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**POMPANO BEACH** — Governor Rick Scott did something recently that hasn't always been successful: He reached out to black pastors while campaigning for re-election in November. Scott, a Republican, addressed a nearly all-male crowd that was warm and receptive. But whether a typically progressive group will vote Republican is anyone's guess. Scott delivered 20-minute remarks last Thursday to more than 70 guests during a breakfast that included salmon patties, scrambled eggs and grits at The Worldwide Christian Center Church. Scott's opening remarks spoke to his humble beginnings, and underscored his experience with social issues like poverty and addiction.

He was born amidst divorce in Bloomington, Ill. and

grew up in public housing, he said. His stepfather was a truck driver, who faced regular stints of unemployment, and his mother worked several jobs to support her five children. Scott said he learned the value of hard work. He served in the Navy, earned a law degree and became a successful businessman.

"I've lived the American dream," he said.

He drew parallels between himself and the audience.

"If you think about your families, and my family, they're similar," he said. "What do parents care about? They want jobs. Everybody needs a job; whether you grew up rich or poor, you need a job, and you also need a purpose in life."

Reverend Dr. O'Neal Dozier, the church's senior pastor and breakfast host, called Scott sincere and relatable.

"His background is so similar to most black people," Dozier said. "Because most black people came up the way he came up: In poverty. Perhaps without a father, and if they had a dad, the dad wasn't working; the dad wasn't providing. So it is so identical."

Scott drew more parallels. "Second, you're scared to death of how your kids are going to turn out," he added. "Are our kids going to get the right education? Are they going to stay off drugs? Are they going to have alcoholism issues?"

"Pretty much every male relative I had was an alcoholic," he continued, pointing to his 57-year-old brother, who he also described as a drug addict and manic-depressive. "I've dealt with a lot of the social issues that are out there."

Scott lobbed criticism after criticism against his Democratic opponent and predecessor



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 Above: Governor Rick Scott poses with Reverend Dr. O'Neal Dozier pastor at The Worldwide Christian Center Church in Pompano Beach, FL and his wife Attorney Leketia Dozier on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Left: Reverend Dozier greets the Governor and guests.

# Governor woos Black Pastors

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**PALM BEACH**

# Carson, Conservatives' Royalty

By DAPHNE TAYLOR  
 Special to South Florida Times

Famed retired neurosurgeon, Dr. Benjamin Carson, is being treated like a rock star by conservatives these days. Monday was

in November." He said if Republicans and conservatism wins out in the elections in November, that would be a sign to him that conservatism is wanted by the people. That would push him even closer, giving him the boost he needs to make a firm decision. But



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**CONSERVATIVE ROYALTY:** Dr. Benjamin Carson shares his political platform at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on Monday September 8, 2014.

no different, as a packed house of about 500 showed up at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach to hear him speak and to get his latest book, *One Nation*, signed. Carson kicked off the speaker series as the first speaker of the season for the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. Many turned out at the luncheon wearing "Run Ben Run" buttons, hoping to hear him say definitively that he would make a run for president in 2016. During his 15 minute speech and during a question and answer period following it, the closest he came to declaring he would run was to say that if the people wanted him to run, he would, but he has not made a decision yet. But in an exclusive interview with the South Florida Times after his book signing Monday, Carson said he would make an announcement about his candidacy in the spring. When asked if it was true that he said he is a step closer to running today than he was a year ago, he said yes. "I'm absolutely a step closer (to running)," he said during the interview. But the conservative, who is a registered Independent, said if he runs, it would not be as a third-party candidate. Instead, he would run on the Republican ticket. Carson said he wants to gauge the outcome of the upcoming elections before he makes a firm decision. "I want to see what happens

if Democrats win overwhelmingly in November, that too, would be a sign and the people would have spoken. "Who am I to tell them anything differently, if that's what they want?" he said.

The push for him to run for president was ignited last year when he gave a fiery speech at the 2013 National Prayer Breakfast delighting Republicans and conservatives with his rhetoric. Since then, there have been numerous websites, buttons, bumper stickers, car magnets and petitions, urging him to run. Conservatives love the fact that he has criticized the leadership in this country and that he is vehemently against the Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare." He has been reported to have said that President Obama's health care plan is "the worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery." On Monday, he again reiterated his disdain for the health care plan. "I am against a system that puts one's health in someone else's hands," he told the crowd to a thunderous applause. But he said he has been criticized for being against "Obamacare" and accused of not wanting to help the poor get health care. "I, more than anyone, want poor people to have

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**MIAMI-DADE**



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Donna E. Shalala

# Shalala stepping down

By MICHELLE HOLLINGER  
 Special to South Florida Times

Professing her love for the institution that she has led for 14 years, University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala announced on Monday that she will leave the South Florida powerhouse next summer.

In a letter posted on the university's website and shared with the media, Shalala, 73, informed the "University Community" of her decision to leave.

"It is with gratitude and affection for the University that I share with you my decision to step down at the end of the 2014-2015 university year. A long time ago a friend advised me to always leave a job when you still love it. That is certainly the case here," she said. As the university's fifth president and the first woman to hold the position, Shalala said that she accomplished what she set out to do, which was to "...secure the University of Miami's place as the next great American research university."

Shalala took the reins at UM after serving in the Clinton administration as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services for eight years, the longest serving HHS

Secretary in U.S. history. In 2007, President George W. Bush handpicked President Shalala to co-chair with Senator Bob Dole the Commission on Care for Returning Wounded Warriors. In June of 2008, he presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

At UM, increasing diversity was a part of Shalala's focus, and in 2013, UM boasted that 47 percent of its nearly 17,000 student body was comprised of minorities, including 26 percent Hispanic or Latino, 8 percent black, and 13 percent Asian/Pacific Islander—up from 39 percent in 2000.

Shalala's ties to Clinton pays dividends. In 2010 the University hosted the Clinton Global Initiative, and it will do so again in March 2015—the only university to be selected twice for this honor. Clinton was also a guest lecturer in Shalala's hugely popular political science class.

Shalala's presidency saw an unprecedented growth in facilities totaling almost \$2 billion of new construction and comprising 2.7 million square feet of projects

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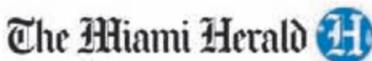
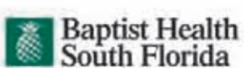


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# Caribbean

## Mystery shrouds US couple's crash off Jamaica

By DAVID MCFADDEN AND JOAN LOWY  
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Rescue crews searching off Jamaica's coast on Saturday said they could no longer see debris spotted earlier, stymieing efforts to solve the mystery surrounding a small plane carrying a prominent upstate New York couple that went on a ghostly 1,700-mile journey after the pilot was apparently incapacitated.

Jamaican officials said that possible wreckage from the single-engine turbo-prop Socata TBM700 was sighted Friday evening by a military aircraft flying off the island's northeast coast, drifting roughly 24 miles (38 kilometers) off the coastal town of Port Antonio.

The island's military said in a statement that Jamaican and U.S. officials felt the sighting was "consistent with that of a high-impact debris field."

But on Saturday Jamaica Coast Guard Commander Antonette Wemyss-Gorman said that the pieces of floating debris could no longer be seen.

"We would have to assume it may have sunk," she said.

The area where the private French-made plane went down has depths of up to 2,000 meters (more than 6,500 feet), according to Leroy Lindsay, director general of Jamaica's civil aviation authority.

Lindsay said French authorities have volunteered to provide help to bring wreckage up from the ocean depths when it is found.

The plane was carrying Rochester real estate developer Laurence Glazer and his entrepreneur wife, Jane — both experienced pilots. On Friday, U.S. fighter pilots were launched to shadow the unresponsive aircraft observed the pilot slumped over and its windows frosting over. Officials say the plane slammed into the sea when it ran out of fuel at least 14 miles (22 kilometers) off Jamaica's northeast coastline.

In a Friday statement, the Coast Guard 7th District command center in Miami said three people were reportedly on board the plane. A 154-foot (47-meter) U.S. Coast Guard cutter and a helicopter crew are aiding in the Saturday search off Jamaica.

Son Rick Glazer said he could not confirm his parents were killed, adding that "we know so little."

But public officials offered their condolences for a prominent couple described as a linchpin in efforts to rejuvenate an upstate New York city stung by the decline of corporate giants Kodak, Bausch & Lomb

and Xerox.

Laurence Glazer co-founded Buckingham Properties and served as chief executive and managing partner, working alongside two sons. Overall, the company owns more than 60 properties in the Rochester area and in central Florida.

His friend Harold Samoff said Saturday that he and Glazer got started in the real estate business in 1970 with a small apartment building, then went on to acquire and revitalize more and bigger properties on the inner-city periphery, reasoning that "just like blight can spread, improvement can spread, also."

Glazer went on to more complex projects, such as converting former industrial properties into loft apartments and turning a shuttered hospital into offices. More recently, he bought Xerox Corp.'s Rochester tower — the city's tallest — and Bausch & Lomb's building.

Jane Glazer started QCI Direct, which produces two national retail catalogs selling household and other products. It made Rochester's Top 100 list of fastest growing privately held companies last year, according to its website.

"It's beyond tragic here. We're reeling," Rochester Downtown Development Corp. President Heidi Zimmer-Meyer said, calling the couple "people who just cannot be replaced."

Their single-engine plane took off at 8:45 a.m. Friday from the Greater Rochester International Airport in New York en route to Naples, Florida. Air traffic controllers were last able to contact the pilot at 10 a.m., the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.

On a recording made by LiveATC, a website that monitors and posts air traffic control audio recordings, the pilot is heard saying, "We need to descend down to about (18,000 feet). We have an indication that's not correct in the plane." A controller replied, "Stand by."

After a pause, the controller told the pilot to fly at 25,000 feet (7,620 meters). "We need to get lower," the pilot responded. "Working on that," the controller said.

Controllers then cleared the plane to descend to 20,000 feet (6,096 meters), a command which the pilot acknowledged. A couple minutes later, a controller radioed the plane by its tail number: "900 Kilo November, if you hear this transmission, ident" — identify yourself. There was no response.

At 10:40 a.m., two F-16 fighter jets were



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scrambled from a National Guard base in South Carolina to investigate, according to a statement by the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Those jets handed off monitoring duties around 11:30 a.m. to two F-15 fighters from Homestead Air Reserve Base in Florida.

The U.S. fighter jets followed the plane until it reached Cuban airspace, when they peeled off, said Preston Schlachter, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command & US Northern Command.

On a LiveATC recording, the fighter pilots can be heard discussing the Socata pilot's condition.

"I can see his chest rising and falling right before I left," one said.

"It was the first time we could see that he was actually breathing. It may be a deal where, depending on how fast they meet them, he may regain consciousness once the aircraft starts descending for fuel ..." the fighter pilot said.

The pilot was speculating that the Socata pilot was suffering from hypoxia, or oxygen deprivation, but Schlachter said the Air Force doesn't know for certain that was the case.

Cases of pilots becoming unresponsive while their planes wander the sky are unusual, with probably not much more than a handful of such incidents over the last decade, said aviation safety expert John Goglia. They sometimes occur when a pilot becomes incapacitated by a heart attack or stroke, but more often the problem is insufficient cabin pressurization that causes the pilot to pass out, he said.

In 1999, the pilots of a Learjet carrying professional golfer Payne Stewart from Orlando, Florida, to Texas became unresponsive. The plane took a turn and wandered to South Dakota before running out of fuel and crashing into a field west of Aberdeen. Stewart and five others on board were killed. An NTSB investigation blamed the accident on depressurization.

