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About our cover:

Skateboarding is a extreme sport and this group of teenagers just love it.

From Left to Right: Roy Cora, Carlos Machado, Nick Alonso, Nick Hevia, David Sosa Chris Austin



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The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time

The fast, fun, danger sport of Skateboarding is increasing its popularity among young people in South Miami.

Skateboards may be banned in many places like malls, parking lots, and certain side walks, yet our friends from the North Trail Park welcome these Columbus and Belen students as they practice their tricks every weekend.

Do yo know who invented skateboarding?
CHRIS: No, but the man who really invented most of the tricks was Rodney Mullen.

Who's your favorite skateboarder?
CHRIS: Torrey Pudwill
ROY: Shane O'neill



Favorite trick: 360 hard flip.

When did you start skateboarding?
ROY: November 2012

Where can you go skateboarding here in Miami?
CHRIS: Where I live there aren't any parks close and there are not a lot of street spots but downtown and South Beach are really some of the best places for street skating.
ROY: Anywhere, skateparks and downtown are the best places though

Is skateboarding dangerous?
CHRIS: Yes for sure.
ROY: Super

Have you had any accidents skateboarding ?
CHRIS: Nothing serious just a sprained wrist and few road rashes.
ROY: Fractured my ankle but that's about it

What's your first memory of skating?
ROY: My first board

Are you a good student ?
CHRIS: I get As and Bs
ROY: Straight A's

Your favorite subject?
CHIRS & ROY: Math.



What about fashion, is a "skater look"?
CHRIS: Too me there is, I like to wear tight brown pants with a cool graphic tee and the occasional hat.
ROY: Nope, it's however you want to look

Do you know any skateboarding girls ?
CHRIS: Yes, I do and I think that's the coolest thing when girls skate.

How do you think our Miami community looks upon to the skateboarder ?
CHRIS: In my opinion, we are looked down upon. The community thinks that most skaters for start are delinquents and drop outs. We are just a few kids that have a passion. We may get loud and go into private properties, but hey if you build a perfect skate spot then that's your fault.
ROY: I think they just look at us as annoyances but my opinion is that we shouldn't get in trouble for skateboarding as a basketball player shouldn't get in trouble for playing on a basketball court

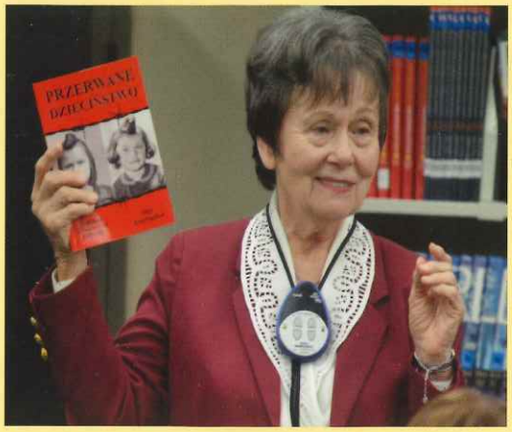
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Roy Cora, Chris Austin, and his friends at the park showing us some awesome tricks.

STUDENTS AT GULLIVER DEDICATE MEMORIAL TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Fountain Honors Holocaust Survivors Who Have Impacted the Gulliver Community



In honor of five Holocaust survivors who have impacted the Gulliver community by sharing their life-changing memories, a group of 6th grade students and faculty recently dedicated a fountain at Gulliver's Academy Campusin Coral Gables, FL.

Designed and created by Gulliver math faculty Scott du Feu, the fountain is made of simple hardware, which is a reflection of the makeshift items Holocaust survivors used in their day-to-day life during their captivity.

The names of the five survivors were engraved on individual bricks that surround the fountain. These include:

• Bozenna Urbanowicz Gilbride • Inge Auerbacher • Marty Baranek • Simon Konover • Annie Reinfeld

The ceremony consisted of an appearance by Holocaust survivor and co-author of Children of Terror, Bozenna Urbanowicz Gilbrid, a presentation by the fountain's designer and a showcase of student's Holocaust-study inspired works in poetry, art and music. Using their knowledge and imagination, three students recited their own "escape" from a concentration camp while another duo displayed the t-shirts they designed regarding this point in history.

