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**STRONG FEDERAL RESPONSE SHOOTING STILL ROILS BLACK TOWN**

By **JESSE WASHINGTON**  
 Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Justice has mounted an unusually swift and aggressive response to the death of Michael Brown, from an independent autopsy to dozens of FBI agents combing Ferguson, Missouri, for witnesses to the shooting of the unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

The goal, legal observers say, is to ensure that the truth about the killing is revealed, to ease racial tensions and to reassure those fearing a cover-up that justice will be done.

Brown was shot dead in the street in the St. Louis suburb on Aug. 9. Gov. Jay Nixon asked for a federal

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investigation two days later, after riots erupted when the county police force confronted protesters with armored vehicles, tear gas and dogs. After the images of the military-style police response drew widespread criticism, federal officials said they were coaching local authorities on different tactics.

On Saturday, 40 FBI agents started going door-to-door in the neighborhood where the shooting took place, interviewing witnesses and gathering information.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**GRIEVING PARENTS:** Lesley McSpadden, right, mother of 18-year-old Michael Brown, watches as Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., holds up a family picture of himself, his son – top left in photo – and a young child during a news conference Aug. 11 in Ferguson, Mo. The younger Brown was shot and killed during an encounter with a white police officer in the St. Louis suburb Aug. 9.

An independent federal autopsy was announced Sunday and Attorney General Eric Holder said it was performed Monday. President Barack Obama also announced Monday that Holder would travel to Ferguson to meet with investigators and community leaders. Holder

arrived in Ferguson on Wednesday. "What they usually do is wait for the local investigation to complete itself," said Alberto Gonzales, attorney general under President George W. Bush.

Gonzales said that although he did not have all the information being

evaluated by federal officials, it appeared to be an aggressive and unusual response to an unusual case.

"They're going in with one goal – to ascertain the truth and to do so in a way that raw feelings can be comforted and soothed," said Gonzales, who is now

dean of the Belmont College of Law in Nashville.

Ferguson is about 70 percent black. Ferguson's mayor is white, as are five of six city council members and 50 of its 53 police officers. Many in Ferguson and beyond fear that local

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**BROWARD**

**Lauderhill's MLK Jr. adopts Montessori philosophy**



APRIL SIMPSON/FOR SOUTH FLORIDA TIMES

**SIGN OF THE TIMES:** New sign reflects change in teaching method for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Elementary School in Lauderhill, effective this new school year.

By **APRIL SIMPSON**  
 Special to South Florida Times

**LAUDERHILL** — For the past two school years, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Lauderhill has earned an "F" grade, according to the Florida Department of Education. Prior to that, it held a "C" or "D" average.

But as school began last week, educators are hopeful that, by adopting the Montessori educational method, MLK Jr.'s marks will improve dramatically.

"I'm hoping that it's going to be a model for the district and for the nation to say, 'OK. This is what urban education can look like,'" said Dr. Mark Strauss, a director at the Office of School Performance and Accountability.

Montessori is a proven, hands-on method and a departure from the traditional

approach MLK Jr. has been using for years. For example, in the Montessori method, children learn at their own pace in multi-age classrooms, rather than through established, grade-specific standards. Students can move about the classroom freely – there are work tables, rather than desks. And, instead of having schoolwork corrected by a teacher, children spot their own errors through feedback.

"Montessori allows you to meet a child where they are through projects-based learning," said Dr. Rosalind Osgood, the District 5 Broward County School Board member. "It almost eliminates the teacher standing in front of the class and lecturing."

Shawn Martin, parent of a first grader, said he expects teachers to practice more patience, which, he added, would facilitate

more learning. "Now you have to do a little more explaining and talking to each child," said Martin, 43.

The transition to a Montessori school began last year, said Principal Cheryl A. Proctor. MLK Jr. joined the Student Success Opportunities Schools (SSOS) Initiative which reviews school performance and brings together school district officials, community members and parents to consider different educational options.

"It's not that our children can't learn – that's the lie – but what are we doing that isn't reaching them?" Proctor said.



PROCTOR

"What can we do differently?"

Through multiple meetings, the group chose the Montessori method.

"Given the right opportunity and learning environment, all of our kids can do better but they can't do it through a model that's one-size-fits-all," Osgood said.

Angel Cox, who walked her children to school Tuesday morning, said she likes that the Montessori method allows children to learn at their own pace.

"I have one that was behind in her reading, so I'm hoping they're going to meet her where she is and she'll be able to bring up

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**MIAMI-DADE**

**American blacks, Haitians clash**

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

**MIAMI GARDENS** — Causes and issues important to the Caribbean community are becoming more prominent on the campaign trail in Miami-Dade County, where Haitian-American and other candidates of Caribbean descent are becoming increasingly more vocal and critical of incumbent office holders, some of them native black Americans.

An undertone of political friction between the two ethnic groups surfaced Monday at a candidates forum sponsored by the Miami Dade Branch of the NAACP at New Way Fellowship

Baptist Church in Miami Gardens, where some Haitian-American candidates accused African-American incumbents of not representing the entire community.

In South Florida's only state senate race in the Aug. 26 primary, for the District 36 seat, incumbent Oscar Braynon II, D-Miami Gardens, is being challenged by Anis Auguste Blemur, a Haiti-born accountant.

Blemur said Braynon was not being an inclusive leader in the district which takes in parts of Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

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**STATE**

**Thurston aims for attorney general**

Staff Report



THURSTON

Tuesday's primary voting may be Perry Thurston's first step on the way to history. If elected this year, the state Democratic leader will be the first black Florida attorney general and the first elected black cabinet officer since Reconstruction.

"I believe that with success comes an obligation to serve," Thurston has said in campaign literature. "I am blessed to have had opportunities in my life and I want to use those opportunities to improve the lives of others."

Incumbent Republican Attorney General Pam Bondi and Gov. Rick Scott "have wrecked our state and I want to be part of repairing the damage," Thurston said.

But Thurston first has to turn aside the challenge from George Sheldon, a former acting assistant director in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington.

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## Business

# State of black businesses forum about partnerships

Staff Report

PLANTATION — The power of partnerships and collaborations is the common thread of the fifth South Florida State of the Black Business Forum & Networking Reception this Friday, Aug. 22 at the Renaissance Hotel, 1230 S. Pine Island Rd., Plantation.

The forum will feature two panels of experts, who will share their insights and resources about the power of strategic partnerships and collaborations; mentor/protégé initiatives; growth industries including healthcare, technology, and tourism/hospitality; govern-



Lia T. Gaines

ment contracting opportunities; and effective business growth strategies. The forum will be followed by a networking reception and exposition.

The forum usually falls in August, which is National Black Business Month, an annual initiative established to increase the number and scale of African/Caribbean/American owned businesses in the United States and globally. National Black Business Month was founded by Frederick E. Jordan and John William Templeton in 2004.

The Mosaic Group will present Lia T. Gaines, executive director of Center for Enterprise Opportunity (CEO) Inc., with its prestigious Vanguard Award for her leadership, dedication, and advocacy for minority-owned businesses in South Florida. Gaines has supported the forum since it began in 2010. The award was first conferred last year to Bill Diggs, who heads the Mourning Family Foundation.

"Thank you to the Mosaic Group in keeping the movement of founders, John Templeton and Frederick Jordan alive! The purpose of designating August as Black Business Month is to bring awareness to supporting Black businesses all year long," Gaines said in a statement. "We can do this by creating a stimulus of spending our dollars with Black businesses, and in keeping the pressure on shaping and sustaining public policies to also spend public dollars with Black businesses."

Gaines is known in Palm Beach County for her efforts to affect public policy as it relates to minority and women owned businesses.

The forum's special guest speaker is Dave J. Miller Sr., president/CEO, of Atlanta, Ga.'s The Miller3 Group Inc. Miller has worked in community economic development, research, public policy, education and training, and logistics administration. He developed the disparity study methodology and is a leader in the industry.

# Leading by example

## *FUNdraising Good Times*

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW  
Special to South Florida Times

Have you heard about Raymond Burse, the newly appointed interim-president of Kentucky State University who voluntarily reduced his salary by 25 percent in order to ensure that all university employees would make a minimum hourly wage of \$10.25? That's right. This HBCU president gave up a total of \$90,125 so that 24 employees – some of whom were making \$7.25 an hour – could receive a wage increase. On top of this he has pledged to give up additional salary to ensure no future employees make less than \$10.25. He initiated the proposal to the university's board of trustees and they made the changes to his compensation package.

"Who is this man?" you may ask. He is a past-president of KSU (1982 – 1989), an attorney, and former vice president and general counsel at GE. In our minds he is also a master at generating good will and national media attention. His decision will directly improve the lives of impacted em-



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Pearl and Mel Shaw

the news. Too often we hear statements from nonprofit leaders that include "what can I do?" or "we don't have any resources" or "no one knows about our organization." Burse's actions caused people all over the country to take notice. When we heard him interviewed on television he mentioned a result of his decision: people are making inquiries about enrolling and giving. These are two priorities that confront almost every institution of higher education. While his decision was a personal one based on what he believed was right, it has had national impact. He defined his agenda and presented it to the board of trustees.

When we look at Burse's decision through the lens of fundraising we ask nonprofit leaders – including university presidents – to take time to contemplate and articulate your vision and to then do what you can do to bring that vision into life. Burse is an African American leader who took initiative. What actions can you initiate? Burse reallocated resources. What resources can you reallocate? Burse's decision attracted positive attention and will certainly help to reposition KSU. What actions can you take that will reposition your nonprofit?

We believe Burse's decision was an ethical one with many positive implications. What resources and relationships are available to your nonprofit that have not yet been fully utilized? Are there opportunities you are not yet taking advantage of? Take time to reflect and when appropriate, take ethical action.

Mel and Pearl Shaw position nonprofits, colleges and universities for fundraising success. For help with your campaign visit [saadandshaw.com](http://saadandshaw.com) or call (901) 522-8727.



Raymond Burse

ployees. It also shows that he has "skin in the game." He is willing to personally sacrifice in order to advance the institution and its standing in the community. His action can help break down the walls that too often divide administration from faculty, staff and students, and the university from local residents. His decision reallocates existing resources and demonstrates commitment to the institution.

Our minds were racing when we heard

### IF YOU GO

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## MIAMI-DADE

## South Florida Times wins 2nd place for editorial writing

Staff Report

MIAMI BEACH — A series of three South Florida Times editorials published last year on the inequities of the criminal justice system regarding young black males won the paper the second prize from the Florida chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

"It cannot be said enough times: Young lives should not be cut short nor opportunities denied because of race," the judges commented.

Some 120 journalists and other guests turned out Saturday at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden for the 20th annual Sunshine State Awards. South

Florida Times Publisher Robert Beatty accepted the award, the first for the newspaper from the SPJ.

Treasure Coast Newspapers won first place for a collection of writings by Rich Campbell focusing on agricultural interests and environmental safety.

The Florida Times-Union placed third for

Wayne Ezell's commentary on juvenile justice reform.

In light of the recent killing of Michael Brown, 18, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, and the ongoing community uprising, the South Florida Times July 18 editorial headline "America's shame," commenting on the not-guilty verdict in the

Travon Martin murder trial, seemed prophetic.

The editorial states, in part, "We have suffered mightily for too long under a legal and criminal justice system designed to perpetuate the subjugation of Africans in America. That will not change until there is a change of heart among white Americans, not through dialogue — we have

had that ad nauseam — but through a conscious effort to recognize that racism is indeed an underpinning of American society."

