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## BRIGHT LIGHTS, FAIR CITY



A carnival classic, the ferris wheel at the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition at Tamiami Park glows in the twilight hours of opening day on Thursday. The annual fair, which is marking its 64th anniversary this year, returns with some new rides and features, including a beer garden, and will run four days longer than in past years. At right, Alan Gomez, 3, devours a roasted ear of corn.



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### U.S. NAVY

## Sailors are accused in video scandal

Twelve sailors allegedly made and traded videos of female officers in a case that highlights issues the Navy has faced with coed crews.

BY JASON DEAREN  
Associated Press

**MAYPORT NAVAL STATION** — A group of male submarine sailors traded illicit videos of female officers in various stages of

undress as if they were Pokemon cards, a U.S. Navy prosecutor said Thursday. Navy prosecutors presented evidence against two of 12 male sailors accused of illegally making and trading

videos of female officers aboard a nuclear submarine that was among the first to allow American women to serve alongside men.

The two men in court Thursday, both missile technicians aboard the USS Wyoming nuclear submarine, were accused of trading the videos with other

sailors.

Another sailor aboard the Wyoming made the videos with his smartphone and then told others that he had a "gift for them," Navy prosecuting attorney Lt. Cmdr. Lee Marsh said. The Wyoming is based at Kings Bay Na-

• TURN TO VIDEOS, 3A

### HAITI

## Changing Haiti, one young mind at a time

An innovative chemistry teacher in Haiti is among 10 finalists vying for a \$1 million award that is considered to be the 'Nobel' for teaching.

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**PORAU-PRINCE** — A few years ago, a group of high school students attending the modest, privately-run Collège Catts Pressoir came up with an innovative thought for their physics final: They would get a broken traffic light down the street to work again.

After studying how traffic lights work, they installed an inverter operated by 10 batteries in their classroom and ran an electrical cable to

the nearby four-way intersection. Weeks later, at the corner of John Brown and Martin Luther King, the lights came alive.

"Difficulties are the ingredients of development," said school headmaster and chemistry teacher Guy Etienne, recalling the day the lights came on. "What we are developing in students' minds is that when you are confronted with a challenge, go find a solution; don't just cross your arms and say you can't because



FREDERICK ALBERT/SPECIAL TO THE MIAMI HERALD

**VISION:** Guy Etienne eschewed Haiti's old model of education for a technology-driven curriculum.

it's difficult."

That empowering philosophy has made Catts Pressoir one of Haiti's most prestigious private schools. It also has given Etienne the biggest recognition yet of his 34-year teaching career: He

is among 10 finalists for a \$1 million award that is considered the "Nobel Prize for teaching."

"For 30 years, a lot of parents haven't agreed with me.

• TURN TO ETIENNE, 2A

### DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

## Alleged torturer taught for Pentagon

A member of the most 'sinister spy agency' in Latin America was allowed to keep working at a school tied to the National Defense University.

BY MARISA TAYLOR  
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McClatchy Washington Bureau

**SANTIAGO, Chile** — A member of the late Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet's brutal secret police — who has been accused of murder — taught for more than a decade at the Pentagon's premier university, despite repeated complaints by his colleagues about his past.

Jaime Garcia Covarrubias is charged in criminal court in Santiago with being the mastermind in the execution-style slayings of seven people in 1973, according to court documents. McClatchy also interviewed an accuser who identified Garcia Covarrubias as the person who sexually tortured him.



GARCIA COVARRUBIAS

Despite knowing of the allegations, State and Defense department officials allowed Garcia Covarrubias to retain his visa and continue working at a school affiliated with the National Defense University until last year.

Human rights groups also question the school's selection of a second professor, Colombia's former top military commander.

Some Latin America experts said the hires by the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense

• TURN TO SCHOOL, 2A

### SPANISH-LANGUAGE TELEVISION

## Univision host is fired over dig at Michelle Obama

Calling his comments about the first lady 'completely reprehensible,' Univision said it has fired TV personality Rodner Figueroa.

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Univision fired Emmy-awarded winning Spanish-language television personality Rodner Figueroa after he said on air that First Lady Michelle Obama looked as if she were a member of the cast of the Hollywood film Planet of the Apes.

Figueroa, known for his biting fashion commentary, made his remarks Wednesday during a live segment of the show El Gordo y la Flaca in which the hosts were discussing a viral video that shows a makeup artist transforming himself into different celebrities, including Michelle Obama.

"Well, watch out, you know that Michelle Obama looks like she's from the



RODNER FIGUEROA/UNIVISION

**AXED:** TV personality Rodner Figueroa.

cast of Planet of the Apes, the movie," Figueroa, 42, said with a giggle.

When hostess Lili Estefan countered with, "What are you saying?" and host Rami de Molina said Obama

• TURN TO FIGUEROA, 2A

THE BUSINESS REPORT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

'Stark difference' in numbers

• MEGA-MALL, FROM 1C

mayor added. The 10,000-job possibility, 40 percent of Triple Five's projection, was not laid out in the administration's 107-page briefing package made public ahead of Tuesday's meeting. The vote to approve a \$12 million land sale to Triple Five was not steered through the commission committee system either, and is set to take place 12 days after Gimenez revealed the project's existence in an interview with the Miami Herald. On Tuesday, commissioners would only approve the land transaction giving Triple Five a state parcel it needs for its project. Zoning decisions and other matters

would come back to commissioners and other government officials in an approval process expected to stretch well into 2015 and beyond. The proposed hiring requirements were included in the first official batch of documents tied to what Gimenez describes as the largest economic-development project in Miami-Dade's history, a 200-acre retail and entertainment complex with condos, hotels and shops as well as an indoor ski slope, sea-lion exhibit, submarine rides and an artificial beach near Miami Lakes and Hialeah. "This is about jobs," Gimenez said during a March 6 meeting with the Miami Herald Editorial Board.

