star student is an exemplary student. He/she is a student who sets an example for others to follow whether at home or school. The students chosen have excelled in one or more of the following areas: Academics, community service, citizenship, fine arts, athletics, student activities, perseverance, effort, dedication, commitment to positive goals, improvement in performance and attitude. Pictured are (from left) principal Ricardo Briz, Star Student Award winners Mia Wolff, Andrea Luna, Julian Bustillo and assistant principal Barbara Picazo.

Summer offers great time to improve on math skills

Summer learning loss is a phenomenon parents and educators have long acknowledged as a significant setback to academic achievement. Johns Hopkins University researchers indicate math proficiency is particularly susceptible to the summer learning slide.

Students lose two to two and a half months of the math computational skills they learned during the regular school year.

Experts widely agree that summer math studies provide a solution. Students who attend summer programs with a math component score higher on math tests the following school year than students unable to participate in summer instruction.

Incorporating math studies into a student's summer routine brings other significant benefits.

Mathnasium chief instruc-

tional officer Larry Martinek says, "During summer break, children have a log of unstructured time allowing them to unplug their busy minds and become more focused. These are ideal conditions for effectively absorbing new information and become more focused."

"We have found the summer months to be a great opportunity for students to work on mathematics and have seen children make great strides with a serious commitment of just two to three hours a week," Martinek added.

For more information, contact Miami Lakes center director Priya Pitre at 844-384-3395, or visit www.mathnasium.com/miamilakes. The Miami Lakes center is located at 15410 N.W. 77 Court.

Miami Lakes K-8 Center hosts first painting with parents night



ON MARCH 13, Miami Lakes K-8 Center (MLK8) hosted its first ever Painting with Parents night. The night welcomed almost 200 students, parents, siblings and teachers through two separate hour-long sessions. MLK8 art teachers Gary Anuez and Maria Ordaz led the groups through painting their own recreations of Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night." From novice painters to experts alike, everyone had a great time creating their own masterpieces and spending some quality time with family and friends. MLK-8 students, parents, siblings and teachers are pictured creating their own masterpieces.

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Religious leaders offer Easter week thoughts

Peace will begin to reign

By Father Joseph Lucas
*Pastor, Christ the Saviour
 Orthodox Cathedral*

In many of the great myths of old, the universe is depicted as a place where chaos and order, death and life are forever locked in battle. For anyone who has paused for a moment to consider their own existence, this struggle seems to be more than a myth, it represents our daily experience. We work hard to establish order around us, only to see chaos and death tear it down.

Two millennia ago, the Apostles likewise saw their expectations dashed as they witnessed the crucifixion of the one they hoped would finally bring peace and justice. But on the third day afterward, a miracle occurred, their Messiah rose from the grave and appeared to them in Jerusalem. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, death no

longer has the last word. In the brilliant light of day, the empty tomb proclaims God's victory over the forces of chaos. The message of Pascha is one of hope.

St. Paul writes, "At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him" (Heb 2:8).

The world continues to be consumed by chaos. But the promise given is that peace will begin to reign even now in the hearts of those who believe. And this promise will finally be confirmed in the glorious age to come, when the entire universe will be set aright. Until the dawn of that day, Orthodox Christians will continue to proclaim, Christ is risen! Indeed, he is risen!

May the light of his resurrection be with all of you and may you experience its joy this Eastertide.



FATHER JOSEPH LUCAS

Spring: A great time of the year!

By Father Jose Alvarez
*Pastor, Our Lady of the Lakes
 Catholic Church*

Spring is a great time of year! Although here in South Florida this season is not as highly anticipated as in places where the climate is colder, it nonetheless fills us with great hope and enthusiasm. This is because spring reminds us of new life and perhaps a little more. Spring seems to remind us of eternity. As we watch flowers blossom, hear birds sing and see daylight extend, we get a sense of paradise.

All of us are in search of paradise. Regardless of our race, culture or creed we yearn to be in the presence of glorious beauty which will never end and always seem new. Those of us who are Christians celebrate this promised inheritance at Easter.

After journeying in solidarity with Jesus through the cruel and bitter reality of his passion and death on Good Friday, we rejoice and celebrate the eternal glory of his resurrection at Easter. It is a passing over from winter into spring not only for him, but for all of us willing to embrace love as he did. At Easter, through the merits and



FATHER JOSE ALVAREZ

accomplishments of Jesus, we are reminded that love conquers all – even death!

May the glory of the risen Christ fill our hearts with much joy, peace and hope! May his blessings be upon us, our loved ones and all. May the reality of Easter confidently remind us that all who live in love will always live in spring! Happy Easter!

Mercedes Ferreira-Diaz in concert on Saturday, May 4

Miami Lakes high school student Mercedes Ferreira-Dias will be hosting a concert on May 4 at Tea and Poets located at 5701 Sunset Drive, unit 126, at 8 p.m.

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Easter Week religious messages

The hope of life!

By Pastor Al Pino
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Many of us have experienced the sting of death. For some it was the death of a loved one and for others the death of a dream or desire. If you are reading these words with sorrow in your heart or even tears in your eyes over that death, I want to say how sorry I am. I grieve with you.

And in our grieving, I'd like to offer you the hope of life. It's the hope of a particular kind of life, i.e., resurrection life. Easter is about life from the dead.

Easter is about the historical fact that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was crucified and died on a cross outside of Jerusalem in the early first century and was raised from the dead three days later.

Here is what Easter tells us about death: It was introduced

into the world because of the "first" Adam's disobedience to God's command in the Garden of Eden. This disobedience is what the Bible calls sin. It is both physical and spiritual affecting every human being in the past, present and future.

And here is what Easter tells us about life: It was introduced into the world because of the "second" Adam, Jesus Christ, who obeyed God's plan for him to live the perfect life we could never live, die on the cross for our sins and raise from the dead three days later for our forgiveness. Because of Jesus, there is physical and spiritual blessing (life!) for every human being who repents of his or her sin against God and believes in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 captures this truth so well:

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us



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Jesus defeated the power of sin and death through his death and resurrection so that we might experience LIFE by repenting and placing our faith in Him alone!

'He is risen!'

By Father Jack Stanton
Church of the Epiphany
'He is risen!'

Jesus' astonished disciples cried when they realized that the teacher they loved and followed was still with them.

Frightened that they might suffer the same death as Jesus, some huddled together in deep despair while others went back

to their homes in Galilee.

Then their fear turned to Joy as the news came to them. He is risen! The women said his tomb was empty.

He walked on a road with two disciples. Mary Magdalen saw him in a garden and called him

'Rabbi!' He joined others for breakfast on a beach.

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VIZCAYA, MIRAMAR - \$378,500
Modern home located in private, gated community. Fully redesigned, open concept living rooms, new modern kitchen w/new S/S appliances, quartz counter-tops, high-volume ceilings, recessed lighting. New floors and more.
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