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REACHING OUT: Incumbent Democratic Congressman Alcee Hastings, left, reaches a hand to Democratic gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist, at the start of a candidates forum Aug. 6 at the Urban League of Broward County in Fort Lauderdale. Hastings' office said he has not endorsed Crist.

By **MICHELLE HOLLINGER**
 Special to South Florida Times

FORT LAUDERDALE — Incumbent U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings says he will file a countersuit against Speaker John Boehner if the Republican majority goes ahead with plans to sue President Barack Obama over his use of executive power.

Hastings announced his intention during a non-partisan candidates' forum sponsored by several black organizations on Aug. 6 at the Urban League of Broward County's Community Empowerment Center, 560 NW 27th Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

A video of an irate Hastings chiding House

Republicans for their vote to sue the president went viral and was seen as capturing the sentiment of those who see the threatened lawsuit as another GOP stunt to disparage the country's first black chief executive.

Hastings is facing two opponents in the Democratic primary on Aug. 26. They

are Jean Enright, a Palm Beach County Port Commissioner since 2004, and Jameel McCline, an entrepreneur, former boxer and ex-felon who spent most of his childhood in foster care.

The two challengers said they have nothing against Hastings but it is time for a change.

Enright said she would focus on job creation and economic development, especially in the most impoverished areas.

"I'm running for congress because ... I feel that after a period of time we need a new voice. We need to change things up," she said.

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NATION

Racial tensions not new in troubled St. Louis suburb



OUTRAGE: Standing in front of the Ferguson police station near St. Louis, Mo., Tony Petty holds his granddaughter as they join a protest Monday against the police shooting of Michael Brown.

By **JIM SALTER**
 Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Racial tensions have run high for decades in this former railroad town that was once a mostly white St. Louis suburb until demographic changes sent many families packing for more distant communities.

Today, Ferguson is predominantly black but the law here is still enforced by an overwhelmingly white police force, a fact that helps engender widespread distrust of officers — never more so than last weekend, when a white officer shot and killed an unarmed young black man who was about to start college.

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson said 50 of the city's 53 police officers are white. He said he made recruiting and promoting black officers a priority when he took over four years ago after a three-decade police career in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Jackson said he promoted two black officers

to sergeant in his first year in Ferguson, though one of those officers has since left for a better-paying job.

"I'm constantly trying to recruit African Americans and other minorities but it's an uphill battle," he said. "The minority make-up of this police department is not where I want it to be."

The town of 21,000 has been on edge since Michael Brown, 18, and another teenager were confronted by an officer Saturday near Brown's apartment. Police say one of the teens shoved the officer back into his car and a struggle ensued. Brown was struck by several bullets after emerging from the car, police say.

Eyewitnesses have said Brown was raising his hands in surrender and that the officer kept firing. Authorities had planned to release the officer's name Tuesday but decided not to because the officer has been the target of death threats.

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MIAMI-DADE

NAACP to rate judicial candidates

By **TSITSI D. WAKHISI**
 Special to South Florida Times

MIAMI — In an effort to get rid of what some are calling the "eenie meenie miney moe" process of electing judges in Florida, the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP is advancing a plan to grade or rank sitting members of the bench.

Shirley Johnson, the branch's second vice president, suggested the report card Monday at an NAACP-sponsored political forum at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church in the South Miami-Dade

community of Perrine.

"There needs to be some kind of movement, a process of some kind" that will let judges know that the community is watching," Johnson said. "The community then should use the rankings to become better informed about their choices in the ballot booth."

The NAACP already ranks candidates in other races, Johnson said. Given the impact that judges have in the community, it makes sense that they be included in the

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PALM BEACH

Pahokee mayor remains upbeat

By **KYOTO WALKER**
 Special to South Florida Times

PAHOKEE — Mayor Colin Walkes, in office for a year, has ambitious plans for this tiny rural town in western Palm Beach County that is among the poorest in the nation.

The predominantly black community has been dealing with an economic downturn for the past two decades since the agriculture industry came to a near grinding halt due to advances in modern technology. One upshot has been increasing crime. Walkes attributes it to an unemployment rate that is 48 percent.



WALKES

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Shortage of black judges lamented at forum

NAACP, FROM 1A

rankings, she added.

Branch President Adora Obi Nweze said she will consult with the NAACP's national leadership about how to devise the grading or ranking system.

"As a result of not being informed, we get persons who don't respect or represent our community. We have a lot of work to do as it relates to our judicial system," Nweze said.

Having judges who are not compassionate or sensitive to the needs and culture of the community can have devastating effects, said Daisy Black, who heads the branch's Civic Engagement and Political Action Committee. For example, she said, judges can directly determine the future of black youth in the court system.

"I don't like to see these kids go into the court system and not come out," said Black, who is also mayor of El Portal in northeast Miami-Dade County.

In Florida, as in most other states, judicial

candidates by law face restrictions that do not apply to other candidates, including being barred from making campaign pledges or promises. Judicial candidates may not personally ask for contributions. Instead, they must set up a committee to raise funds for the campaign and garner support. On the campaign trail, judges may talk about their qualifications but not their opinions on legal or political issues.

"Running for judge is not sexy," said Maxine Cheesman, a private practice attorney and judicial candidate for a Palm Beach circuit court seat. At a recent campaign forum, she said, judicial candidates fielded few questions from the audience, while school board candidates were bombarded with them.

"People don't think about the judicial race," said Cheesman, adding that voters often select candidates based on name-recognition or even gender preference.

"They will go 'eenie, meenie, miney moe' at the polls. They think they will



Rodney Smith



Maxine Cheesman

never come in front of a judge but, when they do need a judge, they may not like him but don't realize that they voted him into office."

At the Sweet Home forum, a retired Miami-Dade County administrator said she was recently treated with disrespect in a probate case.

"There is a lack of common respect for common citizens like me," said Kay Sullivan, 68. "When I come into the judge's chamber, some want to act like they are Judge Judy," she said, referring to the television personality. "I'm coming because I am looking for justice. I didn't come to be embarrassed and made

light of."

Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Rodney Smith said there is no excuse for rudeness in the courtroom. He added that more African-American judges are needed, including in the probate division, where there has never been an African-American judge.

"Black judges are losing their seats," said Smith, who grew up in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood. "There were more blacks – twice as many – in circuit court five years ago than there are today."

Currently there are 22 black judges serving in county court and circuit courts in South Florida: Miami-Dade with 10, Broward

with seven, including Broward Assistant State Attorney Kal Le Var Evans, who recently was appointed a county circuit court judge by Gov. Rick Scott, and five in Palm Beach.

If black judges cannot be retained in office, they cannot vie for choice assignments such as probate court, which is based on seniority, Smith said.

Smith welcomes the NAACP's intention to grade or rank sitting judges, as well as the civil rights group's efforts to inform the community about judicial candidates. More education is needed, he said.

"I have gotten support from various groups but I need African Americans to come to the plate. When we don't vote, we literally vote for the other candidate," he said.

Smith in Miami-Dade and Cheesman in Palm Beach are two of three black candidates in contested judicial races in the Aug. 26 primary in South Florida. Also running is Broward County Circuit Judge Ian Richards.

Additionally, six black

judges are running unopposed and automatically will be re-elected to a six-year term in November. In Palm Beach, they are County Court judges Reginald Corlew and Debra Moses Stephens. In Miami-Dade, they are Circuit Court judges Darryl Trawick, Jerald Bagley, Eric Hendon and Orlando Prescott.

Richards, the first black judge to be elected county-wide in Broward County, in 2009, said voter disinterest in judicial elections is universal but the black community, as well as others, must press for more inclusion.

"The community has the responsibility to get proper representation on the bench," said Richards, who is facing two challengers. Many black judges traditionally have been appointed, which gets them into the system. When their term expires, they then are able to run for office on their own, he said.

Unlike in Miami-Dade, Richards said, black judicial incumbents have been able to sustain the election challenges in Broward.

"So far, we have been blessed," he said.

Amendment 3 seen as power grab by Gov. Rick Scott

HASTINGS, FROM 1A

McCline promised to push for a higher minimum wage, funding for job training and spending on roads and bridges to boost employment.

"I fought for 18 years ... all over the world. I'm a three-time champion. I became an entrepreneur and community advocate and I've been deeply involved in the issues that involve our young men because of a lot of the things that I went through as a young man," McCline said.

Hastings, a former federal judge who was impeached and removed from office in what many at the time regarded as an act of injustice, emerged triumphant when he won a seat in Congress in 1993. He represented district 23 from 1993 until it changed to district 20 in 2013 as a result of redistricting.

At the forum, he touted his judicial and political experience, his success securing millions of dollars in earmarks for district 20 before earmarks were discontinued and his willingness to take on the GOP.

Addressing his opponents' desire for change, Hastings said, "I've been a change agent. Let me make that clear."

The winner will face Republican Jay Alan Bonner in the general election in the fall.

The gubernatorial segment of the forum was weakened with the absence of the incumbent, Republican Rick Scott.

One of Scott's challengers Charlie Crist appeared briefly at the start of the forum and spoke to the audience but left before it was time for him to take the stage. His departure prompted his challenger Nan Rich to say, "I do wish that my Democratic opponent were here. He did come in for 15 minutes. Unfortunately, we have not had an opportunity to debate the issues."

Rich, a former state representative, sent out a tweet that mocked Crist's brief appearance, saying, in part, that he "stopped by & pandered to the audience."

Also present was Republican candidate Elizabeth Cerveras-Neunder. She raised a flip-flop shoe as of a symbol of Crist's change in political affiliation from Republican to Independent and now a Democrat.

Also at the forum, State Sen. Chris Smith called attention to a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that could result in Scott's stacking the Supreme Court even if he loses his re-election bid.

Smith, a Fort Lauderdale Democrat, said Amendment 3 seeks to allow the outgoing governor to name the successors to the three justices who must retire because of mandatory age requirements.

Calling the amendment a "power grab," Smith said that its passage would allow Scott to name replacements for Justices R. Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince – a black justice – who will be forced to leave the bench on Jan. 8, 2019.

The three are considered the "liberal" wing of the Supreme Court. Critics argue that the amendment is an attempt by Republicans to pack the court with conservative justices.

The forum was sponsored by the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, in partnership with the Urban League of Broward County and its Young Professionals Network, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the NAACP, the Pompano Beach and South Broward chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the North Broward County Links, the Zeta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Fort Lauderdale Links, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the TJ Reddick Bar Association and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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Ebola outbreak deemed a worldwide hazard

LONDON (AP) — The World Health Organization has declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa to be an international public health emergency that requires an extraordinary response to stop its spread.

It is the largest and longest outbreak ever recorded of Ebola, which has a death rate of about 50 percent and has so far killed some 1,000 people.

WHO declared similar emergencies for the swine flu pandemic in 2009 and for polio in May.

The WHO chief, Dr. Margaret Chan, said the announcement was “a clear call for international solidarity,” although she acknowledged that many countries would probably not have any Ebola cases.

“Countries affected to date simply do not have the capacity to manage an outbreak of this size and complexity on their own,” Chan said at a news conference

in Geneva on Friday. “I urge the international community to provide this support on the most urgent basis possible.”

The agency convened an expert committee last week to assess the severity of the continuing epidemic.

The current outbreak of Ebola emerged in Guinea in March and has since spread to Sierra Leone and Liberia, with a suspected cluster in Nigeria. Since it was first identified in 1976, there have been more than 20 outbreaks in central and eastern Africa; this is the first one to affect West Africa.

The impact of the WHO declaration is unclear; a declaration about polio doesn't yet seem to have slowed the spread of virus.

“Statements won't save lives,” said Dr. Bart Janssens, director of operations for Doctors Without Borders. “For weeks, [we] have been repeating that a



Dr. Margaret Chan

massive medical, epidemiological and public health response is desperately needed. ... Lives are being lost because the response is too slow.”

“I don't know what the advantage is of declaring

an international emergency,” added Dr. David Heymann, who directed WHO's response to the SARS outbreak and is now a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. “This could bring in more foreign aid but we don't know that yet.”

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already recommends against traveling to West Africa. The agency has also put U.S. hospitals on alert for symptoms to spot potential cases as quickly as possible.

This week, WHO is scheduled to hold another meeting to discuss whether it's ethical to use experimental treatments and drugs in the current outbreak. There's no evidence in people that the experimental treatments work and it would take months even to have a modest amount. There is

no licensed drug or treatment for Ebola.

Other experts hoped the WHO declaration would send more health workers to West Africa.

“The situation is very critical and different from what we've seen before,” said Dr. Heinz Feldmann, chief of virology at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. “There are so many locations with transmission popping up and we just need more people on the ground.”