About Gulliver Schools:
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Students in Denise Cooks's art class present five oil pastel student art pieces which were inspired by two poems written by Holocaust survivors. Left to right – Marcelo Arteaga, Cala Roitberg, Matthew McKean, Kayla Kraft and Nina Shalom



Holocaust Survivor and Co-Author of Children of Terror Bozenna Urbanowicz-Gilbride proudly holding her brick which will be permanently installed in front of the fountain at Gulliver Academy.



Maximo Jalife , Melissa Gaviria, Cali McKenzie students in Danielle Lyon's Middle School Year Programme at Gulliver Academy present Bozenna Urbanowicz-Gilbride Holocaust Survivor and Co-Author of Children of Terror with a small token of their thanks for sharing her life changing experience.



Gulliver Academy middle school students Laura Liu '20 and Sabrina Messinger '20 perform before the closing of the dedication.



Sixth Graders along with some of the Holocaust Survivors mentioned during the Holocaust fountain dedication at Gulliver Academy.

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Students in the Broadcasting program at Archbishop Carroll High got a taste of reality when they recently visited the NBC 6 Studios on an exclusive behind the scenes tour. Anchors, camera operators and production crew members at Carroll's new Broadcasting Program all got to see how the daily newscasts get produced. After touring NBC6's state-of-the-art facility, they then sat on set and watched a live newscast. "It was great to be able to bring the students to the station," said Brandon Lopez, the school's Broadcasting Coordinator, who also works at NBC 6 as an Associate Producer, "I wish I had this opportunity when I was in high school. So to be able to offer it to my students, it feels great to be able to pay it forward." After the newscast, the students were able to meet with NBC Personality Jawan Strader, Erika Delgado, Kelly Blanco and Bobby Brooks. The team gave students advice on how to break into the business, how to be involved, and of course, to stay in school. "Always be yourself," said Kelly Blanco, the station's traffic reporter, "don't pretend to be something you're not, be yourself and you'll have everyone's respect."





CARROLL HIGH SCIENCE STUDENTS VISIT THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

Students were able to drop their lab coats, get out of the classroom, and make their way to Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom for a hands-on, fun, and of course, magical lesson in physics. They were lucky enough to experience physics in practical applications in the park. They rode attractions like Space Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, and Buzz Lightyear's Space Adventure to analyze the ride's force, motion and gravity. "It was an amazing day," said Sasha Brown, a senior at Carroll High, "It was probably the coolest trip I've taken to Disney." This field trip to Magic Kingdom was the perfect example that you can have fun while learning.







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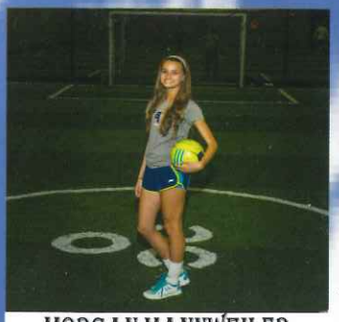
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ALENA COSTANIAN







MORGAN MANNWEILER

A big and loving THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Soccer event on February 22nd. Here are the interviews from our special soccer girls, guest Alina Costanian and Morgan Mannweiler ...

Who is your favorite soccer player?
Alena : Abby Wambach, She utilizes every part of her body like she uses her head, and chest. She knows how to get around any player.
What's your favorite soccer team?
Alena: Obviously USA girls' team, they're my role model and that's where I want to be when I am older.
At what age did you start playing?
Alena: I've been playing since I was 4 years old
What's your favorite thing about Soccer?
Alena: The feeling you gain when you are running towards the goal and when you have so much speed, and adrenaline once you shoot the goal it goes to the net, it's like the most empowering feeling.
Who do you think will win the World Cup this year?
Alena: I'm going for Argentina, because my family is from there but I am not sure.
What is your favorite pre-game meal?
Alena: Definitely pasta.

