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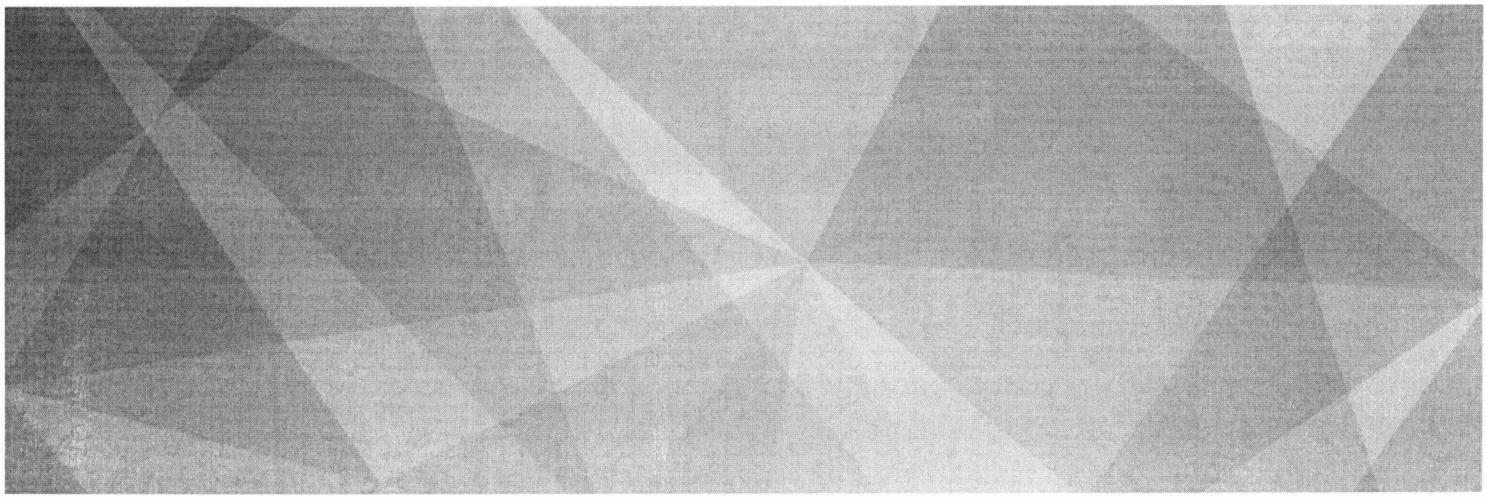

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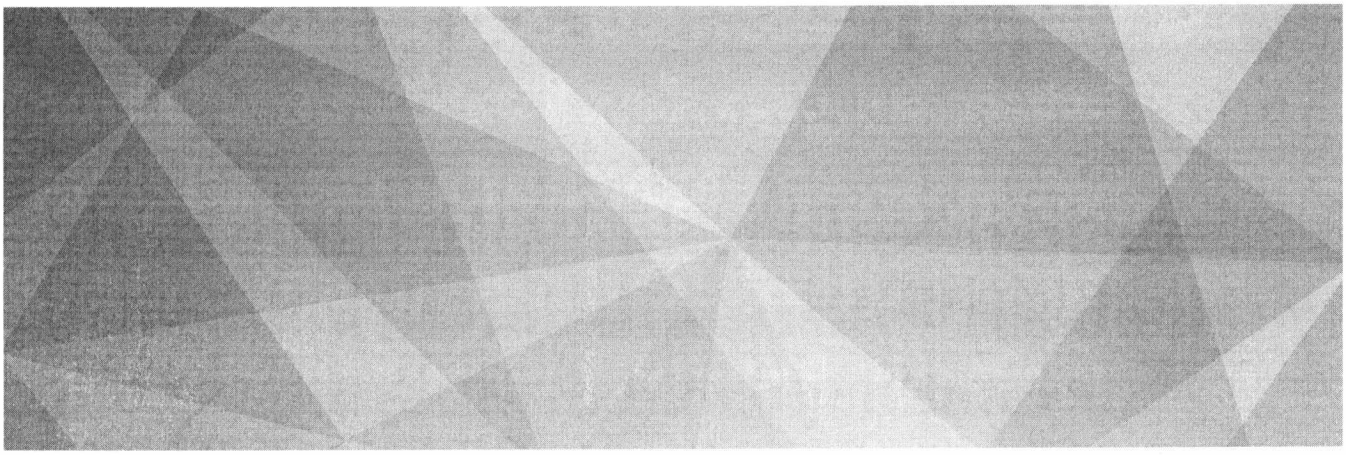

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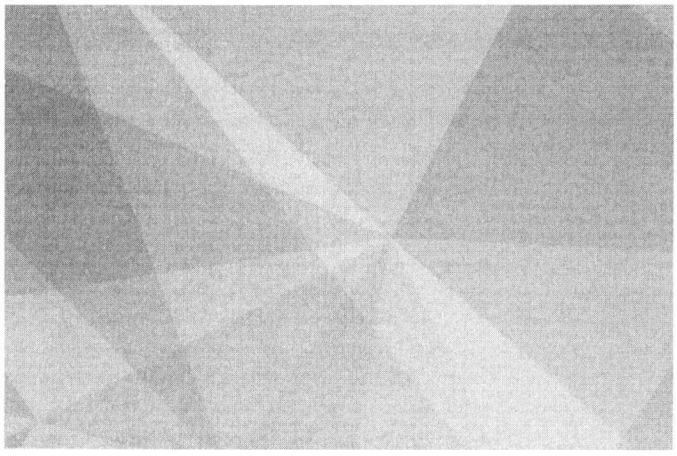

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The Andrew Goodman Foundation to Honor Five "Hidden Heroes" for Their Commitment to Protecting and Expanding Democracy in Their Communities

On Saturday, June 22 at 7:15 p.m., The Andrew Goodman Foundation will recognize five young campus leaders from around the country for their dedication to ensuring their fellow college students have access to polling places and voter registration services. The "Hidden Heroes" awards ceremony will take place at Montclair State University and will feature a video address from Stacey Abrams, 2018 Georgia gubernatorial candidate and founder of Fair Fight Action, an organization whose mission is to advocate for election reform and engage in voter education and turnout to secure the voting rights of Georgians.

The Hidden Heroes Award honors The Andrew Goodman Foundation's outstanding Vote Everywhere Ambassadors and Puffin Democracy Fellows for demonstrating a commitment to continuing Andrew Goodman's legacy of expanding civic engagement and defending democracy in their communities. More than 100 of these civic leaders from around the country were considered for the award. Vote Everywhere Ambassadors are college students from schools around the country who lead voter campus registration drives, Get Out the Vote efforts, and remove the barriers that student voters face. The Puffin Democracy Fellows, the Foundation's newest leadership program, work on innovative and impactful projects to expand voting rights and social justice in their local communities and nationally.

"This year's Hidden Heroes award ceremony comes at an important time in our country's history as more states push to restrict voter registration efforts. These extraordinary young leaders, along with all of our Vote Everywhere Ambassadors and Puffin Democracy Fellows, are standing at the front lines of these battles," says Sylvia Golbin-Goodman, the Executive Director of The Andrew Goodman Foundation. "We are in awe of their dedication and fearlessness in the face of these efforts and we couldn't be more honored to recognize these outstanding young people."

The awards ceremony will take place during the Foundation's fifth annual National Civic Leadership Training Summit where students from 59 campuses around the country meet to train and prepare Vote Everywhere Ambassadors for the upcoming school year. The event will feature workshops and lectures with staff, alumni, and expert speakers. The Summit will also

commemorate the 55th anniversary of Andrew Goodman's murder by the KKK in Mississippi while registering African Americans to vote.

2019 Hidden Heroes

Jacqueline Beveridge, Georgetown University '19
Jacqueline Beveridge graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where she received a Bachelor's in International Politics with a concentration in International Security and a certificate in Religion, Ethics, and World Affairs. She first became a member of GU Votes, a student-led initiative working to enhance the voting culture on campus, in 2016 and was promoted to Co-President of the organization her senior year. Under her leadership, GU Votes created and institutionalized a voter registration drop box system available in all on-campus residence halls, successfully piloted new technology like my.VoteEverywhere on National Voter Registration Day and in New Student Orientation, and assisted over one-third of the Georgetown undergraduate population with voter registration and absentee-ballot requests. Following Georgetown, Jacqueline will be pursuing a Master's in International Crimes, Conflict, and Criminology in Amsterdam and then attending law school.

Yark Beyan, Stony Brook University '19
Yark Beyan graduated from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor's in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations. After joining Vote Everywhere in 2017, she helped successfully institutionalize voter registration into New Student Orientation at Stony Brook University. That year, 2,008 first-year-students were registered to vote over the course of just 13 days. Under her leadership, her team has registered over 8,000 Stony Brook students, including 2,733 students prior to the 2018 Midterm Elections. Additionally, she was one of four students who served on the University President's Council of Student Advisors and helped to found the University's new Center for Civic Justice. Yark has been awarded the University's first-ever Excellence in Civic Leadership Award, now named the Yark Beyan Excellence in Civic Leadership Award.

Rebecca Diaz, Miami Dade College – Wolfson '19
Rebecca Diaz is a graduate of the Honors College at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus. She previously served as Secretary for the college's Student Government Association. As a Vote Everywhere Ambassador, Rebecca attended a city budget hearing prior to the 2018 Midterm Elections and, alongside a coalition of students, delivered a compelling speech to the County Commission, which successfully advocated for the addition of two early voting sites at Miami Dade College. As a result, nearly 11,000 people were able to take advantage of the early voting sites on Kendall and North's campuses.

