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MIAMI STAR POWER AT 'BEZOS' PREMIERE

Gloria Estefan and Emilio Estefan greet guests, who filled the 240-seat Bill Cosford Cinema on Monday for the premiere of “Bezos: The Beginning.” The theater is part of the University of Miami School of Communication in Coral Gables. The biopic chronicles the life of entrepreneur Jeff Bezos, a Miami Palmetto Senior High grad who created Amazon, the world's largest e-commerce company. Emilio Estefan portrays the billionaire's stepdad, Mike Bezos. **See story at www.MiamiHerald.com.**

DeSantis wants Legislature to allocate \$200M more for teacher pay

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TALLAHASSEE
Gov. Ron DeSantis on Monday announced an education plan that, if approved by Florida lawmakers, would put more state funds toward teacher salaries and make changes to how teacher unions operate and negotiate teacher compensation packages in the state. DeSantis' proposal initially focused on teacher pay, but the governor later pointed out that there is a lot he wants to do to education and leadership at the local level. The governor called for changes to school board term limits and party affiliations, and restrictions on teachers unions, among other proposals. The teacher pay proposal, billed as a

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After storms, vulnerable Dade residents suffer. New 'resilience hubs' may help

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After Hurricane Irma crashed through South Florida in 2017, community leaders and elected officials got a first-hand look at the long list of things Miami's most vulnerable residents needed to get their lives back on track.

There were horror stories of elderly residents equipped with only “tuna and a flashlight” ahead of the storm, SNAP benefits not working at grocery stores after power outages and diabetics left with no way to cool their insulin. Now, those communities have a new chance to be a part of designing “resilience hubs” of the future. In this case, that

involves retrofitting some government buildings to better serve residents before — and long after — a storm. On Monday, the Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center announced a million-dollar state grant to make plans to beef up three “hubs” of resilience in Miami-Dade's underserved communities.

“They'll provide safety, education and materials to make these disasters as manageable as possible,” Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said at a press event announcing the grant. “We're going to make our communities safer.” Rick Miller, deputy director

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DeSantis says AP African-American studies class was 'pushing an agenda'

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TALLAHASSEE
Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday his administration rejected a new Advanced Placement course on African-American studies for high school students because some of the topics attempted to use Black history to push a political agenda. Critics of the decision, however, say it is yet another politically motivated step the administration has taken to degrade the state's education system, particularly on issues about race. The political tug of war over the Advanced Placement course has reloaded the debate over how DeSantis

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Coast Guard stops boat with 400 Haitians off the Bahamas and likely headed to Florida

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The U.S. Coast Guard stopped a migrant boat carrying nearly 400 people from Haiti near an isolated island in the Bahamas, according to Bahamian officials. The Coast Guard on Sunday intercepted the 396 people near Cay Sal Bank, a remote island about 30 miles off the northern coast of

Cuba, according to a statement released by the Bahamian Department of Immigration. Sources had told the Miami Herald days before that the overloaded boat was likely headed toward the Florida Keys. Several overloaded Haitian freighters packed with people leaving Haiti have shown up off the coast of the island chain since November 2021.



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A U.S. Coast Guard C-144 Ocean Sentry circles above Cay Sal Bank in the Bahamas on Jan. 14.

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