


## Memorandum



**Date:** August 28, 2007

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager 

**Subject:** FY 2007-08 Proposed Budget Public Meetings

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I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to R-1018-94, we will be holding public meetings on August 29 and 30 at seven sites throughout the county to discuss tax rates and fee changes. The meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, August 29th  
North Dade Regional Library  
2455 NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street

South Dade Regional Library  
10750 SW 211 Street

West Dade Regional Library  
9445 Coral Way

Intercoastal Police Station  
15665 Biscayne Boulevard

Thursday, August 30th  
West Kendall Regional Library  
10201 Hammocks Boulevard

Miami Lakes Branch Library  
6699 Windmill Gate Road

Caleb Center  
5400 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Attached is a copy of the advertisement for these meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director, Office of Strategic Business Management at 305-375-5143.

#### Attachments

c: Carlos A. Alvarez, Mayor  
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
Abigail Price-Williams, Acting County Attorney  
Kay Sullivan, Clerk of the Board  
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor

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Doze off in a hammock.  
Climb a ruin. Kiss a fish. Get married.  
In a rain forest. Sip a mint julep.  
Do the samba. Grab the tail of a dancing dragon.  
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2455 NW 183rd Street • Miami, Florida 33056  
**South Dade Regional Library**  
10750 SW 211th Street • Miami, Florida 33189  
**West Dade Regional Library**  
9445 Coral Way • Miami, Florida 33165  
**Intercoastal Police Station**  
15665 Biscayne Boulevard • Miami, FL 33160

**THURSDAY AUGUST 30, 2007 AT 6:30 PM**

**West Kendall Regional Library**  
10201 Hammocks Boulevard • Miami, Florida 33196  
**Miami Lakes Branch Library**  
6699 Windmill Gate Road • Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
**Caleb Center**  
5400 NW 22nd Avenue • Miami, FL 33142

All of these sessions are free and open to the public. For further information, please call John Sarduy at 305-375-3887. For sign language interpreter services and for materials in accessible format, call 305-375-5143 five days in advance of the meeting you plan to attend.

# Hurricane Dean

**Reach out and  
help the  
victims**

Homes, businesses and communities have been severely affected by Hurricane Dean.

DEATHS

THOMAS C. DOHERTY, 85

WWII vet led Miami VA hospital

BY ELLINOR J. BRECHER

Thomas C. Doherty, the Miami Veterans Administration Medical Center director who managed the hospital's move from Coral Gables to Miami's hospital district — a decorated Marine veteran of three wars and CIA operative — died Tuesday at his Miami Beach home after a short illness. He was 85.

His initial VA contact was as an undercover agent posing as an injured patient at the Washington, D.C., hospital after World War II, to investigate conditions there. He later worked clandestinely for the Department of Justice and the CIA, including in the Bay of Pigs operation.

He joined the VA as an administrator in 1966 and, having earned a Harvard MBA, became director of the Miami facility in 1974. He retired in 2003.

During his tenure in Miami, the VA "established several outpatient clinics and partnered with the University of Miami School of Medicine to establish a jointly funded HIV/AIDS Research Initiative," according to Susan West, Doherty's longtime VA spokesperson.

"He was very proud of what he did for his country. He was a Marine to the end," Doherty's military bearing and crisp formality belied his modest nature. With wit, charm and jokes starring a character named Moriarty told in an exaggerated brogue, Doherty — born in Ireland — could pacify angry people, comfort the ailing and inspire employees, said Dr. John Bara, chief of staff.

Among his big successes: In 1968, he helped move the VA hospital from the Biltmore Hotel to its current location, 1201 NW 16 St. The son of an Irish Republican Army member, Doherty came to the United States in the 1930s and joined the New York City police department. As a U.S. Marine summary sergeant, he earned a WWII battlefield commission in the Pacific. As a reserve officer, he served in Korea and Vietnam, and before retiring as a colonel, earned the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with Gold Star and the Navy Cross.

That citation says that Doherty "crossed 40 yards of open ground and, at point-blank range, silenced a machine gun with hand grenades. He killed four snipers and fearlessly exposed himself to locate and destroy the rest of the enemy." An admirer of President John F. Kennedy, Doherty commanded the Marine battalion that marched in his funeral procession. Doherty was briefly held by the Japanese after a Pacific Island battle that only a few in his unit survived. They were beaten for hours, Bara said, until other Americans rescued them.

Toward the end of WWII, the CIA's forerunner, the Office of Strategic Services, sent Doherty on a mission in China. His plane was shot down over the South China Sea, his parachute opened part-way and he crashed into the water, seriously injuring his right shoulder.

"Just by chance, an American ship fished him out," said Bara. Doherty's wife of 29 years, Martha Doherty; sons Michael Doherty of North Carolina and Joe Levine of Pennsylvania; daughters Ann Wallace of Orlando and Laura Ames of Texas and eight grandchildren survive.