Ava Mazzye, Bard College '20
Ava Mazzye is a B.A candidate at Bard College where she studies Political Studies. She currently serves as a member of the Fiscal Committee in student government and as a Lead

Peer Counselor.In the Fall 2018 semester, Ava and her team registered over 400 students to vote, hosted 26 events, and engaged over 550 people on Election Day with shuttles, educational materials, and a results return watch party. Ava also helped to inform her community around polling place accessibility issues, continued dialogues about a polling place relocation effort, and even advocated in the community on behalf of legislation that aims to require polling places on campus in New York.

Zoë Williamson, Louisiana State University '19

Zoë Williamson studied Political Communications at Louisiana State University (LSU) with a minor in Political Science. She served as a Governor's Fellow in Louisiana Government and worked in the Governor of Louisiana's communication office. She also previously served as LSU Student Government's Director of Communications. As a Vote Everywhere Ambassador, Zoë helped lead Geaux Vote in expanding the organization's structure, social media presence, and cadre of volunteers; integrating voter registration into everyday student life and registering 2,500 students to vote; and creating one centralized polling place on LSU's campus to make casting a ballot more accessible for all of LSU's students.

About The Andrew Goodman Foundation

The Andrew Goodman Foundation's mission is to make young voices and votes a powerful force in democracy by training young leaders, engaging low-propensity voters, and challenging restrictive voter suppression laws. The Foundation's Vote Everywhere program partners with America's colleges and universities to provide resources, visibility, and mentoring to a national network of student leaders who involve their peers in participatory democracy through long-term voter engagement, public policy, and social justice initiatives. The organization is named after Andrew Goodman, a Freedom Summer volunteer and champion of equality and voting rights who was murdered by the KKK in 1964 at 20 years old while registering African Americans to vote in Mississippi.

College hands budding entrepreneurs key to food truck work

By Catherine Lackner

A handful of budding entrepreneurs are ready to take on the food-truck world, thanks to the Hospitality Institute at Miami Dade College.

Thirteen students graduated from the institute's four-week Food Truck & Business Operations class. "Taught by Miami Dade College instructors, the course prepares participants for new employment opportunities in the hospitality industry or for ownership of a food truck operation," said a release by the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which funded the course so that it was free for students. "Graduates received training in entrepreneurship, operations, employability skills, restaurant service, customer service, food safety and sanitation."

Graduates on May 24 received a state-mandated food safety certification, a Miami Dade College certificate of completion, and the industry-recognized certifications Restaurant Server and Guest Service Gold. They also receive job-placement assistance. Classes are held at the historic Lyric Theater at 819 NW Second Ave. in Overtown.

Another session that began last week features Anthony Witherspoon, who has taught the institute's food and beverage curriculum for two years, said Shelly Fano, Hospitality Institute executive director. About 15 students enrolled, said Laura Drosdowech, institute manager. They learn the details of running a food truck, as well as the basic principles of entrepreneurship.

In the fall, another food truck course will collaborate among the institute, the Neighbors and Neighbors community organization, the Brightline train service, and the office of County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson. The course is capped by a food competition among graduates; the winner will have the chance to lease or buy a food truck.

In addition, "We have done three eight-week culinary trainings at Camillus House, funded by CareerSource South Florida, and have had a high job-placement rate," Ms. Fano said. "We're hoping to expand that to Lotus House in CareerSource's 2019-20 grant cycle."

Details: (305) 237-3370 or mdc.edu/hospitality-institute

Miami high school students qualify for banking internships as part of Future Bankers Camp hosted by Center for Financial Training, local banks and Miami Dade College

Interns will receive training to earn American Bankers Association Bank Teller Certificates and the opportunity to enhance math, communication and financial literacy skills.

MIAMI, June 13, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **MIAMI**– June 13, 2019 – Scores of high school students in Miami-Dade County, Fla., have been selected to participate in the prestigious 12th annual Future Bankers Camp, which includes summer internships at area financial institutions.

The innovative four-week camp will give 104 students the opportunity to enhance math, communication and financial literacy skills in the classroom followed by internships with hands-on experience at 30 banks, credit unions, and institutions in Miami-Dade County. In addition, the students will receive bank teller training and on completion of the internships will receive American Bankers Association Bank Teller Certificates.

"For more than a decade our Future Bankers Camp has been successful in giving high school students a close-up view of what a career in banking could be like for them. We deeply appreciate the generous partnership of the financial community, which has gone out of its way to provide guidance and mentorship," said Connie Laguna, president and CEO of the Center for Financial Training - Southeastern.

The Future Bankers Camp is a project of the Center for Financial Training - Southeastern, Miami Dade College Miguel B. Fernandez Family Global School of Business & Continuing Education, CareerSource of South Florida, and Cuban American National Council (CNC). The South Florida Banking Institute and Albert E. Acuña, P.A. also are involved. The students are enrolled in Academy of Finance high school programs within Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Participating banks and credit unions are Amerant Bank, Apollo Bank, Bac Florida, Banco Pichincha, Banco Santander, Banesco USA, Baptist Health South Florida F.C.U., BBVA Compass Bank, Capital Bank, City National Bank, Continental National Bank, FirstBank Florida, First National Bank of South Miami, Grove Bank & Trust, Helm Bank USA, International Finance Bank, JetStream Federal Credit Union, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Marquis Bank, Ocean Bank, Pacific National Bank, Popular Bank, Power Financial Credit Union, Professional Bank, Sunstate Bank, TD Bank, U.S. Century Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

"We are living in an age of technology in which many young people are unaware of what takes place at a bank. It's important they see how we help our community to thrive through access to capital and how we develop face-to-face relationships with clients. At Ocean Bank, we are proud of our role with the Future Bankers Camp and having been host to 310 high school interns through the years. I look forward to meeting the 25 interns our bank will host this year," said A. Alfonso Macedo, president and CEO of Ocean Bank.

Schools with students participating in the 2019 program are: Barbara Goleman Senior High School, Coral Gables Senior High School, Coral Reef Senior High School, Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens Senior High School, Miami Edison Senior High School, Miami Jackson Senior High School, Miami Sunset Senior High School, North Miami Beach Senior High School, Showers of Blessing Christian Academy, South Dade Senior High School and William H. Turner Technical Arts High School.

The Center for Financial Training at MDC

The Center for Financial Training provides financial services education, training and technology to financial services professionals throughout the United States and around the world. CFT is a national organization and the largest industry-sponsored adult education program in the world. CFT training and education programs provide job specific skills and knowledge to the financial

services industry. CFT is the educational arm of the American Bankers Association and courses are part of a national continuing education curriculum. Completion of prescribed programs can lead to industry-recognized ABA diplomas and certificates, assist in professional licensing requirements and meet college credit and degree requirements. For more information,visit www.cftse.org.

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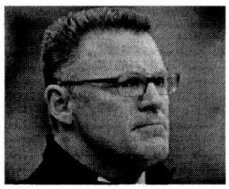

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FAMU using community college partnerships to boost enrollment

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FAMU is on track to increase the number its transfer Student enrollment to 1,100 by 2020 through new partnerships with Florida College Systems (FCS) schools and community colleges this year. For the 2018-19 school year FAMU enrolled 842 FCS transfers, and has 1,802 students participating in the IGNITE program statewide.

The university now has 15 partnerships, for its so called IGNITE transfer program, with Florida community/state colleges which are designed to help incoming students reduce their cost of attending a four-year university and streamline their time to degree completion.

Current IGNITE partner colleges include Broward College, Miami-Dade College, Santa Fe College, Tallahassee Community College, St. Petersburg College, Palm Beach State College, Valencia College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Florida Gateway College, Pasco-Hernando State College, South Florida State College, and Indian River State College.

"The IGNITE partnerships are essential in providing cost-effective opportunities for students to pursue a bachelor's degree at FAMU," said Dr. **William E. Hudson**, Jr., vice president of student affairs at FAMU. "Students who may not meet the minimum admission criteria can remain connected to the university."

Incoming transfer students enrolling through the IGNITE program receive guaranteed admission consistent with FAMU's policy requirements of an earned associate's degree and minimum 2.0 GPA.

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Point Foundation Announces 2019 Scholarship Recipients

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41 Exemplary LGBTQ Student Leaders Receive Critical Support for Higher Education

LOS ANGELES, June 19, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Point Foundation (Point), the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students, today announced its 2019 scholarship recipients. The students receiving support from Point this year make up a group of passionate activists, ready and willing to fight for progress in the face of an increasing lack of support for LGBTQ people at the highest levels of government. 16 LGBTQ students were chosen to be Point Scholars from more than 2,100 applicants. Point is also welcoming 25 LGBTQ students to its Community College Scholarship Program.

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Point's scholarship recipients are talented students with a proven track record of challenging unjust laws and policies, offering guidance to future generations, and using artistry to combat long-lasting discrimination. In addition to their fearless leadership, they have battled obstacles including immigration status, homelessness, family rejection, and abuse. Each one of them has the dedication and resilience to inspire change across the country.

A complete list of scholarship recipients appears below; bios for each are available on Point's website, **www.pointfoundation.org/meet**.

"These LGBTQ students have demonstrated the potential to be the informed and visionary leaders our society needs right now," said **Jorge Valencia**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Point Foundation. "Their dedication to making the world around them a better place provides our community with the promise of a better future. Point is grateful to the incredible people and companies whose support relieves the crushing burden of financing education and presents our scholars with a new world of opportunity."

In the 2019–2020 academic year, 85 LGBTQ students will receive financial assistance and programmatic support from Point as they pursue their associate, bachelor's, or advanced degrees. After graduating, students become part of Point's growing alumni network, connecting them with hundreds of caring individuals and professional contacts throughout the nation. These connections and experiences help to shape the leaders who will go on to defend and advance the rights of LGBTQ people and create a more inclusive, equitable society.

Notable facts about the 2019 Point Scholar class:

- 69% identify as people of color or bi/multiracial.
- 32% identify as transgender or gender nonconforming.
- 38% are first-generation college students.

