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Downtown Miami is similarly "beginning to shift, but the question is, to whose benefit?" said Arden Shank, executive director of Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida. "It doesn't benefit the people who have been there for a long time."

The metro area's unemployment rate is 5.5

percent, compared with 5 percent nationally. Average hourly earnings have dipped 0.4 percent to \$22.57 from a year ago. By contrast, the national average wage has risen more than 2 percent in that time. Census Bureau data show that high rents burden 66 percent of Miami tenants, compared with 52 percent nationwide.

Regardless of wealth, everyone in South Florida faces the potentially dire consequences of

climate change. Experts warn that as the seas rise further, flooding may become permanent, turning streets into canals, endangering access to drinking water and eroding the man-made beaches that have long drawn people to Miami.

"There is a disconnect — there's a real estate bubble, and then there's where we see sea level rise going," said Henry Briceno, who studies the effects of rising sea levels through the South-

east Environmental Research Center at Florida International University. "That's what really worries me: The rush to make money right away without thinking of the future and who is going to pay."

Yet to many wealthy international buyers, the opportunities appear to outweigh those risks.

Because so many of her clients now own Mi-

ami property, Sao Paulo-based interior designer Brunete Fraccaroli recently bought a condo at One Paraiso, a 53-story tower with a beach club slated to be finished next year. She expects her Florida clientele to grow as Brazil's plight intensifies.

Analysts say the South American country may be headed for its longest downturn in more than a

century. Operating losses and labor strikes have battered the state oil company, Petrobras. Government spending cuts have failed to curb the deficit. Political corruption has left the country in chaos. Its currency, the real, lost nearly 50 percent of its value against the dollar last year.

Boak reported from Washington, Kay from Miami.

Dr. Lisa Bates Wins Prize for Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Cal Poly Pomona has announced the winners of the 2016 William R. and June Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning. Dr. Lisa K. Bates of Portland State University has won the Scholar Prize.

Bates and Verdugo will accept their awards at a banquet on the Cal Poly Pomona campus Feb. 11. The Dale Prize recognizes excellence in planning, and is made possible by an endowment from the late June Dale, wife of the late William R. Dale, a founding faculty member of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. This year's theme was Planning for Community Self-Determination and Racial Justice.

Bates is an Associate Professor at Portland State University's Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning and is Director of the Center for Urban Studies. Dr. Bates pursues racial equity through scholarship and advocacy that empowers community activists and disenfranchised communities—along with planning scholars and practitioners—with the knowledge to create



Dr. Lisa K. Bates of Portland State University

equitable housing policies. She recently co-edited an equity-focused issue of the Journal of Planning Education and Research, served as co-chair of ACSP's Planners of Color Interest Group and contributed to Portland's Strategic Plan and Gentrification and Displacement Study. Dr. Bates holds a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Obituary: Missionary-Mother Mary Inez Belgrave

Sunrise: Dec. 16, 1932, Natchez, Mississippi

Sunset: Jan. 23, 2016, Portland, Oregon

Service for Mother Belgrave is scheduled for: Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Corner Stone Comm. COGIC, 2216 NE Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon 97211.

She is survived by: 1 brother, Freddie Mazique; 5 children: (3 sons) Malcom (David) Matthews, Carl Norman Matthews all of Portland, Oregon; (2 daughters) Deborah Belgrave and Jacqueline Neal, both of Portland; (2 special daughters): Vickie Matthews and Deborah Bagley, both of Portland; 16 grandchildren, more than 30 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.



Missionary-Mother Mary Inez Belgrave

Obituary: Rose Marie Blackamore-Reasonover

February 4, 1941 - January 19, 2016

Preceded in death by her husband: William Edward Reasonover; mother: Theresa "Marie" McDavid-Marsh and step father: Nedin "Pops" Marsh; father: Elisha Blackamore Sr. and stepmother: Margeree Blackamore, brothers: Vincent "Uncle Binky" Blackamore and Timothy Blackamore.



Rose Marie Blackamore-Reasonover

Survivors: Daughter and Son-in-law: Shawna and Jerome Cox-Tanner-El; aunt: Lillie Rose Blackamore-Blackmon of Benton Harbor, Michigan; uncle: Ezell "Uncle Shug" Blackamore of Kalamazoo, Michigan; sisters: Lavora Smith (Arthur) of Kansas City, Missouri, Olivia Blackamore of Washington, DC, Loretta Woods of Flint, Michigan, Zipporah Blackamore of Chicago,

Illinois and Lois Price (Alex) of Houston, Texas; brothers: Elisha "Uncle Geno" Blackamore Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, Warner Blackamore (Mary) of Omaha, Nebraska, Andrew Blackamore of Kokomo, Indiana, Caleb Blackamore (Lisa) of Kokomo, Indiana, Hoshea Blackamore of Kokomo, Indiana, Onesimus Blackamore (Ivonne) of Kokomo, Indiana and Nathaniel Blackamore (Crystal) of Kokomo, Indiana.

Services will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016 at New Hope Baptist Church, 3777 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee and interment will be on February 1, 2016 at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

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