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## Opinion

## WHAT WE THINK

## A New Black Agenda

Most Americans hope that the national tragedy that resulted from the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson Missouri will generate a renewed focus on justice and fair play throughout every genre of the national experience. Of course history has shown that these lofty principles can be provided by those in power and must be vigorously sought by those with their backs against the wall.

The black community in Ferguson and in other black communities throughout the nation will have a sea change opportunity during the next few months of political elections. The right to vote is a tool that can correct injustice for those who perceive themselves as devoid of power.

Also, communities must begin to coalesce around issues of concern and then be heard by those in positions of influence. While awaiting the arrival of the few outspoken national voices that appear when crisis arise, black communities must reject those matters that have driven us apart and join voices for the common good. We must be relentless in pursuing a new agenda-one that demands positive change and that will never yield to internal or external pressure.

Ours must be a long term strategy that considers every aspect of the black existence. Those matters over which we have the greatest control must be high on the agenda. No longer can we remain silent when we have information that discloses the culprit of crime in our community. While we must always challenge the killing of black men and boys by white police officers, we must also show absolute intolerance when one of ours kills one of ours. Silence is no longer an option. We must stop the killing of blacks by blacks.

Absolute intolerance for any injustice in any form must be our rallying cry. Communities must take a critical look at their policies and practices that should enable all citizens to participate in the core benefits provided by a community. Artificial language restrictions on jobs, for example, are unjust and foster disenfranchisement of entire communities. They must be eliminated.

Police officers who take pride in protecting our citizens must be equipped with options to the use of deadly force. Moreover, police officers should be equipped with body cameras at all times. Every community has a vested interest in ensuring that true justice is achieved through an accurate depiction of an occurrence. Cameras will help to provide that protection both for the suspect and the police.

## White supremacy is the ultimate enemy within

You must provide your children and grandchildren with the truth about America's so-called "founding fathers." It is critical that Americans of African descent, especially, know George Washington owned more than 300 African slaves and that he was particularly brutal to them.

Many other "founders" and presidents of the USA were also slave owners or otherwise involved in the Trans-Atlantic African Slave Trade. They also roiled the white settler population to dispose of indigenous people, thus the near genocide of American Indians.

By the 1700s British colonialism controlled Sierra Leone in West Africa and a "slave factory" was set-up on Bunce Island in the Sierra Leone River. That's where the British supplied African slaves to America, especially to Charleston, South Carolina and Georgia.

What is also not generally known is that northern states were intricately involved in the slave trade. American slave ships that brought Africans from Bunce Island came from Newport, Rhode Island, New London, Connecticut, Salem, Massachusetts and New York. And just like President Washington, many other northerners owned large numbers of slaves.

America's "founding values" were African slavery and theft of Africa's other riches, mass murder, rape, brutality, democracy and the rule of law (for white people only), a

truncated Judeo-Christian ethic and capitalism (also for white only - the Anglo-Saxon a priori).

To distill success of the industrial revolution for Europe and North America resulting from slavery and colonialism, white scientists and medical doctors developed lies, half truths and glit-

With impending manumission there would be no need to continue breeding slaves. In fact, the system called eugenics had to be turned on its head to curtail black populations and promote a marked increase in the best of white genealogy. White supremacy is a lie! White nationalism is a true, world wide,

understands is that there is no correlation between what America and its European allies promote as democracy -- especially to non-white nations -- and the fascistic white nationalism that actually prevails.

Non-white nations tend to be coy with America and Europe and play along to get much needed aid as they struggle to recover from colonialism and try to stave off the most damaging elements of neo-colonialism. The deals are costly for them, but because these nations need everything, they stay in the arena, hoping for a better day.

Then, too, the lure of corruption looms large and works its magic like the serpent in the Garden of Eden got to Adam. But white supremacy is the ultimate enemy within because, like Adolf Hitler's dream of conquering the world, today's white nationalists or, rather, neo-white nationalists are also delusional. One certainty is this: The world will not stay the way it is.

Throughout the entire history of mankind men have continually come forth and acquired vast amounts of riches and power, but nowhere in that history can be found those who sustained the use of power. And so even mighty Egypt fell, as did Mesopotamia, Greece and Rome, and all the other great and not so great civilizations and societies.

White supremacy is a cancer that is killing the youthful body called America; petering out long before it can grow into maturity.

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White supremacy is a lie!

White nationalism is a true, world wide, Eurocentric social, political and economic system.

tering generalities about black people and the Earth's other non-white people.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries these scholars turned archeological, anthropological, medical scientific data and history into a twisted, pseudo scientific trick that became known as 'white supremacy.' White and non-white populations were indoctrinated with these "facts" of white superiority and the greater inferiority of African people, and, to a lesser degree, people of Asian origin.

Eurocentric social, political and economic system.

The culture of slavery, colonialism and Emancipation's aftermath successfully ingrained both a sense of inferiority and self hate among black people everywhere, prompting black-on-black crime. What today's world focuses on, though, is the continuing brutality and killing of blacks by white people, especially the proliferation of incidents involving white police officers across the USA.

What the world outside of the Anglo-Saxon a priori

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BY MIAMI-DADE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DENNIS C. MOSS

Last week at the first Miami-Dade County Commission hearing for the 2014-15 budget, there was robust discussion about whether the budget should include the purchase of body cameras for our police officers. Some may ask what justifies outfitting our officers with body cameras: my response is the McDuffie riots in Miami; the Ferguson riots in Missouri; and the common denominator-police encounter a disenfranchised black community.

I want to be clear; I am not advocating that we put our brave police officers in harms' way. They have a very difficult job, and when you are in trouble you want the police to come to your rescue. However, professional policies and procedures can be implemented that keep our officers safe, while at the same time using technology to capture important video evidence that will help clarify what happens when there is a police civilian encounter. This type of video evidence could have resulted in a different outcome in Ferguson and could be helpful in avoiding another McDuffie riot in Miami.

Studies suggest that the use of body cameras on police reduce the number of incidents involving the use of force; reduce the number of citizen complaints; encourage better behavior by both police and suspects and captures videotape that can be valuable in future court cases. Both police and citizens tend

to act more professionally and just plain better when they know they are being recorded.

Change is always unsettling and difficult in the beginning, but ultimately no matter how begrudging, change happens. Cameras in police cars was unsettling, but is accepted today and the same will be true for body cameras, especially if it prevents another community crisis like Ferguson or McDuffie. Let's not forget the McDuffie riots; a city on fire for 3 days, \$100 million plus in damage and sadly, 18 people dead.

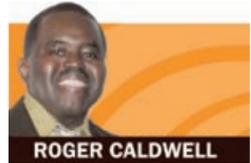
That was the result, but the cause was deeper. Remember I said police encounter a disenfranchised black community. As I stated at a meeting last week, there is a rumbling out in the black community, bubbling below the surface where people feel disenfranchised, disrespected, unfairly treated and without hope. When segments of the community feel this way, it creates an environment where the McDuffie and Ferguson riots can happen.

Unless we as a total community hire black residents without them having to be bi-lingual, create contracting opportunities for black businesses, provide summer jobs for idle youth and fully integrate the black community into the fabric of this society, I repeat what I said last week; I am the canary in the coal mine saying there is danger ahead. We are sitting on a powder keg and it only takes a spark.



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## Has President Obama Forgotten That He Won The Nobel Peace Prize?



ROGER CALDWELL

It is now 2014, and Western leaders around the world are talking war. When President Obama was elected in 2008, he guaranteed Americans that he would stop the two major wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These

were two of the longest conflicts in the history of the U.S., and Americans were tired and had war fatigue.

It appeared that the president was a man of his word, and he had brought the troops home from Iraq, and he was starting to bring the troop's home from Afghanistan. But the war hawks have always believed that the president's strategy was flawed, and he was moving too fast.

In the last two weeks, two American reporters' have been decapitated by a new radical group called ISIS or the Islamic State, and it is time for President Obama to act. This week there was a NATO Summit in Wales and President Obama has decided to incorporate a military strategy to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIS.

The U.S. and nine key allies agreed last week at the NATO Summit to hunt down the terrorist with military power, which sounds like war. The nine countries that have

agreed to collaborate with the U.S. are Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Turkey, Italy, Poland, Denmark, and Australia. President Obama said there was "unanimous" consent among NATO members at the summit that ISIS posed a threat to them and that "action" would need to be taken.

Earlier this week, the president was saying the goal was to roll back the ISIS organization to a point, where it was "manageable." Somehow the president has changed his position and now America must destroy this savage organization and hunt down the militants just as we did with Al-Qaida and with al-Shabab in Somalia. It now appears the President Obama is a hawk, and his goal is to destroy and dismantle the Islamic State.

It does not matter that these Western countries and the U.S. really don't have much information on the organization, but they are ready to spend millions on an enemy that they are not sure what to call them. Our president is making decisions based on anger, and he has nine other countries following him. It is easy to make strategic mistakes, when Isis is deeply entrenched in Syria and Iraq, and both countries are unstable, and none of the leadership can be trusted.

In Syria president Bashar Al-Assad has killed 100,000 of his own people, and it would be insane to negotiate with

him. ISIS is well funded with oil money and many political experts think that this war is about who controls the income from the oil business. These ten countries can tell their residents that this is the most acute security challenge since the end of the cold war, but it is truly not the truth.

This war is about whom controls the oil in Iraq, and the war hawks are winning the debate and conversation. President Obama has forgotten that he was given the Nobel Peace prize, and now at times he has become a war monger and killer like the other war hawks. War and peace are extremely complicated, because Alfred Nobel invented dynamite, explosives and rocket propellant, but the prize for peace is given in his name.

In world affairs, your enemy today can be your friend tomorrow, so be careful who you threaten. Diplomacy is complicated and the world needs peace. In international relations, it is better not to flex your muscles, and sell wolf tickets that you may not be able to cash.

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## Nation

# Housing bias dispute could return to Supreme Court

By **SAM HANANEL**  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not easy to prevent the Supreme Court from deciding an issue once the justices have agreed to hear a case.

But over the past two years, civil rights advocates have managed to do just that by coaxing settlements in a pair of high-profile housing discrimination cases weeks before the court was set to hear oral arguments.

The advocates' goal was to remove any chance that court conservatives might undermine a powerful legal doctrine the Obama administration and others have used increasingly to enforce the Fair Housing Act.

While those last-minute settlements pushed the issue down the road, the Supreme Court could decide as early as this month whether to take up yet another case challenging so-called "disparate impact" lawsuits.

In disparate impact cases, plaintiffs rely on statistics to show that seemingly neutral housing or lending practices can disproportionately harm racial minorities, even if there is no proof of intent to discriminate. The theory has been used for years to show bias in employment cases, but Texas officials are urging the justices to find that it doesn't apply in housing discrimination cases.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is seeking to overturn a lower court ruling that found disparate impact could be used to show the agency illegally steered low-income housing into mostly black neighborhoods.

If the high court doesn't take up the Texas case, at least two other cases are also moving through federal courts challenging the Department of Housing and Urban Development's adoption last year of regulations that specifically recognize disparate impact claims in housing cases.

"It became clear early on in the (Chief Justice John) Roberts court era that the best way for liberal groups to win before the Supreme Court on issues aside from gay rights is not to play," said Rick Hasen, a professor at the University of California-Irvine School of Law.