WHO did not recommend any travel or trade bans but said people who had close contact with Ebola patients should not travel internationally. For countries with Ebola, WHO issued various recommendations, including exit screening at international airports and border crossings to spot potential cases. It also discouraged mass gatherings.

WHO said countries without Ebola should heighten their surveillance and treat any suspected cases as a health emergency.

Chan said while extraordinary measures might be necessary to contain the outbreak, it is important to recognize civil rights.

“We need to respect the dignity of people and inform them why these measures are being taken,” she said.

The disease spread from Liberia to Nigeria when a man apparently sick with Ebola boarded a plane, according to the Nigerian government. Nigerian authorities say the man, who later died, was not placed into isolation for at least 24 hours after he was hospitalized. A nurse who treated him has since died from Ebola and authorities are monitoring seven other cases among people who had contact with the first victim.

Majority black city is run by minority white officials

SHOOTING, FROM 1A

The FBI and St. Louis County police are conducting separate investigations.

The shooting sparked two nights of unrest. Looting broke out late Sunday at dozens of stores in Ferguson and neighboring communities. On Monday night, police used tear gas and fired “bean bag” rounds after a crowd turned rowdy, throwing rocks and bottles at officers. No serious injuries were reported.

Ferguson was once a middle-class suburban town known for its sprawling parks and tidy brick homes. For many years, it was largely white.

Over the past few decades, the demographics changed. As St. Louis city schools deteriorated, a voluntary busing program started in the 1980s that allowed parents to send their children to suburban schools. Some black families decided to leave the city, and the crime, behind and moved to nearby suburbs like Ferguson.

As more black residents moved in, whites in Ferguson began to move to outer suburbs. Ferguson is now about two-thirds black.

The elected leadership of Ferguson — the mayor and four of the five aldermen — are also white.

Mayor James Knowles III said he's having a hard time with the image of Ferguson as a racially divided, riot-torn place.

“We're all broken-hearted, regardless of our race,” Knowles said. “This is not representative of our community.”

Some of the town's young blacks feel unfairly targeted by police.

Jarrett Snider, 19, said he was stopped while walking in his neighborhood. He showed his identification but the officer still called for several backup units.

“You get harassed,” said Snider, who lives in the apartment complex near where Brown was shot and described himself as a good friend of Brown's. “It's too much ... Mike's situation is not the first time.”

Stephen Bussey, 29, said he was recently stopped by an officer while walking to a convenience store before his pre-dawn shift at a fast-food restaurant.

“The cop told me I looked like a guy who robbed a bank nearby,” Bussey said. “I didn't make a big deal about it. But since when is walking a crime?”

The mayor acknowledged the resentment.

“The African-American community — youth in the African-American community, in particular — has something against law enforcement in many ways,” Knowles said. “They don't like law enforcement and they don't think law enforcement likes them.”

Knowles said that suspicion is part of the reason the city has so few black officers.

“We don't get nearly as many African-American applicants as we would like,” he said.

University of Missouri-St. Louis criminologist David Klinger said there are

no reliable statistics on police-involved shootings in the St. Louis region but he said police in the U.S. kill at least a few hundred suspects every year.

Klinger, who has led two federally funded studies on police shootings and interviewed about 300 officers involved in those incidents, said police often show tremendous restraint, refraining from shooting suspects who come at them with knives or guns. Sometimes, he said, they simply have no choice but to fire.

In other instances, mistakes are made. “Officers really aren't out there to shoot people,” Klinger said. “That doesn't mean there aren't knucklehead cops out there. But the vast majority of officers have held their fire far more often than they've pulled the trigger.”

Associated Press writers Jim Suhr in St. Louis and Alan Scher Zagier in Ferguson contributed to this report.

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Business

Reader Success! An interview with Judy Davis

Part two of a two-part report



Pearl and Mel Shaw

"I did not recruit leadership; instead, I embraced leadership." This is what we learned from Judy Davis, membership outreach manager at the Metal Museum in Memphis. We were talking with Davis to learn how this column influenced her work in raising \$45,000 for *The 10th Anniversary Gates Campaign*. This was a campaign to restore the beloved metal gates at the museum and the 331 rosettes that adorn them.

The campaign was launched in April 2013, but Davis "did not get involved with the campaign until November 2013 when I saw we needed more funds. I produced a timeline of events and presented it to my director and the public engagement associate. I took the Development Boot Camp workshops that were offered at the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellence and received advice from my previous manager who raised funds for the Memphis Public Library," Davis shared. "I did not ask anyone to do anything I would not do and I tried to keep the momentum going. I tried to create an environment where all my coworkers felt they had a vested interest in the success of the campaign."

She developed two questions to

drive her fundraising. These were: "How do the Metal Museum gates impact the community?" and "What is your story as it relates to the gate?" These were derived from her desire for museum members and visitors to feel they had a personal connection with the gates.

Davis also developed a brand identity for the campaign that tied to the museum's overarching brand. "I wanted the feel and color of gray (metal) but to focus on the gates not the museum. The stationary, invitations and thank you cards were one unit. The pieces were interchangeable but they could be put together as one." She took the time to share her brand strategy with fellow staff. "I wanted to make sure that we all understood why and how to communicate that to the public," she said.

When asked what she would do differently next time, Davis responded, "Give myself more than seven months to raise a substantial amount of money. Have a volunteer front person, a voice, to help raise the funds needed."

We share Davis' story with you because it shows that one person can make a difference. Davis had been reading our column, cutting them out, and jotting down adjectives and catch phrases on index cards for easy reference.

Here are a few examples: developed, branded, launched, raised = goal. She focused on tips such as "leadership is critical to the success of any fundraising efforts" and "communicate in words and action."

Davis is ready for her next project: making the museum's collection more accessible to the public. Stay tuned: she is a woman you are sure to hear more from.

Mel and Pearl Shaw position nonprofits, colleges and universities for fundraising success. For help with your campaign visit saadandshaw.com or call 901-522-8727.



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When she is not working, she dedicates her time to friends and family and is an advocate for small businesses in South Florida. Her hobbies are reading, writing, exercising and saltwater fishing.

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Mixed reaction to Carnival's plans for \$70 million port

By DAVID MCFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — A major Florida-based cruise line has signed a letter of intent to develop a new port on an isolated Haitian barrier island that has long been a major launching spot for smugglers, authorities said.

Carnival Corp., the parent company of Carnival Cruise Lines, said it signed a memorandum of understanding with the Haitian government for a cruise port on Ile de la Tortue off Haiti's north coast.

In an emailed statement, Carnival said the development would create a "tremendous economic impact" for Haitians, while also carving out a new spot for ship itineraries in the Caribbean, the globe's No. 1 cruise destination.

"The development will create an exciting opportunity for our guests to enjoy a new, secluded and stunning destination," said David Candib, a vice president for Miami-based Carnival.

In a recent tweet, Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe said the initial investment on Ile de la Tortue will be \$70 million.

Because of its remoteness, the mountainous island

has long been a center for smugglers to organize dangerous sea journeys for poor migrants seeking a better life in the United States and elsewhere in the Caribbean. Ile de la Tortue, also known as Tortuga Island, is 11 miles across cobalt waters from hardscrabble Baie des Moustiques.

The cactus-studded area's poverty stands out even in Haiti. Ile de la Tortue, where the shores are lined with wooden boats of smugglers and subsistence fishermen, has some of the poorest people in the hemisphere's most impoverished country.

In February, Lamothe said officials had begun a program to improve opportunities, in part by paving the way for seven restaurants and by creating 1,000 jobs through a sanitation program. Farmers received free seeds and the national police force was to send some 30 officers to crack down on illegal migration.

Carnival said the company's new port would "directly or indirectly" employ more than 900 people. The development would compete with rival Royal Caribbean's fenced-in Labadee cruise port and beach attraction, also on Haiti's north coast.

A local government representative on Ile de la Tortue

said residents were excited at the prospect of foreign investment.

"A tourist port will bring work to La Tortue but they need to come and talk to the community, get the community involved," Sagesse Loriston Fils said in a phone interview.

Not everyone is convinced a new cruise port would be a good deal for Haiti. Jim Walker, a Miami maritime attorney and author of a blog called cruiselaw.com, said in an email that his concern is that Carnival will be "sailing back with all of the profits to Miami."

Trade groups say the cruise ship industry injects about \$2 billion a year into the economies of the Caribbean. But critics complain it actually produces little local revenue because the cruise companies and international chain shops on piers siphon away most of the spending.

Earlier this year, Lamothe announced ambitious plans to transform the southern outlying island of Ile-a-Vache into a high-end resort with condos, spas and its own international airport. The \$260 million project being built with a combination of foreign aid and private investment is scheduled to be completed in two years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

New traffic plan

SANTO DOMINGO — The Inter-American Development Bank is trying to help reduce fatal traffic accidents here in the Dominican Republic which has the second highest traffic-related death rate in the world at nearly 42 deaths per 100,000 people.

Bank officials met with government officials on Friday to implement a plan that aims to reduce accidents by 30 percent in 2016 and 50 percent in 2020.

The bank announced in April that it was donating \$500,000 for the initiative.

PUERTO RICO

Entrepreneurs wooed



PADILLA

SANTO DOMINGO — Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla has signed a law that aims to keep young business owners on a U.S. territory struggling with population loss.

The bill allows for local income tax exemptions on the first \$40,000 generated by those aged 16 to 26. They also would receive some tax breaks on the first \$500,000 generated and their business applications will be fast-tracked.

The commonwealth is struggling to emerge from a nearly eight-year recession while battling an ongoing population loss, with more than 450,000 people leaving the island in the past decade.

BERMUDA

Sargasso panel set up

HAMILTON — The government announced it appointed five commissioners to submit recommendations about how best to safeguard the ecologically rich waters of the Sargasso Sea.

The creation of the Sargasso Sea Commission follows the signing of a non-binding declaration by five governments to collaborate on conservation of the mid-Atlantic waters. In March, the U.S., Britain, Monaco and the Azores joined Bermuda in signing the Sargasso Sea-focused declaration.

Bermuda is the only island within the Sargasso Sea, a roughly two million square miles body of warm water in the Atlantic. It's a major habitat and nursery for eels and numerous other marine species.

The commission will recommend measures to the governments. Its members include Billy Causey, the southeast regional director for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Howard Roe, a British oceanographer.

JAMAICA

Corruption fight

KINGSTON — National Security Minister Peter Bunting announced the government consolidated the police force's anti-corruption agency and a major organized crime task force to better tackle public corruption and organized crime.



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The consolidation will "result in greater effectiveness through better use of limited resources in the fight against criminals and corruption," the minister said.

The new organization, named the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency, should streamline communication and boost law enforcers' capacity to carry out effective investigations on high-profile suspects, "including the police and those in public office," he said.

New laws and additional procedures being enacted will also assist with arresting and prosecuting criminals, he added.

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Opinion

WHAT WE THINK

America's problem still the color line

In 1903, W.E.B. Du Bois shared with the world "the strange meaning of being black here in the dawning of the Twentieth Century." His groundbreaking treatise *The Souls of Black Folk* foretold that "the problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color line."

Obviously, this problem persists in the Twenty First Century, as well.

The current crisis in the small town of Ferguson near St. Louis in Missouri is a good example.

The scenario is depressingly familiar and the police shooting on Saturday is a replay of the same old movie anywhere in America. As usual, the official version is in sharp contrast with accounts given by eyewitnesses who saw a white officer shoot and kill Michael Brown, 18.

So, instead of dropping their son off to start classes at a technical college Monday, Brown's parents "are having to plan his funeral," in the words of their attorney Benjamin Crump.

Given the failure of the police to be upfront on the incident and the fact that Brown's body was left in the street for several hours, it is not surprising that tensions are still running high.

There is, of course, no excuse for violence as a response. But, however regrettable, recent history has shown that some authorities are jarred out of racist insensitivity only by a street uprising. That has been the experience in many places, including Miami-Dade County in the 1980s – though it did not prevent Miami police officers from killing some nine unarmed young black men within months of one another in questionable circumstances a quarter-century later.

But while there is power in taking to the streets, there is even more power in taking to the voting booth. Ferguson's 21,000 residents are around 65 percent black, yet the mayor and five of the six city council members are white, six of the school board members are white and one is a Latino and the police chief and 50 of the 53 sworn police officers are white. News reports indicate there is a long, sustained history of intense racism in this town. The only reason must be the majority black population have withdrawn from the institutions of government and, thus, have handed over political power to the white minority.

The NAACP and the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network are right to be appealing for calm in Ferguson but they must also woo residents to engage the system, register to vote and show up at the polls at the earliest opportunity.

Then the people can dismantle the neo-apartheid regimes that preside over their town and school district and take ownership of their lives.