Notable facts about the 2019 Community College Scholarship recipients:

- 64% identify as people of color or bi/multiracial.
- 48% identify as transgender or gender nonconforming.
- 52% are first-generation students.

Individuals, corporations, and organizations can support Point's mission by designating a scholarship with a "Name," which recognizes the donor, an individual, or an institution. Named Scholarship donors pledge to cover the financial assistance and programmatic support Point provides its scholars.

Named Scholarships for Point Scholars are generously being supported by: Anonymous; Arnold Schwab; Barbara Epstein Foundation; Barbey; CAA; Calamus Foundation; FedEx; Fry-Garatea Family; George Benes, MD; HBO; Herb Hamsher; HSBC; Janssen Infectious Diseases; Jeff Ogle & Jeff Stearns; John M. Deciccio; Kevin Hummer; Minton-Spidell-Jackowski; NBCUniversal; Novo Nordisk; Patti Sue Mathis; Rand Skolnick; Stacy R. Friedman; Took Trust; Toyota; ViiV Healthcare; Walter M. Decker; Wells Fargo; William J. Levy.

Named Scholarships for Community College Scholarships are generously being supported by: Big Apple Recreational Sports; Bryan Fitzgerald; CarGurus; Donald Cummins; Equality Florida; John Hancock; Miami Beach Pride; Terry Longmore.

The 2019 Point Scholars, including their hometown, area of study, degree, school, and Named Scholarship (where applicable) are as follows:

- William Campillo Terrazas; Phoenix, AZ; Pharmacy; MD; University of Texas at El Paso; Janssen Infectious Diseases Scholar

- Kyle Casteel; Indianapolis, IN; Policy Studies and Global and International Studies; BA and BS; Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis
- Vivienne Cho; Florence, AL; Music Performance and Education; BM; University of North Alabama; Patti Sue Mathis Scholar
- Daniel Egol; Briarcliff Manor, NY; Business; MBA; Yale School of Management
- Elizabeth Rose Elrod; Stout, OH; Music Therapy; MB; Ohio University - Athens
- Reeves Gift; Bowie, MD; Cinema; BA; University of Southern California; CAA Scholar
- Nolan Golden; Houston, TX; Anthropology and Gender/Queer Studies; BA; University of California, San Diego; Jeff Ogle & Jeff Stearns Scholar
- Kirin Gupta; Oakton, VA; International Law and Legal History; JD/PhD; Harvard Law School; Walter M. Decker Scholar
- Tayler Hammond; Brentwood, CA; Criminology; Undecided; BA
- Rachel Harwood; Spokane, WA; Biochemistry and Comparative Religion; BS; University of Washington
- Kai Huang; San Jose, CA; Psychobiology; BS; University of California, Los Angeles
- Timothy S. Jones II; New Haven, CT; Theater and Performance Studies; EdD/PhD; Stanford University; Calamus Foundation Scholar
- James Lee; Olympia, WA; Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; MD; Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine; ViiV Healthcare Scholar
- Andrew Ntim; Zion, IL; Law; JD; Yale Law School; FedEx Scholar
- Bianca Nunez; Laredo, TX; Aerospace Engineering; BS; University of Texas at Austin; Wells Fargo Scholar
- Gabby Sergi; Danville, CA; Law; JD; University of California, Hastings College of Law

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41 Exemplary LGBTQ Student Leaders Receive Critical Support for Higher Education

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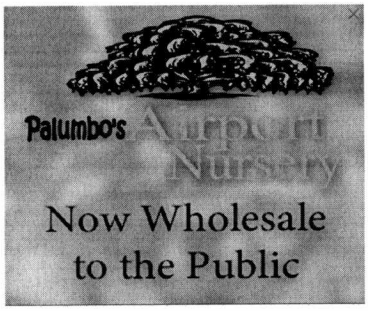

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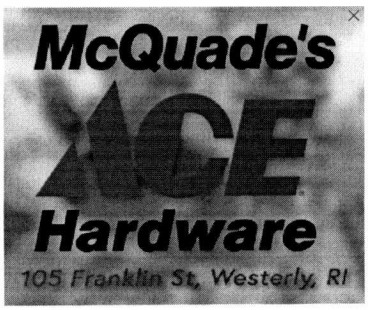
Point's scholarship recipients are talented students with a proven track record of challenging unjust laws and policies, offering guidance to future generations, and using artistry to combat long-lasting discrimination. In addition to their fearless leadership, they have battled obstacles including immigration status, homelessness, family rejection, and abuse. Each one of them has the dedication and resilience to inspire change across the country.

A complete list of scholarship recipients appears below; bios for each are available on Point's website, www.pointfoundation.org/meet (https://c212.net/c/link/?t=0&l=en&o=2502361-1&h=3864984175&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pointfoundation.c

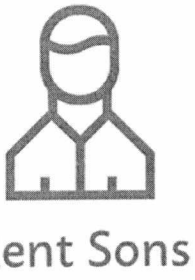
"These LGBTQ students have demonstrated the potential to be the informed and visionary leaders our society needs right now," said **Jorge Valencia**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Point Foundation. "Their dedication to making the world around them a better place provides our community with the promise of a better future. Point is grateful to the incredible people and companies whose support relieves the crushing burden of financing education and presents our scholars with a new world of opportunity."



In the 2019–2020 academic year, 85 LGBTQ students will receive financial assistance and programmatic support from Point as they pursue their associate, bachelor's, or advanced degrees. After graduating, students become part of Point's growing alumni network, connecting them with hundreds of caring individuals and professional contacts throughout the nation. These connections and experiences help to shape the leaders who will go on to defend and advance the rights of LGBTQ people and create a more inclusive, equitable society.

Notable facts about the 2019 Point Scholar class:

- 69% identify as people of color or bi/multiracial.
- 32% identify as transgender or gender nonconforming.
- 38% are first-generation college students.



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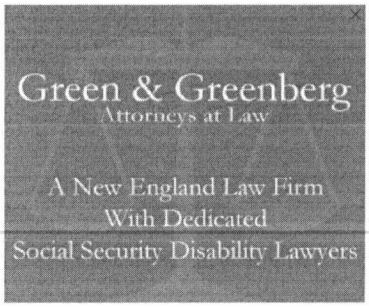

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- Kyle Casteel; Indianapolis, IN; **Policy Studies and Global and International Studies; BA and BS;** Indiana University – Purdue University **Indianapolis**
- Vivienne Cho; Florence, AL; **Music Performance and Education; BM;** University of North Alabama; **Patti Sue Mathis Scholar**
- Daniel Egol; Briarcliff Manor, NY; **Business; MBA; Yale School of Management**
- Elizabeth Rose Elrod; Stout, OH; **Music Therapy; MB;** Ohio University - Athens
- **Reeves Gift;** Bowie, MD; **Cinema; BA;** University of Southern California; **CAA Scholar**
- Nolan Golden; Houston, TX; **Anthropology and Gender/Queer Studies; BA;** University of California, San Diego; Jeff Ogle **& Jeff Stearns Scholar**
- Kirin Gupta; Oakton, VA; **International Law and Legal History; JD/PhD;** Harvard Law School; **Walter M. Decker Scholar**
- Tayler Hammond; Brentwood, CA; **Criminology; Undecided; BA**
- Rachel Harwood; Spokane, WA; **Biochemistry and Comparative Religion; BS;** University of Washington
- Kai Huang; San Jose, CA; **Psychobiology; BS;** University of California, Los Angeles
- Timothy S. Jones II; New Haven, CT; **Theater and Performance Studies; EdD/PhD;** Stanford University; **Calamus Foundation Scholar**
- James Lee; Olympia, WA; **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; MD;** Mayo Clinic Alix School of **Medicine; ViiV Healthcare Scholar**
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MDC's School Of Justice Again Offers Advanced Teen Driving Safety Program

Miami, June 21, 2019 - Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2,433 U.S. teens ages 16-19 were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2016. That means **six teens ages 16-19 died every day from motor vehicle accident injuries**. Fortunately, most motor vehicle crashes are preventable, and proven strategies can improve the safety of young drivers on the road. Since 2013, **Miami Dade College**'s (MDC) **School of Justice** has offered the **Advanced Teen Driving Safety Program** to help prevent teen accidents. The next session will take place on **Saturday**, **July 27, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,** at MDC's North Campus.

MDC's Advanced Teen Driving Safety Program is a two-part program to learn advanced driving skills and techniques to avoid accidents and dangerous driving situations. In addition to classroom instruction, practical training will include braking technique, evasive maneuver and skid control. Participants may qualify for a discount on car insurance.

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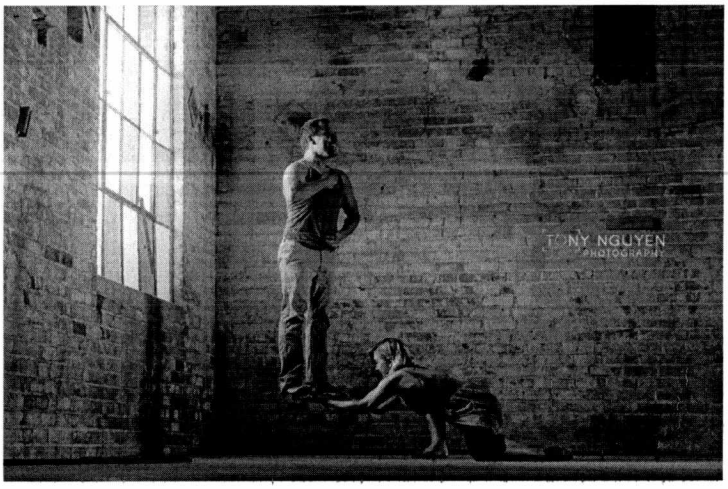

Diego Campos and Shelly Gilbride of the Linda Bair Dance Company perform recently at at the Old Sugar Mill. When the company comes to Davis on Saturday, June 29, both dancers will be performing in several group pieces, including the new audience favorite "Wrong Song/Right Girl." Tony Nguyen/Courtesy photo

Arts

Linda Bair Dance Company presents 20th anniversary show

By Special to The Enterprise

Linda Bair Dance Company will close out its 20th season with a showing of dances at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Della Davidson Performance Space in Nelson Hall on the UC Davis campus. The event is free with a suggested donation of $10 to $20.