But Hasen said he doesn't expect the game of keep away to last on the housing issue because opponents keep bringing legal challenges and the justices clearly are interested.

Disparate impact has been used for more than four decades since the Supreme Court embraced it in a landmark employment discrimination case in 1971. But the theory has emerged in recent years as a centerpiece of the Justice Department's effort to crack down on illegal housing practices.

In 2011, the government won a record \$335 million settlement from Bank of America to resolve allegations that its Countrywide unit discriminated against black and Hispanic customers by charging them higher fees and steering them into higher-risk subprime loans.

The lawsuits have drawn the ire of banks and mortgage companies, which contend that federal housing laws should punish only intentional acts of discrimination. Civil rights groups say the disparate impact argument is needed to counter forms of discrimination that are less overt but still have the effect of hurting racial minorities.

In the Texas case, a fair housing group alleged that the state's system for handing out low-income housing tax credits had a disparate impact on racial minorities. A federal appeals court agreed that the group could use statistics to show the state was approving more low-income housing in black neighborhoods than in white areas. Such policies

perpetuate segregated neighborhoods, fair housing advocates say.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs says allowing disparate impact claims would open nearly every housing decision, from zoning rules to use of

credit scores, to potential litigation. The agency also says it puts housing officials in the awkward position of seeking out race-neutral results without actually taking race into account.

In 2012 the justices were poised to take on the

housing issue in a Minnesota case questioning whether the city of St. Paul's aggressive enforcement of housing code violations in low-income properties disproportionately affected black residents. But Justice Department lawyer Thomas Perez, now labor

secretary, persuaded the city to drop its appeal.

Perez has said the case, *Magner v. Gallagher*, contained "bad facts" because landlords of run-down apartments were trying to use the law to keep their tenants in squalor. Critics suggested the case

revealed the flaws of disparate impact, making it a perfect vehicle to overturn use of the theory in housing cases.

Last year, the court was set to hear another

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## Watchdogs question new Denver police body cameras

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**BODY CAMERAS:** Denver police commander Magen Dodge displays a body camera.

DENVER (AP) — Some police watchdogs are questioning a plan to outfit about 800 Denver officers with body cameras.

The Denver Post (<http://dpo.st/1AmZuvr>) reported Sunday that community activists are concerned about how the footage will be used, when it will be released to the public and what officials will do to ensure privacy for those who are filmed.

Police Chief Robert White announced last month that some officers already are wearing body cameras as part of a national study of their effectiveness. He is seeking \$1.5 million to outfit all 800 patrol officers with the devices, which are worn on lapels or eyeglasses. White and other police officials said the cameras improve transparency.

But Denise Maes, public policy director for the ACLU-Colorado, said strong policies need to exist to prevent abuse. At a public meeting last week to discuss the technology, some residents said they don't trust Denver officers not to tamper with the footage or find other ways to avoid recording their interactions.

"The accountability process will be controlled by those committing the abuses," said resident and homeless advocate, Benjamin Donlon.

Police officials said their policy requires use of the cameras during most official interactions, such as traffic stops and

911 calls. Officers will turn their cameras on and leave them running until an incident is over. A buffer catches the 30 seconds before the officer started recording to show how a situation escalated.

But the policy prohibits camera use in more sensitive areas, such as bathrooms and hospitals. Citizens may request an officer turn off a camera, but the officer must announce the request before doing so. Officers who purposefully turn a camera off or forget to use them can be punished, Cmdr. Magen Dodge said.

Footage will be stored on a website maintained by Taser International Inc., which is providing the devices for the study. Internal affairs investigators and case detectives will be the only ones with access to it.

Tania Soto Valenzuela of the Colorado Progressive Coalition questioned who decides which videos to release to the public. Police officials said they'll make those decisions on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for privacy and pending investigations.

Other departments around the country are fashioning body camera programs as well. Calls for more officers to wear the technology mounted after the fatal police shooting of an unarmed 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri. But White said his department had considered it for some time.

## Housing Bias suits protected from Supreme Court review



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**FAIR HOUSING:** Elizabeth Julian (far right), '73, executive director of the Inclusive Communities Project, discusses tools to provide low-income, minority families with access to high opportunity neighborhoods at an event cosponsored with the UT Opportunity Forum. Also pictured (l-r): Frank Fernandez, executive director of Austin-based GreenDoors, and Betsy Spencer, director of the City of Austin Office of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

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disparate impact case from New Jersey in which residents of a mostly black and Hispanic neighborhood sued the township of Mount Holly over a redevelopment plan that would have forced them to move. A last-minute settlement resulted in the case being dismissed.

There is no indication so far of any settlement talks in the Texas dispute, though that could change if the Supreme Court decides at its Sept. 29 conference to hear the case. The Obama administration has not weighed in on the case. Gordon Anderson, spokesman for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, referred questions to the state attorney general's office, which declined comment.

Betsy Julian, president of the Texas-based Inclusive Communities Project Inc., which brought the case, also declined comment. In court filings, the group says the court should wait for one of the other cases challenging the new HUD regulations.

While the court often takes up cases where there is a split among appeals

courts, every appeals court to address the issue has held that the housing law does allow disparate impact claims.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Mortgage Bankers Association and other groups representing the finance and lending industry have urged the justices to take up the Texas case.

"Lenders don't want to face the risk of being sued," said Paul Hancock, an attorney who filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of the business groups. "This standard makes them have to justify normal business practices that don't facially discriminate."

But John Henneberger, co-director of the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, said disparate impact is essential to address problems of systemic discrimination that have existed for decades in Texas and elsewhere.

"When you look at a map and you look at where the state made apartments available, the pattern is crystal clear," he said. "Whether the state wants to say they did it deliberately or not, the effect is the same."

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**BREAKFAST:** Governor Rick Scott left, discusses politics with Jean Dawson, president of Haitian Republicans of Palm Beach.

## Scott criticizes Crist budget deficit

SCOTT FROM 1A

Charlie Crist. He said Crist, who was a Republican governor before switching parties, increased Florida's debt to \$8.7 billion, but Scott has paid off \$7.1 billion. He said that 832,000 people had a job when Crist took office, but were unemployed by the time he left. He said that under Crist, unemployment increased from 3.5 to 11.1 percent, state housing prices dropped 48 percent, tuition increased 15 percent per year, and Crist left him with a \$3.6 billion budget deficit. Scott didn't reference the source of the numbers.

Pastor Dean Williams of First Presbyterian Church of Coral Springs, applauded Scott's work to improve Florida's economy. But he didn't expect Scott's remarks to affect the audience.

"We as a nation are so polarized we're not even willing to see that the other side may have something constructive to say," Williams said.

That didn't stop Scott from trying.

"My parents were Democrats," he said. "My dad was a Teamster; he loved Jimmy Hoffa. I still love my parents."

Pastor Richard L. Macon of Jesus Christ Miracle Church of the Living God in Pompano, was impressed.

"I think they're going to pay more attention to people like me," Macon said of the Republican Party.

Macon, 85, says he's one of the oldest Republicans in Pompano. It's a distinction he's proud of, but careful to promote.

"You've got to be careful when you're a Republican because the majority of blacks will boycott you, but I still remain a loyal Republican," said Macon, who also runs a Pompano funeral home.

Haiti Minister Pierre Michel Lubin and Pastor Todo Julien said they wanted to see Scott re-elected, and increase Haitian representation in government.

"We have a lot of Haitian people who are well educated and participating in government, but they are not involved in the decision making," Julien said.

Scott didn't make any promises that would specifically benefit the black community — and no one asked. Instead, audience questions focused on same-sex marriage, Scott's opposition to raising the minimum wage and criticisms of Scott's

Personal Injury Protection (PIP) law.

Some prefaced their remarks by noting their political affiliation.

"I'm a registered Democrat," began one pastor.

"You're young, you've got a chance," Scott quipped.

Scott reassured the pastor that he supported "traditional marriage," but warned him that the courts would decide whether to legalize same-sex marriage. He reminded him that as governor, he has the right to choose judges to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court when there's an opening.

The topic of same-sex marriage came up again during a nearly three-hour service Sunday at Worldwide Christian Center Church, where Rev. Dozier encouraged congregants to get politically active.

"We love the homosexual people, don't get me wrong," Rev. Dozier said. "God loves them, they're beautiful people, but God doesn't want any same-sex marriage."

Although Rev. Dozier mentioned Scott's visit to the congregation, and a handout for new members underscores that the church isn't afraid to be "politically incorrect" or take a "biblical stand" on issues like abortion, the "war on terror" and a "stand against socialism," several congregants declined to assign their name to any political commentary. One woman said she wasn't registered to vote. Another said she didn't vote for Scott and didn't agree with him on all issues. A third shook her head and walked away. Prior to Scott's remarks, Bishop Thomas Douglas with the Holy Temple Church in Lauderdale, said he was concerned about funding for education, which he says fails to reach needy students, especially in western Broward County. "I believe we have enough resources, but it has not been used equally and efficiently in the community," he said.

Bishop John Wayne with The Omega Church International Ministries in Ft. Lauderdale, said his congregants were struggling economically.

"There are a lot of hungry people in South Florida," Wayne said. "A lot of people are losing their homes. What can we do to help? Every day, people are calling my church. There are no resources. What can be done?"

# Shalala to retire in 2015

SHALALA FROM 1A

completed or in process, plus 1.7 million of existing square feet renovated.

"A few years ago I visited the campus, after having not visited the campus in a while, and was so pleasantly overwhelmed by the growth and vibrancy of the campus," said H. Leigh Toney, Executive Director of the Entrepreneurial Education Center at Miami Dade College's North Campus; and a 1986 UM graduate. "I called several of my former UM classmates and encouraged them to reengage."

"President Shalala created a culture of engagement with alumni and students that permeates the institution. Moreover, the value of our UM education continues to grow exponentially, as one of the Top 50 schools in the country, which is a very good thing," said Toney, who chairs the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, for which Shalala serves on the board of directors. The Chamber is charged with increasing economic and business opportunities for black businesses in South Florida.

"Having President Shalala as an active and engaged member of the Chamber provides us with a wealth of valuable resources that pays great dividends to the Chamber and its membership. President Shalala brings consistency and commitment to her Board duties and we value her many contributions," Toney said.

Besides, steering the university to tremendous growth, Shalala also navigated the university athletics program through

a scandal involving a now jailed Ponzi schemer who cozied up to the football team, racking up violations of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules.

"Our alumni, supporters, and donors have made us stronger and stuck with us through thick and thin," Shalala said.

Shalala, whose more than 40 years of experience includes roles as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and President of Hunter College of the City University of New York, praised the university's trustees for "their courage in letting me take the University on a journey of excellence that was promising, but risky. It is so easy to stand still. Pursuing greatness is not for the meek or cautious."

Stuart A. Miller, Chair of the University's board of trustees, said that a presidential search committee responsible for finding Shalala's replacement will be chaired by Richard D. Fain, vice chair of the board.

"This will be an inclusive process and will seek valuable input from the greater University of Miami community," said Miller.

"One of the best aspects of this job has been living in Miami, a community I knew only from childhood trips to visit grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins during the holidays. This great community is maddening, delightful, and limitless in its vitality and promise," said Shalala, who will remain in South Florida, and return to the faculty as a professor of political science and health policy.



H. Leigh Toney

## Obamacare worse than slavery

CARSON FROM 1A

healthcare. But this is not the answer," he said of the President's plan. Instead, he advocates having a health savings account, which would pull monies from Medicare. "Individuals would have control over this account," he said. "We need to take healthcare out of the political arena. It doesn't belong there."

