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HALLANDALE BEACH

How a South Florida Democrat became darling of the alt-right

After a viral Facebook post about Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Hallandale Beach Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub found support among white supremacists, nationalists and alt right activists like Laura Loomer.

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A wall of half a dozen men closed ranks around Rasha Mubarak. Leering at the young Palestinian-American woman who filmed them on her phone, they

shoved Make America Great Again caps into her face, waved signs inscribed with anti-Muslim messages and spewed insults.

Animal. Anti-Semite. Woman-hater. Terrorist. "My initial reaction was that the bigotry is real in South Florida," said Mubarak, who told the



Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub, left, and Rep. Rashida Tlaib.

Miami Herald she was afraid the men would become physically violent. "It was a little overwhelming and scary."

Mubarak's antagonists were part of a group gathered outside Hallandale Beach City Hall on Jan. 23, in a rally that to some was intended to be a defense of Israel against a growing boycott movement.

It became a platform for anti-Muslim hate. Setting that tone and mixed into the crowd were self-described Islamophobes, white nationalists, sympathizers

SEE HALLANDALE, 6A

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\$196
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Amount varies by area



LOCAL NEWS

CROWDED FIELD FOR DADE MAYOR

Carlos Gimenez will be out of office in 2020 because of term limits, and many candidates are lining up to run to replace him — including some familiar names. 21A



IN DEPTH

WORK-AROUND ON FUEL RULES

Cruise lines are required to burn cleaner fuel to protect the environment, but some are resorting to 'scrubbers' so they can continue burning cheaper but dirtier fuel. 1C



TROPICAL SUNDAY

NON-NATIVE FISH NOT SO BAD?

The environmental effect of introducing non-native fish to South Florida waters isn't completely clear, but many recreational fishermen say they enhance the angling experience. 1M

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Trafficking case in U.S. court spotlights weapons problem

A Haiti-born gun shop owner is on trial in Fort Lauderdale on charges he shipped a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition to Haiti in a truck out of Palm Beach County. A parallel investigation has led to several indictments and the arrest of ex-President Michel Martelly's police chief.

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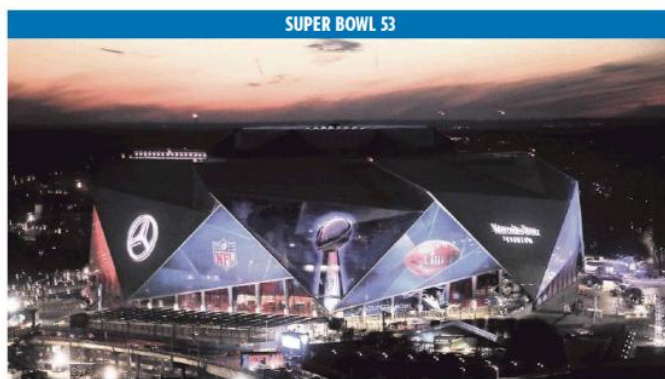
A week after an Orlando gun shop owner was informed that his request to export semi-automatic weapons, ammunition and ballistic armor to Haiti had been denied by U.S. government officials, the federally licensed arms dealer fired off an email to a Pompano Beach ballistic armor company and requested personal protection gear on behalf of Haitian police.

THE CASE WENT TO THE JURY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AFTER JUNIOR JOSEPH OPTED NOT TO TAKE THE STAND IN HIS DEFENSE.

The police chief in Haiti was concerned about a recent militant attack on a police station, and he needed some light-weight ballistic gear for some of his officers, Junior Joseph wrote in the May 17, 2016, email to Kevin Beary, director of business development at Point Blank Enterprises. Informed of the request, Beary's boss responded with some budget-friendly suggestions and said, "remember, export licenses are required for Haiti."

"We already have an export license," Joseph emailed back. It was a lie, say federal au-

SEE ARMS, 2A



The sun sets behind Mercedes-Benz Stadium ahead of Sunday's NFL Super Bowl 53 football game between the Los Angeles Rams and New England Patriots in Atlanta.

SUPER SPOTLIGHT ON ATLANTA, BUT IN '20 IT'S MIAMI'S TURN

Super Bowl 53 is Sunday in Atlanta, where the Patriots and Rams will face off. When the game ends, the real work begins for Miami, which hosts the championship game for a record 11th time in 2020.

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ATLANTA Monday morning, after the Super Bowl trophy has been raised, the confetti fallen and the last celebratory libation imbibed, there will be one final handoff.

Not from quarterback to running back, but from Atlanta to Miami.

And by 8:30 a.m., South Florida will officially be on the clock.

America's biggest game is headed back to Miami in 2020 after a decade away.

The first ceremony of many during the next 12 months? When NFL commissioner Roger Goodell literally hands the ball to Mayor Carlos Gimenez in the shadow of Atlanta's football palace the morning after the league crowns a new champion.

Dolphins owner Stephen Ross will be there, reveling in a moment

SEE SUPER BOWL, 4A



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees enjoys the moment after the Saints won the 2010 Super Bowl over the Indianapolis Colts at Sun Life Stadium.