Overall, The Sarasota Herald-Tribune took home 13 Sunshine State Awards. Other big winners included The News Press, The Miami Herald and The Tampa Tribune.

## MLK Jr. tries new method

MONTESSORI, FROM 1A

her reading," said Cox, 28.

Broward County has two Montessori magnet schools: Beachside Montessori Village in Hollywood and Virginia Shuman Young Elementary in Fort Lauderdale. MLK Jr., which is located at 591 NW 31st Ave., some 480 students, and is the first public community Montessori school in Broward County Public Schools.

Located in the heart of Lauderhill, a largely black community with an above-average crime rate, the student population is mostly black and nearly all students receive free or reduced price lunch.

Montessori, Proctor said, is often associated with private school education.

"Parents pay top dollar to send their children to this form of education. Now, the community gets something that's so highly valued, said Proctor, who has a copy of *The Illustrated Maria Montessori* standing upright on a table in her office.

The book tells the story of Maria Montessori, an Italian physician, educator and philosopher who developed the method of teaching that bears her name.

Strauss pointed out that both Martin Luther King Jr. and Maria Montessori were advocates for peace.

"The two were so aligned to embracing difference," Strauss said. "We want that message to be aligned not just in the walls of the school, but in the community."

Proctor, who is beginning her second year as MLK Jr.'s principal, said with the transition 22 teachers were newly trained in Montessori methods, 11 were already Montessori certified while about 30 untrained teachers were moved to other schools. Teachers of extracurricular courses like physical education did not require training.

The new, holistic approach relies on parental involvement to reinforce school lessons in areas such as self-control, respect for the environment, respect for others and independence.

Erika Walker, 27, attended a parent-training session but said she didn't feel like she was given enough information. "It's something I'll have to Google on my own to learn about," said Walker, who has children in second grade and Pre-K.

Proctor said that past sessions drew "sparse numbers" and she's hopeful that the next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27, will be better attended.

"It's about normalizing the children to their new environment now and having the parents support the work that we're doing to sustain Montessori education here at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Montessori Academy," Proctor said.

The school's name has not yet been formally changed. The School Advisory Council will next month start the process of recommending the change to the School Board of Broward County, she said.



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# Differences emerge at forum

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"I believe we need someone who can bond everyone, no matter your language, where you come from. Especially the Caribbean Americans who need leadership, I am here for you," Blemur said at the forum.

Braynon was a Miami Gardens city councilman before being elected to the Florida House in 2008 and then the Senate in 2011 and re-elected in 2012 after re-districting.

Braynon was not at the forum but a representative rejected Blemur's charge and commended the senator for "serving with dignity." Braynon, he said, works for the entire community. "He's touchable."

In the House District 107 race, state Rep. Barbara Watson has three challengers, including former state Rep. Philip Brutus. If Brutus succeeds in his bid to return to the Legislature, he will, he said, push for Florida to open a trade office in Haiti.

"Florida has 15 trade offices around the world. There's not one in the Caribbean," Brutus said at the forum.

Local roofers, construction companies, plumbers and others have no chance to get a contract in Haiti's post-earthquake rebuilding, Brutus said. "If we had the office there, you can at least say, 'Let me try to get a piece of that work from here.'"

Michael Joseph, an attorney, is also challenging Watson for the seat she has held since being elected in 2012. While Joseph was born in South Florida, Brutus and Dominique Simon, a retired educator who also is eyeing the seat, were born in Haiti.

Watson, in response, called for unity. "I am an individual who reaches out to the community and works with the community," Watson said to applause at the forum.

"I want you to realize that we don't have two communities here; we have one community. We are a people

of color in District 107 and we have one type of rainbow going in this community and we are not going to separate it. We are not going to sit back and say this is for this group or that group. We are one," Watson said.

Another prominent contest pitting an African-American against a Haitian-American contender is for the U.S. House of Representatives District 24 seat. Incumbent Frederica Wilson is being challenged by Michael Etienne, a lawyer who is the North Miami city clerk.

Etienne, who is of Haitian and Bahamian descent, said he does not buy into the Haitian American versus African American rift as it relates to the congressional race. In a recent Facebook posting, he said, "I was born and raised right here in Miami-Dade County. Wilson's parents were born in the Bahamas but she is considered black American. However, my family are from Haiti and the Bahamas but I am considered - what? Thus, your Haitian versus black American argument does not hold water here because, like Wilson, I was born and raised right here in these United States."

Etienne, who said he participated in Wilson's celebrated 5,000 Role Models of Excellence project, praises her for her accomplishments but said she is "not being liberal enough." Wilson, who did not attend the forum, has widespread support in the district, including many in the Haitian-American community.

Meanwhile, Taj C. Echoles, a candidate for state house District 108, spoke of his Bahamian roots from his mother and his American heritage from his father, who was born in Athens, Ga.

"I represent what a lot of us are in this district. I am an individual that is a by-product of different sectors of what represents Miami," said Echoles, an educator who was born in Miami. Calling the district "unequivocally underrepresented," he

said the incumbent, Daphne Campbell, represented a small minority "which does not speak well for a district."

Campbell was first elected in 2010 but her terms in office have been plagued by criticism and legal problems involving her family's healthcare business.

Campbell also has another challenger, Michael Hepburn, an administrator at Florida International University. Neither Hepburn nor Campbell attended the forum.

"District 108 is by far the most diverse district in South Florida," Echoles said. "It is not a matter of black, white or Haitian."

By contrast, an African American is challenging incumbent Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime, the first Haitian American to be elected to the commission.

Dorrian D. Rolle, a consultant, served on the commission from 1998 to 2010, when he suffered an upset defeat by Monestime. Rolle did not attend the forum.

Rolle's re-election bid then was seen as hampered by ethical questions surrounding him and accusations of mismanagement of the James E. Scott Community Association (JESCA), a huge nonprofit community service organization that went bankrupt and was closed after he stepped down as its head.

Another Monestime challenger, the Rev. Antwane "A.D." Lenoir, a Miami native who is senior pastor of Westview Baptist Church in North Miami-Dade, focused his remarks on bringing economic opportunity, activity and stability to the community.

Monestime followed suit, listing some of his accomplishment as commissioner, including expanding job opportunities and bringing a new community center, a Wal-Mart, and \$126 million worth of sewer and water lines to improve the district's infrastructure.

# Holder arrives in Ferguson

FERGUSON, FROM 1A



Eric Holder

officials will not act fairly in determining whether to charge the officer, Darren Wilson, with a crime.

St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch, who is in charge of the investigation, also is white. He comes from a family of police officers, including his father. When he was 12, his father was fatally shot by a black man while responding to a call. In a 2000 case, McCulloch brought no charges against two officers who fired 21 shots into a vehicle, killing two black men during an attempted drug arrest.

McCulloch has declined calls to step away from the case, saying in a television interview, "I've been as fair and impartial and done as thorough of a job as we could."

At the Department of Justice, Holder, the first black attorney general, who took office promising to fiercely fight discrimination and inequality, has been an increasingly visible presence during the Ferguson case.

That is reassuring to Blair L.M. Kelley, a history professor at North Carolina State University.

"I'm glad to see him being proactive," she said. "That's the best way

to tamp down anger on the streets - to pursue justice in an evenhanded manner. I think he knows that and is using his position to best serve a broader sense of justice. It puts pressure on the local investigators to do their best, because he's there."

Sampson Cheney III, a Ferguson resident who lives 50 yards from where Brown was shot, is glad that federal agents are on the scene. He was interviewed by an FBI agent Saturday. He doubts that local officials will file charges against the officer.

"It seems [federal officials] don't have a horse in the race," Cheney said.

Holder and White House adviser Valerie Jarrett spoke with representatives of civic groups who had been invited to participate in a White House call Monday afternoon.

A person on the call said participants were told that federal investigators have interviewed about 200 people so far, some referred through the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The call was closed to reporters and the participant spoke on condition of anonymity because of the no-media ground rules.

Kelley said Holder's actions have been reminiscent of the role played by Attorney General Robert Kennedy - whose portrait hangs outside Holder's office - during the civil rights movement, when President John F. Kennedy was trying to navigate black resistance to white supremacy in the Jim Crow South.

Ultimately, the Kennedys used federal authority to ensure equal treatment for African Americans. They also brought federal civil rights charges in some cases - a possibility that Holder's

Justice Department is investigating in Ferguson.

The Justice Department investigated civil rights charges after the unarmed teen Trayvon Martin was killed by neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman. No charges were filed, despite requests by the NAACP and other advocacy groups.

But there are important differences between the Kennedy years and now, said John Malcolm, a former deputy assistant attorney general who now is director of the Meese Legal Center at the Heritage Foundation.

"I don't think in this case police are, like, we want to oppress black people and deny them their constitutional rights," Malcolm said. "They're responding to a riot situation and it got out of control."

Malcolm could not recall a similar federal response to a case like Michael Brown's.

"It's certainly aggressive," he said. "It sends a message that the federal government is concerned and wants to get involved and de-escalate the tension as soon as possible."

Malcolm said that strategy could backfire if it fans false assumptions that there is a racial component to the case. But, overall, he did not have any criticism of the DOJ's actions.

"This is a rapidly deteriorating situation," he said. "Clearly in the public mind there is a racial component to how police have acted. Police have not helped themselves with their over-reaction to the situation. So I think there are times when [federal involvement] can help defuse the situation. Let's hope that's what happens here."

Associated Press reporters Corey Williams in Ferguson and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar in Washington, D.C., contributed to this report.

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## Opinion

## Civil Disobedience in Ferguson

## WHAT WE THINK

## Ferguson is all of us

Some people may suggest that the show of military might by police in Ferguson, Missouri, following the killing of a black teenager by a white police officer is a law enforcement aberration.

It is not. In one form or another, similar scenes have played out in other parts of the country, though on perhaps a smaller scale, even as observers have been warning about the danger posed by the heavy arms which some police forces have been acquiring in the so-called "war on drugs." The further arming of the police after the terrorist attack in 2001 was a natural extension of that trend. It had to take a revolt in Ferguson over the killing of Michael Brown and the subsequent sporadic violent protests to generate awareness of the militarized monster in our midst.

It is not surprising that the monster finally made itself known in a black neighborhood seeking justice over the killing in their town where 70 percent of the 21,000 residents are black but there are only three black police officers among the 53-member force, there is only one black on the town council and none on the school board.

It is crisis that was inevitable when those in command and control are white and those being controlled and commanded are black. It is merely history repeating itself. No police department anywhere would have dared to do what the Ferguson and St. Louis forces did if this were a white town. They would not have dared to deploy armor-plated vehicles with machine guns mounted on the top and pointed at Americans in the street. In fact, the "militias" and "patriot" groups would have been out in full force challenging the police to tread on them. It happened when federal officials tried not so long ago to force a white cattle owner to pay even the nominal fee for grazing his animals on federal lands.

And so, in Ferguson, African Americans have faced the machine guns, the assault rifles, the tear gas and the beatings from white-dominated and controlled police, as we were 50 years ago when we struggled for basic civil rights.