During his engagement Monday, he was also asked about racism, gun control, medical marijuana, charter schools, childhood obesity and retirement. Speaking before an overwhelmingly Caucasian audience on Monday, the famed physician opined on racism. "Racism, you can find if that's what you're looking for. You tend to see what you're looking for. Does it exist? Sure it does, for people with small minds." As for gun control, Carson said he believes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. "I'm a strong believer in our constitution, including our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. However, we need to find ways to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, and criminals without infringing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. It's a delicate balance," he said.

Carson said as a brain surgeon, he is against legalizing marijuana because it "destroys the brain." But he said using medical marijuana is okay. "We should do it in an intelligent way." When asked about childhood obesity, Carson said parents must make sure their kids don't sit around all day playing video games. As for charter schools, Carson said he supports them. "Why wouldn't we support something that gives everybody a chance to succeed?" he said.

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DOLPHINS

# Miami win puts Patriots — gasp! — in last place



By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — One week in, the AFC East has a decidedly different look than usual.

Miami, 1-0.  
Buffalo, 1-0.  
The New York Jets, 1-0.  
And New England — looking up at everyone else.

Sure, it's only one week, there's 15 more games to go, and the Patriots still would probably be an overwhelming pick to win the division title if prognosticators were going to prognosticate even after seeing the slate of opening results. But the Dolphins certainly showed some areas where the Patriots aren't exactly perfect, with a dazzling second-half display carrying Miami to a come-from-behind 33-20 win on Sunday.

"Give them a lot of credit," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said of the Dolphins, who basically were without all three of their envisioned starting linebackers all day. "They dealt with a lot of injuries and were pretty mentally tough. We've got to learn from it and get back to work. No one's going to feel sorry for us. The guys in the room have to dig deep and see if we can go out and get a win next week."

It was New England's first Week 1 loss since 2003, and it's the first time since Week 3 of the 2012 season that the Patriots didn't have at least a share of first place in the AFC East.

Miami's new-look offense was clicking nicely in the second half, when the Dolphins held edges of 222-67 in yards and 23-0 in points to erase what was a 20-10 deficit at halftime.

Knowshon Moreno rushed for 134 yards and a big fourth-quarter touchdown for Miami, and quarterback Ryan Tannehill threw touchdown passes to Lamar Miller and Mike Wallace. After getting sacked 93 times in his first two seasons, the Patriots got Tannehill down only once Sunday.

"That Ryan was upright most of the game was big for us," Wallace said.

Brady threw for 249 yards, including a touchdown to Rob Gronkowski. Shane Vereen also had a touchdown run for the Patriots.

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Here's some of what was learned in Miami's win:

**PATRIOT LINE WOES:** Logan Mankins was traded in a move that surprised some people just before the regular season, and it sure seemed like the New England offensive line could have used a little bit of veteran savvy on Sunday. Brady was sacked four times, not the best way to take care of a 37-year-old quarterback.

**DOLPHINS BACKFIELD:** Lamar Miller was Miami's starting running back Sunday. He might not start for long. Miller was solid -11 rushes for 59 yards, four catches for 19 yards - but Moreno was the story in his Miami debut. The last Miami rusher to have more yards in a game than Moreno did Sunday was Reggie Bush, who ran for 172 yards against Oakland on Sept. 16, 2012.

**MIAMI DEPTH:** The Dolphins were planning to start Philip Wheeler, Koa Misi and Dannel Ellerbe at linebacker on Sunday. Wheeler was ruled out days before the game, and Misi and Ellerbe combined to play a total of about two quarters before succumbing to injuries. But going with a 5-2 front for much of the game, partly because they were just short on bodies, the Dolphins found a way to handle the issue. "The guys played like a team," Dolphins coach Joe Philbin said.

**BRADY NUMBERS:** Brady threw 56 passes on Sunday, the third-most of his career. It bears noting that the Patriots are 0-3 in those games, the other two of those contests coming during the 2002 season. And while it's not uncommon for the Pats to be more pass-reliant in their offense, a 56-to-20 pass-to-rush ratio likely isn't what New England coach Bill Belichick envisioned when the game plan was being put together.

**ROOKIE IMPACT:** Miami rookie LB Chris McCain said he felt like he was having an out-of-body experience in the opening minutes, confessing that he "didn't know what I was doing out there" as the game started. Bear in mind, he blocked a punt on the game's first series. Miami has 13 rookies currently on its roster, the team's most in that department since 1979. "I'm proud of the young guys," said Dolphins DE Olivier Vernon, he sounding like a wise old veteran - at all of 23 years old.

## NBA Hawks' owner Levenson to sell interest in team

By **CHARLES ODUM**  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Hawks co-owner Bruce Levenson said Sunday he is selling his controlling interest in the team, in part due to an inflammatory email he said he wrote in an attempt "to bridge Atlanta's racial sports divide."

Levenson said he regrets the email sent to the team's co-owners and general manager Danny Ferry two years ago as "inappropriate and offensive." In a statement released by the team, Levenson said he sent the email due to his concerns about low attendance and a need to attract suburban whites.

He says he later realized the email made it seem white fans were more important. He voluntarily reported the email to the NBA.

"I have said repeatedly that the NBA should have zero tolerance for racism, and I strongly believe that to be true," Levenson said in the statement. "That is why I voluntarily reported my inappropriate email to the NBA."

"After much long and difficult contemplation, I have decided that it is in the best interests of the team, the Atlanta community, and the NBA to sell my controlling interest in the Hawks franchise."

NBA commissioner Adam Silver said Sunday the league will work with the Hawks ownership group and CEO Steve Koonin, who now will oversee all team operations.

Silver said the league's independent investigation "regarding the circumstances of Mr. Levenson's comments" in the email was ongoing. Silver said he was told Saturday night of Levenson's plan to sell his share of the team.

Silver said he supported Levenson's decision.

"As Mr. Levenson acknowledged, the views he expressed are entirely unacceptable and are in stark contrast to the core principles of the National Basketball Association," Silver said. "He shared with me how truly remorseful he is for using those hurtful words and how apologetic he is to the entire NBA family - fans, players, team employees, business partners and fellow team owners - for having diverted attention away from our game."

"I commend Mr. Levenson for self-reporting to the league office, for being fully cooperative with the league and its independent investigator, and for putting the best interests of the Hawks, the Atlanta community, and the NBA first."

In the email sent in August 2012, Levenson shared his observations of the fan experience at Hawks games. He said he concluded "southern whites" were uncomfortable at games.

"My theory is that the black crowd scared away the whites and there are simply not enough affluent black fans to build a significant season ticket base," Levenson said in the email released Sunday by the Hawks.

"Please don't get me wrong. There was nothing threatening going on in the arena back then. I never felt uncomfortable, but I think southern whites simply were not comfortable being in an arena or at a bar where they were in the minority."

Levenson said Hawks crowds are 70-percent black, the team's cheerleaders are black and hip-hop music was played.

"Then I start looking around at other arenas," Levenson said. "It is completely different."

Levenson said he often heard fans say the area around Philips Arena in downtown



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Bruce Levenson

Atlanta is dangerous.

"This was just racist garbage," Levenson said. "When I hear some people saying the arena is in the wrong place I think it is code for there are too many blacks at the games."

Though he said he disagreed with the conclusion, he said he told team executives to add white cheerleaders and music "familiar to a 40-year-old white guy."

Added Levenson in the email: "I have even bitched that the kiss cam is too black."

Though the NBA investigation of the email was ongoing, Levenson apparently concluded he couldn't continue in his ownership role.

"If you're angry about what I wrote, you should be," Levenson said in Sunday's statement. "I'm angry at myself, too. It was inflammatory nonsense. We all may have subtle biases and preconceptions when it comes to race, but my role as a leader is to challenge them, not to validate or accommodate those who might hold them."



## Sports according to Beatty

By **ROBERT BEATTY II**  
Sports Enthusiast

### A Pox on Them Both

The Baltimore Ravens and the National Football League (NFL) had a tolerance for domestic violence long before TMZ released a second video showing Ray Rice punching his then fiancée Janay Palmer during an altercation in an Atlantic City hotel elevator.

The written reports received by the Ravens and the NFL stated that Ray Rice punched Janay knocking her unconscious. The reports confirm he then proceeded to drag her out of the elevator and drop her to the floor. All, except the knock out punch can be seen in the first video released by TMZ.

But the Ravens issued no form of disciplinary action against Rice. The NFL issued a two game suspension, and then days later announced new standardized penalties for domestic violence but only after the public cried foul over the embarrassingly low two game suspension.

It's shocking that it took seeing the second video for the Ravens to terminate Rice's contract and later the NFL to suspend him indefinitely. What did they think happened in the elevator in the first place? Did Janay suddenly succumb to the mere thoughts of violence from Ray's footbattered head? I think not.

Based on the information then available, the Ravens and the NFL had more than enough to justify the stiff penalties Rice ultimately received. To require proof certain is more about protecting the team and the NFL than about doing what is right. A pox on both their houses.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Teacher of the year honors

Dillard High School instructor Catherine Giles was named Teacher of the Year last week by the Kids in Need Foundation.

Giles, a special education teacher, received the award before students and teachers. She also received a \$500 prize and a trip to Minneapolis for an awards gala. Dillard High also receives \$500. The foundation has awarded millions in grants to teachers at low-income school districts across the country over the last 20 years.

## Youth fair sponsors races for middle high school kids

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair's Cross-Country Race open to middle school and high school athletes will take place Thursday, at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 194th St., Miami.

Junior varsity races begin promptly at 3 p.m. followed by varsity races at 4:45 p.m. The final race of the day starts at 5:20 p.m. Winners will receive their awards, including the new Miami-Dade Mayor's Cup, at an awards ceremony following the races.

The Youth Fair's annual Cross-Country Race draws more than 1,500 high school and middle school students from Miami-Dade County public and private schools to compete at the park's cross-country track.

## State fines Circle K Stores

The state is fining Circle K Stores \$1 million for operating a check-cashing service without a license.

The Florida Office of Financial Regulation announced a settlement with the gas station and convenience store chain on Thursday.

Circle K agreed to pay the fine and will now be granted a license to operate check-cashing services at their Florida stores.

The chain had been operating the service without a license since 2009.

— Staff and Wire Report

## BROWARD

## Toastmasters teams with local authors to help would-be writers



PHOTO BY WELLINGTON GUZMAN

**PURPOSEFUL PROSE:** Author Marlene Bryan signs copies of *Live a Diamond Life: Live a Life of Purpose* at the launch of her book on May 3 in Hollywood.

Staff Report

FORT LAUDERDALE — "Conceive, connect and create" is the theme for a workshop hosted by Toastmasters International and more than a dozen local authors who cover a spectrum of genres and tastes.

The Day with the Authors workshop will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale. The event, which organizers say is a must see, will provide would-be authors with information about self-publishing, book launch strategies, targeting their readers and speaking to sell books.

Attendees will hear presentations from up to 30 self-published authors including Dawna St. Louis, Antoinette Smith, Lydia Harris, Kingsley Grant, Larry Benowitz, Marlene M. Bryan and other authors across the South Florida communities.

In addition, Miramar Commissioner Wayne Messam will make a presentation on the importance of the written word. Messam belongs to a Toastmasters club at the Fountain of New Life Church in Miami Gardens.

"We want to help would-be authors learn about writing, publishing and marketing their books. We also want to emphasize the value of the written word in uplifting our communities," said Bryan, a public relations officer with Toastmasters International.

