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This Past Friday, April 24, was our 15 birthday celebration. We started the night by doing a dance number with our partners, Luis Arguello and Christopher Tapanes. The feel of walking out through those doors and everyone yelling of excitement was amazing. After our dance with our partners, we were able to dance with our dad, Jose Cardenas, followed by little brother, Alexander Cardenas, and our grandfathers. The party began with a Junkanoo coming through the doors.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL FUN:

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Alison & Stephanie's Quinces





The craziness and loud music from the band, and their colorful costumes were amazing. After that La Hora Loca came in with crazy props to give the party a little bit of that funny look to everyone. As the night went on, we were able to enjoy ourselves with not only family, but also with friends. To us, the best part about the party was being able to actually turn 15 and being able to experience one of the best days of our lives. We would have wanted it to last longer, but all good things must come to an end. But we don't think of this as the end, but as the beginning to a new chapter in our lives. Hope to see you next time behind the golden gates of the Secret Garden.

Special thanks to our wonderful parents, Jose and Yadira Cardenas for hosting this Fairy Tale event, it was amazingly beautiful, definately a night a lot will never forget, including us. To Wendy Oropeza, our Event Planner from Event Factory Group for working side by side with our mother for the past year to make this night an unforgettable one. To PS Photography, Elegant Tempatation Cakes, DVP Productions, Bella's Creations, The Salvage Snob, Elite Choreography, the Glaminator and DJ Kaos, without them, our night would have not been the same.


La Hora

Belen Tombola 2015

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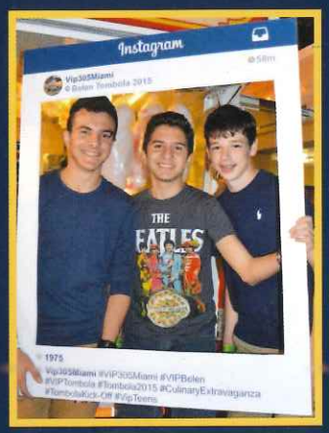


















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YOUNG BOWLER'S GOT GAME

BY WALTER VILLA Special to the Miami Herald



under a table and rock back and forth. He would watch TV and pretend to be deaf. But he wasn't deaf. He has autism.

"He was 5 years old when he was diagnosed," said his mother, Beth Miller. "I was in shock."

Tyler, a junior at Southwest Miami High, shocked his mother again last week when he bowled a 166, well above his 108 average.

He bowls on the Southwest varsity as one of its starting five, which is a victory unto itself. Southwest also has two special-needs boys on its junior-varsity bowling team, freshmen Juan Serrano and Nelson Batista.

The Eagles' bowling coach is Rita Kaplan, a special education teacher who welcomes any Southwest student who wants to compete on the team.

"[Kaplan] has the heart for it," said Juan's mother, Ana Serrano. "She knows how to talk to students with special needs and how to make them feel important."

Serrano, whose son has autism, said that feeling of love and acceptance is a big part of Southwest High.

She said it starts with the principal, Carlos Diaz, who has created a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment to learn.

"From the moment we walked into the school, they already knew my son's name," she said, "even the custodians."

That empathetic attitude seems to permeate to the students.

Serrano said Southwest's varsity bowlers often come over to the JV lanes to support their teammates.

"They don't have to come — but they do," she said. "They all go on the same bus, and they cheer for each other."

Juan said that "bowling chose me" — but it was only after much trial and error.

Since autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction and difficulty in communication, doctors urged Juan's parents to put their son into a sport where he could interact with his peers.

So he tried swimming, baseball, tennis, soccer, karate and fencing. But nothing stuck — until he started bowling this year.

So far, Juan's high game is a modest 112, but he can now look to Tyler for inspiration.

When Tyler started bowling last year, he watched his teammates and cried.

"He said: 'I don't think I can do this,' " Miller said. "But he's gone from needing bumpers [to keep out the gutter balls] to bowling a 166."

Beyond his improved scores, bowling has given Tyler a social outlet. His mother can leave him at the bowling alley with Kaplan, which allows him more of a sense of independence.

Southwest team captain Jorge Osinaga has noticed the change in Tyler in the past year.

"When he started, he was really closed to himself and didn't want to talk to anyone," Jorge said. "He was quiet. With the help of my friends, we started getting him more into the game. The more he got into the game, the more he got into having fun with everyone. Now he's commenting after every shot."