Florida's timid black Republicans remain political non-factors

Apparently mimicking their black Democratic counterparts, Florida's black Republicans are most conspicuous by their silence on critical issues, especially those affecting black people, and by their feeble, all but non-existent, organization.

Such pitiful behavior is particularly abhorrent in light of the fact that Gov. Rick Scott won the 2010 election by 1.2 percent of the vote, due to his black lieutenant-governor running mate Jennifer Carroll and almost 60,000 black Republican votes. The Scott/Carroll ticket won by 61,550 votes. (Carroll's presence on the ticket won over some Democrats, too.)

With the exception of Carroll and Allen West, the retired black Army lieutenant-colonel who went way right into the tea party's arms and swept to Congress in 2010, what other Florida black Republican voices have been heard in the state and elsewhere? In the 2012 election, West lost his congressional seat and, by March 2013, Carroll had been maneuvered out of Tallahassee: She was ordered to resign.

Many pundits agree that had Carroll remained as lieutenant governor – the first African-American woman to serve in that role in Florida – the 2014 Republican primary for governor would be all but over and Scott would be defeated on Aug. 26. With that momentum, hindsight theory propounds, Carroll beats whoever [Charlie Crist] in the November general election.

Too bad for Carroll; she was alone. Where were the nearly 60,000 black Republican voices and bodies? They mostly ran for cover. Accusations against Carroll were sufficient to have her removed as real competition for Scott's reelection bid. The day she stepped into office as lieutenant governor, she was marked for ouster.

Again with so much money to spend, but without Carroll, Scott is struggling against a political ditch-and-switch Charlie Crist, as both have to survive Aug. 26 primary challenges on their way to the November showdown. Black Republicans are a non-fit for Scott campaign peo-

Marco Rubio factor. The U.S. senator rode to victory in the 2010 election, thanks to the tea party and other conservative elements and a huge assist from then Congressman Kendrick Meek, the black Democrat who garnered 20.2 percent of the votes. Rubio got 48.9 percent and Crist, running then as an independent after quitting the GOP, got 29.7 percent.

Although from different political parties, Rubio and Meek are old friends from Miami and the Legislature. Rubio needed to keep Meek in the campaign to siphon off black votes from Crist. Had Meek quit the race, as former President Bill Clinton begged



AL CALLOWAY SAYS

It appears as though Florida Republicans running for office are avoiding black people like a plague, including Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, all of whom are also running for reelection. Black Republicans are allowing the party to discriminate against them.

him to do, Meek's 20.2 and Crist's 29.7 would have equaled 49.9 percent of the vote. Crist could have won the U.S. Senate race by one percentage point.

So Rubio became a U.S. senator by not campaigning for a single black vote. Timid black Republicans never called him out then and, to this day, Rubio completely ignores not only black Republicans but also black people, *in toto*.

Black Republican so-called leaders need to call Rubio out. A venue must quickly be provided where the senator, who is supposed to represent all the people of Florida, finally addresses the concerns of black Floridians, irrespective of their political bent. To not do so, Florida's black Republicans will remain political non-factors.

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Our fight for a better way of life needs honest leadership

THE GANTT REPORT
LUCIUS GANTT

Every day now it seems like some black man or some black woman is being falsely accused, overcharged, beaten, choked or shot down in broad daylight.

After almost every incident, somebody rushes to Facebook or Twitter to post what black community members should do in response to neighborhood atrocities.

We are told not to protest, not to fight, not to

burn, not to loot, not to riot, not to participate in civil disturbances, not to get involved in mayhem and not to treat perpetrators the way perpetrators treat black victims.

We are, however, told to follow our leaders.

Well, all of the "leaders" that I know were either self-appointed or given their leadership titles by enemies of the black community, like the imperialist press, better known as majority media outlets.

Just because you have a title, it doesn't make you a leader. Just because you are a preacher, a teacher, a politician, a social worker or an organization

president, it doesn't mean that you are the leader of any black community.

No disrespect to the people who have titles, have been elected or have been appointed. It is obvious the most accomplished in our community can certainly contribute in the community's time of need.

But everybody can contribute and we need everybody to contribute in our fight for equal rights, justice, respect, recognition and a better way of life.

This idea that black Christians are leaders and black Muslims, black Yorubas and other black religious practitioners are not

is crazy. The idea that black doctorates are leaders and black farmers, black housekeepers and black folk who are uneducated and unemployed can't lead is preposterous.

And, the idea that black Democrats and black Republicans are leaders and black independents, blacks with no party affiliation and black nationalists are not leaders is a devilish idea that must be immediately discredited and abandoned.

We need all members of America's black communities to unite and work together to solve black community problems. We need the pacifists and we

need the revolutionaries. We need the radicals and we need the conservatives. We need the quiet and we need the outspoken. We need the meek and we need the mighty. We need the able and we need the disabled.

It takes a community, or a village, to raise a child, as the saying goes, and it takes a community to improve a community, to make it prosperous, to make it safe and to make it educated.

If you see a so-called "leader" in your community telling you that no one's opinion should be considered or heard except for his or hers, that

so-called leader should be exposed and rejected.

You don't need social media or white newspapers to tell you who the black community leader is in times of trouble. The black sheep will always recognize the voice of the black shepherd. Follow the leaders who follow the truth.

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Obama's proposed immigration amnesty would hurt blacks

The following article was provided by the Washington, D.C.-based Project 21, an organization of black conservatives that is sponsored by the National Center for Public Policy Research. It is in response to some reports that President Barack Obama is considering using executive power to grant work permits to the nine million or so undocumented aliens living in the country.

If President Barack Obama takes unilateral executive action to grant work permits to millions of illegal aliens, he will hurt black Americans.

It would mean that the president would flood the labor market with workers who compete disproportionately with black Americans. This would increase black unemployment and discourage some blacks from entering the labor market, and, according to some studies, increase black incarceration rates.

- Black Americans are already suffering from higher than average unemployment. The 2013 unemployment rate for blacks with no high school diploma was 20.5 percent; for those with such a diploma, 12.6 percent. By contrast, the rate was 7.4 percent for all races and 6.5 percent for whites, respectively.
- 7.1 million blacks aged 25-54 have a high school education or less; if Obama succeeds in unilaterally granting work permits to

Under Barack Obama, high rates of poverty and unemployment have become the status quo for all-too-many blacks. Yet this president is willing to facilitate the importation of yet more poverty into our nation in the form of low-skilled illegal aliens from Central America and Mexico.

– Joe R. Hicks, Project 21 member

undocumented aliens, 6.2 million aliens aged 25-54 with a high school education or less will be able to compete legally for work with those 7.1 million blacks.

- Other than the undocumented immigrants themselves, employers are the most likely to benefit financially from the proposed amnesty, yet black Americans are disproportionately unlikely to own business equity. Equity in businesses accounts for less than four percent of assets for black households, compared to 18 percent for white households, according to Pew Research, which also reports that ownership value in business assets declined slightly from 1983 to 2010 for black families but increased by 106 percent during the period for whites.
- Undocumented immigrants and black Americans in the workforce have a similar

median age (about 36 and 39 years of age, respectively, with non-Hispanic whites six years older than the undocumented immigrants, at 42), making undocumented aliens more likely to compete head to head for age-sensitive employment opportunities.

- Illegal alien migration within the United States tends toward major metropolitan cities and, increasingly in recent years, to urban and rural areas in Southeastern states, which tend to have higher black populations. This is putting more immigrants in direct competition with black Americans for jobs.

Vernon M. Briggs Jr. of Cornell University wrote in 2010 that "... some of the fastest growing immigrant concentrations are now taking place in the urban and rural labor markets of the states of the Southeast – such as Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. ... Indeed, about

26 percent of the nation's foreign-born population are now found in the states of the South ... many of these new immigrants in this region are illegal immigrants."

- The recession took a particularly harsh toll on black America, with the black unemployment rate rising to a high of 16.7 percent in March 2010 and in August 2011 during the Obama Administration. It remained high during the second quarter of 2014, when 11 percent of blacks aged 16 and older in the workforce were unemployed, compared to an overall unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

"Under Barack Obama, high rates of poverty and unemployment have become the status quo for all-too-many blacks. Yet this president is willing to facilitate the importation of yet more poverty into our nation in the form of low-skilled illegal aliens from Central America and Mexico," said Joe R. Hicks, Project 21 member and a former executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). "In the face of already depressed wages and scarce jobs, blacks now face the specter of increased pressure from millions of illegal immigrants to whom Obama threatens to grant amnesty, further depressing wages and job opportunities for black men and teenagers – guaranteeing lives of poverty well into the foreseeable future," he added.

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COURTESY CITY OF PAHOKEE

VOLUNTEERS: Pahokee Mayor Colin Walkes, second from left front, poses with volunteers in his Pahokee Makeover initiative.

Depressed city seeks ways to boost job and business growth

PAHOKEE, FROM 1A

But the mayor remains optimistic about the future of this once thriving farming community which some locals refer to as "The Muck" for its mineral rich dark soil in which sugarcane, citrus fruits and corn were grown by agribusinesses.

Walkes, who heads Pahokee's first all-black city commission, says race does not matter much as he pushes an agenda for the future.

"Having an all-black city commission does not change the needs of a community," Walkes said. "All of our citizens have the same concerns for better facilities, infrastructure, economy, housing and employment opportunities."

"Right now I believe our immediate concerns are safe, clean water and the restoration of our city which fell into a state of deterioration over the last 20 years."

His agenda, Walkes says, is aimed at guiding the city in what he calls the right direction. "I would like to oversee the restoration of Pahokee in every way, physically, financially and spiritually," he said. "I want to see safe clean water, safe resurfaced roads, clean streets and canals. I believe this would attract new businesses, employment, home buyers, developers and the return of manufacturers and the development of green industries."

Commissioner Allie Biggs shares the mayor's views, adding that mechanical harvesting was the downfall of the agriculture industry upon which locals heavily depended.

"During the 1960s, offshore labor was brought in to harvest sugarcane. Our economy was booming. The labor force spent heavily to send goods back home. Businesses flourished and jobs were at an all-time high," Biggs said.

Contract workers were brought in from the Caribbean islands to harvest crops. Biggs said that the need for those workers diminished greatly with advancements in harvesting equipment.

For Walkes, though, the immediate concern is safe drinking water. Recently, residents began complaining of cloudy or murky water flowing from their taps, apparently from bacterial contamination. Walkes has complained that Palm Beach County Water Utilities, which supplies the water, was late in notifying city officials that there was a problem.

"They were aware of the issue in April but we did not receive notice until June 19," he said.

Restoration of the pipelines which serve Pahokee, Belle Glade and South Bay may cost as much as \$100 million, he said. The city is looking into state and federal funding for the upgrades.

Walkes is also focusing on an ongoing project for beautifying the community. People will not invest in a city that looks blighted, he said.

"In order to attract investment from businesses, Pahokee must be attractive to the investor or buyer," he said. "In 2013, I founded an independent citizen's initiative called the Pahokee Makeover. This is not a city/government initiative but something organized by myself and volunteer citizens."

In conjunction with residents and the Solid Waste Authority, the program is cleaning, planting, painting and renovating streets, public areas and buildings.

Biggs agrees that revitalization efforts need to start with the entrance to Pahokee and also providing adequate housing. "In order to recruit professionals back to Pahokee, we must first work on providing adequate places to live," she said. "[The town] is lacking in appearance and attraction. It will take the entire community to get on board and become involved in making our city look better."

Some 3,129 or 55.4 percent of Pahokee's 5,962 residents are black, 1,911 or 31.4 percent are Hispanic and 546 or 9.7 percent are white.

A year ago, voters elected the current commission that also includes Vice Mayor Diane Walker and Commissioners Keith W. Babb, who already served one term, H. Biggs and Felisia Hill, elected in 2012.

Hill said that to effect change, the city commission needs to "think outside of the box," get rid of what she regards as individual and personal agendas, and do what is expected of them as elected officials. "We've got to rid this community of blight and substandard housing. The residents deserve to have a quality of life they can be proud of," Hill said. "We've got to regain the trust of all the residents within this city. If we desire to see Pahokee as fruitful, progressive and an economically well municipality, we have to continue to do outreach as well as 'in-reach.'"

Hill has herself been battling a personal problem. She and her sister Fashara Hill were charged in 2012 with defrauding the Palm Beach County School District by allegedly falsifying tutoring records through Glades Extreme Tutoring Inc., a company for which she was listed as president. They have denied the charges and are scheduled to go to trial Sept. 15. Fashara Hill was listed as vice president of the company at the time of their arrests two years ago.

Felisha Hill declined to comment about the trial.

"I pray that the outcome will be favorable for her," Walkes said.

Babb and Walker could not be reached for comment.