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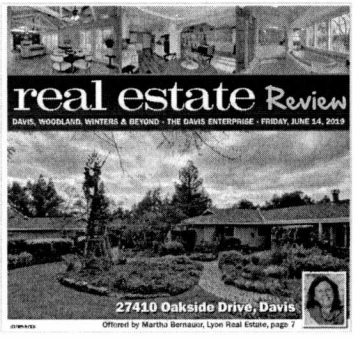

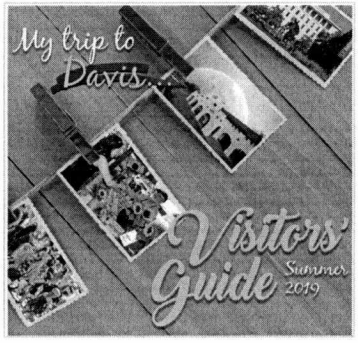

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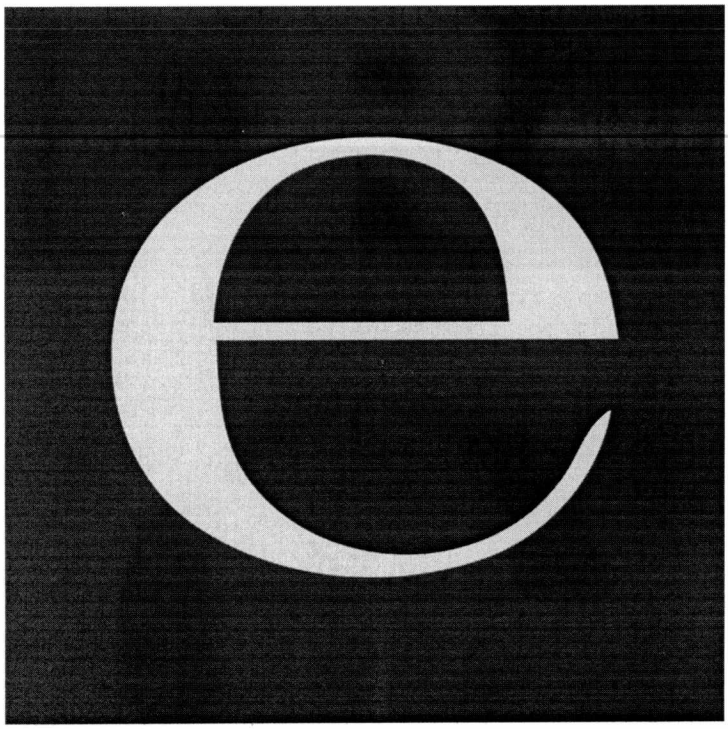

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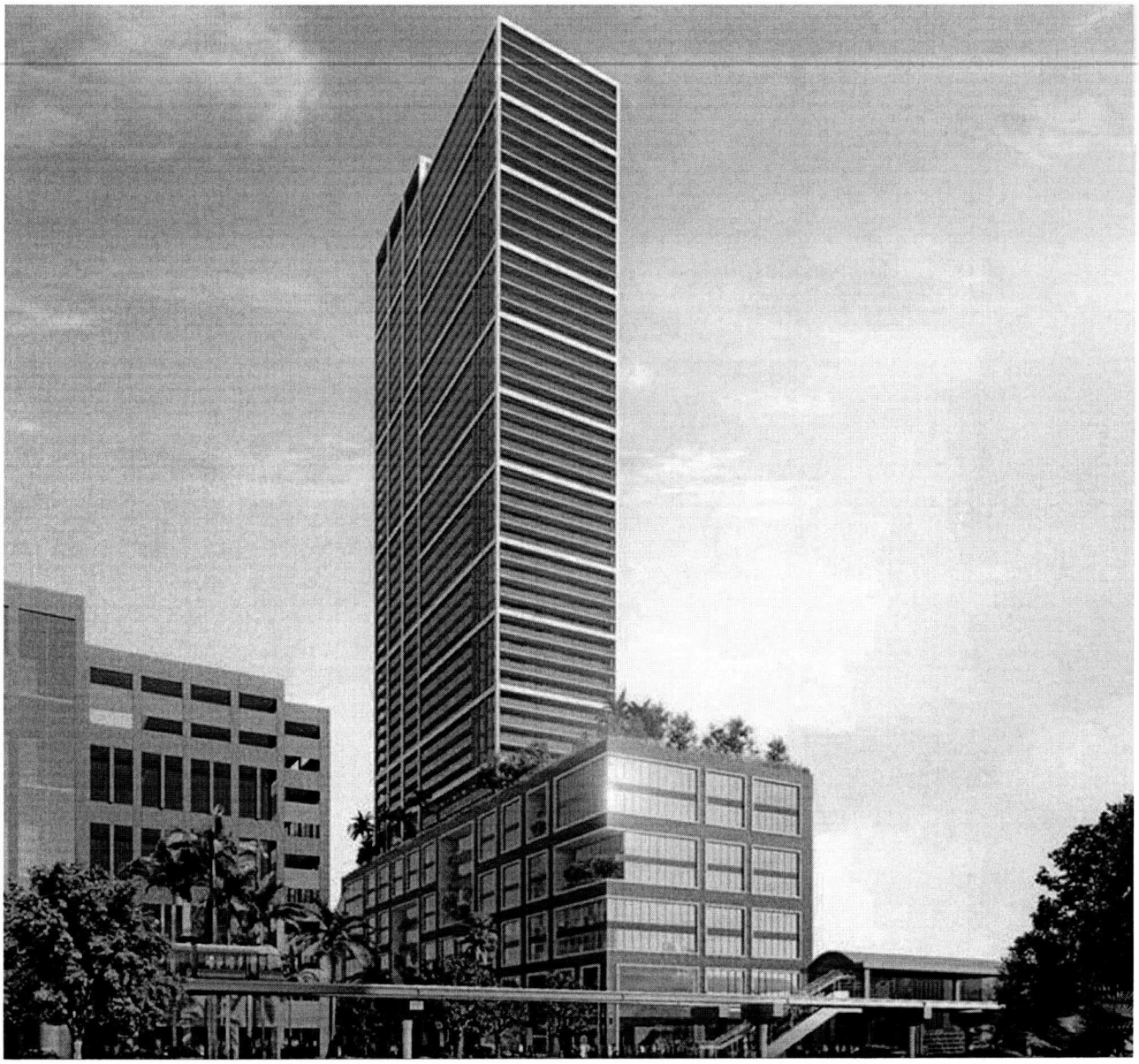
Tower will offer Airbnb-style home sharing in downtown Miami

By David Lyons Sun Sentinel Jun 21, 2019



Rendering shows a proposed 48-story condo tower in downtown Miami where condo owners will be able to rent out their units in conjunction with the Airbnb platform.

Newgard Development

MIAMI — Condo owners looking to rent out their high-rise units will get their chance when Newgard Development Group builds a 48-story tower designed for Airbnb-styled home sharing in downtown Miami.

The project will contain 604 units, with 400 of them reserved for condo owners. The balance will be controlled by NGD Homesharing, and run as hotel rooms. Prices will start at $300,000, topping out at $1.2 million for penthouse level dwellings, Harvey Hernandez, founder and CEO of NGD Homesharing, said Tuesday.

His Miami-based company announced a new brand called Natiivo. The proposed high-rise in Miami will be part of "Powered by Airbnb," the home-sharing platform's business for managing buildings. There also will be a tower in Austin, Texas, too.

In a telephone interview, Hernandez said he expects construction on the Miami tower to start in the first quarter of 2020, with an opening targeted for mid-2022. The Austin project is on a faster track, with its 249 units scheduled for opening in 2021.

"What we're creating is the first-ever building designed and built for home sharing," Hernandez said. Many condo owners, he said, "come to the city on a regular basis" but are not year-round residents.

"They cannot justify the fact that (the unit) is empty ... it is costing them money," Hernandez said. "We are creating a product for that kind of buyer. We call it flexible ownership."

The towers in both cities will include co-working spaces, hotel-styled food and beverage programs and digital locks for keyless entries.

Condo owners will be able to list their properties for rent through Natiivo or independently. They'd pay Natiivo 25% of the rental income and a 3% listing fee to Airbnb. All Natiivo units will have a hotel license provided by the city, which levies local taxes.

Natiivo "master hosts" will be on site offering concierge services designed to help residents and guests gain easy access to local restaurants and entertainment venues while expediting the check-in and checkout process.