Jorge said Tyler is blunt.

"If you miss, he will say, 'Oh, that was not a good shot,' " Jorge said with a smile. "At times, he will grade you. If it was a good shot, he will give you a B. A strike will get you an A. He's become a different person from last year."

Tyler said his favorite part of bowling "is being part of a team and aiming for the pins. I focus on all the pins carefully."

That focus has impressed Kaplan, who said she is thrilled with the progress her bowlers are making and is thankful her principal has kept the program going.

"Bowling doesn't bring in any money at all," she said. "[Diaz] has been very supportive, where other schools have stopped the bowling program.

"[Diaz] knows the kids and wants the best for them. I think he appreciates the fact that all kids can participate in bowling. Not everyone is a football player."

Serrano, who said her son wants to be a zookeeper, is eternally grateful to Southwest.

She said Juan doesn't like to be with people outside of bowling. But being involved in the sport has improved his social skills, and his self-esteem is getting better, too.

"Juan is happy every time he puts on his purple Southwest bowling shirt," she said. "I told him that I wanted a shirt like that, and he said: 'No, you have to be a part of the team. You have to earn this shirt.' "








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Helping Your Teen Become Independent

How much independence should I give my teenager?

As children become teenagers, they often beg for more freedom. Parents often struggle between wanting to give their teenagers freedom and independence and protecting their health and safety. Much of this will depend on your level of trust and the teen's level of maturity.



Here are some tips to help balance protection and independence:

- **Set limits.** All teenagers sometimes resist limits, but they want them and they need them. Setting limits helps your teen know what to expect and helps them feel secure and loved. Reinforce these limits so the teen knows they are going to be held accountable for their actions.
- **Be clear.** Most young teens respond best to specific instructions, which are repeated regularly. Don't just say, â€œI want your room clean," because they don't know what that means. Instead, tell them to pick up their clothes or straighten out their closet.
- **Give reasonable choices.** Choices make young teens more open to guidance. For example, you can tell your teen that his or her homework must be done before bedtime, but that he or she has a choice of completing it either before or after dinner. Begin to let your teenager make choices and monitor how they handle them.
- **Give independence in stages.** The more mature and responsible a young teen's behavior is, the more privileges parents can grant. You might first give your young teen the right to choose which sneakers to buy within a certain price range. Later you can let him or her make other clothing purchases -- with the understanding that price tags won't be removed until you approve the items. Eventually, you can give your teen a clothing allowance to spend anyway he or she likes.
- **Say no to things that matter.** Some things aren't worth fighting about. It may offend you if your son or daughter chooses to wear all black all of the time, but the choice probably won't affect his or her future. If, however, your teenager chooses to skip school or smoke cigarettes, you must be clear that he or she does not have a choice to make bad decisions.
- **Guide but resist the temptation to control.** You can guide your teenager by being a good listener and by asking questions that help your child to think about the results of his or her actions: "What could happen if you let someone who is drunk drive you home?" Your guidance may be better appreciated if you ask your child's advice on a range of matters and follow the advice if it seems reasonable.
- **Let your teen make mistakes.** You want your teenager to grow into an adult who can solve problems and make good choices. These abilities are a critical part of being independent. To develop these abilities, however, young teens may sometimes need to fail, provided there is no risk to health or safety. Making mistakes also allows young teens to learn how to bounce back. It's hard for teens to learn how to pick themselves up and start over if their parents always rescue them from difficulties.
- **Make actions have consequences.** If you tell your teenager that he or she must be home by 10 p.m., do not ignore a midnight arrival. You lose credibility with your teens if they suffer no consequences for returning home two hours late. Make sure your teenager understands the need to be more responsible so you can trust him or her more.
- **Create a safety plan for your teenager.** In the event they are ever in an uncomfortable situation (such as a bad date, too much drinking, or no ride home), walk through what this situation will look like and how to put a safety plan in motion. Again, remind your teen they face no penalty for acting responsibly and asking for your help. The next day you will want to calmly discuss with your teen these events to see how they might be avoided next time.