Proposed new Congressional voting map comes under fire

By GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican-controlled Legislature on Monday swiftly approved new maps that will alter several of the state's congressional districts after a judge ruled the current districts were illegally drawn to benefit the GOP.

The changes would reshape the boundaries of seven of the state's 27 congressional districts but it was not certain if the revised map will result in a change in the makeup of Florida's congressional delegation. Republicans currently hold a 17-10 edge even though President Barack Obama twice carried the state.

The vote was largely along partisan lines as Democrats complained that the new map still doesn't reflect that Florida is a battleground state with a divided electorate. The Senate passed the measure 25-12, with the House following by a 71-38 vote.

"What we've done is really just window dressing," said Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth.

The map was now headed to the desk of Gov. Rick Scott, who planned to sign it into law quickly, his spokesman said. The first real test of the new map comes later this month when Circuit Judge Terry Lewis reviews it.

Lewis back in July ruled that two districts drawn in 2012 violated voter-backed standards intended to curb the influence of political parties on redistricting. The judge then gave legislators until Aug. 15 to come up with a new map that is constitutional.

GOP legislative leaders opted to accept Lewis's ruling instead of appealing it and they called an unusual summer special session to come up with a quick fix. Republicans contended on Monday that the revised map that changes districts in north and central Florida should be enough to satisfy the judge.

"This is a terrific map, this is a legal map and I have no doubt it will be found constitutional," said Rep. Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, chairman of the committee that came up with the revised districts.

But with the five-day special session over, it was not clear when the new districts will be implemented. Lewis must still decide whether to call a special election for later this year.

Legislative leaders have said they plan to oppose any effort to call a special election and, instead, plan to have the new districts take effect in time for the 2016 elections. They have said to do otherwise would throw the state's elections into disarray and would result in ballots being thrown out since early voting has already begun in the state's Aug. 26 primary.

Sen. Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, who voted against the new map, said it was wrong to just "let it ride" and allow voters to select new members of Congress based on unconstitutional maps.

Voters in 2010 passed the "Fair Districts" amendment that says legislators may not draw up districts to favor incumbents or a political party, a practice



Chris Smith

known as "gerrymandering." A coalition of groups, including the League of Women Voters, contended that the GOP consultants used a "shadow" process to draw districts that benefited Republicans.

Lewis agreed there was enough evidence to show that consultants helped make a "mockery" of the process and ruled that two districts were invalid. The two districts flagged by Lewis are a sprawling district that stretches from Jacksonville to Orlando and is held by Corinne Brown, a Democrat, and a central Florida district held by Dan Webster, a Republican.

The new map alters those two districts but also changes the boundaries for five other districts. Two GOP held districts, for example, would become slightly more Democratic but the swing is not that significant.

Senate Democrats offered their own alternate map that changed just three districts, but it was rejected on a 25-12 vote. Republicans contended that the Democratic map was unconstitutional because it lowered the number of black voters in Brown's district. The federal Voting Rights Act bars states from diluting the voting strength of minorities.



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MDEAT is seeking new action committee members to fill vacancies on its Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC), Housing Advocacy Committee (HAC) and Youth Action Committee (YAC). Ideal candidates are seasoned, strategic thinkers with successful track records in housing, economic development, business development, banking, finance, criminal justice or law. They will have reputations of integrity and community service as well as possess knowledge, skills and expertise relevant to the position for which they are applying.

MDEAT Executive Committee, the entity responsible for reviewing applications for action committee appointments, will interview candidates and make recommendations to the MDEAT Board for appointments.

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Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1 ST, Suite 2032 (20th Floor)
Miami, FL 33128

Mail or submit completed applications to the aforementioned address. **The deadline is Wednesday, August 20, 2014, by 5 p.m.** For more information, email MDEATinfo@miamidadegov or contact MDEAT Special Projects Administrator, Traci Pollock, at 305.375.5661, extension 93468.



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BROWARD

Black tennis group seeks home in Broward



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A Broward Countywide search is on for a headquarters site for the 98-year-old black amateur tennis organization, The American Tennis Association. The group was in town last week for its 97th championship tournament and conference and the Black Tennis Hall of Fame Inductions at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale. The group is considering several sites, which

should feature sustainability, hospitality and functionality, said Barron Channer, managing partner for Bach Real Estate. The headquarters will include tennis courts, a hotel and retail space. Once selected, the expected timeline for completion is 2016, the organization's centennial year since its founding. Above is Channer at the awards ceremony.

PALM BEACH

Black teacher's group urges men to go to school first day

Staff Report

This year again, the Black Educators Caucus of Palm Beach County is leading the "Million Father March," a national effort to have fathers take their children to school on the first day. In Palm Beach County, that day is Aug. 18.

The March is sponsored by the Chicago-based Black Star Project, which lists 700 cities around the world — from Crete, Illinois to Atlanta to Tamale, Ghana — as participants this year. BEC, for the third year, has involved Palm Beach and so Riviera and West Palm Beach are on the list as well. The Event aims to get more men in the halls on the first day of school.

The Black Star Project's research has found that children whose fathers take an active role in their education earn better grades and are more likely to graduate high school and attend college. Additionally, children whose fathers listen to and talk with



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Ronald Leonard

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MIAMI-DADE

Senator Bullard elected new chair of Miami-Dade Dems



FILE PHOTO

Dwight Bullard

Staff Report

State Sen. Dwight Bullard is now the first elected African-American chair in the history of the Miami-Dade Democratic Party.

"I am honored that my fellow Democrats have entrusted me to lead the party at this important moment," said Bullard. "My number one priority will be to defeat Rick Scott in November. I have personally witnessed the damage he has done to our public education system, our civil rights, and our environment, and the many missed opportunities to do the right thing like expand Medicaid, raise the minimum wage, or pass equal pay for women. Scott has been a nightmare for Main Street. It's time to wake up and vote him out."

He was elected Aug. 7 by acclamation to succeed Annette Taddeo-Goldstein, who resigned from the post to become former Florida Governor Charlie Crist's running mate.

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Around South Florida



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Palm Beach County



HIV CHARGES

Former Greenacres police officer **Ervans Saint-Clair** was charged with two counts of "uninformed HIV infected sexual intercourse." State law requires notifying sex partners if you have HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases. Saint-Clair, who was diagnosed with AIDS nine years ago, has been charged with failing to tell two women he was infected prior to having sex with them. Eight other women have come forward but the statute of limitations has expired for them. He was fired from his job after his arrest in June.



STORE CLOSINGS

Boca Raton-based Office Depot is closing 165 stores this year and more than 400 through the end of 2016. The office supplies retailer also announced an \$80 million settlement in a lawsuit brought by the company's former business accountant **David Sherwin** and the state of California. The suit alleged Office Depot intentionally overcharged state agencies for supplies. Chief Executive **Roland Smith** said the company is streamlining as a result of its merger earlier this year with rival OfficeMax.

SHOOTING CARNAGE

Five people were shot and one has died in three incidents in Riviera Beach that may be related. The first shooting took place just before noon on Saturday at Congress Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, where bullets were fired from one car into another. One of the victims died at a hospital. About an hour later, in the 900 block of West Fifth Street, a man and woman were sitting in front of a house when a man walked up and shot them. A third shooting happened just before 2 p.m. in the 1200 block of Avenue R, where two men, were shot outside their home by a man. The investigations are continuing. Authorities believe ongoing disputes and revenge might be at play.

CROOKED CONTRACTORS

Palm Beach contractors **Francis L. Palmieri**, 71, and his brother **Russell Palmieri**, 64, reached a plea deal over charges they



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degraded an elderly woman out of \$5,000. Authorities said they entered into a contract for renovation and accepted a \$5,000 deposit but did not work and refused to return her deposit. In exchange for the charges being dropped, the brothers will pay restitution, serve probation and undergo drug testing.

Broward County



MANAGER FINALISTS

Oakland Park city commissioners have trimmed the list of 73 applicants to replace retiring City Manager **John Stunson** down to five. The finalists are Oakland Park Assistant City Manager **Horace McHugh**, North Miami Beach City Manager **Roslyn Weisblum**, interim Delray Beach City Manager **Terry Stewart**, Homestead Assistant City Manager **David Herbert** and former Port St. Lucie City Manager **Donald Cooper**. Interviews will take place over the next two weeks and a selection will be made at a special meeting on Aug. 28.

BODY DISCOVERED

Plantation police are investigating the death of a woman whose body was found in a vacant lot at 1 North University Drive. The woman has dark hair, is about 5-foot-4, weighs about 140 pounds and was about 35 years old. She was wearing brown pants, a cream-colored shirt and black sandals. She has several tattoos and a nose ring. Foul play is suspected and police are asking anyone with information to call Broward Crime Stoppers at 866-493-8477.

Miami-Dade County



WAYNE

CONTRACT BREACH

Signature Group, a Miami-based private jet service, filed suit against **Lil Wayne's** company, Young Money Entertainment. The suit alleges the hip-hop star's company entered into a 36-month lease for jet services but has failed to pay. The agreement details a fixed monthly payment of \$55,000. It also includes a maintenance fee of \$1,980 per aircraft and a \$500 fee for each landing. Signature Group is asking for \$1.07 million and costs.

RABBI KILLED

Rabbi **Joseph Raksin** was walking to Saturday services along Northeast 175th



RAKSIN

Street near Eighth Court in northeast Miami-Dade when two men came up and shot him to death. Police suspect **Raksin**, 60, who was from New York visiting family, may have been the target of a robbery. The suspects are described as young and one of them was wearing a yellow shirt. A \$50,000 reward has been posted by a community member. Police are asking anyone with information to call Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-8477.



STONE

HENRY STONE, 93

Henry Stone, co-founder of the now defunct TK Records, who worked with artists such as **Ray Charles**, **James Brown**, **George McRae**, **KC & the Sunshine Band** and many others, has died. Stone was a fixture in Miami and the South Florida music industry. He was 93.



FRYAR

DECISION TIME

Former Miami Dolphins wide receiver **Irving Fryar**, along with his 72-year-old mother **Allene McGhee**, is facing multiple charges related to an alleged mortgage fraud in New Jersey. They were indicted last fall on charges they conspired to steal more than \$690,000 through a scam run by **William Barksdale**, who was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison after pleading guilty. Authorities allege Fryar and McGhee provided false wage information on her loan applications and claimed she made thousands of dollars a month and was employed as an event coordinator for Fryar's church. Fryar faces a five-year sentence under a plea deal and his mother has been offered a three-year prison sentence. If they are tried and found guilty, they could be sentenced to a maximum of 10 years. Fryar was a University of Nebraska standout who became the first overall pick in the 1984 NFL draft by the New England Patriots. He also played for the Miami Dolphins, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Washington Redskins.

GOYOS REHIRED

Reynaldo Goyos, a Miami police detective fired for killing an unarmed man three years ago, is returning to the force. **Travis McNeil** and his friend **Kareem Williams** were shot in 2011 as they sat in their car following a brief police chase in Miami's Little



GOYOS

Haiti neighborhood. **McNeil** died from his wounds. The state attorney did not prosecute Goyos but Police Chief **Manuel Orosa** fired him after the city's Firearms Review Board ruled the shooting was "unjustified" and raised questions about Goyos' version of what took place. But an arbitrator who reviewed the case overturned Goyos' firing Friday and ordered the department to reinstate him in his job.

Monroe County



GASCON

DOMESTIC ABUSE CHARGES

Carlos Gascon of Key West was charged with aggravated battery, aggravated assault, domestic battery by strangulation, battery, false imprisonment and animal cruelty. He is accused of brutalizing his girlfriend after he had a dream that she was being unfaithful. She told Monroe County Sheriff's deputies that Gascon beat her all day and prevented her from leaving or calling for help. Once he passed out, she called 911. She also alleged that he choked and poured hot coffee on her, cut her leg with a knife, threatened to kill her while holding a knife to her throat and slammed her dog onto the floor.



MONGELLI

MANAGER JAILED

Bobby Mongelli, 57, manager of the Hogfish Bar and Grill on Stock Island, was arrested after fighting over bathroom use. A resident at the marina where the bar is also located confronted bar patrons about using the marina's restrooms. Mongelli and the woman began to argue and her boyfriend intervened and was knocked into a swimming pool by Mongelli, police said. The boyfriend suffered cuts to his head and broken ribs.



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Jessie Trice Community Health Center

Jessie Trice KNOWs, starts national health campaign

Staff Report

MIAMI — Federal Qualified Health Centers improve access to care for millions of Americans each year. Traditionally located in areas where care is needed but scarce, these health centers make it possible for residents to receive quality care — regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

During the recognition of the National Health Center Week, Aug. 10-16, the **Jessie Trice Community Health Center (JTCHC)** will officially launch its "WE KNOW" brand campaign, and host a series of special community events and activities.