Seminole Casino Hollywood Toastmasters Club and Friends of the African American Library and Cultural Center are presenting the showcase, which will focus on the importance of oral and written word, and the organization. Toastmasters International helps men, women and children develop public speaking and leadership skills. There are more than 14,600 clubs throughout the world, including 152 in the district that covers southeast Florida and the Bahamas.

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## MIAMI-DADE

## Online petition urges FIU to reinstate fired professor

By ANDREA ROBINSON

Special to South Florida Times

MIAMI-DADE — Armed with the power of social media, some South Florida activists are rallying to support a former FIU professor who is suing to get his job back.

Last week, petitions cropped up on two popular Internet sites asking users to rally around Sylvan Jolibois, a former associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at Florida International University. Jolibois, who is Haitian American, filed a lawsuit alleging the university unjustly fired him in 2013. That case is scheduled to go to trial this month.

Those petitions mirror the lawsuit, in which Jolibois accuses FIU of racial discrimination because it refused to allow him to participate in a rebuilding project in Haiti, and then denied him a sabbatical so he could spend time on the project. He alleges that when he became vocal about the refusal, university officials placed him on suspension, and then fired him.

The petitions are on Change.org and MoveOn.org. Both were written by activist Jack Lieberman, a founder of the Haitian Refugee Center who is noted for promoting Haitian causes. The Change.org petition went up August 25, asking for 200 signatures. The petition gained some traction after Labor Day, when it was announced on WHQT HOT 105, one of the top ranked stations in South Florida. As of Sept. 8, there were nearly 240 signatures.

The case also attracted attention from the Miami-Dade branch of the NAACP, which has written FIU President Mark Rosenberg, asking that he reinstate Jolibois.

FIU spokeswoman Madeline Baro said FIU could not comment "because this is a matter pending litigation."

The NAACP letter to FIU, dated July 14, states "We are shocked to learn that the request of Dr. Jolibois's *Recteur* for the assistance of Dr. Jolibois was denied! And even more so, when the volunteering of his free time during the academic year was prevented!"

"We want him to be rehired," said Lieberman. "He's a victim. We're trying to get the university to do the right thing. They don't do a lot in the Haitian community. This is the least they can do."

Jolibois' attorney, Mark Sanchez, said



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Sylvan Jolibois

the matter boils down to retaliation.

"Basically, Dr. Jolibois is a state employee expressing himself. His employer, the state of Florida retaliates against him," he said.

Bradford Brown, NAACP first vice president, said Jolibois is one of a few black engineering professors in South Florida.

"What we're asking for is the university to work to settle and keep Dr. Jolibois on faculty and in Miami and in the community," Brown said. "He's valuable over there and he's valuable in the community."

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Lunch on the Lawn with the President - 1:30 p.m.  
Inaugural Jazz Concert - 7 p.m.

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# Around South Florida



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**FAKE SCOTT**  
A judge ordered Gov. Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi to end their stonewalling in a public records lawsuit. A number of organizations and individuals alike have been denied access to various records by the Scott administration, particularly email communications conducted via Google's Gmail service. The accounts were discovered following the governor's former Chief of Staff Steve MacNamara's exit from the administration. There are allegations of the governor asking his staff to use Gmail accounts to circumvent Florida's public records statutes, which the administration denies.

**BONDI**

## Palm Beach County

**WRONG BODY**  
The family of the late Mary Anderson arrived at Stephens Lakeside Chapel in West Palm Beach for her wake only to discover the woman inside Anderson's casket and dressed in clothes was not her. Funeral home staff had made a terrible mistake. Over an hour later a casket containing Anderson's body arrived, but distraught family members were not pleased. The viewing went on, but not as planned. Expect to hear more about this. Stay tuned.



**\$855,000 CARETAKER**  
Isabelle Schillo, 57, of Royal Palm Beach, is the caretaker of her 77-year-old neighbor. When other neighbors didn't see him for a while and noticed Schillo had ditched her dilapidated 10-year-old car for a new Porsche Panamera, they became concerned and contacted authorities. The investigation determined Schillo had spent \$855,000 of the man's money. His home was filthy and he was located in a nursing home, hardly able to speak. Schillo offered explanations, but was arrested on multiple charges including fraud and elderly exploitation.

**SCHILLO**

## Broward County



**SKIMMER CONVICTED**  
Gheorghe Andrei, 53, of Hollywood, is serving a four-year prison sentence. He is the clown who installed "skimmers" on ATM machines at banks in Broward and Palm Beach counties to steal customers' money and identities. He then used the data to withdraw thousands of dollars from victims' accounts. An investigation revealed he had committed the same crime in Canada and California. Andrei, who speaks little English, is a Romanian citizen who sought asylum in this country. U.S. District Judge James Cohn handed down the maximum sentence and ordered that he pay restitution. Andrei could also face deportation back to his native Romania once his sentence is completed.

**ANDREI**



**CONTROVERSIAL COP**  
Coral Springs police officers Doug Williams, his wife, Officer Sherry Williams and Detective Michael Hughes were executive board members with the local chapter of their Fraternal Order of Police union. They all have been arrested and charged with grand theft over money allegedly stolen from their union and used to buy personal items. Williams is a former Deerfield Beach police officer who was charged with murder in the killing of unarmed, 20-year-old Willie "June Bug" McDonald on April 3, 1980. McDonald and other youths were allegedly gambling at tables at a city park when Williams and another officer approached on foot. McDonald and the other teens scattered, but Williams grabbed McDonald and the two landed on the ground. According to witnesses, Williams pulled his gun and McDonald pleaded for his life, but was shot and killed. Williams was later acquitted by an all-white jury, which sparked violence in the streets of Deerfield Beach.

**D. WILLIAMS**

## Miami-Dade County

**JUDICIAL SPOTLIGHT**  
Attorney Al Milian, who specializes in representing police officers accused of crimes and personnel matters, has been elected to the bench in Miami-Dade County. Milian, an Aventura resident,

## Miami-Dade County

**MILIAN**

is now a circuit court judge. He is a former prosecutor with the Broward State Attorney's Office. The issue of his ability to impartially preside over cases had been questioned because of his work as a prosecutor and police union attorney.



**ARREST MADE**  
Acting on an anonymous tip, Miami-Dade police arrested Roderick Everett, 22, and Patrick Sullivan, 20, in the shooting and robbery of off-duty Miami-Dade Corrections Officer Juan Guellmes. Guellmes, 51, was washing a car outside of his home when several armed men approached. A struggle ensued and Guellmes was shot once in the shoulder and stomach. Everett allegedly was the driver of the vehicle involved in the incident and Sullivan allegedly shot and snatched a gold chain from Guellmes' neck. Both confessed to the crimes, according to police. Guellmes is in stable condition and is expected to survive.

**EVERETT**

## Monroe County

**HOTEL SOLD**  
Owners Reinhard and Karina Schaupp have sold the iconic and storied Gilbert's Resort and Marina. Jonathan Weisberg, owner Gator Park Airboat Tours, which operates in southwest Miami-Dade County in the Everglades, purchased the Key Largo property for \$11.2 million. He plans to renovate and add modern amenities, like a swimming pool and beach, to the 38-room hotel.

# Toastmaster teams with local authors to help would-be writers

## AUTHORS, FROM 1B

Bryan said that many Toastmasters aspire to write a book or perhaps they have written books but wondered how to get the word out about it. This event will allow would-be authors to learn about the process of writing, publishing and marketing their books. Also, it is to give exposure to Toastmasters, which helps people overcome their fears of public speaking while developing their leadership skills. Several of the authors are members of area Toastmasters clubs.

Bryan is a distinguished Toastmaster, inspirational speaker and life coach. Her self-help book is *Live a Diamond Life! Live a Life of Purpose*. She is one of a few black

female sales engineer managers in a field dominated by men. She and about 15 other authors will provide tips to attendees. Other speakers include:

**Carline Francois** writes about her faith in *Enough is Enough Already*. Her book is a fictional account of a woman of faith who experiences tragedies that make her start to doubt her faith and leads to her fuller understanding of the meaning of faith.

**Kingsley Grant** has written the book *Two Steps to ForGIFTness* to help people get past the pain of past relationships and issues; how to learn to forgive when their heart says, no.

**Tabitha Mathis** has written several children's books, including *The Little Green Apples*, *The Princess and the Tyger*

and *The 5 Beautiful Angels* (which is based on a mother teaching her beautiful angels their ABCs and how to count and how to interact with each other.

**Wima Mulcare** hosts events to improve people's image through hair design, makeup and proper nutrition. She will share her presentation, *Enhance Your Personal Image through Healthy Hair and Skin Care*.

**Dr. Welma Palmer** was raised in Jamaica and is an ordained minister who has been married to a minister for 44 years and raised a family. Her book, *Untold Miracles*, details her life of struggles, faith and victory.

**Georgina D.N. Robinson** is a mediator and peace builder as well as an elder law attorney. She is the founder of [readingpaymore.com](http://readingpaymore.com) whose mission

is for every child to read above grade level. Her book is *My Bright Bright Light*—a children's story about learning to share.

Not only will writers learn to hone their craft at this event, but they will also be entertained by the likes of musical artists including Michael Emmanuel. The cost for admission to the event is \$10 and includes a lunch provided by the caterers, Love at First Bite.

A Day with Authors offers the perfect opportunity to interact and collaborate and learn from authors of different backgrounds. For more information about this spectacular event visit the event's website at: <http://adaywiththeauthors.eventbrite.com>.

## Living WITH ETIQUETTE

Bring your manners with your gift at baby showers



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I just love attending baby showers. They are fun and joyous. Baby showers are a great way to welcome a new addition by celebrating with friends and family. Typically, one would think that baby showers should be the one place where manners and social decorum rules and reigns. However, there are those times when a lack of restraint can be the big pink elephant in the room, so to speak.

For example — everyone knows that during the third trimester the mother is not always feeling her best. She is a size now where typically she would not be, and is not able to wear regular clothing. This is a very sensitive time. Tact and manners should be extended and demonstrated.

I attended one baby shower where a few of the female guests discussed their weight. Now, this topic may be fine — especially if the ladies were expecting themselves or if the conversation was discrete (low voice tone); however, neither was the case. To make it more inappropriate, the conversation was near the honoree's table. So, now the mother who is supposed to be celebrating the birth of her child is hearing close friends discuss "their" weight gain. Are you serious?

Also, baby showers typically have an abundance of food. After all, with any celebration, food is an essential element. However, some guests use this time to take food home by making "to-go" bags before the mother or host has welcomed attendees to do so. Also, some attendees will openly criticize the food selection

and/or even turn up their noses.

So, when attending the next baby shower, please be mindful of these simple, yet important, social tips.

**Keep conversation topics light and fitting for the occasion.** This is not the time to be selfish. Start conversations with "open-ended" questions, which require a response/answer, or begin a conversation with a compliment.

**Greet and compliment the celebrated honoree.** Go out of your way to dote over the mother-to-be. Let her know how beautiful she is and thank her for inviting you to this most special occasion.

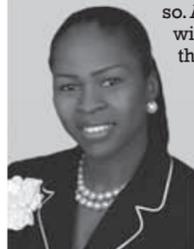
**Bring your table manners more than your appetite.** Enough said. Regardless of the setting of food (buffet or plated) — use restraint.

**Be open and willing to participate.** This is not the time to be in a cranky or foul mood. Participate in games or other planned events. Otherwise, send regrets and stay home.