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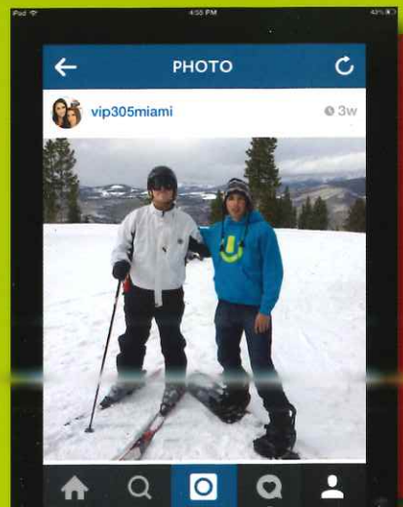
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Brianna Mills



At Miami Open with Karri Walsh



Alejandro and Rafa at Lionshead Mountain -Vail

Viva La Denim

By: Amelie Oñate



Amelie Oñate

I have always been passionate about fashion, but during my sophomore year of high school, I realized that I wanted to pursue it as a career. I took the next step and decided to follow my dream. This is how my business, Viva La Denim, was born.

It all began when my friend Maria Llerena and I decided to make outfits for a concert. We were inspired by bloggers and Youtubers to make our own pair of high-waisted shorts. We bought jeans at a local thrift store, cut them into shorts, distressed them, and the design was finished!

One day while at the mall, I was wearing the shorts I designed, and a girl stopped to ask me where I bought them. I responded, "I made them myself." The girl asked me if I could make her a pair and I said, "Yes, of course!" We exchanged numbers, and soon enough I made my first sale. I told Maria about it, and we both had the idea to start the business. We created several social media accounts and an email to start advertising our creations. Many students at our school were very interested in purchasing shorts from us, so we decided to join the TERRA Farmer's Market to sell our merchandise.





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Viva La Denim or VLD, as we like to call it, has expanded its inventory. We also make crop tops, sunglasses, jewelry, and bows. Some of our customers have requested custom designs, and we are glad to comply.

Managing a business while being a high school student has been challenging. School is a priority over my business, but I still find the time to keep up with it. I am a senior and graduating this year but Viva La Denim will continue to grow.

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TWO OUT OF THE ONE THOUSAND GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIPS

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The winners are Trong Duc Bui, who will be attending Emory University and Reynaldo Perez, who will be attending Stanford University this fall.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program selects 1,000 extraordinary young people, each who will receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any U.S. based, accredited college or university of their choice.

In mid-April, all finalists including these two hard working Eagles received a written correspondence about the great news on their application.

If you want to learn about the requirements for this scholarship you can visit their web page at: www.gmsp.org - 2016 GMS Online Application will open in August 2015.



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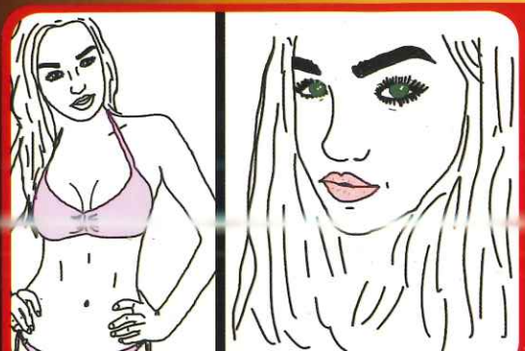


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SPECIAL Corner

What's it Like to Have ASD?



Teens on the autism spectrum might have more problems with learning or making friends. Some can be like other teens much of the time but might have differences in the way they learn or in their interests. Some people on the spectrum have special gifts and talents.

Some kids with autism spectrum disorder can go to school just like their peers. People with moderate or severe autism spectrum disorder usually don't take part in regular classes — typically, they have more trouble talking, and some might not talk at all.

Sometimes it can seem as if kids and teens with autism want to be left alone because they have trouble looking at, talking to, or hanging out with people. Sometimes they can seem rude or act like they're not interested in others.

Because of the way their brains work, it can be hard for some teens with autism to look at people while they talk. They also may have trouble understanding jokes or sarcasm. And since they've been taught by other people how to talk, teens on the spectrum might imitate what they have learned and their voices might sound flat or boring.

People with spectrum disorders often do things that seem unusual or repetitive, like saying the same word over and over or moving a body part in a certain way. When they do this, it's almost as if their brains have a case of the hiccups. They know they're doing it, but often have a hard time controlling it.