The campaign is designed to inform the South Florida community of the myriad of health services provided by the organization. Scheduled events include the following:

- **"WE KNOW Health is Wealth" Social Media Launch** — This contest invites participants to post a photo of themselves showing off a healthy activity or project they are doing. Interested participants are to follow @jessietricechc on Instagram. Using the hashtag #WeKnow, post a picture of you making a healthy decision or taking a selfie with your doctor/nurse — showing your commitment to being fit. Posted photos will be printed and on display during the JTCHC Back to School event, set for Aug. 16 at the Jesse Trice Main Center. The grand prize winner will receive a 39-inch Affinity HD Full Screen 1080P, LED HDTV.
- **"In the Know" Radio Talk Show** — This 30-minute power-packed series will broadcast on local radio partners and affiliates throughout South Florida. The program will include a live call in "ask-the-doctor" and will feature medical board certified physicians and experts from JTCHC offering free medical tips and advice all week long.

- **"Ladies' Day" show with Debra Toomer on WMBM** — A JTCHC physician will appear on the WMBM AM 1490 "Ladies' Day" segment with host Debra Toomer to address various health topics. The half-hour segment will be broadcast live at 9:05 a.m. today, Aug. 14.

- **"WE KNOW Health Care Feature Columns"** — This editorial will provide free health tips from board certified medical physicians and providers of JTCHC. It will also feature key messages from the JTCHC President/CEO and Board of Directors. The *WE KNOW Health Care* column will be published in well-known publications throughout South Florida.

- **"Back to School Health Fair"** — This concluding event, set for Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. — 2 p.m., will provide immunizations and physicals for children ages five to 18. JTCHC will charge a nominal fee of \$10 for immunization administration and \$5 for a blue form. There will be a \$15 fee for physical exams. Although there will be no sports and Headstart physicals, JTCHC will offer dental screening for those in Headstart and between the ages of 0-18. Insurance will not be accepted at the Back to School Health Fair. However, cash, credit/debit card transactions are allowed. Parents must bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records to receive immunizations and physicals.

For those who cannot attend the Health Fair, JTCHC is also offering immunizations at its Flamingo Center, located at 901 E. 10th Ave., Bay #39, Hialeah; at its Miami Gardens Center, located at 4692 NW 183rd St., Miami Gardens; and at its main center, located at 5361 NW 22nd Ave., Miami. Immunizations will be provided through Aug. 22 on Mondays thru Fridays from 8 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. daily. For more information, visit jtchc.org



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

NOTICE is hereby given that the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) will hold public meetings and consider approval of Commitment 2040, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Broward region. The LRTP is a federally mandated document that lists transportation projects and programs to be funded by federal, state and local governments and transportation agencies over the next 26 years in the Broward region.

Public meetings prior to the Broward MPO Board's consideration of the LRTP will be held during the following regularly scheduled meetings, providing the public with three opportunities to make verbal comments:

Technical Coordinating Committee on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

Community Involvement Roundtable on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Broward MPO Board on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Broward MPO Board Room, located in the Trade Centre South Building, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed list of transportation projects and programs, which can be viewed at the Broward MPO office, located in the Trade Centre South Building, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309; at the eight (8) Regional Broward County Libraries (for a list of library addresses call 954-876-0033); and on the Commitment 2040 website at: <http://www.Commitment2040.org>.

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Christopher Ryan, Public Information Officer/Title VI Coordinator at (954) 876-0033 or 0036 or ryan@browardmpo.org at least seven days prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, telephone 1-800-273-7545 (TDD).

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New Public Works Academy added to Broward schools



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Staff Report

Students have until Aug. 22 to enroll in Broward County Public School's new Public Works Academy, a product of a partnership between Atlantic Technical College and the American Public Works Association - South Florida Branch.

The program is a combination of classroom instruction at the Atlantic Technical College campus in Coconut Creek and job shadowing with Broward County Public Works employees.

Students in the Public Works Academy will learn about orientation and safety; tools and equipment used in public works; water treatment and distribution; wastewater treatment and collections; storm water systems; equipment operations and maintenance; technical design and drafting; solid waste disposal; parks, buildings and grounds; operating a computer and using software; utility locations; traffic operations; the gas industry, and the importance of professional ethics and legal responsibilities. In addition, students will prepare for the OSHA 10-Hour certification and CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS).

The goal of the partnership is to raise awareness of the careers available in public

works, train students for entry-level employment positions and offer continuing education for career public works professionals in the future. The academy will provide career path information for students; recruit and train students for entry-level jobs in the public works field; and guide students to achieve valuable certifications. The partnership aims to prepare students for entry-level jobs upon graduation.

Atlantic Technical College is a public, secondary and post-secondary institution operating under the authority of the School Board of Broward County and the Florida Department of Education.

The school first opened its doors in August 1973 to 450 students in 11 programs of instruction. McFatter Technical and Sheridan Technical are also a part of the Broward Public Schools system.

The technical colleges admit students who have completed their secondary school education; are past the minimum compulsory education age; or are high school students (through their high school guidance department).

For additional information visit, <http://browardtechcenters.com/>

Fathers encouraged to join march

MILLION, FROM 1B

them regularly, and are active in their lives, have fewer behavior problems.

"The beauty of this idea, as one person in Atlanta put it, is its simplicity," BEC President Ronald Leonard said. "It's not complicated: just putting the idea out there for dads to take their kids to school that one day — and believing that that small effort will grow into something bigger."

As an incentive to participate, the BEC is raising funds to provide gift cards for each family to be able to purchase school supplies. Hopefully, Leonard said, the dads will take the children shopping, too. Participants will also receive a free fish-and-grits breakfast on that first day.

Most educational experts agree that one of the best ways to improve the academic performance of students is to get fathers and families to participate effectively in the educational and social-developmental lives of their children.

"Fathers are the missing force in

education that can make America great again! If we cannot effectively educate our children, we cannot properly protect our country or our quality of life in America," says Philip Jackson, executive director of The Black Star Project U.S.A.

The "Million Father March" asks fathers and other men to make a year-long commitment to their children's education and to their children's school this coming school year. The men include fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, uncles, cousins, big brothers, significant male caregivers, mentors and family friends. Businesses are asked to give fathers and other men two hours off that morning, with pay, to take their children to school. Participating men will be encouraged to volunteer at schools throughout the year.

Good fathers are part of a good parent team, which is critical to creating strong family structures. Strong family structures produce children who are more academically proficient, socially

developed, and self-assured. Such children become adults who are valuable assets to their communities, Jackson said.

"Better parents produce better families, better communities, better schools, and better students with higher academic achievements," he said.

A special effort will be made to coordinate Latino Fathers in *La Marcha De Un Millón De Padres*. Women and other family members and friends are also encouraged to be at schools on this day in support of fathers.

Since schools across America and the world start the new school year on different days and months, the March is a rolling event that occurs on the first day of the 2014 school year (between Aug. 1, and Sept. 15) in cities, villages and towns. Another opportunity, for fathers who miss the first-day event is the "International Fathers Take Your Children to School Day" on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

First black elected to lead Miami Dems

BULLARD, FROM 1B

Taddeo-Goldstein, largely credited with rebuilding the local party, nominated Bullard for Chair.

"Dwight is a born leader, and with him at the helm, I am confident that Miami-Dade will — once again — be the reason Democrats win Florida," she said. Congressman Joe Garcia seconded the nomination.

Bullard has been a long-time leader in the Democratic Party. He was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2008 and then elected to the Florida Senate in 2012, where he currently represents the 39th district in the Florida Senate. He also serves as the chair of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus.

Adora Nweze, president of the Florida State Conference NAACP, said an African American at the helm of the Miami-Dade Democrats is long overdue. She is excited that the pick is Bullard, someone she considers a leader and a person who works well across the aisles.

"This gives us a real opportunity to work closer with him. He is a wonderful leader when it comes to addressing issues that affect the black community and the community as a whole," Nweze said.

Adora Obi Nweze
FILE PHOTO

Obituaries

JAY'S FUNERAL HOME



MAUDIE D. CHILDS, 91, Homemaker, died August 10. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

JAMES DORSEY, 61, Supervisor, died August 10. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday, at Mt. Moriah.

ALFREDA SMITH, 37, Behavior Tech, died August 6. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.



THELMA TOOKES, 70, Homemaker, died August 3. Funeral will be held 11 am Friday at Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church.

HALL-FERGUSON-HEWITT MORTUARY



GREGORY DUKES, 30, died August 3. Funeral will be held Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



MERLEY LISBURD, 55, Cable Linesman, died August 6. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at New Providence Missionary Baptist Church.

WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME



HOSIE PERKINS, 83, died August 9. Funeral 10 am Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

MARTHA SINEUS, 80, died August 5. Funeral 12 pm Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

ANTHONY SMITH, 25, died August 2. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at New Fellowship Baptist Church.

MANKER FUNERAL HOME



ARMANDA WHIPPLE, 92, Homemaker, died August 8, at Catholic Hospice. Funeral 11 am August 14 (Thursday) at New Harvest Church.

ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME



GERALDINE ATTERBURY, 56, of Fort Lauderdale, died August 4. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Faith of Walk Outreach Ministries.

ELMORE CHAPMAN, 67, of Immokalee, died August 9. Arrangements are incomplete.

RONEY L. JONES, 56, of Fort Lauderdale, died August 10. Funeral will be held Friday at The New Mount Olive Baptist Church.

ROSA LEE MURRAY, 94, of Fort Lauderdale, died August 1. Funeral will be held 11 am Sunday at Mount Olivet Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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RANGE FUNERAL HOME



VALRIE DAVIS, 44, Insurance Agent, died August 5. Funeral will be held 11 am Sunday at Northside Seventh Day Adventist Church.

JEFFERY ESKRIDGE, 20, Landscaper, died August 5. Funeral will be held 11 am Sunday at Northside Seventh Day Adventist Church.

MARY ANN WHITE, 76, Homemaker, died August 8. Survivors include: brother, Benjamin Lawson; cousin, Dorothy Broadhurst, Florence Broadhurst, and Ransom Broadhurst; grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends. Graveside Service 1 pm Tuesday, August 17, at Dade Memorial Park North.



JAMES C BOYD FUNERAL HOME



DAVID WARD, 79. Funeral will be held in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Interment - Beaver Creek Cemetery in Mississippi.

BISHOP NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, 79. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Community Church of God.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - Miami Gardens



DAPHNEY SIMONS, 68, Self Employed, died July 23, at home. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Penacostal Tabernacle Church.

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NAKIA INGRAHAM FUNERAL HOME



JOANNA CORRAL, 74, died August 8. Funeral was held 6 pm Wednesday in the chapel.

RUTH WHITE, 81, died August 7. Funeral 11 am Saturday at Koinonia Worship Center.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION OF BID SOLICITATIONS

Broward County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids for a variety of goods and services, construction and architectural/engineering services. Interested bidders are requested to view and download the notifications of bid documents via the Broward County Purchasing website at: www.broward.org/purchasing.

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'The drug or addiction problem is our problem. The jobless problem or illiteracy is our problem. That's a part of our ownership and good "stewardship" requires us to fix it, in Jesus' name.'

Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. - 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

After my last column, I thought it was necessary for me to write a bit more about the subject of "Taking Ownership." As I said then, God gave this earth over to Adam and Eve and gave them "...dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

Adam and Eve were not only to govern the earth but also were owners with stewardship responsibilities over it. Nothing was to be permitted here without their consent. They were given the "title deed" to this planet. "To own" means to have legal or right to (Webster's 1828 Dictionary). Through disobedience, they gave their dominion over the earth to Satan (high treason). And Satan became the "god of this world," whose title he got from Adam (II Corinthians 4:4).

Jesus came preaching, "...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). The word "repent" has to do with changing your thinking or belief, to return to the original state. He began what I call operation "clean-sweep," removing everything that offends people... every sickness, disease, infirmity, need, pain, poverty, and even death. Anything or everything that would mock our redemptive testimony. He took charge or "ownership" every place He went (I John 3:8; Amplified).

According to Paul's writing in our opening text, he said, "All things are yours." We are to reclaim all that Jesus redeemed. Notice what he didn't say, "All spiritual things are yours." No! He said, "All things," period, from the surface to the core of this planet. All things include cars, houses, buildings, real estate, jewelry, precious

metal, clothes, land, and even money. "All things" means everything without exception.

This is Paul writing not only to the Church at Corinth but also to every person in the family of God. You could personalize this and say, "All things are mine." Does this mean that you just go out and, through greed or avarice, grab a bunch of stuff and say, "... This is mine, gimmie, it belongs to me.?" Absolutely not. It means that if there is anything good about it to help enhance our lives or advance the Kingdom, we have a right to it.