The struggle continues as we seek to throw off the shackles of a new oppression enforced by police equipped and armed as soldiers but who are psychologically ill-equipped to assume that role. But Ferguson is not the base of Al Qaeda, the Taliban or the Islamic State, nor is any other black community. It is now our Tiananmen Square, minus, thankfully, the massacre. And though it is almost certainly a pipe dream to hope that it will bring about change, at least the brave people of this small American suburb have exposed the raw racism that is still a hallmark of black life in America.

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## Michael Brown was caught on the frontline of the 'war on crime'

In 1994, Rudy Giuliani, mayor of New York City, declared a war on crime. The war was inspired by the "broken windows" philosophy. The notion is that if police allow one broken window to slide, it leads to social disorder and lawlessness. Zero tolerance for any infraction was hailed as the cure for urban violence and crime.

Supposedly, the war on crime was fought in high-crime areas. But the local police read this to mean the urban ghetto: Giuliani fought the war by stopping hundreds of thousands of inner-city kids.

In 2001, the federal government endorsed this hyper-aggressive strategy. Through a system sometimes called Compstat, the federal government offered vast amounts of money to police departments based almost solely on the number of people stopped and arrested.

Soon, all over the country – in low-income urban areas – people, for no reason at all, were being arrested based on nothing more than walking down the street while fitting a certain profile. Police increasingly treated blacks in inner cities less like citizens and more as suspects.

The media became a cheering section for this hyper-aggressive policing. Over the last two decades, from hood films to the evening news constantly showing black men spread-eagled over the police car, the media has portrayed black communities as war zones populated by criminals and thugs.

It is in the context of this stereotypical mindset that we must understand the

recent killing of two black men. Eric Garner was a Staten Island man accused of marijuana possession and selling loose cigarettes out of pack without a license. But where in America are people arrested for selling loose cigarettes out

Brown found himself in the line of fire. Like Trayvon Martin, he was simply walking home. According to witnesses, a white officer, later identified as Darren Wilson, pulled up and told him and a friend to get off the street and

this so-called unprovoked attack.

In many ways, Wilson's depiction of Brown's actions mirror how George Zimmerman depicted Trayvon. Both black men were depicted as thugs attacking an armed white man. This story appeals to age-old stereotypes of black men as beasts.

The police in Ferguson, Missouri, where Wilson killed Brown, claim to be defenders of law and order. But when one witness, Dorian Johnson, early on told his story, the police initially declined to even interview him, even when contacted by his attorney.

Who is telling the truth should be left for the jury to decide. For the police to not only fail to charge Wilson but also to fail even to pursue leads is not consistent with law and order but with racial bias.

What makes this more disturbing is that, according to the Huffington Post, journalists covering the story have been harassed and, in some cases, assaulted by police. It certainly sounds as if the police have chosen sides.

There are now credible reports that police are firing on unarmed demonstrators as if they are the enemy. But Ferguson, Missouri, is not Iraq and the black community is not ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq.

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DONALD JONES

Whom do you call when it is the police who commit the murder?

The problem is, first of all, a mindset. It is a military mindset that portrays policing in urban areas as a war on crime. It is also a racist us-versus-them mindset that depicts poor black communities as communities of thugs and criminals.

of a pack?

Allegedly Eric Garner resisted arrest for this petty crime. But how does that explain why he was choked to death, especially when the use of the choke-hold is illegal?

Whom do you call when it is the police who commit the murder?

The problem is, first of all, a mindset. It is a military mindset that portrays policing in urban areas as a war on crime. It is also a racist us-versus-them mindset that depicts poor black communities as communities of thugs and criminals. Between this mindset and the Compstat system, urban communities have become the most militarized on earth.

It is here that Michael

declined. What was his crime just walking on the street? Or was the real offense simply that a cop felt disrespected?

Officer Wilson, according to police spokesmen, said Brown initiated the confrontation and attacked him. So we have a choice between two versions of the same event. In one version, supported by several witnesses, Michael Brown, faced with an armed officer, put his hands up. Yet the officer shot him six times from the front.

In Officer Wilson's version, we are asked to believe that Brown, though unarmed, attacked a police officer whom he knew to be armed with a gun. Wilson provides no motive for

## The cycle of death, anarchy and mayhem will persist



JEFFREY SWAIN

America ignores its history and is doomed to repeat it. Such is the case with Ferguson, Missouri,

and the killing of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson. This killing represents a continued American unwillingness to acknowledge our race problem – one in which black life is cheap.

Racial tension simmers in all our communities, regardless of size, because the color divide persists in our culture. Racism is like lava which bubbles beneath the surface until its pressure creates a fissure or the dome breaks into an eruption. Racism is equally hot and destructive. Until we accept that the work is not done, we will revisit this cycle of death, anarchy and mayhem.

Whether the racism is verbal, as from former Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, or physical, as in the killing of Michel Brown in Ferguson, it threatens to consume us all. If there is a non-black person in America who believes he or she is exempt from the potential fury, I urge you to stop deluding yourself that this does not concern you. If there is a black or Hispanic person who believes we've matured past racial conflict, I offer you the same advice: Be honest with yourself. Your child's life may depend on it.

Michelle Alexander's seminal book *The New Jim Crow* continues to resonate because it deftly explains how we arrived at this point of local police forces resembling military tactical units. Police continue to argue that criminals are better armed, requiring that their own armaments be more extreme. However, the use of armored vehicles on average citizens is not justified or necessary since the average person hardly confronts officers in an armed capacity. These units have killed old women, invaded the wrong homes searching for criminals and terrified unsuspecting families. Should America's streets resemble those of Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine – really?



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Policing is not war, not even under the most extreme circumstances. Couching street crime in the language of war creates a mentality in law enforcement officers that makes for abuses of power and a sense of impunity in dealing with average citizens. It also diminishes our soldiers' sacrifice.

Was a highway patrol officer's beating of a mentally ill woman on the side of the road war? Was a child walking in the street in Ferguson, Missouri, war? Do looters really rise to the level of war? Was it war in Miami Gardens, when police arrested a man more than 100 times – even when he was working and committing no crimes?

War has a language and an attitude

that precipitates a loss of perspective on the value of human life. One need only refer to such abuses in actual wars.

America's streets, particularly those where people of color live, reflect a racial disconnect between blacks and whites. Somehow, whites tend to believe we deserve less protection from the officers we pay, less consideration when the choice is between shooting and de-escalating a confrontation and less care in a traffic stop or in a stop and frisk. Blacks continue to be viewed as a criminal element, even when well-educated. Do you recall Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. being arrested for "breaking" into his own house?

Race is at the core of Ferguson, as much

as it is in many police-civilian confrontations. Racists should not carry badges. In Fruitland, this year, two officers were found to be members of the KKK.

There is little hope that some white Americans will understand what the people of Ferguson are feeling and why they are trying to communicate their fear of being the next Michael Brown. It's a black thing for real.

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# Congressional, school board, port seats take spotlight

By **DAPHNE TAYLOR**  
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**LAKE WORTH** — From Congress to state representative to port commissioner to school board member, the few blacks in key elected office in Palm Beach County are hoping to retain their seats or win election for the first time, starting with primary voting on Tuesday.

Some races have heated up and many of the candidates showed up to make their pitches at a candidate's forum held last week at the Lake Worth campus of Palm Beach State College.

Though not invited to the forum, the race for the Congressional District 20 seat, which has been held by Alcee Hastings for more than 20 years, has attracted two

challengers. Both accuse the incumbent of not paying enough attention to his constituents.

"He has not been visible in the district," Jean Enright, who has been a Palm Beach County Port Commissioner for 10 years, said in a telephone interview. "I would make sacrifices and make sure that

McCline turned to the boxing ring after getting out of prison. He was 19 when he was sentenced in New York in 1989

where, he said, unemployment hovers at around 47 percent.

Hastings, however, has powerful support, including an endorsement by the Palm Beach Post, which said the incumbent has a track record of achievement in Congress.

Even in the midst of his own campaigning, the Post noted, Hastings is pushing for a high voter turnout to unseat Republican Gov. Rick Scott, promoting immigration reform and advancing universal health care. The newspaper said that while McCline has an interesting story, Hastings has a history of fighting for the issues, insightfulness and a track record.

Hastings could not be reached for comment for this story but in news reports he has rejected the claim that he is not visible in the district. He has said he understands the concerns of his constituents and has done much for them over the years.

He has also said it is nearly impossible for his opponents to know all he's done in the vast district which stretches from Broward County all the way to the Glades and Riviera Beach.

Two black incumbents are vying to hold onto their seats on the school board. Debra Robinson is being challenged in District 7 by Piaget "Peppi" Hendrix, who is also black and did not attend the forum last week.

Marcia Andrews is facing two white candidates, Joe Moore and Carla Donaldson, for her District 6 seat.

In the November general elections, in the Group 5 Port Commission race Kesnel Theus Jr., a Republican who is black, will challenge Peyton McArthur, a Democrat who is white, for the open seat.

And Democratic state Rep. Bobby Powell Jr. of District 88, will seek to fend off Courtney Antron Grace, a write-in candidate, also in the general elections.



Alcee Hastings



Jameel McCline

I have town hall meetings and connect with the people. "We need to have a unified voice between the local community and Congress. I plan to bring honesty and integrity to the seat and I would be visible."

Delray Beach resident Jameel McCline, a former heavyweight boxing champ, is also going after Hastings' seat. He brings an interesting twist to the race with his colorful past.



Jean Enright

for possession of a firearm. He spent five years behind bars and says boxing helped him to put his past behind him and become a productive citizen. It's his first run for public office and he says Hastings' long service in Congress doesn't intimidate him.

"Not at all," he said. "My background has prepared me to do the audacious, taking on the titans and slaying them," McCline said. "I represent redemption, survival, and I represent the 'little guy' because I was the little guy." Like Enright, he said Hastings hasn't done enough in the district, particularly in the Glades area,

# Thurston and Sheldon face-off during primary election

THURSTON, FROM 1A

A Leon County judge on Friday cleared the way for Sheldon to run in the race, turning aside a legal challenge to his residency qualification by Thurston and his supporters, The Miami Herald reported from Tallahassee.

The primary winner will face a formidable opponent in Bondi,

who, The Herald reported, has raised more than \$5 million for her campaign — about 10 times more than the two Democrats combined.

Thurston was elected to the state House, representing mostly Fort Lauderdale, and his colleagues picked him in 2012 as Democratic leader. His supporters say turnout will be critical if he is to have any chance of defeating Bondi.

"We need high African-American turnout, not just on Nov. 4 but in the Democratic primary on Aug. 26," said Jon Nixon, Thurston's field coordinator. "We can't miss this opportunity to make history."

Sheldon, meanwhile, has defied a call from the state Democratic Black Caucus to get out of the race to give Thurston a good chance against Bondi in the general election in November.

The call came from caucus president Henry Crespo, prior to the court ruling last week.

"Pam Bondi, is our target," Crespo said in a statement. "If we allow the Sheldon campaign to continue it will become a distraction on winning the Attorney General's Office, which, for African Americans, is critical with issues like 'stand your ground,' voting rights and Clemency Board

within the scope of the Attorney General's Office."

Besides serving in Washington, Sheldon was secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). His campaign points to his work as co-chairman of the state's Task Force on Human Trafficking and of the Federal Victim Services Strategic Planning Committee.



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## Prayerful Living

# We are blessed by wrestling with God

‘Sometimes we fight against the very presence of God within us, a presence sent to teach us the power of God’s convictions already planted in us ... God uses human angels to test our conviction, to strengthen us to achieve His goals and accept the opportunities He has planned for us according to His purpose for our lives.