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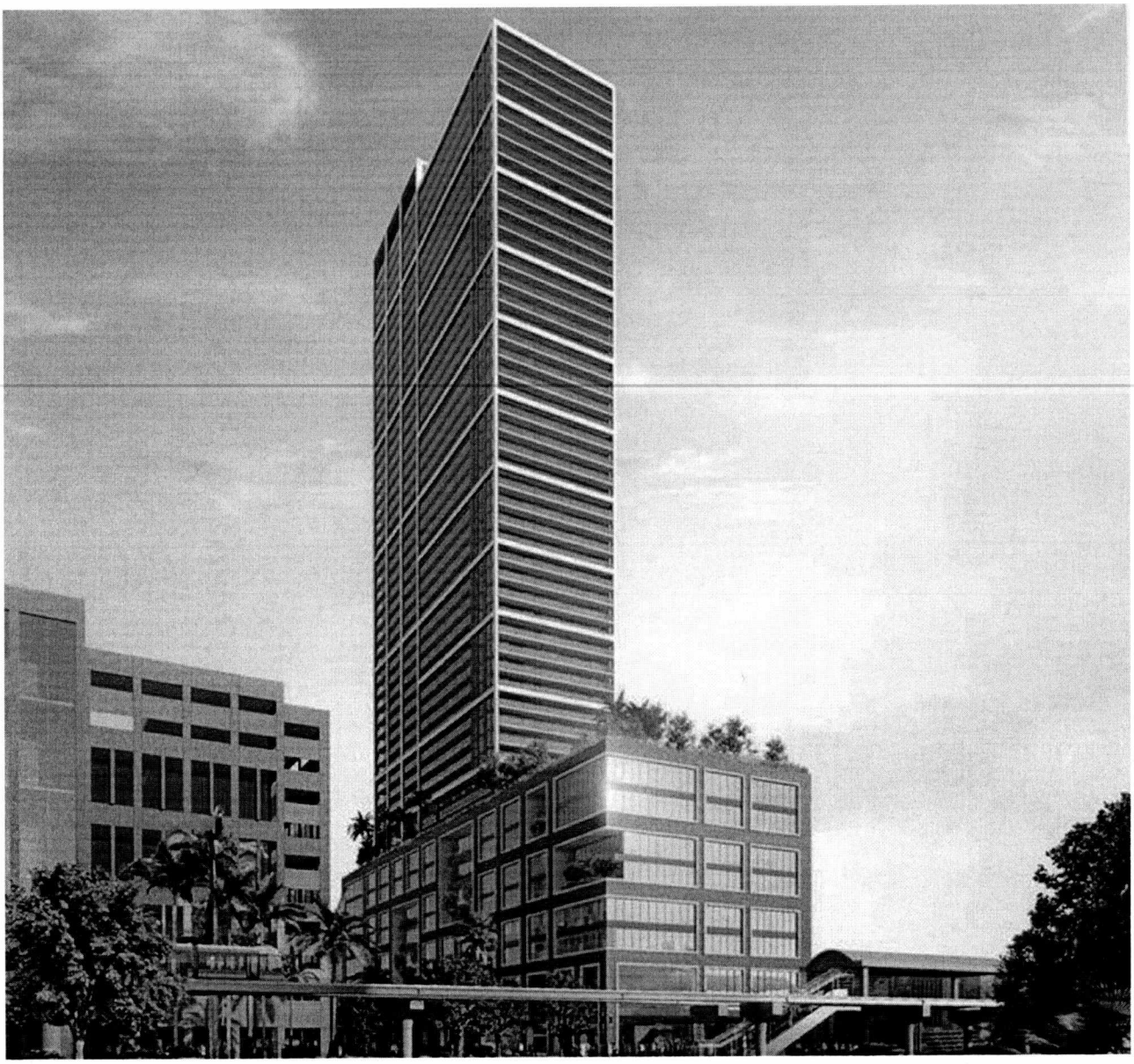

Rendering shows a proposed 48-story condo tower in downtown Miami where condo owners will be able to rent out their units in conjunction with the Airbnb platform. (Newgard Development)

Newgard Development

MIAMI - Condo owners looking to rent out their high-rise units will get their chance when Newgard Development Group builds a 48-story tower designed for Airbnb-styled home sharing in downtown Miami.

The project will contain 604 units, with 400 of them reserved for condo owners. The balance will be controlled by NGD Homesharing, and run as hotel rooms. Prices will start at $300,000, topping out at $1.2 million for penthouse level dwellings, Harvey Hernandez, founder and CEO of NGD Homesharing, said Tuesday.

His Miami-based company announced a new brand called Natiivo. The proposed high-rise in Miami will be part of "Powered by Airbnb," the home-sharing platform's business for managing buildings. There also will be a tower in Austin, Texas, too.

In a telephone interview, Hernandez said he expects construction on the Miami tower to start in the first quarter of 2020, with an opening targeted for mid-2022. The Austin project is on a faster track, with its 249 units scheduled for opening in 2021.

"What we're creating is the first-ever building designed and built for home sharing," Hernandez said. Many condo owners, he said, "come to the city on a regular basis" but are not year-round residents.

"They cannot justify the fact that (the unit) is empty ... it is costing them money," Hernandez said. "We are creating a product for that kind of buyer. We call it flexible ownership."

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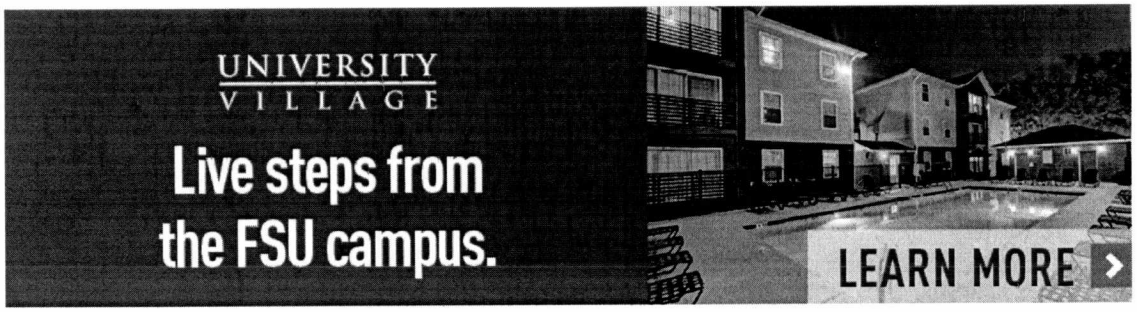

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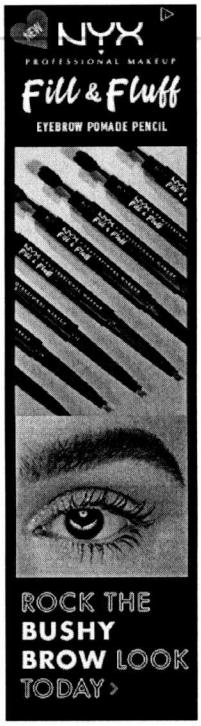

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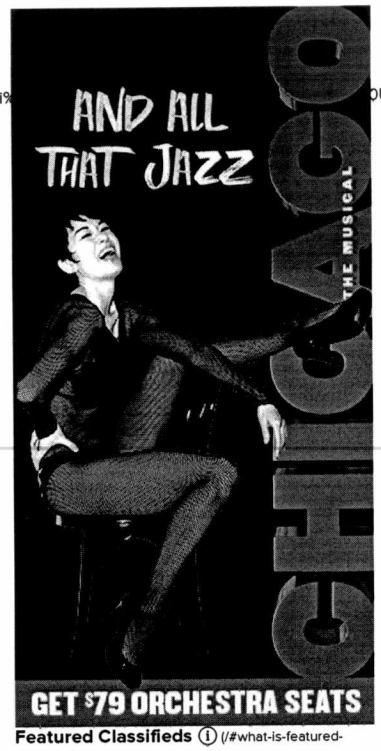
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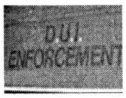

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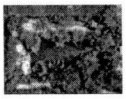

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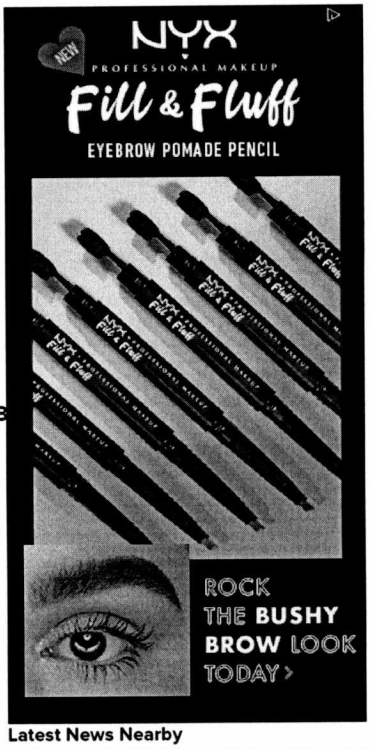
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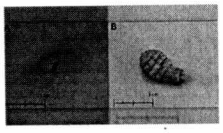

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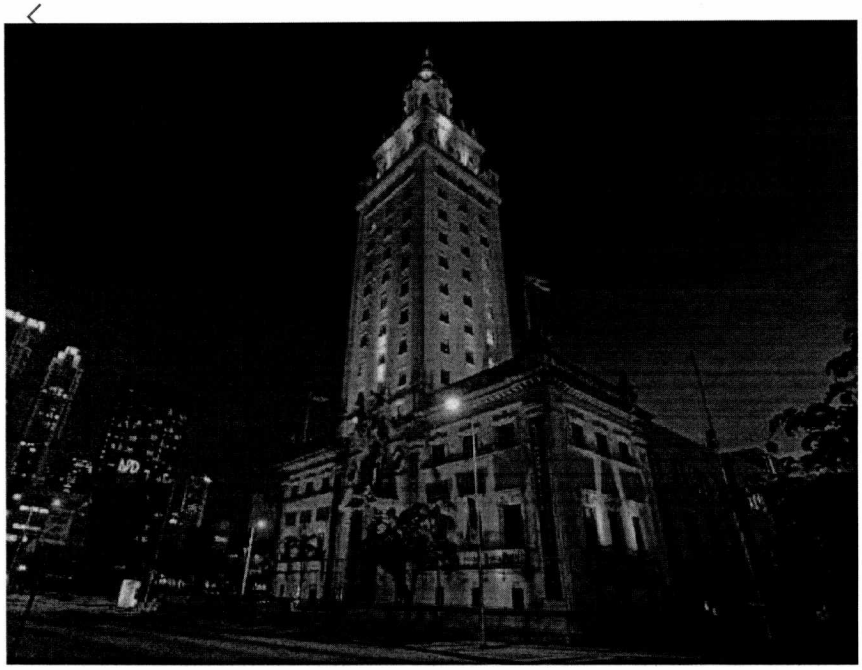

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Florida Good News: Summer Heat, Ultra Return, Burial Site

Florida summers, Ultra Music Festival and a burial site for sponge divers are among the good news stories we found this week.