Even though you have a right to it, until you can get the title deed or see it, you are not entitled to possess it. In other words, the things that are yours must be more than just information; it must be a revelation. You must see it with the eyes of your faith, Remember what God told Abraham? "... Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" (Genesis 13:14-15). According to the Bible, we are Abraham's seed.

The New Testament says, "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]" (Hebrews 11:1; Amplified).

Notice, faith is the "title deed" and the "proof." Whenever we have proof of ownership (title deed), God will back us up, enforcing Satan's eviction notice. This happened with Joshua, he could see their victory over Jericho even though its walls were "very great" and naturally impossible to penetrate. God said, "... See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of

valour" (Joshua 6:2). Until you see it, you are not entitled to possess it. In the New Testament, blind Bartimeus could see in his mind his sight restored and Jesus said, "... Go thy way; thy faith (proof) has made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight..." (Mark 10:52). Remember this: Whatever is revealed to you can be restored to you.

Realize we didn't just inherit the good but also the bad to make it good. Ownership makes the poverty problem our problem. The drug or addiction problem is our problem. The jobless problem or illiteracy is our problem. That's a part of our ownership and good "stewardship" requires us to fix it, in Jesus' name. Thank God we are empowered with the

"Blessing" and the divine wisdom of God that gives us an ability to fix every problem, even if it seems impossible. So ownership is not about "gimmie;" it's about giving.

So here's the bottom line: This earth belongs to God and His family from the surface to the core. David writes, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth has he given to the children of men." That's us, the children of God. It's our inheritance. I decree from this day, all things are yours. And the authority and blessing that is on your life gives you the right and responsibility to legislate, regulate, rule, reign, and dominate, bringing Heaven's government to bear everywhere you go,

Again, we are not sub-heirs; we are heirs of God and "joint-heirs with Christ." So, start claiming your inheritance and get ready for the greatest wealth transfer this planet has ever seen! Why? Because "All Things Are Yours."

Bill Winston is pastor of the 19,000-member Living Word Christian Center in Forest Park, Ill., and founder and president of the Joseph Business School, which has a branch in Miami.



BILL WINSTON

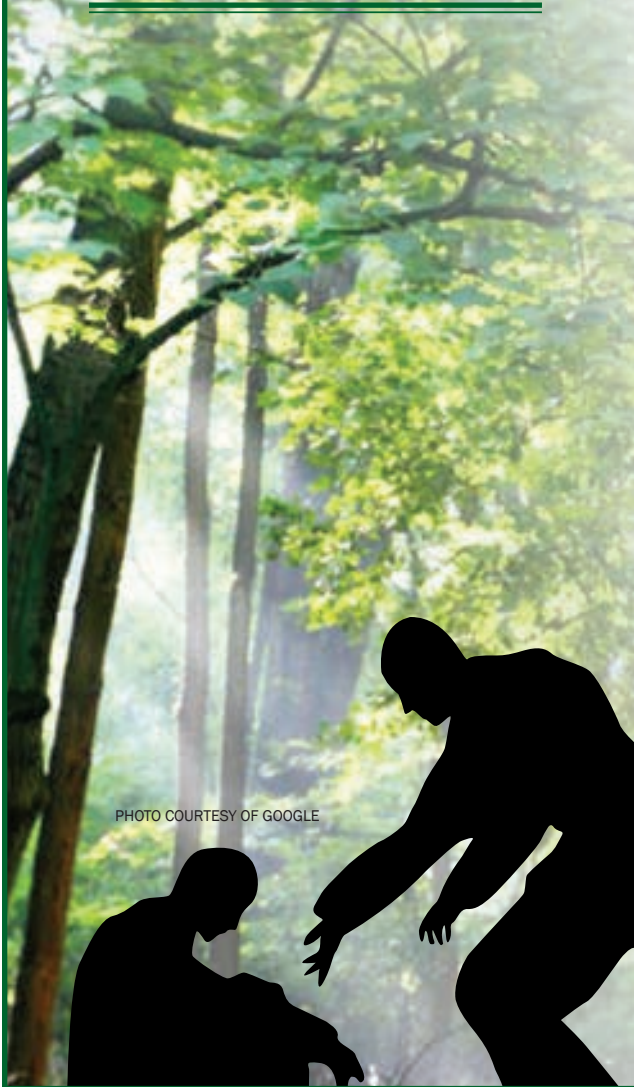


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BET Gospel host Jones ready for 34th season at 75

HAMIL R. HARRIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than three decades on Black Entertainment Television, Bobby Jones was showing no signs of slowing down as he shuttled gospel artists on and off his stage last weekend for the taping of a gospel program that is the longest-running show on BET.

Whether it was sharing a melody with gospel legend Dorothy Norwood or interviewing top new gospel artist Tosha Cobb, Jones, 75, has been the undisputed gatekeeper of gospel since he launched the Bobby Jones Gospel Hour in January 1980.

"I never know if I am going to do another season or not, but I always have that feeling that I am coming back to do it again," said Jones, whose program is in its 34th season at BET. "This is the love of my life. I stopped my other profession to do this, and the results have been immeasurable."

Even though Jones's father was illiterate and his mother only had an eighth-grade education, he was determined to succeed, graduating from Tennessee State University with a master's degree in education and three doctoral degrees.

While Jones was an elementary school teacher in Nashville in 1976, he put together a 30-minute gospel show called *The Nashville Gospel Music Show* that was a success. Four years later, Robert Johnson, founder of BET, decided to acquire Jones's show.

Jones has been on BET since its inception, and for years he used to fly to Washington once a week, tape the show and return to Nashville. Today, Jones and his Nashville choir do everything in Washington over three weekends, and all of the top gospel artists manage to find a way to come to the District as well.

"I started out years ago with Bobby and I thank God for it," said Norwood, who is poised to release her 52nd album this year. "It is a wonderful thing. It is only by the grace of God, and his mercy is encamped around me and I am still going strong."

Jones sees himself as the spiritual version of the late *Soul Train* host Don Cornelius, because he has given many gospel artists their first national platform: Vanessa Bell Armstrong, John P. Kee, Hezekiah Walker, Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond, Donald Lawrence and Norwood.

"Dr. Bobby Jones has been a very important part of the success of the



Bobby Jones

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Williams Brothers," said Melvin Williams, lead singer of the group. "Dr. Jones has been part of every CD the Williams Brothers has put out, and we want to thank him for opening doors for all of these artists across the United States of America."

Williams, a member of the musical family that produced the Jackson Southernaires and the Mississippi Mass Choir, said Jones has worked with his family for the past 35 years. "He was first in his Nashville studio, then he moved to downtown Nashville and then Black Entertainment Television."

"I just thank God for Dr. Jones for saying yes to God because he has changed so many lives," said Cobb, who today has the top gospel hit *There is Power in the Name of Jesus*. She added: "I am so thankful because he gave me an opportunity."

"Dr. Jones is the Oprah Winfrey of gospel music: After we sing on his show, record sales go up," gospel artist Charles Butler said. "There are not many shows on this level that showcase our talent."

Stephen Hill, president of programming for BET, said: "Bobby Jones was literally the foundation of programming at BET. He was the first show that BET had in terms of original programming, and he is not only strong after 34 years, he is thriving. He is BET. He is our center, he is our beginning."

In terms of the future, Jones evoked the words of a song by the late Rev. James Cleveland. *I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*. "My body is working properly and as long as that happens, we will be fine."

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Raise grades with online learning tools

STATEPOINT — Unfortunately, the pace of classroom learning can't be tailored to every student's individual needs — particularly these days, as class sizes are growing and funding for special enrichment programs becomes limited. In fact, at

social science, arts and music, science and English. Their math tutorials cover everything from Pre-Algebra to Calculus and the step-by-step explanations that the program offers can be helpful to any student looking for an extra edge.

ballet lessons and getting dinner on the table, adding a tutor or after-school class to the list might be a logistical impossibility.

Consider online courses that can be completed from the comfort of home and are common core aligned. For example, Shmoop's offerings are diverse, ranging from 7th grade math to second semester 12th grade British Literature. For those students taking Advanced Placement courses this fall, check out their AP test prep courses. These courses help students nail the important, for-credit, year-end exam. More information can be found at Shmoop.com.

With a bit of extra effort and the use of savvy learning tools, kids can gain a competitive edge this school year.



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least 35 states provided less funding per student for the 2013-14 school year than they did before the recession.

Many children will need to spend some time outside the classroom going beyond their regular homework to keep up or get ahead in school. No matter what your child's education goals are, there are great ways you can help make this school year the best one yet:

• **Math practice:** Square roots, polynomials, quadrilaterals. Learning these terms and concepts can get dicey quickly. Keeping up at home is important, and sometimes requires more than just doing the day's take-home assignment.

Consider supplementing homework with online tools. For example, Shmoop, an online learning and test prep provider, provides free study guides for review and courses for remedial work in many academic topics, including

• **Read the classics:** Kids who read for pleasure can improve their grades. Not only will the exposure to literary giants like John Steinbeck, Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe build vocabulary and improve reading comprehension, there is much to be learned about history and culture from picking up a great book.

Be sure to use tools that can help clarify some of the denser material. Online learning guides can be a great place to get synopses and analysis.

• **Use flashcards:** It may sound quaint, but there is really no substitute for quizzing yourself with a flash card. Even the act of creating the flashcard can help reinforce concepts and facts.

• **Extra Help:** A little extra academic help after school can sometimes mean the difference between struggle and success. But between school and soccer practice,

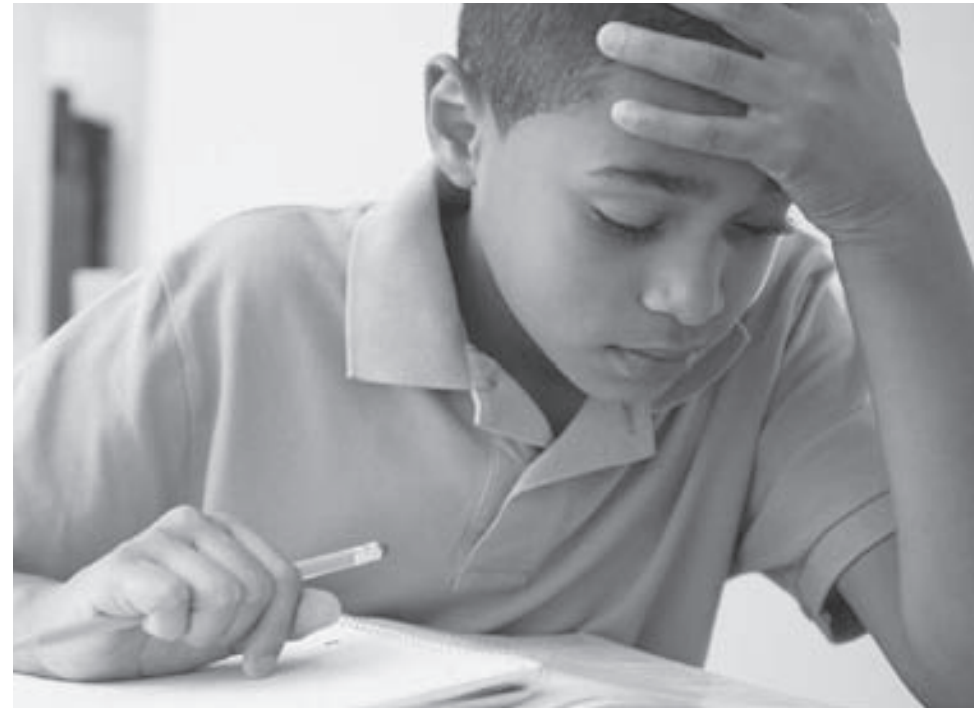


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5 steps to a stronger password

By ANICK JESDANUN
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Security threats have long been part of online life, but the increased attention on them makes now a good time to review ways to protect yourself.

If there's reason to believe any of your passwords might have been compromised, change them immediately. One of the best things you can do is to make sure your passwords are strong. Here are seven ways to fortify them:

• **Make your password long.** The recommended minimum is eight characters, but 14 is better and 25 is even better than that. Some services have character limits on passwords, though.

• **Use combinations of letters and numbers, upper and lower case and symbols such as the exclamation mark.** Some services won't let you do all of that, but try to vary it as much as you can. "PaSsWoRd!43" is far better than "password43." Avoid words that are in dictionaries, even if you add numbers and symbols. There are programs that can crack passwords by going through databases of known words. One trick is to add numbers in the middle of a word — as in "pas123swor456d" instead of "password123456."

• **Substitute characters.** For instance, use the number zero instead of the letter O, or replace the S with a dollar sign. Avoid easy-to-guess words, even if they aren't in the dictionary. Avoid things that can be looked up, such as your birthday or ZIP code.

Try reversing your ZIP code or phone number and insert that into a string of letters.