Who is your favorite soccer player?
Morgan: Sebastian Elney.
Which is your favorite soccer team?
Morgan : USA is my favorite team.
At what age did you start playing?
Morgan : I started playing at 4
What's your favorite thing about Soccer?
Morgan: The friendships you get with teammates and the feeling after making a good play or scoring a goal.
Who do you think will win the World Cup this year?
Morgan: USA!
What is your favorite pre-game meal?
Morgan: Pasta with chicken



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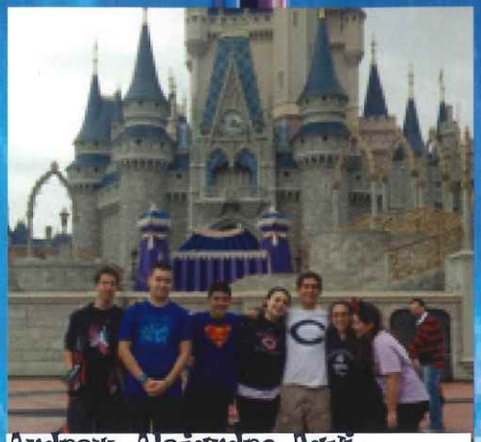
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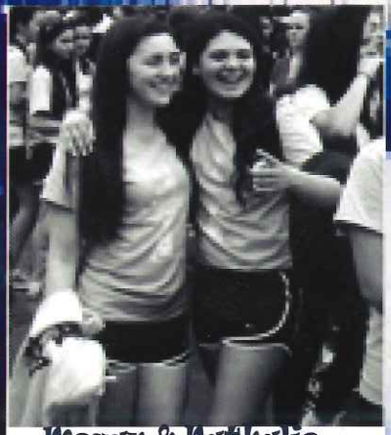
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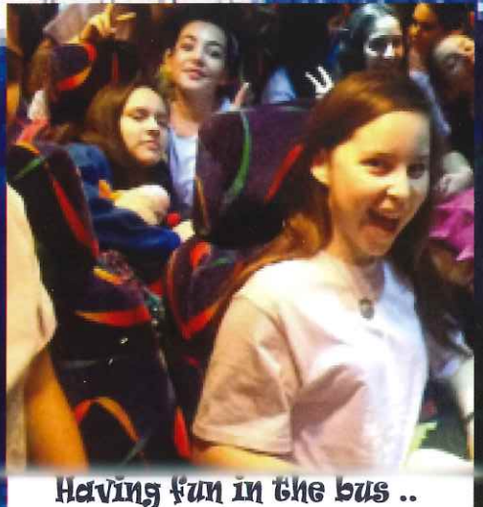
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2.-Juniors first place in Hallwars.
3.-Sam Tellez & Sofia Coulson.
4.-Valeria Gonzalez, Nicole Nader & Sofia Romero.
5.- Elisa Garcia, Natalia Lopez-Varela & Alyssa Fraga.
6.-Sofia del Cueto Perez, Alexandra Gomez & Adrianne Morales.
7.-Sophie Castaneda & Gianna Rodriguez.

Instagram Selfies















The generation of the "Selfies"

1.- Julia Campos & Guiliana Gonzalez.
2.- Juliette, Abby & Rachel
3.- Chris Austin & Dorian Rossiter.
4.- Madi Mejido & Michi Fernandez-Valle.
5.- Sofi Fernandez & Ciara Eckardt.
6.-Pedro Leon
7.- A photo of the Pope posing with young fans at the Vatican has gone viral on social media, with gleeful reports that it was the first ever "Papal selfie".