# with God

In our private moments, many of us instinctively wrestle with God and with man. Often we are at one stage or another; we are either wrestling now, just finished wrestling or about to start to wrestle with God.

In my youth, I wrestled with God and my mother over where to go to college. In my young adult years, I wrestled with God and my uncle over whether to get a Divinity degree, or an MBA degree. In adult life, I wrestled with Freddie Davison, a three-star general, over whether to become an Army chaplain or an Air Force chaplain.

Our souls get stirred in earnest prayer and that’s when we feel the struggle of the match and can often see God’s handiwork in the battle. Often God comes in the form of angels, who take hold of us physically and spiritually.

According to *Genesis 32:22-33*, it was early one morning when Jacob sent his family ahead of him over the river while he stayed back to perhaps pray for the courage to face his brother Esau.

Jacob’s wrestling match was hand-to-hand combat. We know he was fearful of seeing Esau again to make matters worst and he’s now in a wrestling match with what appears to be an enemy.

Wrestling with this angel is strange. One would have expected on a mission of reconciliation like his that God would have comforted him; after all, he was destined to be the father of many nations.

Bishop T.D. Jakes, in his new book *Instinct*, shares a thought about such wrestling. Jakes points out we must follow both our instincts and our intellect. “Often our opportunities come clothed in obstacles that must first be overcome,” he writes. Learning to listen to our intellect and to follow our instincts is much like Jacob’s wrestling with God.

It was Jacob’s instincts the angel wrestled with, while, at the same time, the angel spoke to his intellect, asking, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered. “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

Jacob’s wrestling was both a physical and a spiritual match. On the spiritual level, it was a fight filled with vigorous acts of faith, fueled by his desire to reunite with Esau to set things right

again.

On the physical level, the angel broke Jacob’s hip but the touch of Jacob’s hip by the angel both wounded and healed him. While Jacob may have won the wrestling match, his thigh was put out of joint. As a result, Jacob walked with a limp but now had a new name, Israel.

This wrestling match could have been discouraging to him and it could have shaken his faith and silenced his prayers but it didn’t do either of those things.

Why? Because, it was a fixed fight. God had it all under His control. The angel couldn’t win, because Jacob was predestined to prevail. Jacob’s wrestling match wasn’t won by his own strength, either, but, rather, by the strength of God within him.

Sometimes we fight against the very presence of God within us, a presence sent to teach us the power of God’s convictions already planted in us. In Jacob’s case, and in mine and in yours, God uses human angels to test our conviction, to strengthen us to achieve His goals and accept the opportunities He has planned for us according to His purpose for our lives.

Paul says in *Romans 8:26*, “In the same way the Spirit helps in our weakness, we do not know what we ought to pray for but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.”

When you think about it, groans are the noisy sounds in fierce wrestling matches. Wrestlers grunt and groan, straining to win. We, too, groan in prayer, groaning so deep in our spirits that the sounds become too deep for mere words.

Wrestling with God, means while we may gain victory occasionally we leave the match broken. This is when we must remember Paul’s lesson to the Corinthians, “For it is when we are weak that we are made strong” (*2 Corinthians 12:10*).

When we become weak in ourselves, we become stronger in the Lord and this is when we are blessed by having wrestled with God.

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BROWARD

## CARIBBEAN WEEKLY TV SHOW READY FOR SO FLO MARKET

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PEMBROKE PINES — Imagine wanting to make a show so badly that you set the timer on a video camera on a tripod, run back to a chair and sit in front of the camera, compose yourself and then read the news.

That's what Calibe Thompson did to start *The Caribbean Diaspora Weekly*, a hybrid of lifestyle and public affairs television show.

She laughs about it now that the show has completed its first season, and is broadcasting on cable in more than 20 Caribbean countries and nine North American regions via Caribvision and One Caribbean television networks.

Broadcasting since April, the show will debut on WSFL-TV, Miami-Fort Lauderdale's CW affiliate Sunday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. through December.

Thompson readied about 100 people earlier this month, at L'Fontana Restaurant & Lounge in the Grand Palms Resort in Pembroke Pines, to expect the show in



South Florida and asked for their support — via money and spreading the word.

She launched a crowdfunding effort on the website Indiegogo to help fund the show's addition to South Florida's TV lineup. So far the campaign is slow, collecting only \$300 of its \$25,000 goal.

"We're shooting for \$25,000 in total which will cover the cost of air time and some of the hard costs like tapes and shipping," said Thompson. "TV in South

Florida apparently doesn't broadcast shows that they haven't commissioned so until we prove that we can engage an audience we have to pay retail for the air time. Also, sadly, although South Florida is among the top four largest Caribbean Diaspora regions in the world, we are unrepresented on South Florida television because we aren't necessarily taken seriously as a group. This effort is meant to help change that."

A SFL-TV official, who called the program quality, said the show is ready to launch in the fourth quarter.

*The Caribbean Diaspora Weekly* is produced by the joint effort of South Florida Caribbean media houses Caribcast, Jamaicans.com and Blondie Ras Productions.



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Top right:  
Calibe Thompson  
Bottom left:  
Tyrone G. Robertson

Caribcast allows the show to be seen on multiple devices and apps anywhere in the world via the internet and on a network of TV screens installed in several popular Caribbean restaurants in South Florida.

Thompson also announced a collaboration between web-based channel Iri-eTimes and Caribcast, a partnership they say will allow for live event streaming, multi-screen viewing, social media

sharing and advertising.

"The Caribbean Diaspora is across the USA and Canada is well represented in all professions including arts and culture," said founder of Jamaicans.com Xavier Murphy. "Not many people know about the accomplishments of the Caribbean Diaspora because we have no visibility in

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PALM BEACH

## Dennis Gallon to retire June 2015

Staff Report

LAKEWORTH — Palm Beach State College's first black president Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, said he is retiring.

Gallon, who is 73, and the college's president since 1997, said June 30, 2015, is his last day. Gallon is the 81-year-old college's fourth president.

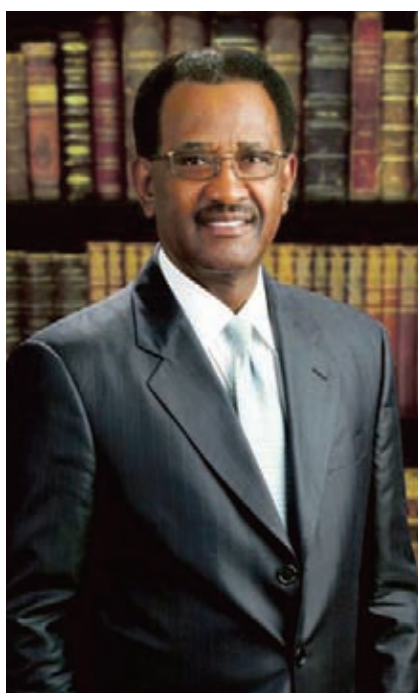
"President Gallon has been a pillar of the college and the community for the past 17 years," said Carolyn L. Williams, Board of Trustee's chairwoman, in a statement released last Tuesday. "We celebrate his remarkable career, and we cannot adequately express our appreciation for his service to our students and to Palm Beach County."

Gallon said he is experiencing "some anxiety" over the decision, and takes pride in all the college has accomplished under his watch.

"The college has grown in size and stature, right along with the community that we are charged to serve," said Gallon. "We all have worked and dedicated ourselves to helping our students reach their full potential and their educational objectives. Looking back, we have accomplished some amazing things."

Those accomplishments include:

- Implementing a comprehensive curriculum, expanding programs and access via the Internet and instructional technology advances.
- Expanding the College from



Dennis P. Gallon

the 11<sup>th</sup> largest community college in Florida to the 7<sup>th</sup> largest, serving 48,000 students each year.

- Bolstering the institution's ability to respond to workforce training and business needs in Palm Beach County, through the transfer of 45 Post-Secondary Adult Vocational Programs from the school district to the college.

- Adding bachelor's degrees in Supervision and Management, Information Technology and Nursing, and launching the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College. In recognition of its expanded mission, the formerly named Palm Beach Community College took on a new name, Palm Beach State College, in 2010. The college was founded in 1933.

- Adding 19 new buildings across all four of college's current campuses.

- Gaining reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 2012 with no recommendations for improvement.

- Establishing a \$121.5 million operating budget and an endowment that grew from \$6.9 million at the beginning of President Gallon's tenure in 1997 to \$31.6 million today. The college has a \$1.1 billion economic impact on Palm Beach County according to a state study released last year.

Over the next academic year, Gallon will work with the board and the administrative team to ensure a smooth transition for the next college president. A search for a new president has not been started.

"President Gallon will continue to guide ongoing projects, such as the Completion Agenda to enhance student success and the beginning

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MIAMI-DADE

## Give the homeless a shopping spree

Staff Report

Miami — The homeless will soon go on a "shopping spree" for new and used clothes in September in a nice, color-coded boutique. Your used and new clothes.

Black Celebrity Giving and Joshua's Heart Foundation will collect personal care items, new and gently used children and teen clothing on Saturday, Aug. 23, at three South Florida locations, which will make up The Giving Boutique 2014. Your items will be cataloged, cleaned and arranged in a boutique setting so homeless youths can enjoy the experience of shopping for well-needed clothes and personal items without the stigma normally attached to living homeless in America — without having to spend a dime.

At the 2014 Miami giving event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, families will shop in a pop-up boutique hosted at the Miami Rescue Mission, 2159 NW First Ct., Miami. The boutique will boast many amenities including: cupcakes, beverages, celebrity sales staff, fitting rooms, furniture and the total overall boutique shopping experience. It is the second such event for the Georgia-based charity.

Last year the boutique traveled to five cities serving over 2,000 homeless.

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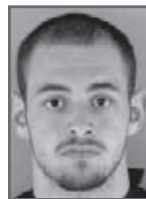


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## Palm Beach County



**TEEN BEATING**  
**Aaron Hill**, a 16-year-old Okeechobee student with autism, was beaten during a house party and the video of the attack was posted on Facebook and other social media sites.

**WHEELER**



**Andrew Wheeler**, 18, and **Evadean Dailey**, a resident of the house where the party took place, have been arrested over the incident. Dailey is charged with providing alcohol to minors and Wheeler is charged in the attack. Protesters are calling for justice for Hill and are urging others involved in the attack to come forward.

**DAILEY**



**NOW HIRING**  
**Steven Silverman**, founder and CEO of Boca Raton-based Med-Care Diabetic & Medical Supplies, is expanding the company's operations and will hire an additional 300 employees. Med-Care, one of the largest diabetes supply firms in the nation, is hiring for positions such as customer service representative, patient advocate, administrative assistant and information technology specialist. The jobs will pay a minimum of \$50,000 a year. Med-care won a contract with Medicare to provide mail order supplies to patients suffering from diabetes and other conditions and it is relocating as a result.

**SILVERMAN**



**CUELLAR**

## COUPLE CHARGED

**Bianca Cuellar**, 19, and **Eric Ornelas**, 20, of Wellington are facing multiple charges, including burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property, related to an alleged theft from a woman in their neighborhood. They are accused of burglarizing the woman's home and stealing \$30,000 worth of jewelry and other items. Police said they tracked the items to several pawn shops, which led to the couple's arrest. They are now also suspects in other burglaries in the area.



