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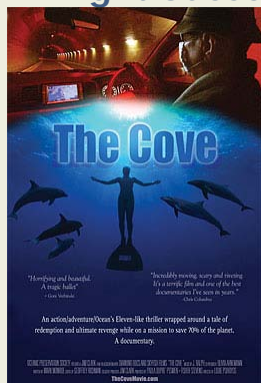
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Film Night Success



A record crowd estimated at more than 500 people jammed into City Hall on Tuesday, March 31st, for a sneak peek at one of the most powerful and sure to be influential films you're ever going to see.



Dear Friends,

The recent budget crisis is wreaking havoc with various aspects of our community---it's now severely affecting local schools. I really need your help to prevent an incredibly successful educational program from being shut down.



Johns Hopkins University recently completed a study which finds that any child that does not engage in learning activities during the summer, loses a percentage of what they learned during the previous school year. Coconut Grove

Myself, my wife Teresa, Simon Hutchins, Mandy-Rae Cruickshank, and Kirk Krack at Film Night

The Cove tells the amazing true story of how an elite team of activists, filmmakers, and free divers embarked on a covert mission to penetrate a hidden cove in Japan, shining light on a dark and deadly secret.

[The Cove Trailer](#)

The film is set for release nationwide in July. We are very grateful to director Louie Psihoyos for allowing us to debut the incredible movie here at City Hall. Those who saw it can attest to its significance. I sincerely urge everyone to see it once it hits theaters this Summer.

Elementary has created a unique "Summer Learning Camp" to help their students beat the odds. The camp consists of academics in the mornings such as reading, math, and science by certified teachers and in the afternoons the students will receive instruction in art and physical education. I've met with new principal Eva Revelo and have sat in on some similar courses. What I saw was amazing.



Hometown Heroes



When City of Miami Rescue 25 was dispatched to a report of a person not breathing, Lt. Robert Jorge sprang into

Students in the school's after care reading program have increased their scores on the county's standardized reading test by an average of 86% for grades K-5.

Unfortunately, the economic downturn has not spared Coconut Grove Elementary, and the school is in danger of having to end this wonderful program because of the budget crisis. That is a sacrifice that none of us can afford. This program has proven results which must continue to benefit children in

action. Well-meaning bystanders were trying to do all they could to help before emergency crews arrived on the scene. Lt. Jorge assessed the situation and immediately administered lifesaving drugs and emergency breathing techniques. Supervisors say that without Lt. Jorge's quick-thinking and rapid actions, the patient probably would not have survived. Fortunately, by the time the patient arrived at the hospital, an excellent prognosis was given. I join Fire Chief William Bryson in commending Lt. Robert Jorge for his heroic actions which directly lead to saving the life of one of our residents!

Diabetes Alert

It's a disease that strikes nearly 24 million people in America each year. Diabetes is nicknamed the "Silent Killer" because nearly one-fourth of those with the disease do not know they have it. That's why I'm an extremely proud supporter of Diabetes Alert Day which took place on Tuesday, March 24th at the Sky Lobby in Downtown Miami.

our area who otherwise would simply fall through the cracks in the system.

We cannot allow that to happen. Time is winding down before summer break which means the time to act is now. I sincerely urge you to contribute whatever you can to ensure that the "Summer Learning Program" survives.

Your tax-deductible donation (checks only) can be brought to my District 2 office at City Hall. The address is 3500 Pan American Drive. Please make checks payable to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and in the memo section please write for "Principal's Special Purpose Account."

We are all very grateful for the amazing response. So far, have raised several thousand dollars to fund the school's summer program. I would like to thank Milam's Markets and H&H Jewels for their tremendous early support!

As a matter of fact, H&H Jewels is even raffling off this gorgeous \$1400 Locman watch to raise money for the program.



Getting screened for Diabetes at Diabetes Alert Day

Everyone should be aware of the risk factors for type 2 diabetes. People who are overweight, under active, and over the age of 45 should consider themselves at risk. The ADA urges everyone to take the Diabetes Risk Test.



My senior staff member Bert Gonzalez reacting to getting his blood sugar drawn.

The test is free and is available in English and Spanish sign up for by clicking on the link:

American Diabetes Association

The test is simple, relatively painless, and could save your life.



\$5 raffle tickets can be purchased in the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce at 2820 McFarlane road (305) 444-7270, and H&H Jewels at 3434 Main Highway. Contact Maria at (305) 442-9760.

Do You Have What it Takes?

Serving my community and making decisions that affect our residents is by far my greatest responsibility as Commissioner. You may not realize that you can also play an active role in determining how Miami takes shape for the future.



Each commissioner has the privilege of appointing members

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of the community to vital boards and panels which play an integral role in everyday life in the City. If you've said to yourself "I want to make a difference," you now have that opportunity by applying to be my nomination to one of the following boards.

Equal Opportunity Advisory Board: Reviews employment policies and practices of the City and make recommendations to the Personnel Department. Must be a permanent resident of the City or own real property or maintain a business in the City; should have demonstrated an interest covered by the board. Term is for one year or until nominating Commissioner leaves office, whichever occurs first. One meeting scheduled for each month except August.

Code Enforcement Board
Issue orders having the force of law commanding whatever steps are necessary to bring code violation into compliance. Members must live in the City. The Board should consist of an architect, business person, an engineer, general contractor, a subcontractor, and a realtor.

Planning Advisory Board
To make recommendations to the Commission in all phases of the City's comprehensive planning program. Terms are one year or until nominating

Commissioner leaves office,
whichever comes first.

I sincerely encourage anyone
interested in being nominated to
one of these boards to email my
Chief of Staff Ron Nelson at
rnelson@miamigov.com.

Seems like there is so much
going on in our community as we
head into Spring. Please feel free
to share important events,
successes, and comments to
include in my newsletter. It is my
goal to stay connected with each
of you. I am very proud to serve
as your commissioner and look
forward to hearing from you. The
best way is to email me at
msarnoff@miamigov.com.

Happy Easter and Happy
Passover to everyone celebrating
this holiday season!

Yours very truly,

Marc D. Sarnoff
City of Miami-District 2
Commissioner



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