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## College's creative initiative

Pines campus' programs to spotlight social activism and the arts

By Chris Guanche  
Staff Writer

A new initiative will make art events a regular fixture at Broward College's South Campus in Pembroke Pines.

The events fall under the new South Campus Office of Cultural Affairs, or B.SOCA. The goal: Get students involved with culture and the performing arts.

"It's about the interactions between social activism and the arts," said Lamar Lovelace, the college's director of cultural affairs and student engagement. "We want to present art and provide a basis for a conversation around identity."

Lovelace said that while the focus is on students, the events are also open to the public. In exploring the different aspects of social activism, events have been designed to fall

into four categories.

Overheard will feature one-person shows, which Lovelace said are intended to be "something the population can engage with." Eargasms will feature live music, Adjusted Lens will screen documentaries and independent films about minorities and minority communities, and Against the Wall will feature art exhibitions. "Hopefully we'll be able to expand [the categories]

in future years," he said.

Lovelace said the fall semester's B.SOCA events are a soft launch to experiment before a full year of events in 2014. The program will also differentiate the South Campus' art offerings from what's offered at the other campuses.

Some events this semester include the screening of six short films at 1230 and 8 p.m. Oct. 22, followed by question-and-answer sessions with the filmmakers. An outdoor mural created by Miami-based graffiti artist Tr ek 6 will be part of a Nov.

7 event at 7 p.m. dedicated to artist Dorothy Gillespie. Slam poetry and performance art will create a picture of a slave ship arriving at the Statue of Liberty at 8 p.m. Nov. 15. The semester's events will close out with a holiday funk concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 5.

The South Campus is at 7200 Pines Blvd. For more information, call 954-201-8719 or visit [www.bso-ca.org](http://www.bso-ca.org).

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## Bringing together

Police to host Pines Night Out event on Friday

By Randy Abraham  
Special Correspondent

The Pembroke Pines Police Department is inviting the community to meet its crime prevention and specialized units, receive safety tips and enjoy free entertainment and refreshments at its annual Pines Night Out event.

The free event is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday at Walter C. Young Middle School, 901 NW 129th Ave.

It will feature K-9 police dogs, traffic, fraud detection, victim advocate and other city police units, members of the fire department, the Florida Highway Patrol, Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies and local organizations.

There also will be free hot dogs, sodas, a bounce house, a costume contest for children and a DJ.

"It's an opportunity to bring people together and share information, it's an education on the services of the city, and it provides an extra sense of security seeing the diverse capabilities of the police and fire departments," said event volunteer Bruce Eisner, who went through the city's Citizens Police Academy.

The event helps raise awareness of the police department's wider role in crime prevention, said Cheryl Waters, a service aide with the community affairs unit.

National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as "America's night out against crime," an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals.

It is staged in about 16,000 communities annually in August; events were staged in Miramar and Cooper City then.

Pembroke Pines moved its event to October to coincide with National Crime Prevention Month, Waters said.

For more information, call 954-436-3274.

## Using comic books to fight cancer



STAFF PHOTO BY TODD ROLLER

Mike Kaye, of Cooper City, created the AmphoMan comic book series about a scientist with cancer who gets cured after becoming a superhero via a supernatural gem. Kaye is donating a portion of the proceeds from comic book sales to the South Florida affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

## Cooper City man donates money from sales of the AmphoMan series

By Emily Moorhouse  
Staff Writer

At 13, Mike Kaye didn't know anyone with cancer, but through sketches and imagination, he created Ulius Joles, a comic book character who is cured of cancer when a supernatural gem crashes through his window and transforms him into the superhero AmphoMan.

More than 20 years later, after having his own cancer scare, the 36-year-old Kaye, of

Cooper City, turned AmphoMan into a comic book series, and he decided to donate 25 cents per issue sold to the South Florida affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

In the series, souls trapped inside gems start finding their way to modern-day Earth from a long-lost planet that was destroyed by a meteor. Joles, a marine biologist who lives in South Florida and works at a research lab trying to find a cure for cancer, is among the first people to find one of the gems: a green one containing the soul of a frog.

When activated by water, the gem fuses to Joles' forehead and transforms him into a cancer-free frogman.

"When he discovered this gem and it cured him, he was ecstatic," Kaye said.