**ORNELAS**

## Broward County



**RUNCIE**

## SCHOOL'S OPEN

Broward School Superintendent **Robert Runcie** saw a relatively smooth opening of schools this week. It was a far cry from years past when there was a meltdown of transportation and other operations. Schools are open, so motorists must be watchful and drive safely.



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## NASTY JUDICIAL CONTEST

Broward Circuit Court Judge **Lynn Feig Rosenthal** is being challenged for her seat by attorney **Jahra McLawrence**. Rosenthal was arrested earlier this year on a DUI charge after crashing into a gate at the Broward Main Courthouse. She is campaigning for reelection and an organization supportive of her well-monied campaign has unleashed some disgustingly nasty attack ads against McLawrence. At the early voting sites this



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week, the ads were not sitting well with some voters and they could backfire.

## GIVE HIM CREDIT

Lauderhill community leader **Joe Major** was first to raise questions about the proposed \$800 million bond measure intended to renovate some schools. At a recent school board meeting, Superintendent **Robert Runcie** acknowledged the district made mistakes in preparing data in support of the measure. In fact, the costs were wrong and staff had no idea what schools were slated to be renovated. Major was right to question how public funds would be used and, at this point, nobody seems to know what's going on.

## Miami-Dade County



**RAKSNIN**

## POLICE PRESENCE

Police patrols are intense in the neighborhood where **Joseph Raksin** was robbed and killed last week. According to sources, police have surveillance video that shows a vehicle in the area and a person jogging shortly after the incident. A \$50,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.



**BRIERTON**

## FHP CRACKDOWN

Florida Highway Patrol Director Col. **David Brierton** unveiled his plan for stepped-up patrols leading up to the Labor Day holiday. FHP troopers will focus on interstates and state highways. They will target aggressive and impaired drivers.



**MARTY**

## EBOLA RESEARCH

Dr. **Aileen Marty**, a professor at Florida International University's medical school, and her team has joined experts from around the world who are working to combat the outbreak of Ebola in

West Africa. Her team is working with the World Health Organization in Nigeria. Marty has been practicing medicine for more than 30 years. She served in the Navy for 25 years as a tropical medicine, infectious disease and disaster medicine specialist.

## Monroe County



## MARIJUANA HAUL

The U.S. Coast Guard chased drug smugglers for five hours in waters off the Florida Keys. The suspects escaped capture by throwing bales of marijuana overboard during the chase. The marijuana recovered

totalled 900 pounds with a street value of \$800,000.

## SEWER SMELL

Believe or not, some areas of the Florida Keys have no sewers or sewage plants. Key West constructed a plant and sewer system in the early 1980s. Around this same time, state regulators ordered Monroe County to construct sewage plants and install a sewer system throughout the Keys. Those projects are slated to be completed in 2015 but there are court and other battles raging over various aspects of this work. In the end, the Keys will finally come into the modern age and no longer dump raw sewage into the ocean.



**CORDERO**

## ROLEX FEVER

**Ronald H. Cordero**, 22, of Hialeah was charged with grand theft, robbery and battery. Police said during a trip to Key West with two friends, they stopped at the Blue Marlin jewelry store on Islamorada. While a store clerk showed one of his companions a \$13,000 Rolex watch, Cordero allegedly snatched the watch and the trio sped off in their car. The clerk, who was injured in the hand, gave police a description of the car, which was pulled over a few miles away on the Overseas Highway. Cordero was taken into custody. No charges were filed against his companions so far.

# Gallon, who has led Palm Beach State College for 17 years, retires

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of construction of our new campus in Loxahatchee Groves," Williams said. "The new president will bring these projects to fruition and lead the college to face challenges yet to come."

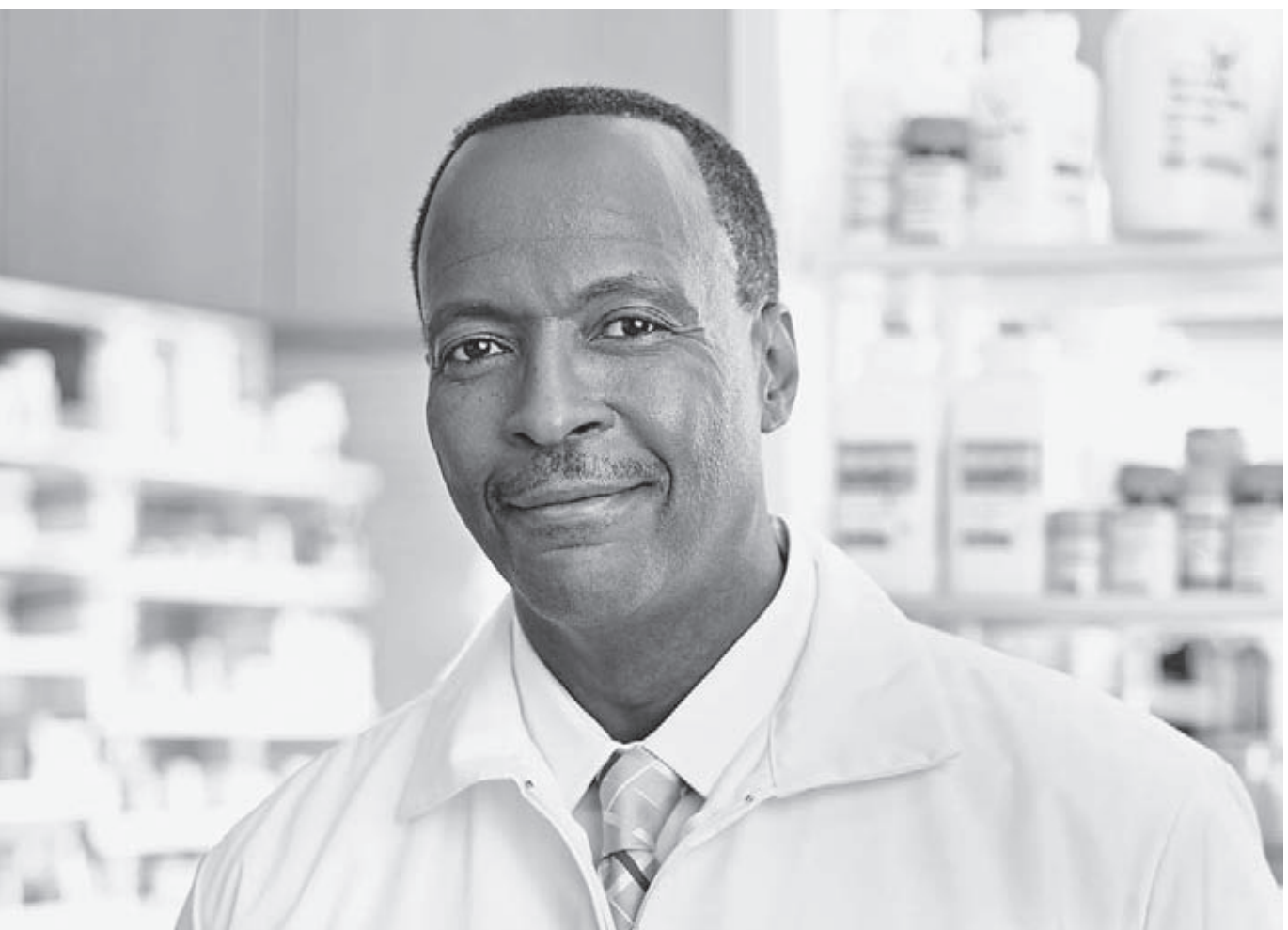
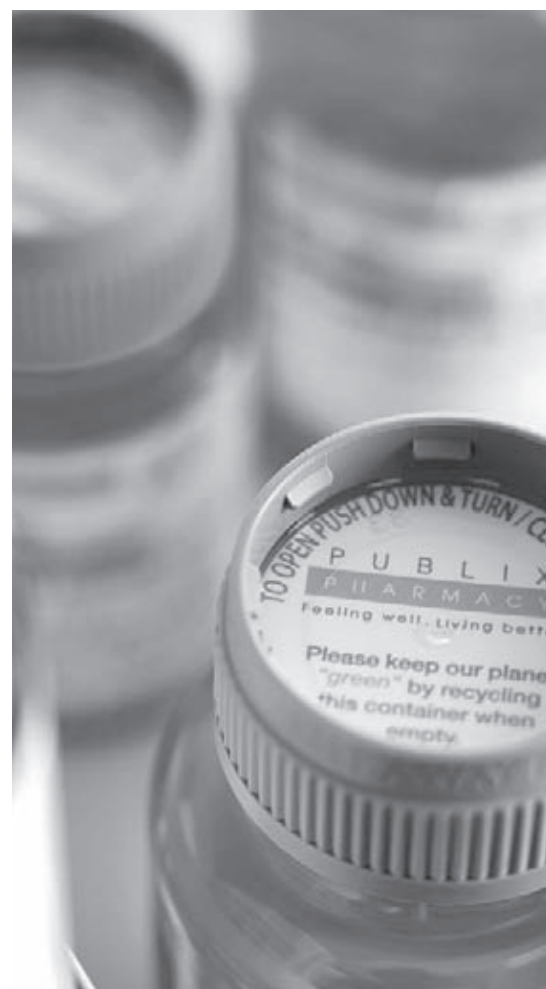
Board members expressed high praise for Gallon's commitment to the college and his work on behalf of students. "You have left some big shoes to fill," trustee John W. Dowd III told him.

Trustee Wendy S. Link alluded to her experiences working along with him to advance the college agenda at the state and national levels of government and in the community. "He has worked so hard for this institution. No one would believe it unless you witnessed it yourself," she said.

Gallon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Edward Waters College, a Master of Science in Business from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the

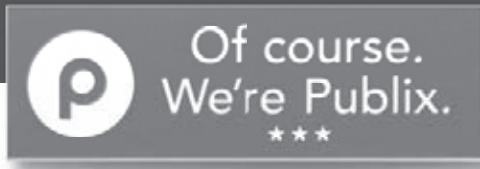
University of Florida. Before being appointed as the college's fourth president, he taught at the secondary and post-secondary levels, including as an adjunct professor at the University of Florida's Institute of Higher Education. He also held positions at Florida Junior College (now State College) at Jacksonville, as a faculty member and administrator, including president of the Kent Campus.

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Obituaries

JAY'S FUNERAL HOME
ANNIE RUTH THOMAS, 77, Domestic, died August 17. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

JAY'S FUNERAL HOME
ROBERT EUGENE MITCHELL, Infant, died August 11. Funeral was held Wednesday, August 20.
PAX VILLA FUNERAL HOMES - Broward
CHRISTO CHRISTALIN, died August 14, in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

PAX VILLA FUNERAL HOMES - Orlando
MARIE THERESE CHERY, died August 10, in Orlando, FL. Funeral will be held Saturday in Cayes, Haiti.
MANETTE LOUIS, died August 10, in Orlando, FL. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at Second Haitian Church of the Nazarene, Orlando, FL.
CHARLES SYLVAIN, died August 5, in Orlando, FL. Private Direct Burial, Orlando, FL.
NAKIA INGRAHAM FUNERAL HOME
ARTIE MAE GREGORY, 86, died August 12. Funeral was held 11 am Tuesday at Greater Ward Chapel.
DOROTHY PIPKIN, 76, LPN, died August 14. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church.

WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME
KENNEDY FORDHAM JR., 31, died August 11. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.
CAPTAIN ALBERT HARPER JR., 68, Of Broward Sheriff's Department, died August 15. Funeral will be held 11 am Thursday at St. John 1st M.B. Church in Belle Glade, FL.
ROOSEVELT TISDALE, 82, died August 18. Funeral will be held 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel.
BARRINGTON WILLIS, 81, died August 12. Services were held.
CLAUDIA WRIGHT-GAVINS, 89, died August 16. Funeral 2 pm Saturday at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church.

RANGE FUNERAL HOME
NELLIE M. MOORE, 83, Retired School Teacher, for Miami Dade County Public Schools, died August 15. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.
BRENDA DELORIS STEWART, 54, Homemaker, died August 18. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Apostolic Revival Center.
DWIGHT GREGORY WILLIAMS, 61, Retired Materials Manager, for Textile Industry, died August 15. Funeral 11 am Saturday at The Historic Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME
PAULINE HARRISON, 74, of Coconut Creek, died August 15. Arrangements are incomplete.
JOHNNY JACKSON JR., 66, of Fort Lauderdale, died August 15. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.
DR. CURTIS LEONARD, 74, of Philadelphia, died August 16. Arrangements are incomplete.
HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - MLK
BEN WESLEY BOSTON, 72, died August 12, at North Shore Hospital. Funeral will be held 12 pm Saturday at MLK Chapel.
LORENE BRYANT MORRIS, 73, Stock Clerk, died August 12, at Jackson Hospital. Funeral will be held 10 am Friday at MLK Chapel.
JAMES SMITH, 64, Laborer, died August 17, at Jackson Hospital North. Funeral will be held 2 pm Saturday at MLK Chapel.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Table with 3 columns: Date, Meeting, Place. Contains meeting schedules for the School Board of Broward County, Florida.

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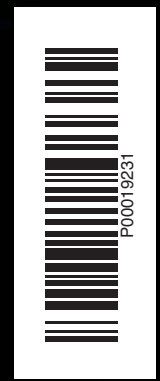


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## technology

## Multitasking on mobile devices

By **ANICK JESDANUN**  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Smartphones and tablets would be much more useful if they allowed us to multitask the way desktop and laptop computers do.

That's starting to change with Android devices, though. Windows tablets do let you run multiple apps side by side, but Windows phones do not. The iPhone and iPad don't, either.

I assess some of the Android devices that offer limited multitasking. These approaches aren't as smooth as what I'm used to on Mac and Windows personal computers, but they are a start.

**SAMSUNG DEVICES:** Samsung offers Multi-Window, which lets you see multiple apps running side by side on the screen. You're typically limited to two, though Samsung's 12.2-inch Pro tablets let you do as many as four. There's a slider you can use to control how much screen space each app takes.

Multi-Window works with only selected apps, though. You can use Samsung's Video or Google's Play Movies & TV app as one of the selections, but not Hulu or Netflix.

Owners of Samsung's Note smartphones and tablets also get a second way to multitask. It's called Pen Window and gets activated when you use the stylus that comes with the device. You simply use the pen to draw a box in the screen. The box floats over the main app on the screen, and apps open inside the box. You can have several apps open at once, and you can temporarily set an app aside by minimizing it into a small dot.

Again, this only works with selected apps.



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**LG's G3 PHONE:** LG's latest smartphone, the G3, has a Dual Window feature. Just hold the back button and choose two apps to open side by side. As with Multi-Window, you're limited in your choices. You can adjust a slider to determine how much on-screen real estate each app occupies.

The phone also has Qslide, which gives you easy access to three apps at once. Unlike

Dual Window, these apps are in overlapping windows, similar to traditional PCs. There's a slider to make two of the apps semi-transparent while working on the third. So if you're composing a text message to make plans and need to see whether you're free, you can launch a calendar through Qslide. Unfortunately, Qslide works with even fewer apps than Dual Window.

For the most part, you're limited to messaging, Web browsing and tools such as the calendar and calculator. Dual Window has a few extras, including Maps, YouTube and the photo gallery. Neither offers weather or streaming video services.

**HUAWEI'S ASCEND MATE2 4G:** The Mate2 has a feature called Window on Window, or WOW. When you turn it on, a small translucent circle hovers over the home screen or any app you're using. Clicking on it gives you quick access to some basic tools — a calculator, a calendar, a note pad and text messaging. You're limited to just those four.

The app hovers in a window over whatever you're doing. Hit the arrow to expand it to full screen, or hit the "x" to make it go away.

The extent of apps available doesn't exactly wow me, but it's another effort toward making mobile devices as useful as laptops. There's more work to do, but I'm glad device makers are working on it.

## Magazine uncovers STEM support for girls

PRNEWswire — When it comes to equality in the STEM field, finding the right resources can help young women when they are starting their careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. InformationWeek finds 12 resources that can help.

During the last several weeks, several public reports from some of the biggest tech companies, including Google, Facebook, and Twitter, told us what many already knew: White males dominate the STEM fields.

However, there's a paradox. The same companies that are dominated by white males are also the ones that are pushing diversity in the workplace as both smart business and responsible management. How can women and minorities break into the workplace and move up the corporate IT ladder?

InformationWeek Community Editor Susan Nunziata found

12 different resources young women can take advantage of to help them as they begin to explore careers in engineering,



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computer sciences, and scientific research. In her report, Nunziata writes that: "As educators, government officials, technology executives, and women's groups discuss these issues, a growing number of grassroots organizations are looking to encourage young women to pursue STEM so they can be part of the next generation of tech workers."

How much do these resources matter? The 2014 US IT Salary Survey by InformationWeek found that the difference between male and female staffers is almost \$13,000 per year. How women can even the score is more important than ever.

#### 12 Organizations with STEM resources for young women:

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**PIONEER:** Mae Jemison, first African American female Astronaut

# film

## 'The Expendables 3': a little old, a little new

By **KIMBERLY GRANT**  
Special to South Florida Times

Ah, the *Expendables*, also known as geriatrics getting their 1980s action flick on. These men are old as dirt, roiled up, and ready for death-defying, stunt-doubled action.

In the return of *The Expendables* (3), our heroes Barney (Sylvester Stallone), Caesar (Terry Crews), Christmas (Jason Statham), Gunnar (Dolph Lundgren), Toll Road (Randy Couture), Galgo (Antonio Banderas), and Doc (Wesley Snipes), are fighting to take down a bad man named Conrad Stonebanks (Mel Gibson) and rescue the newbies of the crew. Newcomers include Thorn (Glen Powell), Mars (Victor Ortiz), Luna (Ronda Rousey), and Smilee (Kellan Lutz). Along Barney and company's journey, they get a little help from old friends, literally: Trench (Arnold Schwarzenegger), Drummer (Harrison Ford), Bonaparte (Kelsey Grammer) and Yin Yang (Jet Li).

Conrad, a co-founder of the *Expendables*, was thought to be dead and has re-surfaced as a sought-after black-market arms dealer. He's also got a spur in his saddle for Barney and all those that stand with him. So, he does what all other villains do; he very un-cleverly tries to kill everyone. This is an interesting turn for Gibson, since he's used to playing the good guy. But, Gibson holds his own pretty well.

Screenwriters Stallone, Creighton Rothenberger, and Katrin Benedikt (with character help from Dave Callahan) have created a story that's actually better than its predecessors — not bad for a threequel. Plus, they didn't write the first two. Rothenberger and his wife Benedikt's previous writing credit is *Olympus Has Fallen*. This latest *Expendables* story has a lot of heart and doesn't take itself seriously, so there's a tremendous comedic element to it. It also

successfully merges the old (ways) with the new (ways), begging the question, which one is better? Apparently, new isn't always best route to take.

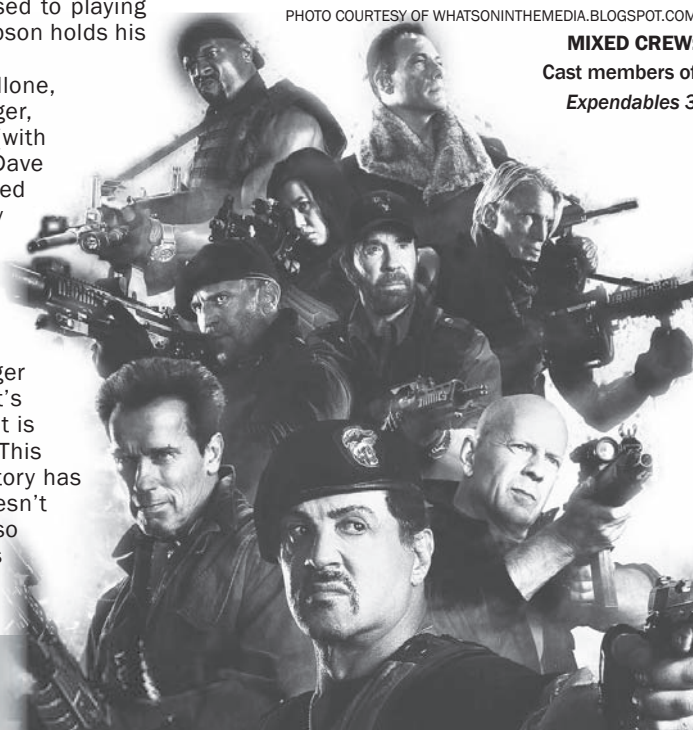
In the directing category, Patrick Hughes finds the strengths of each character and tries to bring that to the forefront, although the newcomers aren't as fleshed out as the seasoned cast members. Kudos to Hughes for bringing out the funny side of Banderas and creating a memorable character in this, his first major production.

Looking at the body of work of the new people in front and behind the camera, it's obvious Stallone was looking for new blood on and off camera, which is a good thing. Hughes, Benedikt, and Rothenberger bring a fresh perspective to a franchise that seemed to be teetering on the edge of retirement. Likewise, Rousey and Ortiz make this franchise more interesting with its Rainbow Coalition casting, which seems to be a nod to another franchise film where multicultural people drive cars really fast and furious.

Leave it to Sylvester Stallone to show that even though these guys are old, they still know how to have fun and kick butt. And, they can teach the young a few tricks. It's also good to see a female have just as much fun as the guys.

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# pop culture

By **CAROLYN D. GUNISS**  
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**DELRAY BEACH** — The twin sensation SHOD, formerly known as Double Trouble, will perform at Delray Beach's popular On The Avenue when it returns to West Atlantic Avenue this Thursday.

Tashad and Rashad Gardenhire changed their named about six months ago to SHOD. "We felt Double Trouble was a bit juvenile and the 'trouble' aspect of the name is not what we want as a brand, you know," said Rashad.

From Delray Beach but a product of the foster system, the Gardenhire twins have been singing since they were toddlers. Last year, they auditioned and were selected for *X Factor* and performed Bill Withers' *Ain't No Sunshine* for Simon Cowell. Due to unpaid traffic tickets they weren't invited to continue on the show.

Since then the young men have been working on their debut CD, dubbed *Page 1*, and are seeking representation by an agency.

Drew Tucker, director of education, Performing Arts Academy at Delray Beach's Arts Garage, where the twins work and perform, describe the twins' musical style as Boyz to Men meets OutKast.

Tucker said when the Gardenhires reached out to him he had to get involved.

"They have an admirable spirit and considering all that they have been through they have great hearts," Tucker said.

On the Avenue celebrates the start of the new school year with local entertainment, great food and activities for all generations.