**Dress appropriately.** Style and fashion are always key; however, respect the mother-to-be with your choice of attire selection. Baby showers are not a dating (dot) com/get a man type of event.

**Always thank the mother-to-be and host for the invitation.** Before departing, make sure to congratulate the honoree, and thank her and her host for planning such a wonderful event.

**Bring a gift.** Make sure you bring a gift that is meaningful and thoughtful. Most all moms-to-be should have a baby registry. Take the time to pick out a gift that's most fitting for the new bundle of joy.



Rose Hedgemond is president and founder of Avenues of Excellence Inc. The Miami nonprofit organization serves the community by providing access to tools necessary to thrive and excel. To find out more about Avenues of Excellence, visit [avenuesofexcellence.com](http://avenuesofexcellence.com) or follow Rose Hedgemond on Facebook at Rose Hedgemond and Twitter @AOE\_IN).

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# Mildred V. Kelsic Jones, activist and longtime Dania resident

Staff Report

Mildred V. Jones, a longtime Dania resident, passed on Saturday, Sept. 6, in hospice at Memorial Regional Hospital South. She was 93.

Mrs. Jones was the mother of Dania Beach Commissioner Albert C. Jones and Milton L. Jones Jr., a Fort Lauderdale developer.

She was born in 1921 in Salem, NJ to the late Reuben Kelsic and Mabel Major, and came to Dania in 1947 to visit friends during Easter vacation. While here, she met the love of her life, Rev. Milton Jones Sr.

Jones worked as a domestic in Hollywood, but later applied for a job with

the Broward County School System. She was the first food manager at Collins Elementary, and was employed as a dietician for 21 years until her retirement. Afterward, she became an activist in the Dania community.

She also was a dependable worker in her church, but notably, Jones worked diligently to make her community a better place to live by working on the boundary task force and safety speed signs for the school. Her mantra was "may the works I've done speak for me."

For her efforts, she received the "Crystal Apple Award" for her work with the south area advisory council. This work included appealing to the



Mildred V. Kelsic Jones

school board not to close Collins because of low enrollment, and to keep it open as a neighborhood school. Jones went before the Dania City Commission, and as a result of her actions the mayor and city attorney drafted a letter to all the school board members, leading to renovations at the school. The next year, Jones received the Chester Byrd Humanitarian Award during the DEDC annual banquet.

Living in an area known as Camp Blanding, which was unincorporated, full of blight, rock roads and not street lights, Jones once again rallied community support at church meetings and formed a club. She spearheaded the

group, and lobbied before county leaders. Along with Ann Kolb, they persuaded the county to spend more than \$1.5 million for roads, sewers and street lights.

The city of Dania eventually annexed the area, now known as Sun Garden Isles.

Jones also worked on the centennial celebration, assisting Prudy Taylor Board with information on the history of the African American Community for the city's 100th birthday celebration booklet.

Jones stated that she always pushed hard like the mailman — rain or shine, working for the people of Dania. One street away from her home stands Mildred V. Jones Park, which was named in her honor.

## Obituaries

### BAIN RANGE FUNERAL HOME



**GARDENIA RENDER**, 40, Supervisor, of Homestead, died September 1 at home. Survivors include: mother, Mattie Strickland; sons, Kahlil Render and Antavious Dean; brothers, Olin, John, Andrew, and Clifford; sister, Delores. Funeral will be held 2 pm Saturday at Covenant Baptist Church.



**DORIS ROBINSON**, 75, Home-maker, of Coconut Grove, died September 3 at home. Survivors include sisters: Dorothy Mickens and Leola Smoak; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at Wells Temple COGIC.



**MARSHALL B. STEPHENSON**, 52, Laborer, died September 3 at North Shore Medical Center. Survivors include: sisters, Linda, France and Lestine. Brothers, J.B, Robert and Mac. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at New Life Chapel, 11340 S.W. 216th Street (Goulds).

### HALL-FERGUSON-HEWITT MORTUARY



**SARAH E. KING**, 77, House-keeper, died September 4. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



**REVEREND BETTY MCCLLOUD-JACKSON**, 82, Manager, of Superior Window company, died September 2. Funeral will be held 2 pm Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

**LARRY MCMULLEN**, 62, Retired Veteran, died August 30. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Hall Ferguson Hewitt Chapel.

### PAX VILLA FUNERAL HOME - Orlando



**ROMAINE CAZEAU**, died September 1, in Orlando, FL. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at First Haitian Church of the Nazarene Free, Orlando, FL.

**SAINTRESOR VOLNEY**, died August 31, in Orlando, FL. Funeral will be held 10 am Sunday at Bethel French SDA Church, Orlando, FL.

### JAMES C. BOYD FUNERAL HOME



**ARTHUR LEE ROSS**, 47, died August 29. Funeral will be held Saturday at Christ Resurrection Community Church, 614 NW 9 Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

### MCWHITE FUNERAL HOME



**OLA MAE JOHNSON**, 88, Retired School Teacher, died. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Kingdom Faith Global Ministries, Perinne FL.



### ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME



**MARY J. ARCHER**, 76, of Port St. Lucie, died September 4. Funeral will be held 3 pm Saturday at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

**VERA AUGUST**, 78, of Fort Lauderdale, died September 3. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at St. Luke Baptist Church.

**DANIEL BRUCE SR.**, 88, of Fort Lauderdale, died September 1. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

**LOUISE W. GADSON**, 94, of Fort Lauderdale, died September 2. Funeral will be held 12 pm Saturday at The New Mount Olive Baptist Church.

**MILDRED JONES**, 93, of Fort Lauderdale, died September 6. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, in Dania Beach, FL.

**JANET VERNON-REMY**, 55, of Lauderdale, died September 2. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at Redeeming Word Christian Center.

### HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - Miami Gardens



**CLARATHA DEVOE**, 66, Retired Educator, died September 6, at North Shore Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.

**CYNTHIA HAMMOND**, 52, Grounds Keeper, died September 4, at Catholic Hospice. Funeral will be held 10 am Saturday at 10am in the chapel.

**ROBERT J. JORDAN**, 74, Retired Bus Driver, died September 7, at Kindred Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.

**RONALD KINSEY**, 67, Process Server, died September 1, at Jackson North Hospital. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at St. Barnabas Methodist Church.

**JOSHUA MEDINA**, 18, Student, died September 2. Funeral will be held 11am Thursday in the chapel.



### RANGE FUNERAL HOME



**EVELYN D. ACOSTA**, 54, Retired Deputy Clerk, died August 28. Funeral was held 11 am Saturday at Miracle Valley Praise and Worship Center.

**MEVA CAMPBELL**, 58 LPN Nurse for Hialeah Nursing Home died September 4. Service 10:00am Saturday at Ridgeway Church of God of Phrophecy.

**BOBBIE JEAN DAVIS**, 79, Retired Nursing Supervisor, for Plaza South died September 2. Funeral 1:30 pm Saturday at Range Chapel.

**NELLIE MAE JACKSON**, 80, Head Cafeteria, died August 26. Final rites and burial were Held Saturday in Soperton, Georgia Saturday.

### RANGE FUNERAL HOME



**JAMES H. LARKIN**, Retired Laborer, for C. F. Wheeler Construction Company, died September 6. Funeral will be held 3 pm Saturday at New Fellowship Christian Center.

**RUBY "MA" SHELLY**, 94, Home-maker, died August 30. Funeral was held 10 am Saturday at New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

**REBECCA SMITH**, 67, Retired Unit Secretary, for Jackson Memorial Hospital, died September 5. Funeral 11 am Saturday at Church of Christ Written in Heaven.

**LOUIS WALKER**, 79, Retired Painter, for Ocean Club, died September 2. Final rites and burial in Nassau, Bahamas.

### WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME



**JOHN BAILEY**, 83, died September 4. Funeral 11 am Saturday at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

**BETTY BELL**, 74, died September 6. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at 93RD Community Baptist Church.

**ROBIN GOGIN**, 56, Receptionist, died September 6. Services were held.

**WILLIAM HAMILTON**, 80, died September 5. Funeral 11 am Saturday at Historical Mt. Zion M.B. Church.

**ANDRE NIXON**, 44, Landscaper, died September 6. Funeral 10 am Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

**HARMON SMITH**, 82, died September 2. Services were held.

**CORA THOMAS**, 80, died September 8. Funeral 11 am Monday in the chapel.

### JAY'S FUNERAL HOME



**EFFIE LEE ATKINS**, 60, Home-maker, died September 5. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

**TODDRICK McINTOSH**, 42, Salesman. Arrangements are incomplete.

**VIRGINIA MOON**, died September 7. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at The House of God Church.

**MARCUS HARRIS**, 18, Student, died September 6. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Mt. Moriah.

**PAUL LAND**, 29, Cook, died. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at St. Paul.

**ROSE DAVIS PRESLEY**, 81, Entrepreneur, died. Funeral will be held 1 pm Saturday at St. Peters.

**TAMEIKA STAPLES**, 34, College Student, died September 6. Funeral will be held 3 pm Saturday at New Life Chapel.

**JOANN STUKES**, 63, Homemaker, died September 5. Funeral will be held 11 am Saturday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

### HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME - MLK



**ROSA LEE CHILDS**, 69, Home-maker, died September 5, at Hialeah Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.

**DR. ARTHUR LEE MATHIS**, 70, Psychologist, died August 27, in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Funeral will be held 6 pm Friday at 1547 NW 63 Street, Miami, FL.

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# Prayerful Living



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# Weaving the Quilt of the Future

**“Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”  
(Matthew 13:32 NIV)**

**M**y grandmother was a quilt maker. Her quilts were beautiful, made of sturdy material that could keep you warm. She spent a lot of time and effort weaving quality fabrics into beautiful mosaics with artistic flair. Her quilts made you want to wrap yourself up and get swallowed in them.

Granny was particularly sensitive about her choice of fabrics. Her habit was to save every piece of material she thought might be useful one day for future quilt making.

You ever wonder why some people go to church? Could it be to do quilting? Some, I believe, come to hold their life quilts together. Others go to pull the pieces of their life quilts together.

Others go to find the needed pieces of life's fabric to create or repair their quilts. Admittedly, others go out of tradition, but regardless of why, all do some form of quilt work there.

Granny's quilt making was a parable to me. Because one could see great life lessons in her choices: Instinctively she knew when a fabric was good for quilting. Her ability to quickly identify 'good fabric' from 'bad fabric' was a great gift.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed is like a small piece of quilt material, meant to be looked at, studied and kept. In the parable, Jesus takes a small seed as a piece of material. He uses it to teach the power of small beginnings.

Our lives in God's kingdom are like quilts, often pieced together by a series — broken fragments, broken dreams, broken promises, full of broken people, often with broken hearts!

The work of the Gospel, too, at first is small, like a grain of mustard-seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, but grows

into a mighty bush. The kingdom of God is like a piece of fabric, coming into our lives in fragments, helping us establish better spiritual lives in a broken world. This is actually the work of God's "grace".

Growing grace is strong grace! As a noun grace means "elegance or refinement of movement, courteous and attractively polite manner of behaving." In Christian belief, "Grace is the free unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings."

In our hearts, often we can tell which scraps of materials should be saved and used in our future quilt making. Some dreams, promises, places, and people, we know as soon as we dream or see them, are not worth the effort. Their material makeup is too weak, too flimsy, or too stylish to be of substance in our quilt of life.