Then Joles discovers that his cancer is only gone when he is AmphoMan, a moniker formed from the words "amphibian," "H<sub>2</sub>O" and "man," and that there are other people finding gems and using their newfound abilities in destructive ways.

"They're becoming like mutants. It's causing havoc," Kaye said. "So he took it upon himself to kind of save people."

Kaye was 15 when he first tried to publish AmphoMan, but when he brought the story-

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# 'Banishing Bullying' event staged at Davie JC C

By Scott Fishman  
Staff Writer

Local residents were recently asked to be part of the solution to bullying.

Baptist Health South Florida hosted "Banishing Bullying: Be Part of the Solution" at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie. The event featured a panel discussion and an open forum.

Grace Carricarte, executive director of the Ganley Foundation, an organization that looks to spread awareness of depression and suicide prevention, served as the moderator.

"No body thinks it's going

to happen to them," she said. "One out of four kids report experiences of bullying. That word 'report' is interesting because when you take into account ones that aren't acknowledged, that number is actually higher."

Teachers were told to take bullying seriously and to immediately intervene to stop it, record the incident and inform school administrators. The presentation stressed the importance of not having a joint meeting with the bullied student and the bully, as it can be embarrassing and intimidating for the victim.

Parents were told to never tell their children "let it

go" or "suck it up" if they are being bullied, and they were given tips for how to teach children to handle being bullied using scenarios at home and how to set boundaries with technology.

Among those on the panel were child psychologist Regina Mendoza and Davie police officer E.J. Cuneo, who spoke about the legal aspect of bullying and how even anonymous messages can lead to tracking cyber-bullies through their IP address.

Chiemi Williams, a program coordinator for Baptist Health, said Justin Menendez's speech made a big

impact. A victim of bullying, Menendez founded the J.A.M. Foundation in memory of his brother, Jason Anthony Menendez, who committed suicide.

"A lot of people don't know how common [bullying] is," Williams said. "It's still such a taboo subject."

Children were told that it's important to avoid situations where there are no other students or teachers. Staying in groups, having a bathroom buddy, eating lunch with fellow classmates and maybe using alternative hallway routes that a bully normally doesn't use can help, they were told.

Jennifer Michalski found

out about the event through her daughter Lauren's open house at Nova High School and attended with her. The topic is a personal one for the family.

Michalski recalled the summer when Lauren, now 14, was going from fifth to sixth grade and a cyber-bully posted a frightening post on YouTube. The student did a spoof of the song "Beautiful Girls." At the end, he said the next time he saw her daughter, this was going to happen. He then proceeded to take a paintball gun, pretended to pull the trigger and fell over.

"I didn't know where to go or what was out there to

help or how to get the help," she said. "...They took it off after I contacted YouTube, but I kept everything. There were text messages, including one that told her to die. My heart goes out to these people who have gone through this for years. Thank God it's only been one incident.

"My youngest is going to be in fifth grade now, and she is going to be a peer mediator. So I'm having her take all the information we received and what she learned to her school."

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## EVENTS

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954-437-1806. Free.

### Family Films

Bring the whole family for a fun children's movie. 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at South Regional/Broward College Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. 954-201-8821. Free.

### Halloween Tea Party

Enjoy tea sandwiches, delicious desserts and assorted tea. Be sure to bring your best costume and socialize. Reservations are required. 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at Southwest Focal Point Community Center, 301 NW 103rd Ave., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-450-6888. \$18.

### Mommy & Me Edible Art

Mother and child and invited to make some delicious works of art. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org. Cost is \$15 per pair.

### Stories for a Starry Night

This presentation for children in fourth grade and older, as well as adults, features stories and information about the objects that are currently visible in our evening sky, such as bright stars, planets and constellations. After the show, guests are welcome to gaze at the sky through a telescope at the observatory. 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Buehler Planetarium and Observatory, Broward College Central Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie. Call 954-201-6681. Cost is \$4.

### Tween Wii

Children can come play games on the Wii. 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Miramar Branch Library & Education Center, 2050 Civic Center Place. Call Loree Jackson at 954-357-8006. Free.

## Thursday 24

### Amrit Yoga Class

Come enjoy Amrit yoga with instructor Bonnie Hasu Lind. Chairs are available if needed, and beginners are welcome. Be sure to bring your own mat. 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at

South Regional/Broward College Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call Patricia Ventura at 954-201-8849. Free.