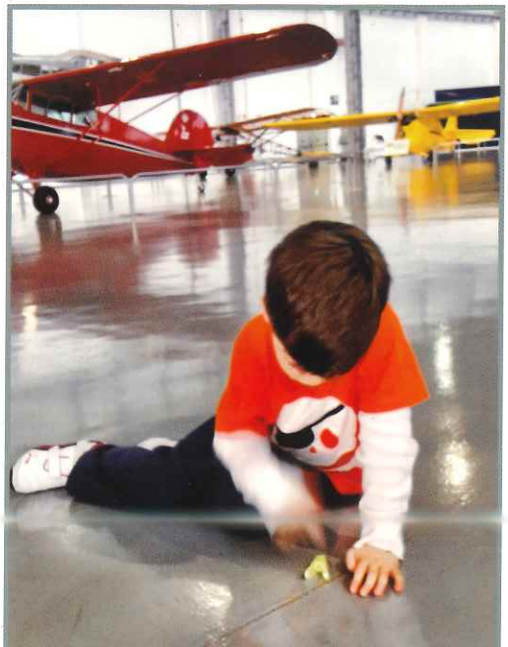
Sometimes people with autism may seem insensitive or look unemotional, but often they just don't know how to express how they're feeling. It doesn't mean they don't have feelings - it

When Someone You Know Is on the Autism Spectrum

You're bound to meet someone with autism spectrum disorder at some point. If you know someone who is on the autism spectrum, try to be understanding and patient. Don't expect the person to view the world the same way you do.

Sometimes it can be hard for teens with autism to interact with other people. For them, learning to communicate and express emotions can be like learning a foreign language. When even a casual conversation requires so much effort, and when hanging out or talking to a classmate becomes stressful and frustrating, it can be hard for people on the autism spectrum to make friends.

Even though people on the autism spectrum see the world in a different way, there's plenty to connect on, like playing video games. If you know someone on the autism spectrum, you can help just by including him or her or where possible or hanging out one-on-one. Watching how you interact with other people can help the person learn rules for friendships and make it easier to make other friends.



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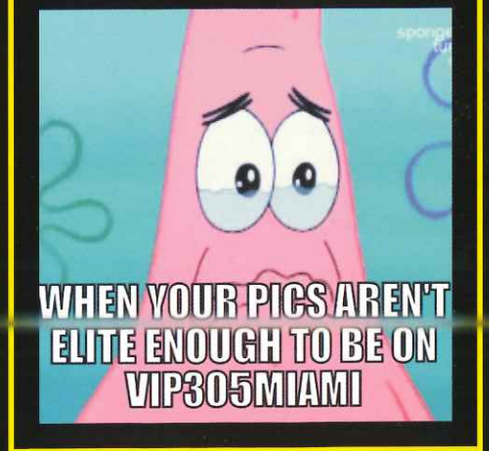
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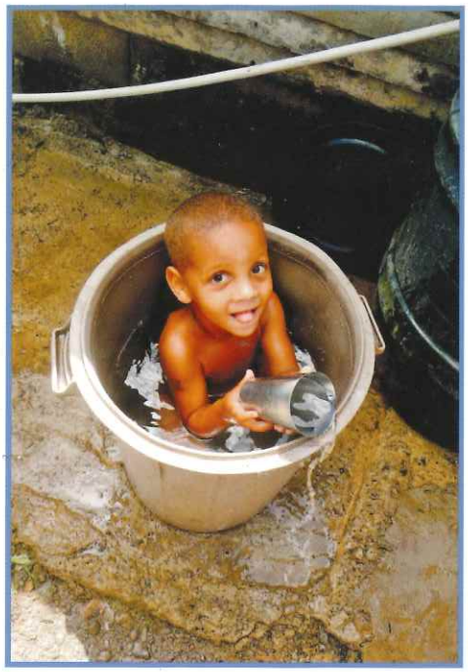
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To commemorate another successful year of dedication to end the water and sanitation crisis, BLUE Missions is hosting its 5th Annual Cocktail. For over five years, BLUE Missions has served the Miami community in educating young adults of the overwhelming need for clean water and sanitation in poverty-stricken communities abroad through authentic immersion experiences in the Dominican Republic.

BLUE hosts the cocktail event as a way to reflect on the past years accomplishments and sponsorship recognitions. Volunteers, sponsors, family, friends, and the general public are invited for a night of sweet nostalgia, entertainment, good food, and even better company.