"Our theme this year is 'Back to Cool,'" said Stephen Chrisanthus, associate director of the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative, which produces On The Ave. "It ... lets people know that there will be cool things happening at On The Ave."

Set for 6 to 10 p.m., On The Ave will be held at the Elizabeth Wesley Plaza, and on Southwest Fifth Avenue, which will be closed to traffic from Atlantic Avenue to Southwest First Street.

# SHOD

## part of Delray's Back to Cool event

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** On The Ave Back to Cool Celebration

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Elizabeth Wesley Plaza, and on the 100 block of Southwest Fifth Avenue

**INFO:** Visit [ontheavedelraybeach.com](http://ontheavedelraybeach.com)

"Moving On The Ave to West Atlantic Avenue gives our local merchants a chance to reach new audiences during the summer," said Stephanie Immelman, executive director of the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative.

On The Ave packs games that are a bit of a throwback to the days before video games.

For youngsters, On The Ave will feature an expanded Kid's Corner with face painting, street chalk artwork, a photo booth and lots of crafts. To keep things really cool, there will also be a Splash Zone with giant beach-ball sprinklers and beach ball giveaways.

"This is going to be a fun night in Delray Beach with the same cool feel and hot entertainment visitors to all our On The Ave events are used to," Chrisanthus said. "It's a chance for everyone to come out and feel the cool vibe of Southwest Fifth Avenue."

The Arts Garage will also bring its Instrument Petting Zoo to the event. Emcee James T. will be back again this year to help keep the party going.

"The music will be a combination of 'Old School' and 'New Cool,'" Chrisanthus said. "We'll be playing some old hits with a new spin."

Local community organizations, including the Spady Museum, the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition (WARC) and Delray Beach CRA will present displays and activities. Visitors can paint pots and plant seeds at The Frog Alley Community Garden display. There will also be a chance to take a photo in front of the DBMC's "Hot Here" backdrop.

For those who work up an appetite during On The Ave, there will be an assortment of food trucks and local restaurants on hand. Guests can visit the Burger Fi Food Truck or stop by the Keurig Brew It Up van for a free cup of coffee.

Visitors to the area will also get a chance to stop by local shops, which will stay open late. DBMC's final On The Ave in 2014 will be held Oct. 9 in the Pineapple Grove Arts District.

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Peter Bailey

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 ON THE CONCRETE: Black youths lose their lives mostly because they are poor, says Bailey.

# Economic injustice in Ferguson

By **PETER BAILEY**

I stopped fighting racism years ago.

The images of Ferguson, Mo. in flames, Michael Brown's corpse stiff on the pavement and prophet-like pundits decrying this country's failed war on race relations reminded me why.

I'd like to believe that many of you are tired of this all too-familiar script, which leads me to what addicts consider their moment of clarity freeing them from addiction.

Black people's war is not against racism. It's against economic disparity and this cancer, unlike racism, we have a remedy for: it's unity.

Much like religion, racist thinking is rooted in an individual's ideology and we all know what happens when trying to convert someone from their faith.

However, as a people, we have the choice to support black enterprise, which in turn fosters economic growth leading to power and ultimately, fair treatment by the powers that be.

I've never read of an upper middle class teen of any race brutally gunned down by police in the suburbs.

In America, no one values the poor and, unfortunately, the words black

and poor have become synonymous.

Knowing the content for the poor runs so deep, Ferguson police launched a smear campaign of Brown robbing the convenience store or cigarrillos in an unrelated incident to appease the public's sentiments justifying the murder.

Several years ago, after writing for some of the world's most respected publications and publishing a New York Times-praised celebrity memoir, I set out like any over-achiever to start my own media franchise.

Naturally, I sought investment from the myriad of wealthy friends, mostly white, who had become fans of my work.

No one budged. In fact, in one memorable three-hour sit-down, a tycoon told me:

"If the banks won't give you any money why should I? Why don't you just go back to work for one of those media outfits?"

He, who had inherited his father's business, scoffed at my data showing the disparity in blacks applying for business loans.

I found myself navigating a world of shady suitors who included drug dealers, pimps and the mafia — low life vultures who wanted to sink their teeth into a

credible journalist for a quick come up.

I'd be lying if I said the money wasn't tempting. The help that would make my NiteCap show what it is today ultimately came from family, close friends and my film crew, all of whom are black.

A recent report by the advocacy group Young Invincibles shows that white men without a degree have the same employment rate as black men with a degree.

My bet is that stat exists because it's much easier to get a job from people that look, think and act like you.

So if black economic solidarity is the remedy to police brutality and all other ills plaguing black America why are the news media, pundits and civil rights leaders crusading against racism?

Black pain is big business for everyone else but us.

CNN's special *Black In America* was one of its most watched programs. A rally affording the pundits airtime won't exist if the suffering that racism caused ended.

Furthermore, a culture of black enterprise would create competition for the very outlets from which our pain is broadcast. We just might want to tell our stories on media outlets owned and operated by us.

The myth of economic individualism in America is one that's been sold to black people at our expense.

Until blacks embrace the concept of collective wealth that's been practiced by other groups, we'll be scraping more Michael Browns and Trayvon Martins off the concrete.

I'll make a fair assumption that cops patrolling

predominately black affluent neighborhoods don't antagonize their well-to-do constituents. In fact, they probably stop to make sure they're safe and protected.

Imagine that.

Start a convo with Peter at [peter@iampeterbailey.com](mailto:peter@iampeterbailey.com) or on twitter, @iampeterbailey

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**IN CONCERT:** Tashad and Rashad Gardenhire with band, Plaid Blazer



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# Visiting 9/11 sites: Memorial, museum, tours

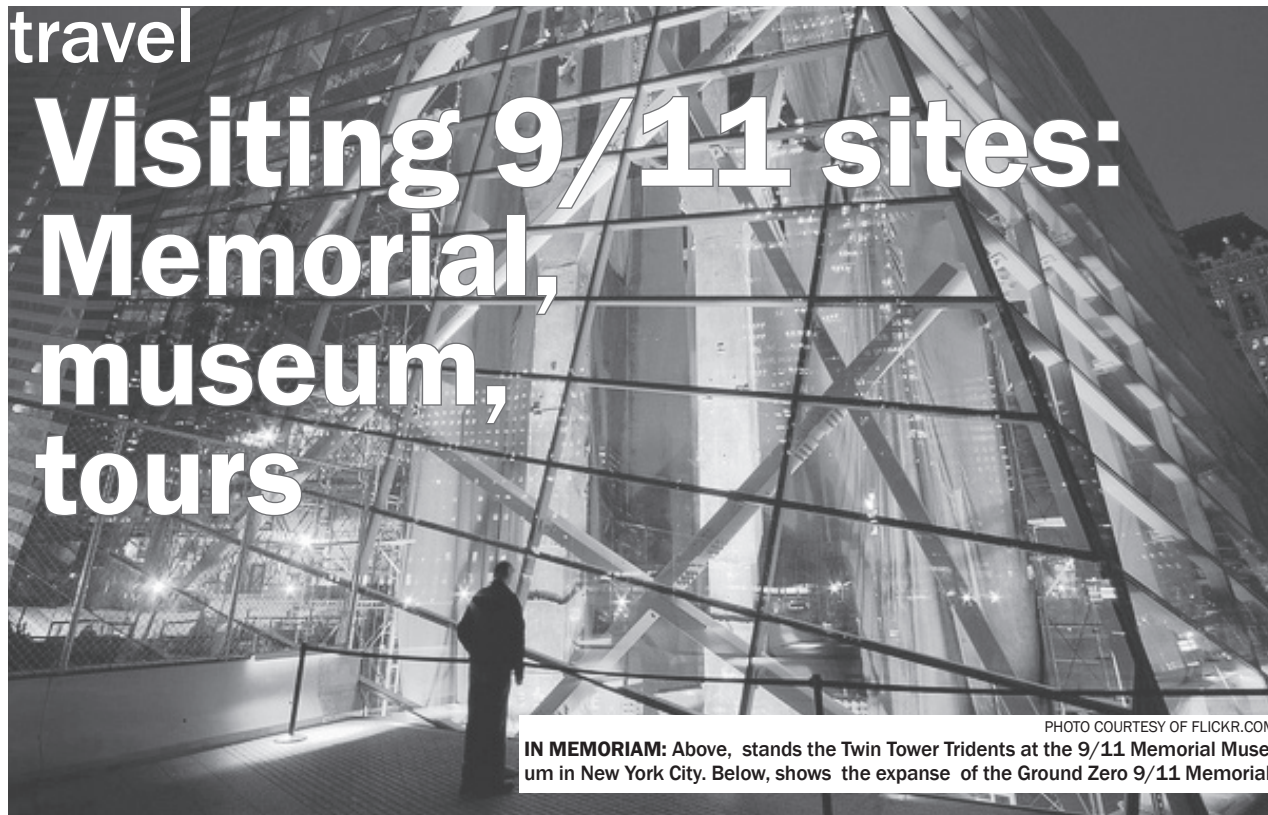


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**IN MEMORIAM:** Above, stands the Twin Tower Tridents at the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City. Below, shows the expanse of the Ground Zero 9/11 Memorial.

By **BETH J. HARPAZ**  
AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK — Out-of-towners and locals alike have shown enormous interest in sites connected to the Sept. 11th attacks. More than 700,000 people from all 50 states and 131 countries have been to the National Sept. 11 Museum since it opened May 21. More have come from New York than any other state, but the museum also hosts so

many international tourists that you can't even iden all the languages being spoken.

In addition, nearly 15 million people have visited the Sept. 11 Memorial since it opened three years ago on the footprints of the twin towers. That's 1 million more a year than visit the Statue of Liberty.

And yet the very idea of 9/11 tourism remains controversial to some. Some New Yorkers are still so traumatized they've avoided the

area. Others think 9/11 tourism is unseemly, however respectful the intent. Indeed, the memorial plaza could now be mistaken for a leafy urban park, with visitors taking smiling selfies or leaning on bronze parapets that bear the names of the dead. And yet, one could argue that recreating a sense of normalcy downtown is part of the 9/11 story, too.

"There's this tension between a nice park where you can come out and have your lunch, but you might be sitting next to a family member paying respects to a loved one," said Brenda Berkman, a retired fire lieutenant who was there on Sept. 11, 2001, and worked on the recovery effort. Berkman now leads guided tours from the 9/11 Tribute Center.

For those who do want to visit, pay respects or learn more about the events of 13 years ago, here are some options.

## 9/11 MEMORIAL

The memorial's waterfalls and twin reflecting pools are set deep in the twin towers' footprints. The

pools are surrounded by panels inscribed with the names of the nearly 3,000 people who perished in the attacks, including those who died at the site, on the planes and at the Pentagon. Also listed are six who died in the 1993 Trade Center bombing.

Hundreds of oak trees line the plaza, but be sure to find a tall, callery pear tree called the Survivor Tree, grown from an 8-foot stump found in the rubble of the fallen towers.

The memorial is free and open daily, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; <http://www.911memorial.org/visit-911-memorial> Visitor passes and security checks are no longer required.

## 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The museum tells the definitive story of the World Trade Center, from construction to destruction to rebirth. Artifacts large and small include tower beams, the Survivors' Stairs used by hundreds to escape, a wrecked firetruck and shoes worn by a photojournalist who was injured that day. You'll hear phone messages left by people trapped in the towers, and if you dare peek

behind an exhibit labeled "disturbing," you'll see photos of those who jumped. Numerous videos and photos show Lower Manhattan before the attacks, as the planes hit, while the towers burned, and after they fell as enormous debris clouds covered downtown.