### Book Discussion

Come talk about the book "Heart-Shaped Box" by Joe Hill. 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Davie/Cooper City Branch Library, 4600 SW 82nd Ave., Davie. Call 954-680-0050. Free.

### Kid's Club: Pumpkin Decorating

Celebrate the fall by decorating a pumpkin. Bring your own or buy one at the store. Registration is suggested. All day Thursday at Whole Foods Market, 14956 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-392-3500. Free.

### Let's Celebrate Disguise with Superhero Masks

Save the world by making your own mask and creating a superhero disguise. Noon-3 p.m. Thursday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org. Free with paid museum admission.

### Book Club

Come out and discuss the book "Heart-Shaped Box" by Joe Hill. 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Davie/Cooper City Branch Library, 4600 SW 82nd Ave., Davie. Call 954-357-6399. Free.

### Miramar Cultural Center Open House

Tour the facilities, enjoy refreshments, participate in season ticket giveaways and see the exhibit "Americana," featuring modern and contemporary Caribbean and Latin American art. 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place. Call 954-602-4538 or visit Miramarculturalcenter.org.

### Second City: Happily Ever Laughter

This revue features sketches, songs and improvisations from Second City's 53-year history. 8 p.m. Thursday at Broward College's Bailey Hall, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie. Call 954-201-7510 or email tdavid@broward.edu. Cost is \$25.

### Style My Bear or Doll

Children 5 and up can join fashion designer Sharon Ali for an afternoon creating a neat outfit for your favorite doll or stuffed animal. 1-2 p.m. Thursday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org. Cost is \$10.

### St. David Catholic Church's Fall Carnival

Come enjoy rides, international foods, live entertainment and more. 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 6-11 p.m. Friday, 1-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-10 p.m. Sunday at St. David Catholic Church, 3900 S. University Drive, Davie. Call 954-475-8046 or visit Saint-david.org.

### Thursday Cinema

Come watch a free movie. 3-5 p.m. Thursday at South Regional/Broward College Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-201-8848.

### Basic English Café

Beginner to intermediate English speakers gather to practice conversation through various activities. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-538-9956. Free.

## Friday 25

### Clay Bats & Pumpkins

Come out to the ceramics studio to make clay bats and pumpkins and take them home in time for Halloween. 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Friday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org. Cost is \$15.

### Hacking the Mind: The Social and Ethical Implications of Brain-Machine Interface Technology

This lecture is part of a series based on the hit AMC show "Breaking Bad." For this lecture, participants will examine the effects of using BMI technology. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday at Broward College's Davie

Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road. Call 954-201-7510 or email tdavid@broward.edu. Free.

### Haunted Nights at Flamingo Gardens

Watch out as the Swamp Witch takes her revenge in this event. Walk through the trail that features live actors and animatronic props. Not recommended for children younger than 10. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie. Call 954-473-2955 or visit Flamingogardens.org. Cost is \$8.

### Halloween Spooktacular Dinner Dance

Celebrate Halloween with music and entertainment provided by DJ Tom Caminiti. There will be prizes for the best costumes. 5:30-9 p.m. Friday at the Southwest Focal Point Community Center, 301 N.W. 103rd Ave., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-450-6888. Cost is \$10.

### One Day Camp: Shapes & Silhouettes

For children 3-14, learn not to be afraid of your shadow and create a work of art inspired by artist Lee Friedlander. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org. Cost is \$50 for members, \$55 for nonmembers.

### Pines Night Out

Join the Pembroke Pines Police Department for a night of food, drinks, goodies for the kids, and important safety information. There also will be bounce houses, K-9 demonstrations, a costume contest and more. 6-9 p.m. Friday at Walter C. Young Middle School, 901 NW 129th Ave., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-436-3274. Free.

### "Queen of Lando" Eva Ayllon

Come see this electric performer who has released more than 20 albums and is a six-time Latin Grammy Award nominee. 8 p.m. Friday at Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place. Call 954-602-4500 or visit Miramarcultural

center.org for more information. Cost is \$30-\$50.

### Sake & Sushi Happy Hour

Come out for a Sake 101 tasting complemented by Sushi Maki. Learn the world of premium Japanese sake and open your pallets to something new. Participants must be at least 21. Reservations are required. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at Whole Foods Market, 14956 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-392-3500. Cost is \$10.