This year, BLUE is hosting the event to honor LIFO Missions, the parent organization that gave BLUE co-founder, Daniel Rodriguez, the inspiration to make clean water a universal right. For the past 30 years, LIFO has passionately aided in the advancement of clean water and sanitation efforts around the world. All proceeds benefit upcoming BLUE and LIFO water and sanitation projects, as the goal of providing clean water for over 7,000 people living in the Dominican Republic continues.

The evening features an open bar stocked with premium-brand liquor provided by Southern Wine & Spirits, hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by Cole Catering, live music by Afro-Latin funk band Suénalo and professional singer/songwriter, Keba, along with beats by DJ Mandy.

Miami street art prodigy, FIU graduate and "Hall of Fame" honoree, Alexander Mijares, joins the event this year as a special guest. While traveling on a trip with FIU volunteers, Mijares worked on two hand-painted murals. In conjunction with BLUE, Mijares contributed an array of timeless, original artwork for the silent auction portion of the event.



"The experience helped give me, and everyone with us in the Dominican Republic, a stronger connection to the cause. This is a cause in which I truly believe in. I am looking forward to continuing my relationship with BLUE Missions through the donated works being showcased at the upcoming cocktail fundraiser and by taking part in future projects beyond the cocktail event as well," says Mijares. For more information on Mijares, please visit *www.mijares.com*.



ABOUT BLUE MISSIONS

BLUE Missions is a non-profit organization that works to end the global water and sanitation crisis by educating the youth of today of the great need that exists and to facilitate authentic immersion experiences that directly expose and address the poverty that permeates the many corners of our world.

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Educación financiera en los Estados Unidos



Abril es el mes de la educación financiera en los Estados Unidos

La educación financiera es la capacidad de utilizar conocimientos y habilidades para tomar decisiones financieras inteligentes.

Estudios nacionales e internacionales realizados en 2014 indican que los adolescentes en los Estados Unidos están por debajo del promedio general en la alfabetización financiera en comparación con los adolescentes de otros países.

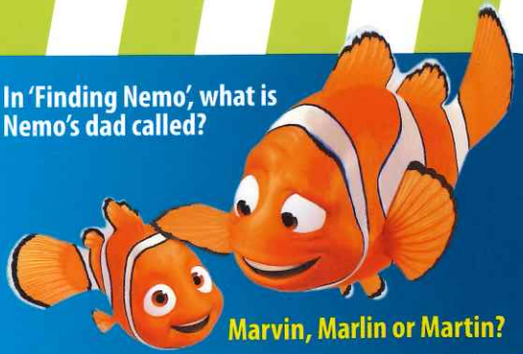
El dinero es un tema del cual los niños van a oír hablar fuera del hogar y pueden recibir ideas erróneas acerca del mismo.

Teniendo esto en cuenta, es vital informar a los maestros, padres y alumnos acerca de los recursos disponibles para enseñar a los estudiantes cómo manejar el dinero y así ayudarles a crear una mejor capacidad financiera personal, lo cual ayuda al bienestar de la economía del país.

El miércoles, 15 de abril, la Junta Escolar de Miami-Dade aprobó la propuesta de la Sra. Regalado para revisar los recursos gratuitos disponibles que educan a los niños sobre la administración del dinero y decidir cual es la mejor forma de difundir esta información a los maestros, padres y alumnos y analizar la viabilidad de incorporar estos recursos en algún aspecto del plan de estudios de las escuelas públicas de Miami-Dade.

Trivia Games

1. In 'Finding Nemo', what is Nemo's dad called?



Marvin, Marlin or Martin?



2. In which year was the LEGO company founded?



7. In which year did Coca Cola launch their first recyclable plastic bottle?

3. Rome has never hosted the Summer Olympic Games. TRUE or FALSE?

4. Does the word 'clandestine' mean noisy, secret or colourful?

5. In which year was public cinema born? 1846, 1896 or 1946?



6. Which is taller? The EifVfel Tower or The Statue of Liberty?

8. What was King Arthur's mother's name? Morgane, Morgraine or Igraine?

9. Ascorbic Acid is another name for which Vitamin? A, B or C?

10. Which Country is home to half the world's 100 highest bridges? China, USA or Russ

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