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"GARDEN GALAXY" AT FAIRCHILD'S GALA IN THE GARDEN

Always a much anticipated invite, hundreds of South Florida's philanthropic set did not want to miss this year's Annual Gala In the Garden at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden co-chaired by Swanee DiMare and Frances Sevilla-Sacasa with Joyce Burns serving as Philanthropic Chair. A must attend affair - the "Garden Galaxy" themed soiree enticed guests into the majestic Lakeside Marquee set on Fairchild's enchanting setting with celestial globes of gold, silver and sparkling white and lush vines of orchids dangling from the ceiling. Partygoers draped in black-tie formals strolled into the giant tent to toast Fairchild's 80th Anniversary and to salute their partnership with NASA.

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Board of Trustees President Bruce Greer welcomed guests and thanked this year's Royal Palm Sponsors: Paul and Swanee DiMare, Tony and Joyce Burns, Lou and Mary Jean Risi, Bunny and Raphael Bastian, Kenneth O'Keefe and Jason Stephens, and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Event Chairs Swanee DiMare and Frances Sevilla-Sacasa also saluted special honorees Mary Jean and Lou Risi for their longstanding support of the Garden. Congratulations!! In tribute to the awardees and the Garden's future, Le Basque created a gourmet trio of seafood saipicon, filet mignon, and a chocolate galaxy "black hole." After the feast, the dance floor lit up thanks to the rocking tunes of the Danny Beck Band. In true Fairchild tradition, supporters received beautiful orchid plants to take home. Proceeds supported Fairchild's programs in conservation science, education, and horticulture.

GOLDEN ANGELS GALA

Elegantly dressed ladies and dapper gents flocked to the JW Marriott Marquis in downtown Miami to support the annual Golden Angels Gala hosted by the Jackson Health Foundation. That's the time of season for the affair to honor the Golden Angels, the Foundation's premier society whose members play a vital role in advancing the health of Jackson Health through philanthropic efforts. The event was co-chaired by Fana Holtz, naming beneficiary of Holtz Children's Hospital.

Silvia Rios Fortun, a member of the Board of Directors, chaired the sold-out evening. More than 600 philanthropists, luminari business moguls and community leaders gathered to help raise more than \$2.7 million.

The gallant evening celebrated the expansion of Jackson Health System, the enhancement and expansion of services at Jackson is a benefit for our community," said David Tribble, Jackson Health President and CEO. "Every day, thousands of people in Dade County depend on Jackson Health System. It's a source of pride for them and the generous support of our donors and corporate sponsors makes it possible for the Foundation to continue to improve the health system in the city and to make miracles happen for patients in need, regardless of their ability to pay."

WPLG Channel 10 anchor Laurie Jennings as Mistress of Ceremony for the phenomenal evening. Jackson President and CEO David Tribble and Jackson Health System CEO Miguel also addressed the audience. In fact, during the program, the generosity of the gala's co-chairs - Ken Gorin, and Harvey Chaplin and Ron Kupferman was highlighted by their significant gifts of the celebration. Ken and the Claman Family pledged a



Ricardo Tabet and Edgardo Defortuna at Fortune International Realty Preview Luncheon for Monaco Yacht Club and Residences at Cipriani Downtown Miami.
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Arnpoulos, Suzy Buckley Woodward, Neiman Marcus Bal Harbour's Bob Lugari and Hadley Henriette at an exclusive fashion and luncheon at Bal Harbour Shoppes' lush Center Courtyard in support of the Stronach Group's Pegasus World Cup, North America's first Thoroughbred Horse Race which took place at Gulfstream Park. Photo credit: Seth Browamik/WorldRedEye.com.

to support Jackson. I donated to help with the expansion of the Miami Transplant Institute. In addition to the sensational décor and ambiance of the happening, benefactors were treated to an out of this world performance by singer Loren Allred who sang "Never Enough," a song she recorded for the soundtrack of the hit movie musical "The Greatest Showman." The show will go on and a huge hats off to Jackson on another magnificent benefit.

expansion projects were presented including - the construction of the Christine E. Lynn Rehabilitation Center for The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, Jackson West in the City of Doral, the enhancement of programs and initiatives at Holtz Children's Hospital and the expansion of the Miami Transplant Institute. In addition to the sensational décor and ambiance of the happening, benefactors were treated to an out of this world performance by singer Loren Allred who sang "Never Enough," a song she recorded for the soundtrack of the hit movie musical "The Greatest Showman." The show will go on and a huge hats off to Jackson on another magnificent benefit.

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Dani Grutman, Ellie Goulding, and Diplo at Ellie Goulding, Diplo, and Daddy Long Neck at LIV. Photo credit: Seth Browamik/WorldRedEye.com.



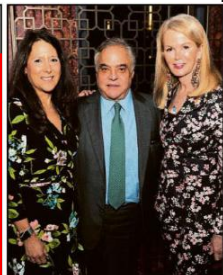
Dani and Bella Thorne, Mark Ronson, and DJ Ross One at Pegasus World Cup Invitational 2019 Official After Party Featuring Mark Ronson and Bella Thorne at LIV. Photo credit: Seth Browamik/WorldRedEye.com.



Sandra Tamer, Nina Miguel, and Alexa Wolman at VALENTINO Hosts PAMM Art of the Party Gala Kick-Off Celebration at VALENTINO Miami Design District. Photo credit: Seth Browamik/WorldRedEye.com.



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Karen Pearl, Lee Brian Schragar, and Blaine Trump at God's Love We Deliver Visits Miami at Bar Bay. Photo credit: Seth Browamik/WorldRedEye.com.