• **Never reuse passwords on other accounts — with two exceptions.** It's OK to use simple passwords and repeat them in registering to read a newspaper site, as long as the password isn't unlocking features that involve credit cards or posting on a message board. The other exception is to log in using a centralized sign-on service such as Facebook Connect. Of course, if you do this, it's even more important to keep your Facebook password secure.

• **Some services such as Gmail even give you the option of using two passwords when you use a particular computer or device for the first time.** If you have that feature turned on, the service will send a text message with a six-digit code to your phone when you try to use Gmail from an unrecognized device. You'll need to enter that for access, and then the code expires. Hackers won't be able to access the account without possessing your phone. Turn it on by going to the account's security settings.



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film 'Journey' is nice, a little bland

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**
AP National Writer

Take one Oscar-winning British actress. Add an appealing supporting cast. Lather on the picturesque French countryside. Sprinkle liberally with gorgeous food shots, from bubbling, spicy Indian delicacies to perfectly composed French plates of pigeon and truffles.

And then heap on a heavy serving of corn.

What is it about recent food movies — Jon Favreau's *Chef*, and now Lasse Hallstrom's *The Hundred-Foot Journey* — that, despite their virtues, they have to be so darned corny, so dewy-eyed, with everything tied up in a feel-good bow at the end? It's as if all that great food on set had this tranquilizing effect, sending everyone off, sated and smiling, with great life lessons learned, into a rosy sunset.

That's not to say there isn't a lot going for *Journey* (as there was for the enjoyable *Chef*), an adaptation of the novel by Richard Morais about an Indian family that opens a restaurant in a French village. Besides the above-mentioned virtues, notably the always delightful Helen Mirren and the entertaining Indian actor Om Puri, it has the absurdly good-looking couple of Manish Dayal, as a gifted young Indian chef, and Charlotte Le Bon, as the gorgeous sous-chef who teaches him the joys of haute cuisine (and not much more — this is a PG-rated movie).

It also has a script by the talented Steven Knight, and a score by Oscar-winner A.R. Rahman (*Slumdog Millionaire*). Oh, and it's produced by Oprah Winfrey and Steven Spielberg.

Given all these lovely ingredients, then, why is the final product so bland — and, not to lay on too many cooking metaphors, reductive? A couple of scenes feel borrowed from what remains the most original food movie of all, the animated *Ratatouille*.

We begin in India, where we meet the food-loving Kadam family. During a night of political unrest, their restaurant is torched by a mob. Having lost everything, they end up in France, where, driving along, their brakes fail and they tumble into the quaint village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val. Family patriarch Papa (Puri) decides this is where they'll open their new restaurant, Maison Mumbai.

Only one problem: **JOURNEY PRODUCERS: Oprah Winfrey and Steve Spielberg**
Across the street — 100

feet, actually — is the Michelin-starred Le Saule Pleureur, run by Madame Mallory, for whom the word "prickly" seems too mellow. Madame is not happy, first because the intruders play loud music, and second, because, well, she's a snooty Frenchwoman.

So pointedly snooty, in fact, that we instantly know the movie's main plot development will be the gradual un-snootening (that may not be a word) of Mme. Mallory. Just as clear: The battle between her and Papa, which involves filling official complaints to the town's mayor, will soften into something much sweeter.

Meanwhile, Papa's handsome son Hassan (Dayal) is becoming enamored of French cooking, helped along by Mme. Mallory's fetching sous-chef Marguerite (Le Bon). It is Marguerite who, when the family's brakes failed, stopped on the road to help,

stunned them with her supermodel beauty, gave them rope to tow their car, and whipped up a fabulous meal in minutes. (This ALWAYS happens with road accidents in France.)

Their budding relationship, though, plays second fiddle to their professional goals. Mme. Mallory, recognizing Hassan's talent, asks him to join her kitchen. Suddenly, they're competitors. But Hassan is the clear star. His talent takes him as far as Paris, where he becomes the chef of a flashy restaurant that practices molecular gastronomy. Suddenly, Hassan becomes edgy and hip. He's profiled in top magazines.

But is he truly happy? Can he forget the quaint pleasures of the village where he started, or the gorgeous Marguerite, or the soulful pleasures of simple food?

For the answers, you'll have to see the film, and to be sure, it will be a pleasurable two hours — though lacking, cinematically, in a key ingredient that Hassan, in fact, knows a lot about:

A little spice.



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MOVIE SCENES: Above, Helen Mirren stirs up something special. Below, Om Puri, Marish Dayal and Mirren discuss the meaning of curry in *The Hundred-Foot Journey*.



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WORKED TOGETHER: The Wayan brothers have a history of working together, for instance on the popular *In Living Color* series. Seen here is a cast union.

Staff Report

HOLLYWOOD — Multitalented comedians, the Wayan Brothers, featuring Damon, Keenen, Marlon and Shawn will entertain at Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Friday at 8 p.m.

Successful individually and as a group, the Wayans Brothers have left their mark on the entertainment industry. The brothers have worked together on classic comedies such as the television series *In Living Color*, *The Wayans Bros.* and films *Hollywood Shuffle* (1987), *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka* (1988), and *Scary Movie* (2000).

Damon Wayans appeared in the TV series *My Wife and Kids* and *In Living Color*. On the big screen Damon has played in comedy classics *Beverly Hills Cop* (1984), *Roxanne* (1987), *Hollywood Shuffle* (1987), *Punchline* (1988), *Colors* (1988), *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka* (1988), *Earth Girls are Easy* (1988), *The Last Boy Scout* (1991), *The Great White Hype* (1996), and *Celtic Pride* (1996). Damon appeared in independent film, *Harlem Aria* (1999), and Spike Lee's critically acclaimed film *Bamboozled* (2000).

Currently, Damon is adding to his ever-evolving resume with the development of his new mobile phone app, Flick Dat. The app allows users to create

unique business cards featuring 30 seconds intro videos all shareable by the flick of the thumb. The app is available on iOS and Android devices.

Keenen Wayans is a multi-talented writer, director and producer. Keenen's first hit film, *Hollywood Shuffle* (1987) showcased Keenen's unique and hilarious point of view highlighting the plight of the black actor in Hollywood. In 1990, Keenen's creative baby *In Living Color* exploded on the pop-culture scene. The television hit turned into a family act as Damon, Marlon and Shawn all appeared on the irreverent series that showcased Keenen's deviously scathing social humor.

Keenen directed the hilarious horror spoofs *Scary Movie* (2000) and *Scary Movie 2* (2001), which prominently displayed brothers Shawn and Marlon, and is one of the most successful feature films ever directed by an African-American. Most recently, Keenen directed *White Chicks* (2004); co-produced, co-wrote and directed *Little Man* (2006); and co-produced and co-wrote *Dance Flick* (2009).

Marlon Wayans is an actor, model, producer, comedian, writer and film director. His films have grossed more than \$736 million in domestic box office, an average of nearly \$50 million per outing. Marlon's success transcends his comedy hits such as *A Haunted House* (2013), *The Heat* (2013), and *A Haunted House 2* (2014), as the star has worked on dramatic films such as the critically acclaimed *Requiem for a Dream* (2000) and *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* (2009).

Recently, Marlon has partnered with former Funny or Die CEO Randy Adams to create WhatTheFunny.com an online destination for urban comedy. In February 2014, TBS announced a new comedy competition series featuring Wayans, "Funniest Wins," which will run for eight episodes. The winner of the competition will star in a series on WhatTheFunny.com.

Comedian brothers set to entertain at Hard Rock Live

Shawn Wayans made his acting debut in his brother Keenen's feature film, *I'm Gonna Get You Sucka* (1988). Following his feature film debut, Shawn joined the cast of the Emmy Award-winning comedy series, *In Living Color*. Shawn began co-writing his string of blockbusters including the smash *Scary Movie* (2000) where he played Ray, an ambiguously gay football jock. Shawn also starred in the box office hits, *White Chicks* (2004) and *Little Man* (2006), both of which he also co-wrote and co-executive produced.

When not on the road performing stand-up, Shawn can be found hard at work in the "lab" where he and his brothers are busy concocting their next project.

Marlon and Shawn Wayans have been a comedic force within the entertainment industry. The pair's hit television sitcom *The Wayans Bros.* was the first WB show to be sold into syndication, after leading the WB network lineup for five years. They moved on to co-star, co-write and co-produce comedy classics such as *Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood* (1996).

Tickets cost \$69, \$59 & \$49 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets online at myhr.com, ticketmaster.com or charge by phone: 800-745-3000. Doors open one-hour prior to show start time. Located on State Road 7 (U.S. 441) in Hollywood, Florida. Take I-95, exit Stirling Rd. and travel west to 1 Seminole Way.



ON THE COVER

From left, Damon, Shawn, Marlon and Keenan Wayans

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WAYANS BROTHERS: From left, Marlon, Shawn, Damon and Keenan

Beyonce to perform at MTV Awards



Beyoncé

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NEW YORK (AP) — Beyonce is set to have a "Flawless" night at the MTV Video Music Awards.

The singer will perform at the Aug. 24 show at The Forum in Inglewood, California. She leads in nominations with eight, including video of the year for *Drunk in Love*.

The 32-year-old will also receive the video vanguard award, a lifetime achievement honor also bestowed to Michael Jackson, Madonna and Britney Spears.

Beyonce caused a stir last weekend when she released a Nicki Minaj-assisted remix to her song *Flawless*, where the singer raps and references the leaked elevator video of her sister Solange attacking Jay Z. Beyonce's collaborative tour with her husband wrapped its U.S. dates on Wednesday. They will play two shows in Paris next month.

Other performers at the VMAs include Ariana Grande, Maroon 5, Usher and 5 Seconds of Summer.

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Florida Preserve brings wolves, people together

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By **MELISSA NELSON-GABRIEL**
Associated Press

CHIPLEY—At Seacrest Wolf Preserve in northern Florida, billed as the largest such facility in the Southeast, owners Cynthia and Wayne Watkins say they raise their wolves to become accustomed to humans — and for a \$25 fee, they even let visitors mingle with a wolf pack.

It lets wolves become ambassadors for their species, they say, and helps people become advocates for wolves.

“We offer one of the rarest opportunities in the world for humans to see wolves up close and personal,” Cynthia Watkins says. The Watkinses estimate that Seacrest, near the small town of Chipley, gets 10,000 visitors a

year. But some wolf experts worry that Seacrest may be allowing wolves and humans to get too close.

Dave Mech, a senior research assistant with the U.S. Geological Survey who has spent decades studying wolves, says allowing visitors to enter a wolf pack enclosure isn't safe.

“They are still unpredictable because they are wild animals,” he said. “Wolves are not like dogs. Dogs have been domesticated for thousands of years and that unpredictability and wildness is taken out of them because of the breeding.”

A worker was attacked and killed by a pack of wolves in 2012 at a wildlife park in Sweden. A Canadian biologist was killed by wolves at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Preserve in 1996.

Seacrest requires visitors to watch an educational video before they interact with the wolves, has trained wolf handlers on hand during every tour and doesn't allow children under 6 to take the tour, Watkins said.

“We are not some little roadside zoo,” she added.

The Seacrest preserve grew out of her passion for raising huskies, the sled dogs with a wolf-like appearance. That evolved into providing a home for wolves in need of relocation and later into a captive breeding program.

The 30 gray, Arctic and British Columbian wolves, with names including Utah, Rio, Liberty and Spirit Prince, are separated into packs. Each pack has several acres to roam. On a recent afternoon, Cynthia Watkins sat on a log bench surrounded by seven howling gray wolves.

Watkins joined in their howling and pet and kissed each of them.

“Little Red Riding Hood was wrong and the wolf is not the bad guy but indeed a very important keystone species,” she said.

Seacrest also provides wolves to education programs around the country.

Pat Goodman, curator of Wolf Park in Battle Ground, Indiana, has worked with wolves for more than 40 years, and said Seacrest has a good reputation for raising healthy wolves that serve as ambassadors for their species in places around the country.

In Florida, thousands of miles from many of the wolves' native habitat, Seacrest uses spray misters, large ponds and lots of shade inside the wolves' densely wooded enclosures to help the animals deal with the heat and humidity.

The preserve is still recovering from a major flood in late April when heavy rains burst a dam on the property, washing out the wolf enclosures. The flood led to the death of one British Columbian wolf that escaped from its enclosure. It was shot and killed by a sheriff's deputy after an extensive search for the animal led by Florida's Fish and Wild Conservation Commission.

Stan Kirkland, a spokesman for Florida's Fish and

Wildlife Conservation Commission, said the deputy shot the wolf out of concern for public safety after officers spent days tracking the animal and trying to trap it without killing it. He said officers couldn't get close enough to use a tranquilizer dart.

