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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. \$8.

Math and Logic Class

This class is designed for children 6-11. Parents will have the opportunity to see how their children think and respond to new ideas. Registration is required. 4:15 p.m. Friday at IMACS Plantation, 7435 NW Fourth St. Call 954-791-2333 or visit Imacs.org. Free.

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 Youngatartmuseum.org. Cost is \$50 for members, \$55 for nonmembers.

Tour De Fashion

This fashion event benefiting several charities will feature celebrity stylist and TV personality George Kotsiopoulos. Events include runway shows, refreshment areas, shopping incentives, swag bags and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at The Colonnade Outlets at Sawgrass Mills, 12801 W. Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise. Call 944-730-7730 ext. 105 or visit Colonnadeoutletstourdefashion.com.

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 Youngatartmuseum.org.

Saturday 26

Antique and Flea Market

Our Savior Lutheran Church presents this special event, which promises great bang for your buck. There will be a variety of antiques, jewelry, clothing, plants, silverware and more available for purchase. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 8001 NW Fifth St., Plantation. Call 305-951-7349 or email jeweldaisy@aol.com.

Astronomic Observations

Come and gaze at the stars shortly after sunset. Personal telescopes are welcome. 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturdays at Markham Park, 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise. Call 954-384-0442. Free.

Farmers Market

About 25 vendors offer organic and non-organic produce, breads, pastries, pasta sauces, empanadas, spices, honey and more. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at Volunteer Park, 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation. Call 954-452-2558.

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This class is designed for children 6-11. Parents will have the opportunity to see how their children think and respond to new ideas. Registration is required. 1 p.m. Saturday at IMACS Weston, 2585 Glades Circle. Call 954-791-2333 or visit Imacs.org. 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.

Sunrise Chess Club

Chess players of all ages and skill levels, including newcomers, are invited to participate in free, supervised open play. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre lobby, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Call 954-746-3207.

Art & 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, 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 Youngatartmuseum.org.

Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival

A number of movies will be shown in Sunrise as part of the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, which runs through Nov. 11, including at the Sunrise Civic Center Theatre, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Visit Fliff.com for the complete schedule. Prices vary.

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

Comic books used to combat cancer

By Emily Moorhouse Staff Writer

At 13 Mike Kaye didn't know anyone with cancer, but through sketches and imagination, he created Ulrius Jules, 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. Jules, 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 Jules' forehead and transforms him into a cancer-free frogman.

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

Then Jules discovers that his cancer is only gone when he is AmphoMan, a moniker formed from the words "amphibian," "H2O" 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 storyboard 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 Komen 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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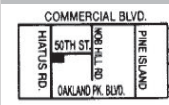
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