### Young At Art Halloween Party

This family-friendly spooktacular will feature a variety of activities, including a costume parade, glow-in-the-dark spooky masks, friendship ghost cards, a trick-or-treat bag design workshop, a pumpkin art workshop, ghost stories and refreshments. 3-8 p.m. Friday at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org.

## Saturday 26

### Booville Halloween Event

Bring the family out for a costume contest, rides, pumpkin patches, trick-or-treat stations, a moonlight movie and other fun holiday activities. 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Pines Recreation Center, 7400 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-435-6525 or visit Ppines.com. Cost is \$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents.

### Halloween Craft

Kids 3 and older can make a fun Halloween decoration. 2-3 p.m. Saturday at South Regional/Broward College Library, 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-201-8821. Free.

### Walk Now for Autism Speaks

This special event will benefit Autism Speaks and will feature a two-mile walk, community resource fair and kid-friendly activities. 8 a.m. Saturday at Nova Southeastern University, 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Davie. Call 954-421-9997 or visit Walknowforautismspeaks.org/broward.

## Art and Culture

"Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938-1950"

Visit this traveling exhibit featuring comic book icons including Superman, Batman, Captain Marvel, Wonder Woman and Captain America. You can explore the different worlds and learn about the creative processes and influences, visit the Super Hero Cinema with 1940's Hollywood movie series and videotaped interviews, and in the drawing studio, visitors can learn how to draw their own superheroes. On display through Jan. 5 at Young At Art Museum, 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie. Call 954-424-0085 or visit Youngartmuseum.org.

### Dream Big Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Dream Big program mentors children 10-17 through guest speakers, field trips and more. The group is teaming with the city of Miramar to help needy families. They are asking residents to drop off non-perishable food items at the following locations Monday-Saturday through Nov. 6: Miramar Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Parkway; Ansin Sports Complex, 10801 Miramar Blvd.; Miramar Town Center, 2300 Civic Center Place; Vizcaya Park, 14200 SW 55th St.; and the Sunset Lakes Community Center, 2801 SW 186th Ave. Call 954-602-4780.

### Parks & Recreation Teen Advisory Board

Youngsters in grades 6-11 are needed to join Miramar's Teen Advisory Board. Individuals will have the opportunity to share their ideas and help promote the city. Interested parties must be able to attend all monthly meetings. Call 954-602-33 19.

Deadline for calendar announcements is 14 days prior to publication. Send information to Community Calendar, 1701 Green Road, Suite B, Deerfield Beach, FL 33064, or email communitycalendar@tribune.com.

## COMICS

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board to a printer and learned it would cost him \$10,000, he retired his creations to a box in the garage. Not long after that, he sold the roughly 500 comic book titles he had collected.

He went on to study 3-D computer animation and work as a graphic designer at BECON-TV, a South Florida station run by Broward County Public Schools.

In 2008, Kaye decided to start collecting comic books again. That same year, he had to have two surgeries to remove melanoma from his back.

"I felt like a steak on the table. You're getting cut up. And that was just a taste of what cancer could do to people," he said. "... I thought of the book and said, 'Well, maybe I foresaw something in my future.'"

Within the next year or two, Kaye resurrected his drawings and storyboard and began reworking and expanding upon the AmphoMan story. Because printing has become substantially less expensive, publishing AmphoMan was no longer such a risk.

The father of three published the first AmphoMan book in February 2012. It contained his original drawings and some of the same text he wrote as a teenager. By May of this year, he published eight more issues that continued the story and featured

all-new but still hand-drawn graphics, and last month he published a remake of the first issue that better sets the stage for the other books.

"It's definitely something now that I'm more proud of than any of the books," Kaye said.

So far, he has printed a few hundred books. Earlier this year, he sold a sampling of the series to Tate's Comics in Lauderhill and did a signing there.

Signed copies are available for \$6 and digital versions for \$1 at AmphoMan.com. Kaye is also working to grow his audience with the help of vintage, thrift and consignment shop Thriftarella's in Davie.

In December, Kaye will do a signing at the shop, and Thriftarella's will match what Kaye brings in for Ko Men for the Cure.

Kaye plans to present the first donation to the local affiliate in December and will continue doing so at the end of each year.

Currently, Kaye is promoting AmphoMan and creating issue 10 of what he anticipates will be a 100-book series.

"Sometimes it takes me months to make one book," he said. "It's just a hobby, so I don't want it to become work. I just enjoy drawing. It's kind of like stress relief for me."

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