Tissue boxes around the galleries testify to the museum's visceral, emotional impact. But some of the simplest exhibits are among the most memorable. Blue squares represent an artist's effort to remember the sky color that day. And a massive wall bears this quote from Virgil: "NO DAY SHALL ERASE YOU FROM THE MEMORY OF TIME."

The museum is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m., with the last entry at 7 p.m. through Sept. 21 (after Sept. 21, 7 p.m. closing). Get timed tickets online in advance to avoid long waits. Admission, \$24; <http://911memorial.org>

## 9/11 TRIBUTE CENTER AND TOURS

In contrast to the large, formal exhibits of the Memorial Museum, the 9/11 Tribute Center is a small, intimate, low-key place. The walls are covered with victims' photos and missing posters; handmade paper cranes — a symbol of peace — hang over a stairwell. It's like looking through someone's scrapbook and sharing memories.

The Tribute Center also offers terrific guided tours of the memorial led by individuals

with a connection to Sept. 11th — first responders, survivors, those who lost loved ones. The tours offer personal memories and insights as well as an informed appreciation of the memorial's design and symbolism. "We try and bring you to that day based on what we witnessed," Berkman said.

The Tribute Center at 120 Liberty St. is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Center admission, \$15; tours, \$10; combined admission plus tour, \$20; <http://tributewtc.org>

## ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER

The observatory at One World Trade Center won't open until next year. But the gleaming skyscraper itself, with its trademark spire and graceful angles, can be seen from all over the city.

## APPS

Two free, official apps can help you explore the memorial and museum in person or virtually: the 9/11 Memorial Guide and 9/11 Memorial Audio Guide.

## GETTING THERE

Access the 9/11 Museum via Liberty and Greenwich streets, or Fulton and West streets. Nearby subways include the Chambers and Fulton Street stations, which are served by many lines. The E train has a World Trade Center stop.

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**August 21**

**DMV to Go:** Obtain or renew your driver license or identification card at this pop-up shop. Other federal services may be available; be sure to bring proper documentation as required by the DMV; and you must make an appointment on-line for a license. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Center Lobby, 111 NW First St., Miami. Go to [www.gathergoget.com](http://www.gathergoget.com) for an appointment or call 305-375-5730 for details.

**Joint Chamber Networking & Showcase Event:**

Five regional chambers host 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.

**August 22****H2Ombre-Brave the**

**Elements:** This show features aerial acrobatics and stunning visuals set to a brilliant electronic score by Gaby Kerpel. Pichón Baldinu and Gabriella Baldini created this show which uses more than 6,000 gallons of water, three-dimensional projection screens and large inflatables for an unforgettable interactive experience. The show is designed to give the audience a glimpse into the origins of creativity, imagination and inspiration. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, 3:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays through August 31. Ziff Ballet Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. \$50-\$85, \$125 VIP package available. 305-949-6722 or [www.arshtcenter.org](http://www.arshtcenter.org)

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**August 23**

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**Essential Manners for Teen Ladies:** Teens 13-18 can join Avenues of Excellence for a lesson on social protocol skills. During the session teens will practice communication, presence, poise and more so they can arm themselves with tools to interact in the real world. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Virrick Park, 3255 Plaza St., Miami. \$40. 305-490-7485 or visit [avenuesofexcellence.com](http://avenuesofexcellence.com)

**August 23**

**PAMM Art Storytime:** Children ages 3-5 can enjoy an afternoon of arts and crafts and storytelling at the Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM). The fun starts at 1 p.m., at the museum, 1103 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. \$10, \$7 for member children, \$12 adults. Pre-registration is required call 786-354-5641.

**Stand Against Violence It's Our Responsibility (SAVIOR):** The sixth annual crime prevention rally includes a march and candle light vigil honoring those who lost their lives to violence. The march begins at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 15250 NW 22nd Ave., Miami Gardens, and ends at Bunche Park, 15295 W. Bunche Park Dr., Miami Gardens. 305-622-8000 ext. 2705.

**August 24**

**The Nicole Yarling Quartet:** The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series continues with a performance by this group led by singer and violinist Nicole Yarling. Known for her eclectic musical styles, expect a mix of jazz, rock, R&B and experimental music. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores. \$15, \$10 Sunshine Jazz Organization members. 305-795-2360.

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**Aug. 21 - Aug. 29**

Please email your event to [news@sfltimes.com](mailto:news@sfltimes.com) by the preceding Thursday at 10 a.m.

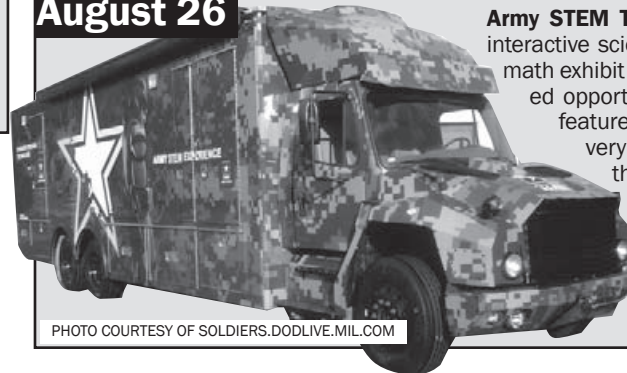
**August 26**

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**Army STEM Truck Experience:** Check out this interactive science, technology, engineering and math exhibit which showcases technology-related opportunities within the Army. The truck features three different rooms with three very different scenarios to be solved through movie clips, technology and participant interaction. Each tour takes about 15 minutes. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Judson A. Samuel South Campus, 7200 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines Building 68. Free. 954-201-6809.

**August 26**

**On the Waterfront:** Marlon Brando stars in this classic 1954 film about an ex-prize fighter turned longshoreman who struggles to take a stand against his corrupt union bosses. Lee J. Cobb, Karl Malden and Rod Steiger also star. Presented by the Miami Jazz & Film Society, 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. screening at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami. Free. 305-684-4564.

**August 27**

**"Friend"-Raiser:** Join ChildNet at this networking event designed to teach attendees about the organization's Circle of Supporters, a group of individuals who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of abused, abandoned and neglected children. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at PAMPAS Grille at CityPlace, 651 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$25 donation includes a complimentary drink and appetizers. 561-352-2500 ext. 2459.

**Garrett McNamara:** The Big Wave Surfing Record Holder will discuss his adventures chasing big waves and what it takes to be physically and mentally prepared. Watch never-before-seen footage of his surfing triumphs and ask questions about McNamara's adventures. 7 p.m. at the Bienes Center Theater at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 2801 SW 12<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Lauderdale. Free. 954-513-2270.

**August 27**

**Romantic Endings:** The Bakehouse pairs 10 cinematic deaths with a 10 course meal prepared by Chef Tanner Gill. Dancer and choreographer Marissa Nick re-imagines the classic ballet Swan Lake into *Swan Lake's Battle Royale* in which the black and golden swan fight for their beloved prince as an interlude. 7 to 10 p.m. at the Bakehouse Art Complex, 561 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Miami. \$55, \$45 BAC members. 305-576-2828 or visit [bacfl.org](http://bacfl.org)

**August 29****ArtsPark Movie Night:**

Grab a blanket or a lawn chair and watch *Life of Pi* on the big screen. The 2012 film follows a young man who survives a disaster at sea and makes an unexpected connection with another survivor – a Bengal tiger. 8 p.m. ArtsPark at Young Circle, Hollywood Blvd. and US 1, Hollywood. Free. 954-921-3500.

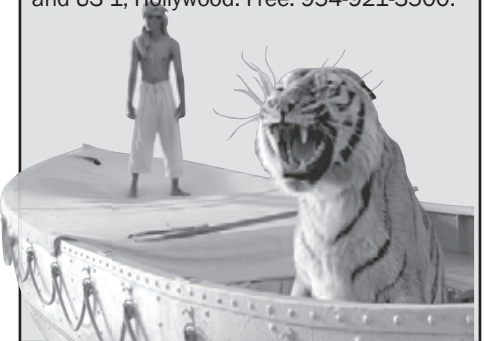


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Richard Sexton

**August 23**

**Creole World:** Photographer and author Richard Sexton, will discuss the architectural and cultural connections between New Orleans and the Latin Caribbean. For more than 30 years Sexton travelled across the Caribbean and Latin America, including Haiti, Colombia and Cuba taking photos of the similarities among the locales. The photos are currently on display at the New

Orleans Collection and the accompanying book features more than 200 color images and essays by Creole-architecture historian Jay D. Edwards with additional photos by John H. Lawrence. 7 p.m. at Books & Books Coral Gables, 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables. Free. 305-442-4408 or [booksandbooks.com](http://booksandbooks.com)

food

# Grilled Steak Fajitas

**FAMILY FEATURES** — Take advantage of the longer, warmer days before winter arrives by whipping up tasty grilled meals that are delicious and healthy for the whole family. Using lean cuts of beef is a great way to cut down calories and fat, but it doesn't have to reduce the grilled flavors you love.

For the best results when grilling, choose quality meats that are 92 percent lean or higher, naturally raised and contain no hormones or antibiotics, to ensure you are packing in flavor without harmful ingredients. Products such as Laura's Lean Beef ribeye steaks or ground beef are easy to prepare and provide a nutrition count you can be happy about.

Follow these tips to tease the best flavors from your favorite grilled foods:

- Let dry spice rubs penetrate the meat to tenderize and add extra flavor. To help keep meat moist when grilling, use the cover on your grill during part or all of the cook time to help lock in flavorful juices. If your grill doesn't have a cover, improvise by putting a large, disposable foil roasting pan over the food.
- Some lean meats, such as Laura's Lean Beef steaks, cook in less time than other products, so it is important to keep an eye on the doneness.

**Start to finish: 2 hours and 30 minutes/Servings: 8**

- 1** pound Laura's Lean Beef ribeye steak (may substitute strip, sirloin or flank)
- 1** teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2** teaspoon cumin
- 1/2** teaspoon chili powder
- 1** green bell pepper
- 1** red bell pepper
- 1** medium-hot Poblano pepper, dark green and triangular
- 1** medium yellow onion
- 8** fat-free flour tortillas

At least two hours before dinner, dust steak with freshly ground black pepper, cumin and chili powder. Let it sit in refrigerator so flavors can penetrate meat.

Cut peppers into large segments, discarding ribs and seeds. Chop onion into thick slices, making sure not to pull rings apart.

Place peppers and onion slices on grill over medium heat; cover and roast by turning frequently until covered with dark spots, but not burnt.

Remove from grill and allow to cool, about four minutes. Pull off waxy-papery skins of peppers and slice crosswise into strips. Break onion slices into rings and mix with peppers in serving bowl.

Place steak on the grill, turning frequently. Cook until desired level of doneness. Remove from grill and cut diagonally into thin slices.

Warm tortillas on edge of grill, keeping them away from direct heat, to warm and soften. Remove from grill.

Roll several slices of steak and pieces of peppers and onions into tortillas to serve.

**Nutritional Analysis Per Serving: 334 calories (24 percent from fat); 9.2 g fat (3.5 g saturated fat); 29.4 g protein; 35 g carbohydrate.**