“You are talking about a 90- to 100-pound wolf escaping and we really were out of options,” Kirkland said.

The Watkins are petitioning Gov. Rick Scott to start an investigation into the death of the wolf.

The preserve has finished the most-crucial repairs needed to ensure the safety of the wolves, but more work needs to be done, she said. Seacrest has received donations and messages of support from around the world for the \$100,000 rebuilding effort.

“All I could do was cry when I looked at how beautiful each enclosure was and how well thought out it was,” Watkins said. “The flood was extremely devastating.”

IF YOU GO

SEACREST WOLF PRESERVE: Chipley, Florida; seacrestwolfpreserve.org or 850-773-2897. Wolf encounter tours held every Saturday; gates open 11 a.m. Adults, \$25; children 6-11, \$15; children under 6 not permitted. See website for details on what to wear, when to arrive and VIP tours. Located about 85 miles west of Tallahassee and 115 miles east of Pensacola.

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August 14



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Livingston Taylor

Livingston Taylor: Groove to the sounds of this singer-songwriter known for his hits *I Will Be in Love with You* and *First Time Love*. Taylor has been in the business for more than 40 years and is a full professor at the Berklee College of Music. This performance is the last of the summer for the Community Arts Program 8 p.m. at the Coral Gables United Church of Christ, 3010 de Soto Blvd., Coral Gables. \$30. 305-448-7421 or communityartsprogram.org

August 15



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Shleu Shleu Miami All Stars

Big Night in Little Haiti: Dance the night away with Shleu Shleu Miami All Stars performing kompa direk music under the leadership of Smith Jean Baptiste and Evens "Gogo" Laturtue. The night also features music by Ayabonmbe, the eight member Haiti-based rasin (roots) music and dance group. Kids can enjoy arts and crafts with the Positive Impact Foundation, and adults can tour the gallery and grab a few refreshments from Leela's Lakay, Hyper Malt, with Clarin Rum at the bar. 6 to 10 p.m. at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, 212 NE 59th Terr., Miami. Free. 305-672-5202 or visit bignightlittlehaiti.com

August 15

Independence Celebration: Join DJ Dorenzo and DJ Pablo from Hardcore Movements as they celebrate Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago's independence day with music, dancing and more! Presented by the Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc. 7 p.m. to midnight at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, 10950 SW 211th St., Cutler Bay. \$15. 786-573-5300 or visit SMDCAC.org

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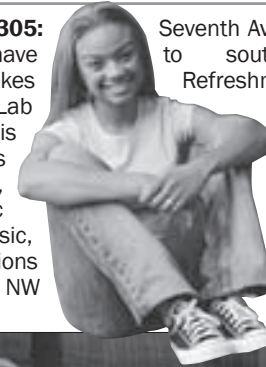
August 16

FAMILY FUN DAY: The City of Delray Beach along with TaxUSA are hosting the 11th Annual Family Fun Day & Book Bag Giveaway from noon- p.m. at Pompey Park, 1101 NW Second St., Delray Beach. Food, games, live entertainment, music, raffles, showcases and contest are offered to the community for free! If you are interested in donating school supplies via the 11th Annual Family Fun Day simply bring unused, unopened school supplies to 2201 Seacrest Blvd. Suite A, Delray Beach.

The Crucible: Students in the Maltz Theatre Summer Camp end their season with this production of Arthur Miller's Tony-award winning play. The setting is the Salem witch trials in 1692 and 1693 and the hysteria that set in during that time. A classic tale of betrayal, empowerment, and accusation, this play is sure to entertain. 7:30 p.m. at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Rd., Jupiter. \$20, \$15 for children/students. 561-575-2223 or jupitertheatre.org

August 16 THE LAB 305:

Do you have what it takes to be a VJ? Producers of The Lab 305 want to know. The Lab 305 is seeking out cleverly stylish hosts who possess an energetic swag, are outgoing with a magnetic personality who, like music, transcends all boundaries. Auditions are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5525 NW



Seventh Ave., Miami. Send headshot and bio to southfloridamedianetwork@gmail.com. Refreshments will be served for those waiting to audition. Must be 21-26 Years old to audition. Production staff asks that you do not wear green or reflective jewelry on set and be prepared to spend a minimum of an hour to audition. Entrants will only be accepted up until 1 p.m.

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August 19



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Thunder Soul

Thunder Soul: Join the Miami Jazz & Film Society for a screening of this 2011 documentary that follows alumni of Houston's Kashmere High School Stage Band. Under the leadership of Conrad "Prof" Johnson, the band went on to win awards and acclaim in the 1970s. Jamie Foxx executive produces this film about the former band students' return to play a tribute concert for their band leader. 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. film screening at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave., Miami. Free. 305-684-4564.

August 19



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BRACE for the Storm Workshop: This internet workshop is designed to educate homeowners on how to reduce damage to their homes from hurricanes and disasters that may threaten South Florida. The workshop also features tips on saving money on the windstorm portion of the homeowner's insurance premium. Presented by Division of Emergency Management and Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE). 10 a.m. to noon. Register for the class at bereadyflorida.org and click on "Brace for the Storm."

August 20

Women's Equality Day Celebration: The Democratic Women's Club of NE Broward hosts its monthly meeting in recognition of women winning the right to vote. Refreshments will be served. 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. Free. 954-942-8711.

August 21

Joint Chamber Networking & Showcase Event: Five regional chambers hosts this networking event which features free drinks and appetizers with a 50/50 raffle and giveaways from more than 100 different vendors. Members of the Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Margate, Pompano Beach and Tamarac chambers will be present 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at JM Lexus, 5350 W. Sample Rd., Margate. Free. Call 954-419-1050 or 954-752-4242 for details.

On The Avenue: The Spady Museum is currently seeking volunteers to assist with planning special events. The next opportunity is Aug. 21 at the Delray Beach Back to Cool event. If you have the gift of adding details that make a special event even more special, contact 561-279-8883.

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FAMILY FEATURES — When the kids head back to school, it's a hectic time for the entire family. Carpools, afterschool activities and homework can make it difficult to incorporate wholesome meals into the day. However, it's important to make sure your child is eating a nutritious diet to keep energy levels high and concentration focused in school.

Soy is packed with essential nutrients important for a child's growth and development. The vitamins and minerals in soyfoods, such as iron, calcium, potassium and complete protein, will help kids grow strong bones and lean muscles, setting them up for a healthy future.

INTRODUCING KIDS TO SOY

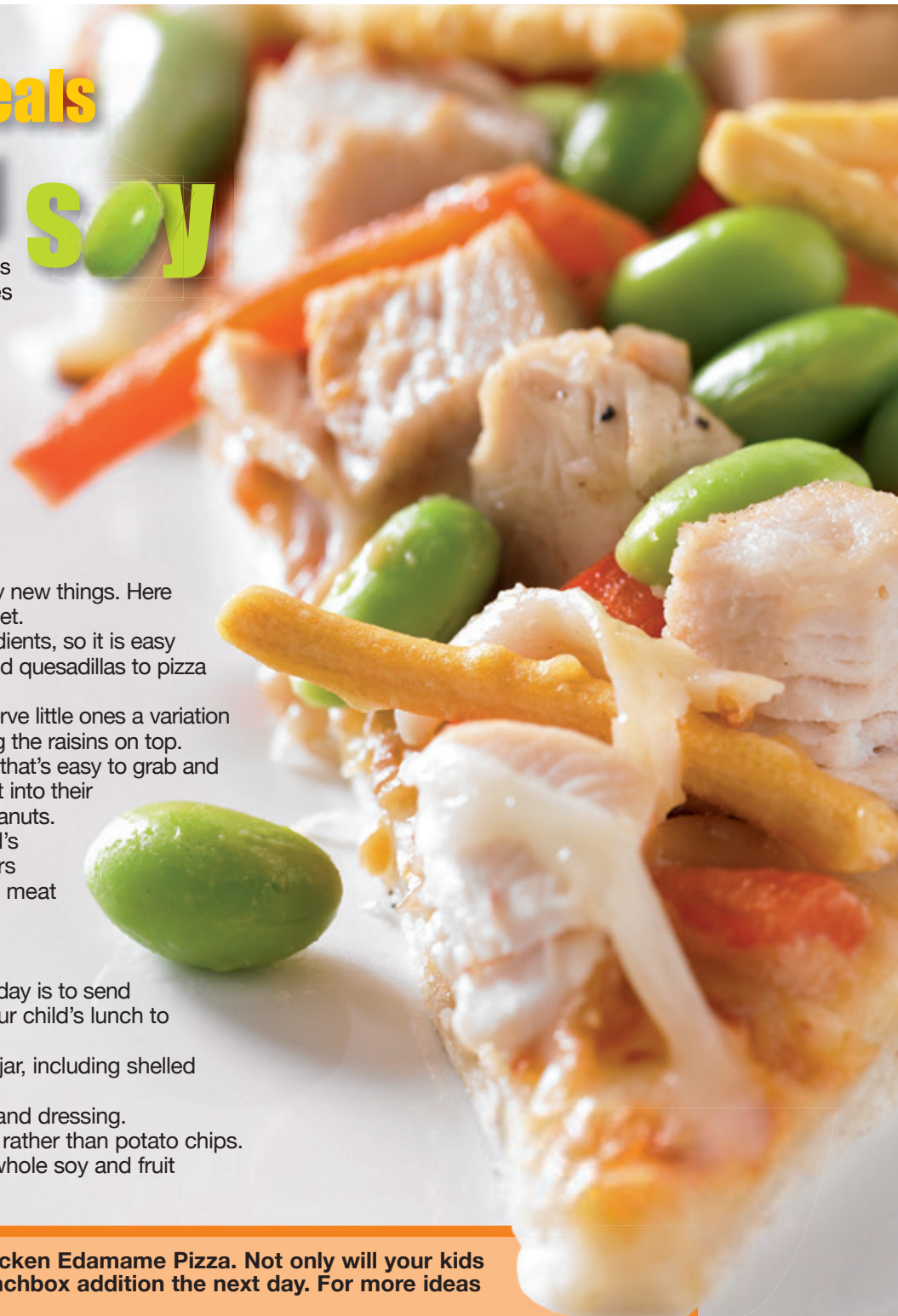
While some kids are picky eaters, others are just reluctant to try new things. Here are some simple ideas for introducing soyfoods into your child's diet.

- **Blend it in:** Soymilk and tofu both blend well with other ingredients, so it is easy to sneak into your child's favorite dishes, from mac and cheese and quesadillas to pizza and brownies, reducing saturated fat and cholesterol in dishes.
- **Make it fun:** Get creative and make snack time enjoyable. Serve little ones a variation of ants on a log, but fill the celery with soynut butter before placing the raisins on top.
- **Focus on finger foods:** Edamame is a nutrient-dense snack that's easy to grab and eat. Kids will enjoy popping the beans out of the pods and straight into their mouth. Honey roasted soynuts are also a favorite alternative to peanuts.
- **Serve familiar dishes:** Try swapping the meat in your child's favorite dishes with soyfoods. For instance, serve veggie burgers rather than hamburgers or use soy crumbles in place of ground meat in chili, spaghetti or tacos.

PACK A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

One way to make sure your child is eating well throughout the day is to send a healthy lunchbox to school. Here are some items to pack in your child's lunch to boost the nutritional value.

- Pack a salad-in-a-jar by layering the ingredients in a mason jar, including shelled edamame as a filling protein.
- Serve pita pockets filled with fresh vegetables, tofu, lettuce and dressing.
- Pair sandwiches with mini rice cakes or cheddar soy crisps, rather than potato chips.
- Include protein-packed options like chocolate soymilk or a whole soy and fruit nutrition bar.



For an easy weeknight meal, try this recipe for Asian Chicken Edamame Pizza. Not only will your kids love it for dinner, but the leftovers will make a perfect lunchbox addition the next day. For more ideas and recipes, visit soyfoods.org

Asian Chicken Edamame Pizza

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 8-10 minutes

Servings: 8

3 tablespoons peanut butter
2 tablespoons water
1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons white rice vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
1 pre-baked pizza crust, 12-inch

1/2 cup reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 cup cooked chicken breast, diced
1/2 cup edamame, shelled, cooked according to package directions
1/2 cup red bell pepper, sliced
1/4 cup chow mein noodles

Preheat oven to 450°F. Combine peanut butter, water, soy sauce, vinegar and ginger in small bowl; stir until smooth.

Place pizza crust on foil-lined baking sheet. Spread peanut butter mixture evenly over pizza crust. Sprinkle cheese, chicken, edamame, bell peppers and chow mein noodles evenly over crust.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Cut into eight slices and serve.

Nutrition Information Per Serving (1 slice): 160 calories; 10 g protein; 19 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 6 g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 400 mg sodium.