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AROUND THE STATE Miami-Dade MIAMI MIAMI BEACH THE KEYS

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Newgard Development has teamed with Two Roads Development to build One Brickell Riverfront, a three-tower, 2-million-sq.-ft. project on "one of Brickell's last untouched parcels." The first 44-story tower, designed by Arquitectonica, is under construction with 94% of its 362 units presold. The project originally envisioned just one tower.

RETAIL
► The **RealReal**, which calls itself "the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, resale luxury goods," opened its second Florida store in **Miami's Design District** to go along with a Palm Beach location. It includes on-site consignment services and valuations for fine jewelry and handbags.

SMALL BUSINESS
► Small business owners and entrepreneurs in **Miami-Dade County** may receive online and in-person educational and mentoring opportunities along with other support from a new "Strive305" program. **Wells Fargo** is sponsoring the program which is run by the county's Office of Innovation and Economic Development.

TOURISM
► **Key Largo Kampground** is touting a new "glamping" tent section featuring air conditioning, a refrigerator and Wi-Fi access, along with access to other amenities including a pool, private beach and kayaks.

CHARITY
► **Miami-Dade County's Homeless Trust** received a \$5-million grant — its largest gift ever — from the **Bezos Day 1 Families Fund**. The money will go to crisis housing, rental assistance and to create

DEVELOPMENT
► **Kendall** has 342 new apartments now that the mid-rise **Altis Grand Kendall** has opened. Developed by **Altman Living**, apartments range from 620 to 1,412 square feet with rents from \$2,195 to \$4,090. ► **Stantec** and Miami-based **B Developments** expect to begin construction this year on a 12-story mixed-use project in the heart of Little River. It will include 355 apartments

and 35,500 square feet of ground floor retail space on 3.5 acres. ► **Miami-Dade County** commissioners cleared the way for **Mayor Daniella Levine Cava** to negotiate a lease to bring a \$337-million, 20-acre multipurpose sports complex to **Homestead**. The **Sports Performance Hub Miami-Dade** project would include a 10,000-seat soccer stadium, a hotel, athletes' dorms and training facilities.



A big step toward autonomous vehicle use hits Miami streets soon. **Waymo**, the self-driving commercial fleet owned by **Alphabet**, says its **Jaguar I-PACE** electric vehicles soon will "begin reacquainting ... to Miami's streets" in anticipation of accepting passengers next year. The company already operates in **Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco** and **Austin**.

rendering: Newgard Development top; Waymo bottom

new housing and support services for vulnerable families. The fund is backed by Amazon founder **Jeff Bezos** and his fiancée **Lauren Sanchez** and has a goal of working to ensure no child has to sleep outside. ► **Achieve Miami** raised \$3.1 million — the most of any charity — during the annual **Give Miami Day**. The education nonprofit says the money will support its **Teacher Accelerator Program** aimed at reducing the area's shortage of



Someone is getting punched in the face in front of hundreds of people **March 8** is a fundraiser to benefit the **University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center**. Since 2010, the nonprofit **Haymakers for Hope** has taken everyday people and put them through four months of training to fight an opponent similar in age, weight and experience. It says the events have raised more than \$32 million for cancer research and treatment. Tickets cost \$85 for the event at **The Fillmore Miami Beach**.

SPOTLIGHT Healing Seagrass Scars

Sediment tubes have been installed along 5,000 square feet of seafloor within the **John Pennkamp Coral Reef State Park** in an attempt to hasten recovery of propeller-scarred seagrass. **Winter Garden-based Sea & Shoreline** did the work in a project funded by the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**. The tubes are supposed to facilitate seagrass growth within 18 months, compared to a 17-year natural recovery span. The seagrass filters the water, serves as a "carbon sink" that can help cool it and provides a food source to marine life. The restoration area is "a very small portion of the total scars within the park," says **Nathan Saunders**, a biologist with **Sea & Shoreline**, "but we targeted this area because it is at the transition from a no-wake zone, (and) therefore experiences the most wave energy from boats pushing to get on plane. That wave energy can cause further erosion by dragging loose sand out of the propeller scars."

Sea & Shoreline partnered with **Coastal Conservation Association Florida** on the project and will monitor the seagrass growth. Officials at the **Key Largo park** hope to do a much broader seagrass and coral restoration project, **Saunders** says.



photos: Haymakers for Hope top; Sea & Shoreline bottom

HEALTH CARE
► **Albizu University** is partnering with the **National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)**'s Miami-Dade chapter. A memo of understanding makes the **Albizu-sponsored Goodman Clinic** a service provider for NAMI's help line calls and helps match interns with experts in the field. The university, with operations in **Miami** and **Puerto Rico**, also has launched an online bachelor's program in **cyberpsychology**. ► **Bob Miller**

leads **VITAS Healthcare**, which focuses on end-of-life care. **Mary Henley** was promoted to vice president and will replace **Miller** as chief compliance officer. **VITAS** has more than 11,000 employees providing hospice care in 15 states and the District of Columbia. ■

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