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Florida summers are not as hot as in other places in the country. (Photo by Paul Scicchitano)

MIAMI, FL — Florida summers are not nearly as hot as some other places in the country, while the Ultra Music Festival could be right back at Bayfront Park and the historic burial site of many Tarpon Springs divers is now on the National Register of Historic Places. These are some of the good news stories we found across the Sunshine State.

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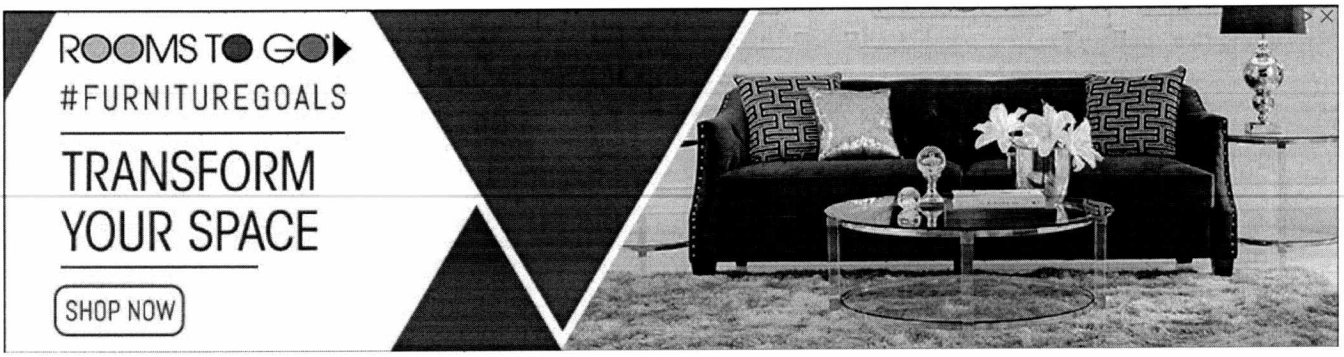

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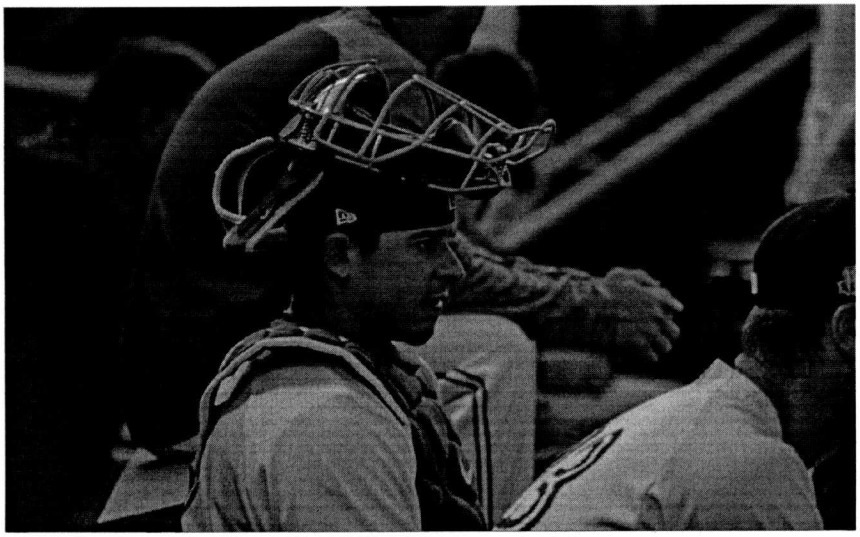
Former UMaine catcher stealing his way through the minor leagues



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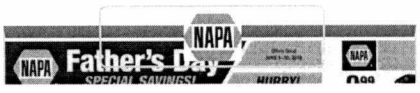
Chris Bec of the Dunedin Blue Jays looks on during a recent Florida State League baseball game. The former University of Maine standout is making his way through the Toronto system as a base-stealing catcher.

By **Larry Mahoney**, BDN Staff • June 24, 2019 2:23 am

Catchers rarely lead their baseball teams in stolen bases.

The constant crouching, and the wear and tear from the heat, errant pitches and foul balls can take a toll.



Former University of Maine catcher Chris Bec has overcome those dynamics. He has emerged as the stolen base leader (13) for Dunedin of the advanced Class A Florida State League.

Bec has accomplished the feat in only 26 games and has been caught just once.

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The fifth-round draft choice of the Toronto Blue Jays is hitting a solid .275 including 12-for-32 (.375) over his last 10 games. He has a home run, four doubles, a triple and 10 runs batted in with 11 runs scored.

Bec stole 16 bases and didn't get caught in his first pro season for the Class A (short season) Vancouver Canadians of the Northwest League last summer.

In his two seasons at UMaine, Bec twice led the team in stolen bases with 16 a year ago and 15 in 2017.

Dunedin hitting coach Matt Young said Bec uses attention to detail and his aggressiveness to steal bases.

"He isn't scared to get thrown out. He is aggressive," Young said.

Bec studies pitchers' pickoff moves and pays attention to how long it takes them to make a pitch.

"I trust my instincts," Bec said. "I try to be smart on the basepaths."

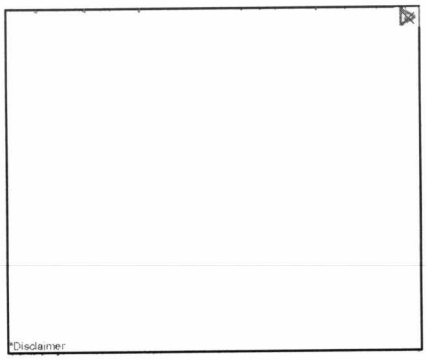
Bec led UMaine in hitting each season at .315 (2018) and .340 (2017) and was a two-time America East all-star. He was **a first-team pick in 2018** and a second-teamer in 2017. He was also a third-team All-New England pick in 2018.

"His success at the plate and with his base stealing go hand in hand with the work he is putting in to it," Young said.

Young said Bec has shown dramatic improvement this season and is oozing with confidence.

Bec jumped from a low-level Class A team in Vancouver to the top Class A league franchise in Dunedin, bypassing the Midwest League's Lansing Lugnuts and the Gulf Coast League Blue Jays.

"He really feels he belongs," Young said.



"It's definitely a big jump and a big challenge but he has shown he's one of the guys who can handle it."

Bec said has been challenged by pitchers who throw more strikes with a better repertoire of pitches. They also throw harder and exhibit improved command.

"Baseball is definitely harder here," Bec said. "It's more a mental game at this level.

"It's a good challenge and that's one of the things I love about it."

The 23-year-old Miami native has been a full-time catcher for only three years. He verbally committed to attend the University of Tennessee as a shortstop, but that fell through, so he played outfield for two seasons at Miami Dade College, where he caught approximately 15 games.

At Dunedin, he shares catching duties with two other players.

"I am going to work on becoming the best catcher that I can possibly be and help the pitchers out as much as I can," he said.

Bec enjoys being back in Florida. His family and girlfriend, Thalia Valdes, have attended several games, although it is 286 miles from Miami to Clearwater, where the Blue Jays play their home games because their field in Dunedin is being renovated.

"I grew up in this type of weather. You've got the beach, good Hispanic restaurants. I love it," Bec said.

But he also misses Maine.

"My girlfriend misses the snow. I do, too," Bec said. "I'll be up there to visit."

Bec could return to New England in the near future because the Blue Jays' Class AA Eastern League franchise is the New Hampshire Fisher Cats in Manchester.

He said his two years at UMaine were valuable in his development.

"It got me used to being away from home, and I was able to stay focused on baseball," Bec said. "Coach [Nick] Derba was my mentor. He taught me how to carry myself as a professional. He knew what you needed to do. He taught me how to build relationships with my pitchers to earn their trust."

Derba, a former catcher, played six years in the minor leagues and was a teammate of Young at Triple-A Memphis.

Bec hit .245 in Vancouver last season with three homers and 21 RBIs.

Dunedin has already qualified for the playoffs by posting the best record over the first half of the season (41-24) in the Florida State League's North Division.

"We have a great group of guys and good chemistry," said Bec, who has benefited playing for manager Cesar Martin and a staff that preaches aggressive baseball. Four Blue Jays have at least 10 steals.

"They trust our speed and our instincts," Bec said.