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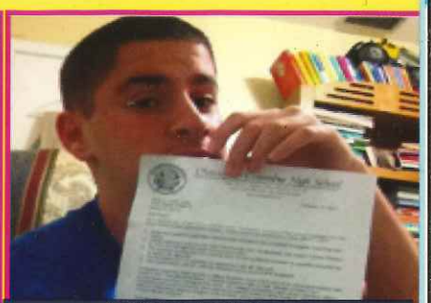
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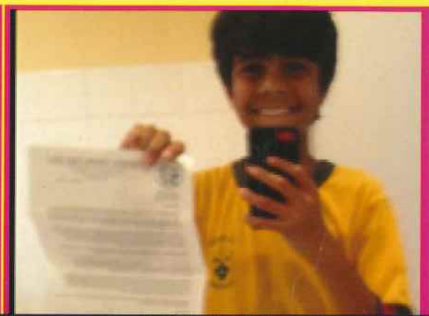
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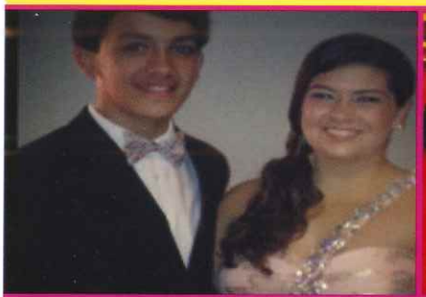


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Did you know? that Astrologers claim that the Moon has the same effect upon humans, as it does upon the ocean. If the Moon affects tides, it is theorized that it also affects the human body, which consists of 75% water. Whether or not this theory is accurate, it will, in the meantime, help me feel better about blaming my mood swings on a giant rock floating in space. **www.aymaraweb.com**

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Aquarius January 20- February 18

Turn it on, Aquarius! Gear up with your smartphone, your iPad, your laptop...as the Sun moves through in Aries, your third house of communications, you are definitely feeling plugged in. Under this information-hungry influence, digest all the news, conversations and stories you can—it's all grist for the inspiration mill.

Pisces February 19- March 20

Buckle down, Pisces. The Sun is in Aries, your productive second house, until April 19, putting you in workhorse mode. No more of your famous daydreaming binges for the next three weeks. Roll up those sleeves and tackle a plan of action, crossing items off your list systematically.

Aries March 21- Abril 19

April is an active month in the stars, to put it mildly! The Sun is visiting Aries until March 19, fueling you with solar-powered birthday energy—which you might run through pretty quickly, so try to pace yourself. You'll need to keep a full tank for the second half of the month, when it will seem like every major area of your life is shifting, which could be both thrilling and exhausting.

Taurus April 21- May 21

Sleepy days are here again. While the rest of the world may be frolicking in the cherry-blossom-laden springtime air, you're feeling low-key and in need of shuteye—all thanks to the Sun's retreat to Aries, your twelfth house of closure and rest. Your golden rule stay in bed a little longer than usual. Go out dancing if you please, but maybe after a disco nap.

Gemini May 22- June 21

The wider world is calling, Gemini, and this month is prime time to connect with your tribe. The Sun spends the first three weeks of April in Aries, your eleventh house of group activity, putting you in the collaborative spirits that your sign adores.

Cancer June 22- July 22

Go big or go home? The Sun is in Aries, your tenth house of career and worldly achievements, until April 19. You could be busy with your lofty pursuits, especially since expansive Jupiter is zooming through Cancer until July 16, putting your personal agenda front and center. With communicator Mercury also in Aries from April 7-22, it's time to dial up the VIPs and claim your rightful spot at the top of the food chain. Movin' on up indeed!

Leo July 23- August 22

The first three weeks of the month are all about pushing the current limits of your life and mind. A healthy optimism infects your daily mood—and not a moment too soon. Perhaps you'll lock down that summer jaunt through Europe.

Virgo August 23- September 23

Skip the small talk, Virgo. The Sun burns through Aries, your eighth house of intensity and merging, until April 19. You need a little seclusion and space to contemplate the deeper mysteries of life—or, well, of your own life.

Libra September 24- October 23

How sweet it is to be loved by you, Libra. This month, the Sun visits the most relationship-centric zones of your chart, first to Aries, your seventh house of committed relationships, and then in Taurus, your eighth house of soul merging.