One point to bear in mind is while the mustard seed is small, it is still a seed, and its disposition is to grow. Grace is always growing and gaining ground, shining more and more in our lives.

God's grace is intriguing. Like pieces of quilt fabric 'grace' grows and attracts more blessings and more people particularly when we're on what God calls the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

So how does God weave the quilt of the future? First, He causes one to know, it is He who creates the quilt pieces. Granny's quilting instincts and actions quickened my spirit, and increased my knowledge about which things and people would be useful in the future.

Faith in her correct decision-making about fabrics and colors was fascinating to me. When I compare it to working with people, places and things, her love of quality, color and beauty seemed to inflame both her and my creativity.

The church, too, is like a quilt made up of a beautiful mosaic of people— with broken dreams, broken promises, broken lives, and people who often come to it with broken hearts.

The church as a mustard tree is a place where God's fowl of the air can come to lodge. God's birds of the air come to it to be fed, to rest, to find shade from the heat of a broken and hot world. We all come to find shelter from our storms of life, and to weave the quilts of our future.

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By **BARBARA ORTUTAY** and **KEN SWEET**  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Video games have been a spectator sport since teenagers crowded around arcade machines to watch friends play "Pac-Man." And for decades, kids have gathered in living rooms to marvel at how others master games like "Street Fighter II" and "Super Mario Bros."

But today there's Twitch, the online network that attracts millions of visitors, most of whom watch live and recorded footage of other people playing video games — in much the same way that football fans tune in to ESPN.

Twitch's 55 million monthly users viewed over 15 billion minutes of content on the service in July, making Twitch.tv one of the world's biggest sources of Internet traffic. According to network services company Sandvine, Twitch generates more traffic in the U.S. than HBO Go, the streaming service that's home to popular shows such as *Game of Thrones* and *Girls*.

Fans watch for the same reasons ancient Romans flocked to the Colosseum: to witness extraordinary displays of agility and skill.

Jacob Malinowski, a 16-year-old Twitch fan who lives outside of Milwaukee, admits that some may question the entertainment value of Twitch's content.

"(But) I think it's interesting because you get to watch someone who's probably better at the game than you are," he says. "You can see what they do and copy what they do and get better."

Amazon's commitment to purchase Twitch for nearly \$1 billion this week is an acknowledgement that the service's loyal fan base and revenue streams from ads and channel subscriptions present enormous opportunity.

Most Twitch viewers are gamers themselves who not only see the live and recorded video sessions as a way to sharpen their abilities, but also as a way to interact with star players in chatrooms or simply be entertained.

Sorah Devlin, a 31-year-old mother of two from Geneva, New York, says she watches Twitch with her 7-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter and enjoys it more than children's television programming. Their game of choice is "Minecraft," which lets players build — or break — things out of cubes and explore a blocky 3-D world around them. Devlin and her kids watch popular "Minecraft" players who go by names such as iBallisticSquid and SuperChache show their skills. The players, she says, have a sense of humor and are good at keeping the content "at most PG" so she is comfortable watching them with the kids.

"He likes being able to ask questions and it made him open up more," she says of her son. As for Amazon's purchase, Devlin says she was "kind of surprised, but I think they are starting to realize that gamers are much more of an enterprise than they thought."

Indeed, Twitch fans are the stuff of advertisers' dreams. They are mostly male and between the ages of 18 and 49, an important demographic for advertisers. Twitch's so-called user engagement is high. Nearly half of visitors spend 20 or more hours a week watching Twitch video, according to the company.

"You've got a hyper-growth platform with a niche audience," says Nathaniel Perez, global head of social media at advertising firm SapientNitro. "It's basically the best you can get, from an advertisers' perspective."

As a result, Twitch commands premium prices from advertisers. The company's cost per thousand views, or the amount an advertiser pays to run one video ad 1,000 times, is \$16.84 in the United States, according to video ad-buying software company TubeMogul. That's well above the average \$9.11 per thousand advertisers typically pay for video ads placed on other sites.

"Their users are relevant to so many advertisers," says Alex Debelov, CEO and co-founder of Virol, a video advertising platform company.

Twitch can be lucrative for talented gamers too. The site allows some gamers who set up channels — which the company calls "broadcasters" — to charge \$5 monthly subscription fees to viewers. Plus Twitch gives a portion of all ad revenue to broadcasters.

Twitch didn't start out as a video game-focused company. The company, based in San Francisco, spun out of Justin.tv, a quirky service that revolved around a video feed tracking the daily activities of co-founder Justin Kan. The focus shifted to live video for gamers in 2011.

Brett Butz, 26, who works as a compliance officer outside of Boston, says he's spent \$20 to \$25 to watch content on Twitch, which is "more than I ever paid for YouTube," a platform that also broadcasts games. While YouTube is popular with gamers, Butz says he prefers Twitch.

Amazon is promising to let its newest acquisition operate independently. But for some gamers, the deal brands Twitch with a corporate stamp.

"I'm curious to see if, in a year, it'll still have cache," says Patrick Markey, psychology professor at Villanova University who focuses on video games. "It's definitely considered a gamer platform but now that Amazon is buying it, is it becoming mainstream ... is it going to lose its coolness?"

# film Meta and mad, 'The Congress' is a trip

By **JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

"Very soon, this whole structure that we all love so much will be gone," prophesies Danny Huston's wide-grinning movie studio head in Ari Folman's *The Congress*.

He's speaking to Robin Wright, who plays a version of herself in the film. In a meeting with Wright and her perplexed agent (Harvey Keitel), Huston's Jeff Green, the head of the wryly fictional Miramont Studios, relishes foretelling a coming doomsday for actors: a reckoning that will rid the movie business of their gross inefficiency.

All the trappings of movie stardom — "the trailers ... the skipping out on PR ... the coke ... the sexual kinks," the glowers, are disappearing. The industry is changing, and he couldn't be happier to see picky actors like Wright vanish.

What he wants is to scan her, to "sample" her and turn Wright, or as he says, "this thing called Robin Wright," into a digital avatar that the studio can control completely. She just has to sign, never act again, and she (or specifically a younger, 34-year-old computer-generated version of her) will live on in whatever movies Miramont wants.

"I need Buttercup from *Princess Bride*," Green says. "I need Jenny from *Forrest Gump*."

This is the brilliant, high-concept start of Folman's follow-up to *Waltz With Bashir*, the hypnotic, Oscar-nominated, animated documentary about a (real) Israeli soldier's nightmares of regret from a 1982 massacre of Lebanese civilians. Like that film, *The Congress* is a wholly unique hallucinogenic concoction of psychological trauma and florid cartoon.

A defeated Wright goes in for the scan. Her agent urges her to, lamenting the squandering of her once-promising career: "Lousy choices. Lousy movies. Lousy men." Ouch. (The sound you hear is a thousand actresses shuddering.)

The film shifts forward 20 years and it gets trippy in a hurry. When Wright

arrives in a "restricted animated zone," she drinks down a vial that converts her and her surroundings into loony, *The Yellow Submarine*-style animation. The road turns to rainbow. A sperm whale breaches alongside her convertible. You'd swear Ringo is in there somewhere.

Wright's avatar is now a global star, her image beamed across adverts on floating blimps. A future forecast by a cynical doctor played by Paul Giamatti has come to pass: people leave their lives behind in a bizarre, animated playground of chemically induced fantasy.

Green is still presiding over Miramont, but he's now preparing for another revolution, pushing still further away from reality. He now wants to bottle celebrities like Wright, allowing them to be ingested, drunk in a milkshake. (Tom Cruise is also among the flavors.)

*The Congress* gets lost in its surrealism and turns into a metaphysical mess. It's the whole structure of *The Congress* that falls apart, quite intentionally. Wright's animated odyssey is lengthy and muddled (Jon Hamm drops in as the head of animation for Miramont), and the inelegant imagery saps the film of its energy, even if it fits Folman's scheme.

Yet this mad, ambitious movie is also urgent and unforgettable. The deal offered Wright (whose steely, meta performance is a marvel) isn't so far-fetched. The digital cloning of actors is well underway. The commodification of movies and celebrity is already in hyper-speed. If Wright were signing up with Marvel, the deal might not look so different.

Loosely adapted from the sci-fi novel *Futurological Congress* by Solaris-scribe Stanislaw Lem, *The Congress* — a trip, to be sure — is busting with ideas, from ageism in Hollywood to the soullessness of digital life. It's a cautionary tale about escapism, hitting theaters after a summer of little else at the movies.



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# My Brother's Keeper

I don't mind being the Big Homie.

I'm not a Blood gang member, never claimed colors, but I'm not surprised the Bloods and other black gangs' popularity is rising throughout America.

Chris Brown recently made headlines once again after his VMA after-party was riddled with bullets leaving reputed Blood gang member and former Death Row Records executive Suge Knight near death. Brown himself has been seen publicly repping his Piru Blood set.

Not surprising, since the controversial pop mega-star is a product of the estimated 70



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percent of black kids reared in single-parent households, making him vulnerable to seek the family environment a gang provides.

As a black man perceived as someone of value in today's society, young men turn to me for guidance.

In my eyes and that of other upwardly mobile men, they search for the map to navigate life's twist and turns not provided by their absentee fathers.

In gang culture, the Big

Homie offers them his own blueprint — behind the barrel of a gun. His respect is earned by putting in work, which could range from simple intimidation to leaving rivals cold and crumpled on concrete.

This culture of the lost leading the lost and its casualties is being seen played out in Chicago where age-old gang wars have left the city drenched in blood.

During my recent NiteCap conversation with SD, one of the faces of Chicago hip-hop, he explained why his mixtape cover shows a picture of him with two pistols pointed at his head:

"It's the way of life. You're put in a death or life situation," he explained. "We need someone to show us the way. In Chicago we need a leader."

SD's words struck a chord with me in regards to a conversation at a recent South Florida Times editorial meeting in which a colleague discussed the importance of mentors.

I drove home pondering my own search for a journalism teacher, that wise elder to offer me the map, but in all honesty I never found one.

In every newsroom I've worked in, I found that elder black male gurus were either threatened by me or too consumed by their own self-preservation to bother with playing big brother.

In retrospect if I found one, maybe things in my career would have gone smoother or maybe I wouldn't have such a passion to now be the Big Homie.

pop culture

# Hip-hop moves as strong force for Michael Brown

By MESFIN FEKADU  
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Rappers are making their voices heard in song and on the ground in Ferguson, Missouri, in the wake of Michael Brown's shooting death, channeling hip-hop's earlier roots when the genre worked as a voice for the oppressed and spoke out against injustice.

"It's really important to see hip-hop's role of being some grown-ups and doing some really stand-up, grown-up stuff," Public Enemy's Chuck D, one of rap's most powerful voices, said in a recent interview. "These people have actually stood up ... and that has to be saluted."

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer said he's impressed with rappers such as J. Cole, who released a heartaching, tearful song called "Be Free" inspired by Brown, the unarmed 18-year-old who was shot to death by a Ferguson officer on Aug. 9.

Others in rap also have lifted their voices: Talib Kweli, like J. Cole, marched in Ferguson and spoke out about injustice; David Banner appeared on CNN; Nelly started a scholarship for teens in honor of Brown; and Lauryn Hill dedicated her song "Black Rage" — which uses some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *My Favorite Things* — to the Ferguson community.

"When the dogs bite, when the beatings, when I'm feeling sad I simply remember all these kinds of things and then I don't feel so bad," she sings.