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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

At this ballet school, they are empowering their students with important life skills

BY RODOLFO ROMAN
Special to the Miami Herald

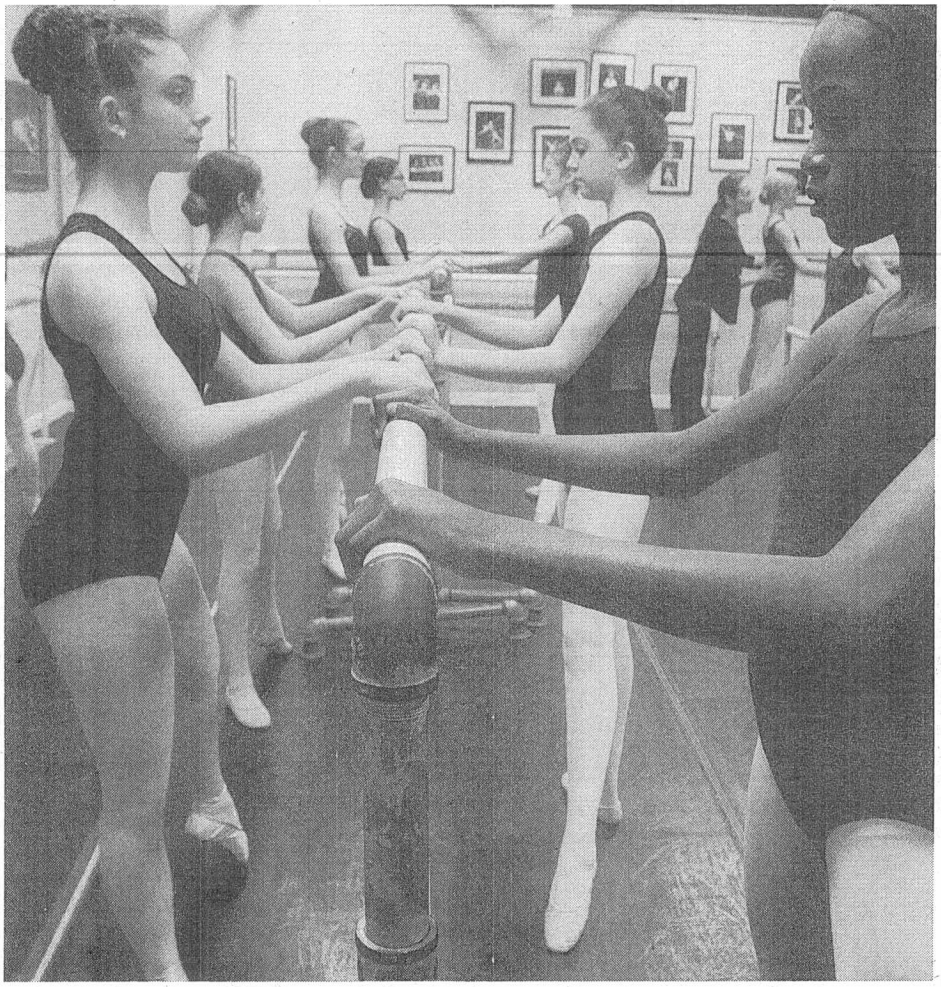
When sports journalist Claudia Chang Trejos faced a difficult period in her life, an after-school ballet program helped her overcome obstacles.

Now, her daughter, Glades Middle School student Sophia Chang Trejos, 14, is following her mother, attending the after-school program at the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet in South Miami.

The program provides ballet, reading, math and etiquette classes along with access to mental health professionals. The program delivers professionally taught dance classes in multiple genres, at little or no cost to 500 students ages 5-11.

Claudia said The Children's Trust-funded program provides a huge support for parents.

"When she started, I was going through a nasty divorce," Claudia said. "We were broke. I had no one to help me out with Sophia, so this was a place she could go to, and go with her peers. I went to work and I had a peace of mind."



ADDYSON FONTE Thomas Armour Youth Ballet

Students Nicole Cardenas, Stephanie Bell and Emma Marrero practice in front of a mirror at the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet.

The program delivers professionally taught dance classes in multiple genres, at little or no cost to 500 students ages 5-11.

All dance clothing, ballet shoes and tap shoes are provided free of charge. About 1,000 students are enrolled.

The program, which runs from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays, also provides scholarships.

For Sophia, the program is a second home.

"Ballet is not for everybody," said Sophia, who credits the program with her getting into the New World School of Arts, the Miami-Dade arts magnet high school, where she will start in the fall.

"You can start when you are 4 and love it, but when you grow, the technique gets harder and that's when people quit. What I like about ballet is it's a different way to train a person. I like the music and the way people are when you are dancing. It is like a movie."

Aside from learning, the students perform in performances throughout the year, including "The Nutcracker."

Director Ruth Wiesen said the program's goal is to be a vehicle of success.

"Every now and then, I step back and I am shocked we are able to see these kids succeed and coming back to Miami," she said. "That is the biggest thrill.

ALBERT SERRA

Thomas Armour Ballet student Dahlia Despradel performs at the company's annual Spring Concert at the New World School of the Arts. The program provides ballet, reading, math and etiquette classes along with access to mental health professionals to those who are underprivileged.

They come back, settle down and act like role models and give back."

Francine Anderson, chief of education, outreach and access for the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, said the program provides the tools for a student's future.

"They are giving more students access to the art of dance and their recent award of being the only accredited dance program in the State of Florida gives weight to that training," she said. "Thomas Armour Youth Ballet is truly changing the future face of dance, one child at a time."

No matter what her future holds, Sophia said the program will always have a place in her heart.

"I plan on coming back when I am older, and teach classes to give back," she said.

Registration for the next school year begins July 8. For information e-mail ruth@taballet.org or call 305-667-5543.

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PRESIDENTE DEL MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

OPINIÓN

El próximo año se efectuará el Censo 2020, el conteo nacional de la población a lo largo y ancho de la nación. Como lo estipula la Constitución, éste se realiza cada diez años y tiene como propósito proveer datos demográficos, sociales y económicos de todos los habitantes del país, sean ciudadanos estadounidenses o no, con el fin de recopilar información fidedigna para proporcionar los servicios y los fondos federales que cada comunidad necesita. Es un deber cívico del cual todos debemos participar y no podemos ignorar.

Sin embargo, se teme que este nuevo proceso, el vigésimo cuarto en la historia de la nación, se vea afectado por aquellos que decidan no participar.

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La polémica surge a raíz de que la actual administración quiere incluir una pregunta sobre el estatus legal de los encuestados. Es algo que no sucedía desde el 1950 y lo cual podría llevar a muchos a no participar en el sondeo, a pesar de la intensa campaña de concientización por parte de las autoridades.

Un reciente informe difundido por la organización no partidista *Urban Institute*, o Instituto Urbano con sede en Washington, D.C., calcula que entre 900.000 y 4 millones de personas podrían quedarse fuera del próximo censo, especialmente hispanos, afroamericanos y niños menores de 5 años. Además, añade que alrededor de 630.000 hogares no llenarán completamente el formulario el próximo año.

El informe también halló que el Censo 2020 enfrenta "una amenaza sin precedentes" debido a la falta de fondos, problemas de contratación y por supuesto la pregunta sobre la ciudadanía que afectaría en su mayoría a las minorías étnicas.

Y es ahí donde radica la preocupación de gobiernos locales, condales y estatales, ya que pudiera tener un sin número de repercusiones sociales. Dependiendo de los resultados que arroje el Censo 2020, pudiera tener un impacto tanto en la influencia política como en los fondos federales que se le otorgue a cada estado.

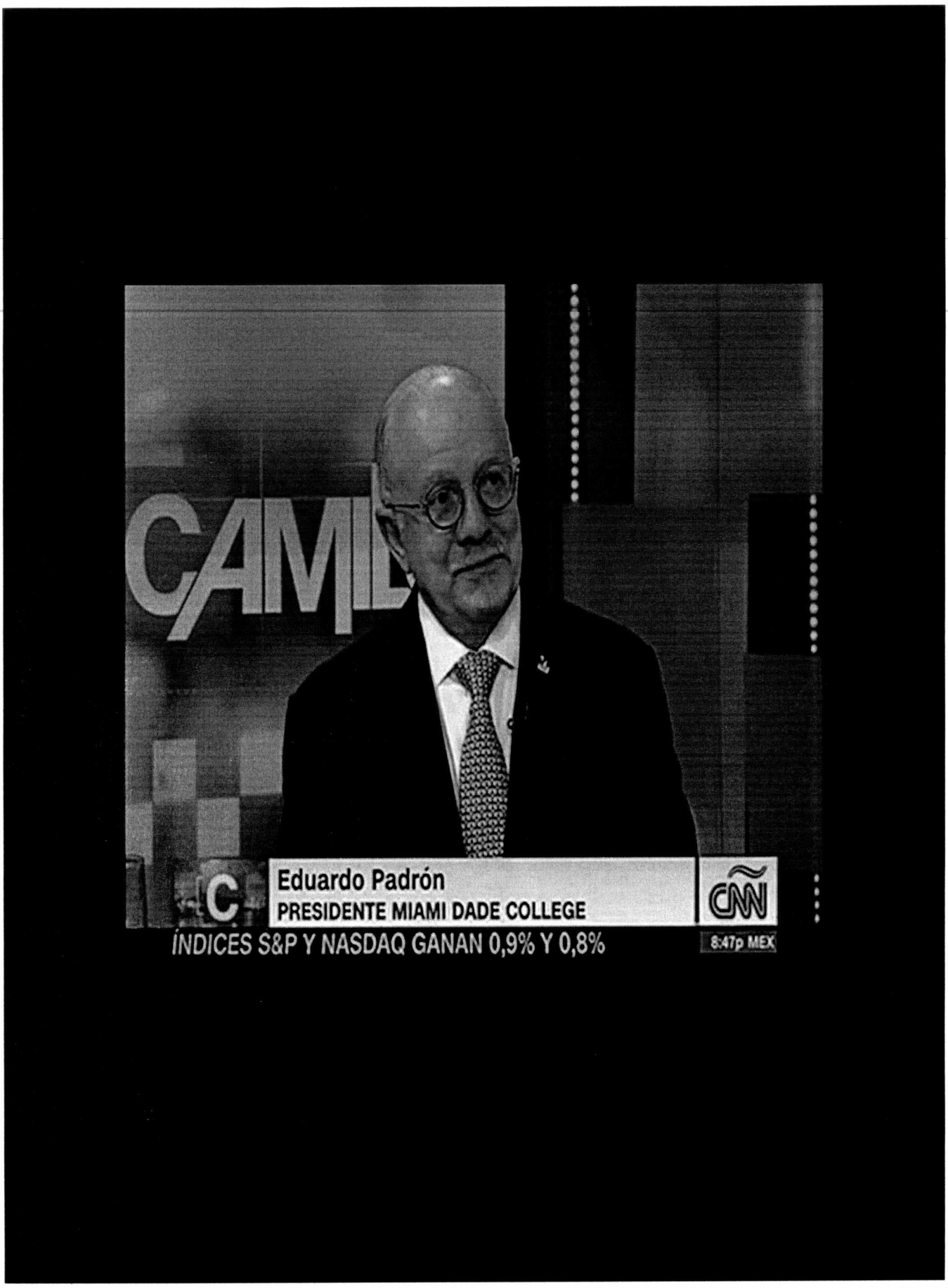
Por ejemplo, pudieran cambiar el número de escaños en la Cámara de Representantes por cada distrito electoral y la distribución de más de 675 mil millones de dólares en fondos federales para servir a las comunidades, hospitales, carreteras, obras públicas y escuelas en todo el país. Además, los autores del informe aseguraron que los estados más vulnerables podrían ser California, Texas, Nueva York, Nevada, Georgia, Nuevo México y, por supuesto, la Florida.