Visitation is 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Sunday at Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapel, 1920 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, with burial at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S. State Road 7, Lake Worth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Disabled American Veterans Foundation and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

BROWARD COURTS

Killer offers to contribute to reward

The Broward Sheriff's Office called Kenneth Wilk's offer to contribute to a reward fund for a slain deputy 'blood money.'

BY WANDA J. DeMARZO

Kenneth Wilk was sentenced Wednesday to three consecutive life sentences for slaying a sheriff's deputy three years ago. He then told a Broward judge that he wanted what money he has left to go into a reward fund to help catch a "legitimate cop killer."

Wilk, 45, asked that the federal government give the proceeds from his forfeited Fort Lauderdale home — about \$140,000 — to the reward for the capture of the killers who shot Broward Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Reyka to death on Aug. 10.

Wilk's attorney, Bill Matthewman, said his client doesn't see himself as a cop killer and he hopes that Reyka's killer is found and "brought to justice."

But the offer doesn't sit well with the Broward Sheriff's Office. "Rarely have I heard such a despicable and offensive comment from someone," said BSO spokesman Elliot Cohen. "We would never accept blood money from the killer of one of our deputies to help find the killer of another of our deputies. Never!"

The U.S. attorney's office said the distribution of Wilk's money is regulated by a very strict federal statute and is not Wilk's decision. The proceeds from the home sale are expected to help offset the federal government's cost of prosecuting Wilk.

Wilk was given three life sentences plus 30 years by U.S. District Judge James Cohn after a jury found him guilty on June 5 of the 2004 murder of deputy Todd Fatta, 33. He was also convicted on charges of possession of child pornography, obstruction of justice and the attempted murder of deputy Angelo Cedeño.

The reward for anyone with information leading to the arrest of the killer or killers is now \$306,000. "We've received over 1,400 tips," Cohen said. "Our detectives now have specific individuals they're focusing on. But we still need people to phone in."

Meanwhile, BSO continues its manhunt for Reyka's killer. Reyka was shot to death Aug. 10 as he was investigating a suspicious vehicle at a Walgreen's in Pompano Beach.

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JAIL VISITS GO HIGH-TECH



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Visitors and inmates at Broward County's main jail will communicate through a new video system, part of a \$1.1 million face-lift. Above, Maj. Kim Spadaro and sheriff's office spokesman Hugh Graf demonstrate the system Wednesday.

BROWARD SCHOOLS

Deal lifts teachers' pay 5.6%

After an all-night bargaining session, Broward teachers and the school district have reached a tentative contract for the next year.

BY HANNAH SAMPSON

Broward's public school teachers have a tentative contract that calls for an average 5.59 percent raise and boosts starting pay for teachers to the highest in the region.

Officials from the school district and the teachers union announced the tentative one-year agreement, which affects the district's 16,000 teachers, on Wednesday morning after an all-night negotiating session.

"We woke up here this morning," said Diane Ransom, the Broward Teachers Union's chief negotiator. "The increases, which include raises and benefits, will cost the district an estimated \$91 million."

The district and union had hoped to reach an agreement before students returned to school on Monday, but that was a tough deadline in a tight budget year. "We always diligently try to settle prior to the first day of school," said Broward Schools Superintendent Jim Notter. "This was an extremely difficult year."

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

State Democrats vow an early vote

Florida Democrats said they would fight the national party and carry on with the Jan. 29 presidential primary.

BY LESLEY CLARK

Three days before a showdown with the national party, defiant Florida Democrats vowed Wednesday to push ahead with a January presidential primary that flouts party rules.

The national Democratic Party's rules committee is set to take up on Saturday Florida's decision to host a Jan. 29 primary. The vote violates a party rule that permits only four smaller states to vote before Feb. 5.

The national party suggested this week that Florida Democrats instead stage their own election, called a caucus, after Feb. 5. The national party said it would spend about \$800,000 on the vote.

But state party Chairman Karen Thurman said Wednesday that Florida Democrats believe any approach other than a Jan. 29 election would disenfranchise voters.

"If I heard it once, I heard it 10 times. This is unacceptable, we want to make sure people have the opportunity to vote," Thurman said of her conversation with state Democrats.

The state party runs the risk that the rules committee, seeking to bring order to an unruly presidential primary season, will punish Florida by taking away half of its delegates to the 2008 convention. It could also decide that presidential candidates who campaign in the state are ineligible for delegates.

But Thurman suggested the penalties may be meaningless because the winning presidential nominee "will make the final decision on whether there are delegates or not."

She said she is prepared to argue that Florida is sticking with Jan. 29 for a variety of factors, including that many cities and towns have moved up their local elections to Jan. 29 — the date set by the Republican-led Legislature.

"So when we go up to Washington to fight for all our delegates, it will be the Democratic National Committee who chooses to penalize us," she said. Democrats said they don't expect the presidential contenders to forgo Florida, despite the talk of sanctions.

All the major Democratic candidates have agreed to appear in a Sept. 9 debate to be broadcast live by the Univision television network from the University of Miami.

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