Scorpio October 24- November 22

Forget "location, location, location." This month, you're all about "organization, organization, organization," as the Sun in Aries travels through your sixth house of efficiency and systems. From your work life to your personal life to that easy-to-forget drawer in the study, you're all about getting things in clear and clean order.

Sagittarius November 22- December 21

Ah, spring fever! The Sun is making its annual visit to Aries, your fifth house of passion, play and romance, until April 19. You're feeling back to your feisty fire-sign ways under these skies, ready to dance off any of the stress that built up over the past three months. .

Capricorn December 22- January 21

You're craving deeper roots, Capricorn, but you may have to pull up a few weeds this month before you can plant those hearty bulbs. The Sun decamps to Aries, your fourth house of home and family, until April 19. This annual month-long cycle is perfect for taking a much-needed break from this busy year and reconnecting with your loved ones—and yourself.

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Special Corner



VALERIA VAN BALEN SALMAN

Hi, I'm Valeria Van Balen. I was born in Venezuela January 18th, 1999. I moved to Miami Florida with my family in August 2000, at the age of one. Since then I've lived in the City of Doral. I was born with Down Syndrome, so my parents wanted me to attend an early intervention program to improve my intellectual and physical condition right away.

I attended John I. Smith Elementary School. After that I attended Saint Agatha Catholic Middle School. At the present time I am attending Ronald Reagan Senior High. My parents make sure that I am surrounded by individuals with and without special needs. This will improve my social skills in the future, making me able to share life with all individuals.



I started at a very young age to practice all kinds of sports to improve my hypotonic muscle condition. I was only 8 years old when I first participated in the Special Olympics. I love gymnastics, dance, and swimming. I practice swimming three days a week with Miami Swimming Club and on Saturdays I practice with my Baywatchers Special Olympics team. My team friends and coaches are an important part of my life. I also practice different sports like basketball, soccer, golf and bowling, two days a week with the City of Doral Special Olympics team.

I've participated in several Aquatic Special Olympics events representing Miami-Dade County. At Ronald Reagan High School I got the opportunity to practice with the Reagan Swim Team and represent my school during the 2013-2014 swimming season. In 2012 I participated in the International Special Olympics "World aquatics Tournament" held in Puerto Rico. Delegations from 29 different countries participated in this event. I represented Team USA-Florida, and brought home three medals, two gold and one bronze.
I hope my story can help and inspire families that have someone close to them with special needs, because with the love and support of my parents, teachers, coaches and friend I was able to achieve many victories and dreams.







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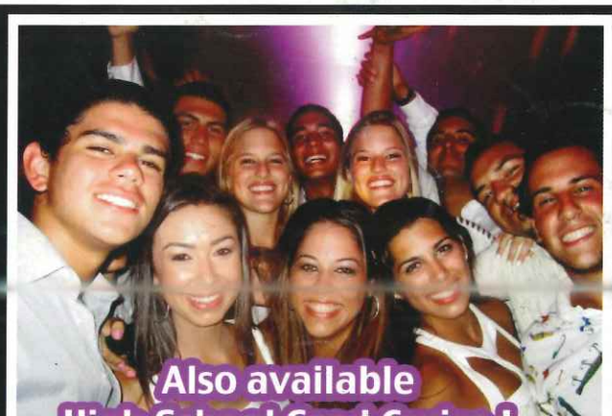




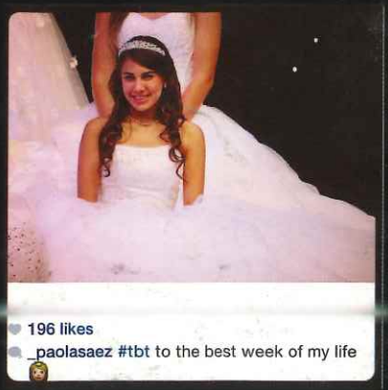
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