Y para mitigar ese temor, las autoridades recuerdan que participar en el censo decenal es esencial y completamente confidencial.

No cabe duda de que estas estadísticas son motivo de alarma y preocupación para muchos en nuestra comunidad. Y por eso les ruego, mis queridos lectores del DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS, es de suma importancia hacernos contar, y participar de este deber cívico que tenemos todos los que residimos en este maravillo país. Es fundamental, para que nuestra comunidad reciba los recursos necesarios, y continuemos progresando.

La Corte Suprema de Justicia pudiera fallar en los próximos días si el censo finalmente incluirá o no la pregunta sobre la ciudadanía en dichos formularios.

Por su parte, la Oficina del Censo aseguró que no importa cuál sea esa decisión, la agencia está preparada para que la población comience a responder el sondeo, a partir del 1ro. de abril de 2020 por correo, teléfono, en persona o en línea. Recuérdelo, participe, hágase contar. El bienestar de usted, su familia y nuestra comunidad depende de ello ●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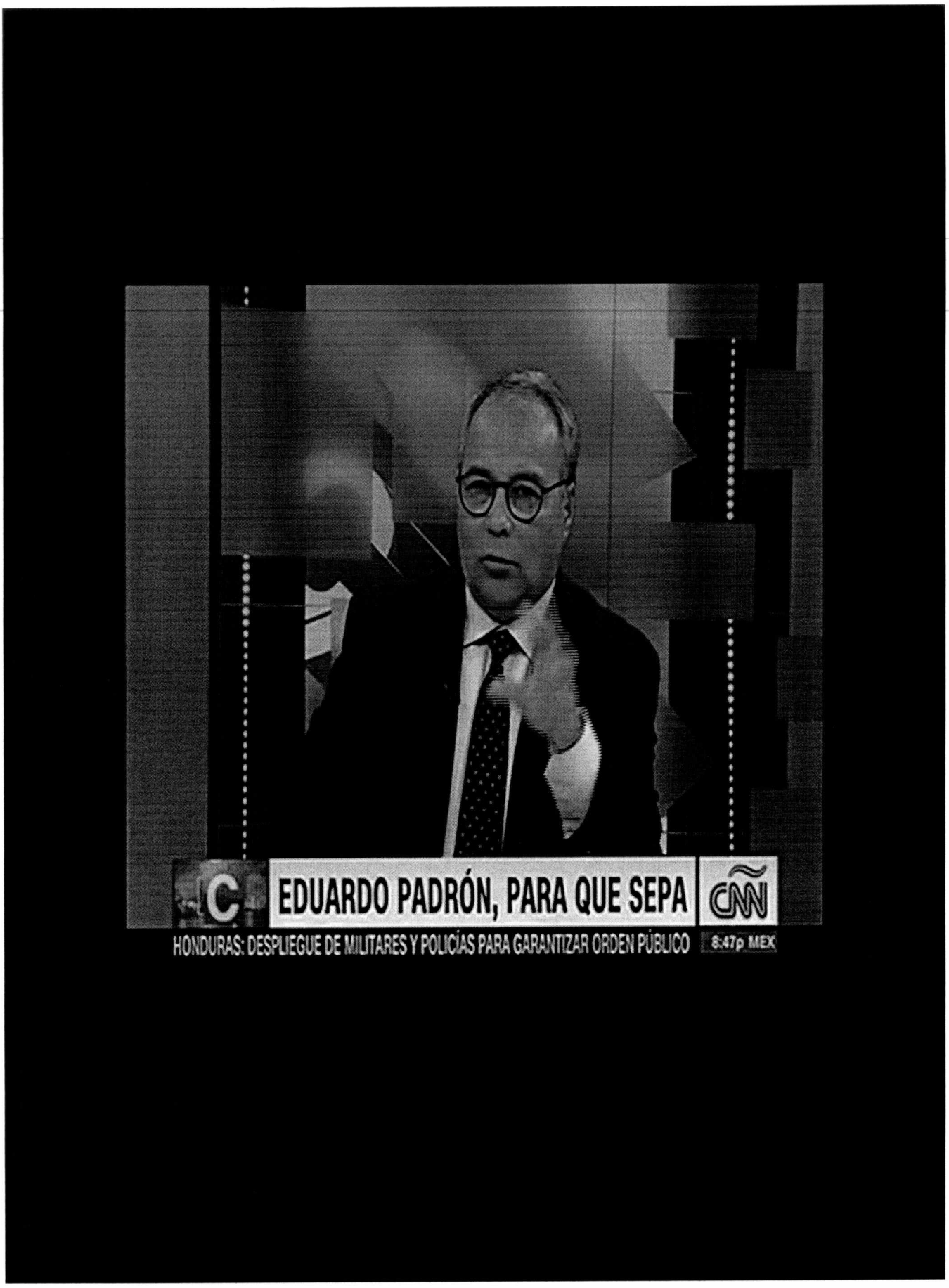
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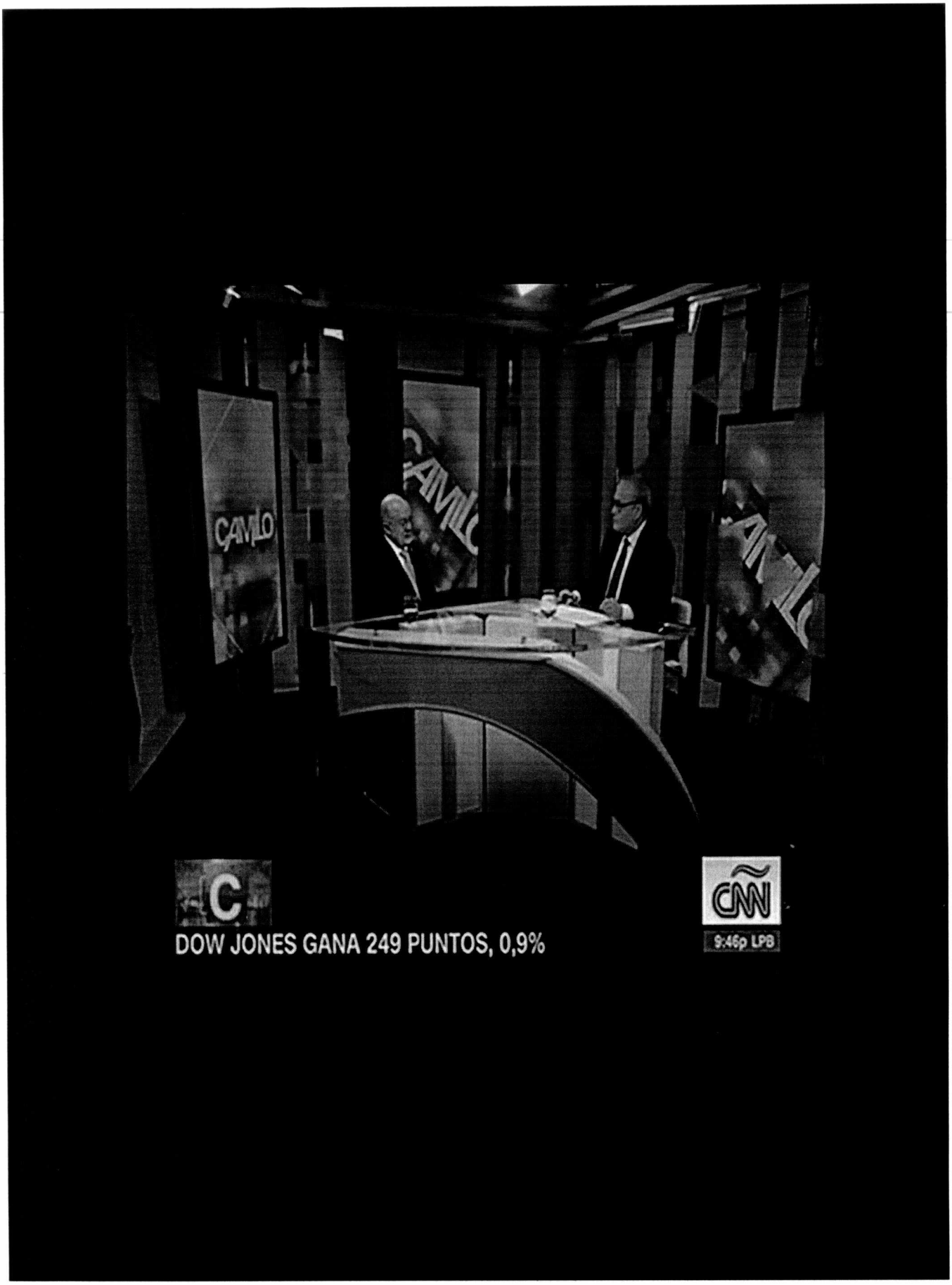
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