The largest hip-hop gesture for Brown, who was an aspiring rapper, came Aug. 27 when the Game released the song *Don't Shoot*, in which he's joined by all-stars like Diddy, Rick Ross and 2 Chainz, among others. Sales from the song will benefit the Mike Brown Memorial Fund on GoFundMe, which has raised nearly \$300,000 in two weeks.

"I wanted to do my part in bringing awareness to it, so that at the end of the day that I can sleep well knowing that I used my voice correctly," the Game said in an interview Aug. 28.

Other black entertainers have spoken out including Kerry Washington, Jesse Williams and Spike Lee, who attended Brown's funeral on Monday. At a concert recently, where he performed Marvin Gaye's seminal *What's Going On?* at the Hollywood Bowl, John Legend wore a shirt that said "don't shoot."

While a number of members of the rap community have come out in support of Ferguson —including Russell Simmons, Killer Mike, Young Jeezy and Wiz Khalifa — others have wondered if hip-hop's most prolific and popular stars will chime in, from Jay Z to Pharrell to Kanye West to Lil Wayne.

"I don't believe everyone has a role for this, and I also don't believe quantity takes over as quality. I think we have a quality combination in there," Chuck D said.

Though hip-hop has been criticized for glorifying sex and violence, its musicians have a history of standing up against perceived injustice, especially in the genre's early years, with songs like *Fight the Power* and *The Message*. A more recent example came after Trayvon Martin's death in 2012.

In August, T.I. released the song *New National Anthem*, which he wrote after the July 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the killing of 17-year-old Martin. He says he hopes to start a dialogue between the community, city leaders and police.

"This is not to divide race, color, generation, region. This is not to incite or encourage people to go against the police. This is to bring about change by way of creating awareness of the current status in America in these inner city areas for our young black men and young black people," the rapper said in a recent interview.

T.I. said songs like his and J. Cole's can serve as a voice for those who don't have a platform like famous rappers.

"We are the voice for those without a voice," he said. "Our messages reach the ears of people that most common men in America can't reach, and I think that has to be used to the advantage and the greater good of the masses."



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# travel In Buffalo, chicken wings are king

By **CAROLYN THOMPSON**  
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Credit for the classic Buffalo wing goes to Teressa Bellissimo, who developed the dish in the kitchen of the Anchor Bar in 1964. Fifty years later, the Main Street eatery remains a must-see for countless culinary visitors.

But there's no need to confine yourself to one place if you're winging your way to New York's second-largest city; the fiery finger food is a staple at virtually every pizza joint and pub you'll visit.

The fun is that no two wings are quite the same.

Anchor Bar wings sizzle in the deep fryer until crispy. Then they're tossed in a bowl with a mixture of butter and cayenne pepper sauce — Frank's RedHot is the preferred brand — just before they are served alongside celery sticks and blue cheese dressing for dipping.

"They're the original, that's the bottom line," said Drew Cerza, who was proclaimed Buffalo's "wing king" after starting the wing festival in 2002.

A trip to Duff's Famous Wings in suburban Amherst offers a different twist on the classic.

While the Anchor Bar serves up a crispy wing, Duff's offers a softer, saucier version.

"They cover the wings after they sauce them and it really allows the sauce to penetrate the skin of the wing," Cerza said.

Watch out for the heat here: "The mild is medium, medium's hot, hot's extra hot and extra hot," said Cerza, "will kill you."

Another option, where attention to detail is the theme, comes from the Bar Bill Tavern, just south of Buffalo in East Aurora.

The secret here — the sauce is applied to every deep-fried wing individually with a paint brush just before serving.

"They never go in a bucket," explained bar manager Joe Morcelle. "When you start shaking wings, it starts breaking up the crispiness."

The individual treatment also ensures the sauce gets into every nook and cranny, Morcelle said. And while most places pile the wings on a plate, the Bar Bill arranges them precisely this way: the five drums on the left, five flats on the right, fanned out to form a circle with the celery and blue cheese in the middle.

"You eat with your eyes," Morcelle said (though you'll still need plenty of napkins for your fingers).

Circling back to the city, another of the "wing king's" favorites is found at La Nova Pizzeria, which has perfected a barbecue wing cooked over charcoal, complete with grill marks.

"They put them on the grill but they keep moving them," Cerza said. "You've got to keep moving them and you can't burn them. It's very tricky. It's an art."

The city also hosts a National Buffalo Wing Festival every Labor Day weekend. The event took its inspiration from the silver screen: When Bill Murray's character in the 2001 movie *Osmosis Jones* set out for the National Buffalo Wing Festival — there was no such thing in real life.

The festival doesn't confine its offerings to the usual. Along with the traditional hot, medium and mild varieties, past offerings have included lime cilantro and chipotle garlic wings, and even a meatless alternative featuring hummus dip and breaded green beans.

A couple of rules if it's a true "Buffalo wing" (and not simply chicken wings) you want: They must be deep-fried, not baked or grilled, have at least a few shakes of hot sauce — and for goodness sake, no breading.

Warns Cerza: "In Buffalo, if you get caught breading a chicken wing it's a misdemeanor."

## IF YOU GO

**Anchor Bar:** 1047 Main St, Buffalo, New York, 716-883-1134, anchorbar.com

**Duff's Famous Wings:** 3651 Sheridan Drive, Amherst, New York, 716-834-6234, duffswings.com

**Bar Bill Tavern:** 185 Main Street, East Aurora, New York, 716-652-7959, barbill.com

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### September 11

**Decoding Your Dog:** Grab a drink and chat about the myths and mysteries surrounding dogs with Dr. Lisa Radosta, a veterinary behaviorist. At this "Science on Tap" chat, Dr. Radosta will discuss your dog's body language, emotions and general intelligence. Be sure to bring your dog along for the chat, presented by the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. 8 p.m. at O'Shea's Irish Pub, 531 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Free. 561-832-1988.

### September 12



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**Destination Fridays-Greek Isles:** Have a fun night out at the museum with this themed party for adults 21 and older. Dance to Greek music, eat a variety of food including hummus, tabbobs, and pita with drinks to boot! Dress to impress in all white or as a Greek god or goddess - best dressed wins a prize. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the African-American Research Library, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. \$10. 954-357-6149.

### September 12

**Israel Houghton and the New Breed Band:** Get lifted with live gospel music by Israel Houghton and the New Breed Band. Known for their lively and inspiring gospel music, Israel and the New Breed released their first album in 1997 and are known for their songs *Your Name is Great*, *Trading My Sorrows*, and *You Are Good*. The group will be joined by Miel San

Marcos of Guatemala. 7 p.m. at the BankUnited Center, 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables. \$30-\$70. 305-284-8686.

### September 13



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**Citizenship Legal Workshop:** The New Americans Campaign (NAC) and their partners present this citizenship drive. The workshop is designed to help legal permanent residents (LPRs) with the application to become a U.S. citizen. The legal service providers and volunteers will help residents who have been in the states for five years or longer apply for citizenship. The services are free, but there is a \$680 USCIS application fee, which may be waived if applicants receive food stamps, Medicaid or SSI. Begin the process 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Florida International University's College of Law, 11200 SW Eighth St., Miami. 1-888-541-2826.

### September 13

**Family Expo:** Join the Children's Trust for a day of fun with indoor exhibits on after school programs, pre-k registration, parenting classes and more! Authors Brad Meltzer (*I am Rosa Parks*) and Bob Shea (*Dinosaur vs. School*) will be there to sign copies of their books. Plus, buy books at a huge discount for children in the eighth grade and younger. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way, Miami. Call 211 or visit [www.thechildrenstrust.org](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org)

### September 13

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**Ekphrasis Finale:** Dance Now! Presents *Trash to Treasure* and other dances inspired by the Gravity and Grace Monumental Works by El Anatsui exhibit. Diego Salterini and Hannah Baumgarten, artistic directors of Dance Now! created site-specific works for the performance. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Bass Museum, 2100 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Free with museum admission of \$8, \$6 seniors and students with ID. 305-673-7530 or [www.bassmuseum.org](http://www.bassmuseum.org)

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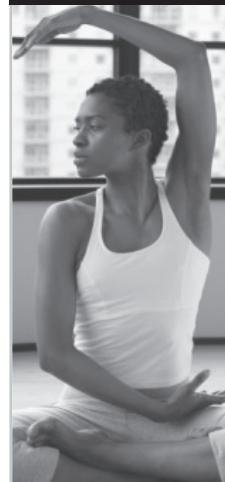


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**Yoga in the Park:** Bring your yoga mat, water, and a towel to relax and unwind with a yoga session by the bay. A certified instructor will lead you through the movements and the atmosphere is perfect to reduce your stress before returning to the weekday grind. 6 p.m. at Bayfront Park Amphitheater, 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Free. 305-358-7550.

### September 16

**FedAssist and Immigration Services:** Get help with your U.S. passport application, housing, transportation, child support and more! The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will offer onsite assistance for residents who have questions or concerns about their immigration status. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Center lobby, 111 NW First St., Miami. Free. 305-375-5730.

### September 17



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**Chalk4Peace:** Students and parents can join local artists as they create art to encourage peace. 1 to 5:45 p.m. in the Parking Lot of the African-American Research Library, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Free. 954-357-6209.

### September 17



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**Vickie Pierre**

**Exhibit Evenings Reception:** Get a peek at the latest exhibit at the Deering Estate and meet with the artists and learn about their process while enjoying light refreshments.

The Alumni Artists in Residence exhibit features work by Vickie Pierre, Yomarie Silvia O'Neal and Michael Gellatly. The night is the perfect time to check out the experimental and mixed media pieces with work designed specifically for the space at the Estate. 7 to 9 p.m. at the Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami. Free. 305-235-1668, ext. 233.

### September 18

**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 online 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 a list of suitable identification or call 305-375-5730 for details.

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- 1 medium banana, cut into chunks
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in blender; blend until smooth and creamy. Pour in glasses.

Note: For frozen fruit pops, pour leftover smoothie into small plastic cups. Cover cups with plastic wrap, insert stick and freeze.



## Fruit Salsa Yogurt Parfait

Servings: 8  
Prep time: 15 minutes

- 1 can (15 ounces) peach slices in juice
- 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks in juice
- 2 peeled and chopped kiwis
- 1 cup chopped strawberries
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 carton (32 ounces) non-fat vanilla yogurt

Drain peach slices, discarding juice. Drain pineapple chunks, reserving juice. Chop peaches and pineapple.

Toss peaches, pineapple, kiwi, strawberries, brown sugar, spices and reserved pineapple juice in medium bowl.

Layer 1/2 cup yogurt with 6 tablespoons of fruit salsa in each of eight parfait glasses or dessert dishes. Serve immediately.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL EVENTS  
CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT OF

*Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis*

13TH PRESIDENT OF  
FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

*Wednesday, October 1, 2014*

University Spirit Day - All Day  
Student Inaugural Ball - 8 p.m.

*Thursday, October 2, 2014*

Academic Symposium - 9 a.m.  
Stiletto Stroll and Stride for Breast Cancer - 12:30 p.m.  
Lunch on the Lawn with the President - 1:30 p.m.  
Inaugural Jazz Concert - 7 p.m.

*Friday, October 3, 2014*

Legacy Tribute - 8 a.m.  
Prayer Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
Investiture Ceremony - 11:30 a.m.  
Presidential Reception - 7 p.m.  
(by invitation only)

*Saturday, October 4, 2014*

Pre-Gala Reception - 6 p.m.  
Presidential Inaugural Scholarship Gala - 7 p.m.

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