"What attracted me initially to this, and what continues to attract me, is the number of jobs that will be created in our area." Triple Five declined to elaborate on its hiring plans Thursday, and has yet to make a company executive available for interviews in advance of Tuesday's vote. Commissioner Bovo said he would judge Triple Five on actual hiring results at its existing projects. "What numbers did they create in other locations? We'll go from there." The Mall of America's webpage lists 11,000 employees in the winter and another 2,000 seasonal hires for the summer in the sprawling 4-million-square-foot attraction. Triple Five says

that when the Minneapolis mall's second phase is finished, the facility should employ 20,000 people. An even larger Triple Five mall in Edmonton, Canada, with about 5 million square feet of shopping and entertainment, employs 25,000 people, according to Triple Five's website. The developer is counting on an assemblage of north-west Miami-Dade land made up mostly of property owned by the Graham Companies. But 82 of the 200 acres are state-owned, and Miami-Dade would use its power as a local government to acquire the property once Florida declares it surplus and to then transfer the acreage to Triple Five.

Triple Five plans to pay \$2.3 million for the 82-acre site, with the money going to Florida through Miami-Dade. Triple Five also would pay \$7.2 million to Miami-Dade's school system, which holds a lease on about half of the state land for future school construction that administrators now say they don't expect to ever build.

Gimenez is asking county commissioners to waive Miami-Dade rules on selling county land, which requires the proposed transaction to be vetted through the planning process. The mayor invoked Miami-Dade's economic-development law in asking commissioners to circumvent the land-sale process, saying American Dream Miami presents a significant opportunity to boost the county's economy.

As part of that waiver, Gimenez proposed a set of restrictions on the 82-acre parcel that would require Triple Five to pay as much as \$5 million in penalties if it doesn't meet hiring requirements laid out in the document.

FLORIDA BRIEFS

Grove condo sets record

Two new ultra-luxury condo towers in Coconut Grove have sold at an average of \$1,100 per square foot, a record price for the area, the project's developers said. Coconut Grove hasn't seen a major luxury condo project in 10 years. But as the housing market rebounds, developers are hoping to attract wealthy buyers from the U.S. and abroad to a traditionally bohemian neighborhood known as a home for locals. The project, on the site of the old Grand Bay Hotel, has an address at 2675 S. Bayshore Dr. The architect Bjarke Ingels designed its two, twisting, 20-story towers. Completion is slated for later this year. "Coconut Grove is a healthy market overall, but it's an unknown market for luxury high-end condos," said analyst Peter Zalewski of Condo Vultures. "They're going somewhere no one has gone in a long time." The square-foot price appeared to be a record for the area, he said, though it is unofficial until deeds are filed with the county.

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

Stocks up, dollar stalls

U.S. stock market indexes rose on Thursday U.S., led by gains in financial companies after a number of banks got approval from the Federal Reserve to raise dividends and buy back shares. Stocks also rose as the dollar weakened against the euro for the first time in nine days. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 20 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,060 as of 1:48 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 198 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,834. The Nasdaq composite gained 32 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,881.

MIAMI HERALD STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

DIVIDENDS

	Pr.	Stk	of	pay-	REGULAR			
	rate	record	able	able		Q		
<b>INCREASED</b>					AIG Mgt Invest	Q	.60	3-23 4-10
Childrens Place	Q	.15	4-9	4-30	Amer Cap Agency	M	.22	3-31 4-10
MCIP Ingredients	A	.06	3-26	4-21	Bassett Furniture	Q	.08	5-15 5-29
Bo/Max Holdings	Q	.125	3-25	4-8	Brown Shoe	Q	.07	3-23 4-1
Steel Dynamics	Q	.1175	3-31	4-10	Corstia Realty	Q	.42	3-31 4-15
Vail Resorts	Q	.0225	3-31	4-15	Elginer Bus NET	Q	.55	3-21 4-27
<b>INITIAL</b>					Gas Natural	Q	.135	3-26 4-2
Dollar General	Q	.22	4-8	4-22	Genie Energy	Q	.06	3-23 3-31
Methdrene PFI Co	Q	.09	5-12	5-26	Heartland Exp	Q	.02	3-23 4-2
Orbital ATK	Q	.26	6-8	6-25	Kemper Co	Q	.185	5-15 6-1
<b>REDUCED</b>					Lifetime Brands	Q	.0375	5-1 5-15
Capstead Mgt	Q	.31	3-31	4-20	Mid Amer Agri	Q	.77	4-15 4-30
OHX Investment	Q	.12	3-31	4-8	RF Industries	Q	.07	3-31 4-15
Penn West PFI Co	Q	.01	3-31	4-15	Resource Amer	Q	.06	4-16 4-30
<b>SPECIAL</b>					Royal Gold	Q	.22	4-2 4-17
Bo/Max Holdings		1.50	3-23	4-8				

q: Payable in Canadian funds.

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