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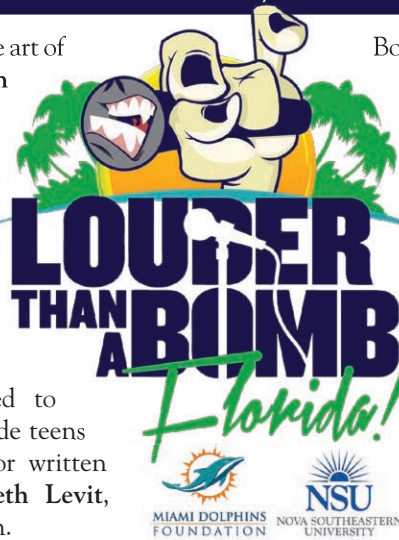
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The Jason Taylor Foundation to Host *Louder Than a Bomb Florida Poetry Festival* from April 8-18, 2015

A Mic. A Stage. A Pen. A Page. This is what the art of poetry begins with - the rest is legendary. **The Jason Taylor Foundation** has created a cutting edge event, the **Louder Than a Bomb** poetry festival presented by Nova Southeastern University and the Miami Dolphins Foundation. This highly anticipated event takes place from **April 8-18, 2015**. The program is also supported by the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**, as part of its **Knight Arts Challenge**.

"The Jason Taylor Foundation is dedicated to utilizing the art of the spoken word to help provide teens from diverse backgrounds a common vehicle for written and performance-based self-expression," said **Seth Levit**, Executive Director of the Jason Taylor Foundation.

Dubbed the "Super Bowl of poetry," Louder Than a



Bomb Florida, a Jason Taylor Foundation arts and education project, will feature a friendly spoken-word competition between school-based poetry teams representing local high schools from Broward and Miami-Dade counties and beyond. Funding from Nova Southeastern University, the Miami Dolphins Foundation and Knight Foundation has assisted the Jason Taylor Foundation support the schools' efforts by providing year-round, in-class and after-school instruction, which will culminate in this 11-day festival.

For more information on the Jason Taylor Foundation, please visit www.JasonTaylorFoundation.org or follow on Facebook: www.facebook.com/jasontaylorfoundation or Twitter: www.twitter.com/jtfoundation99 or www.twitter.com/bluapplepoetry#LTABFLA.

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Sir Rodney, a senior at Florida Memorial University, has created the "Sir Swoop," as part of a state of Florida campaign to help keep their paradise litter-free. In Rodney's submission, he rapidly shoots paper balls into a trash can to showcase how he and members of FMU could eliminate litter campus-wide. Rodney's love for basketball inspired the concept of his submission and he thought it would be a fun way to promote a litter free campus and community.

"A litter-free campus and community is very important to me because no one likes

to live in filth," says Rodney. "I want to advise my peers that it doesn't hurt to wait until you see a trash can to throw something away. Littering is just a sign of carelessness and we all have to do our part in keeping our communities clean."

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Sir hopes that his submission will encourage his peers to "Drive it Home ... Keep Our Paradise Litter Free!" College students throughout the state of Florida are encouraged to participate in

this challenge. Entries can be submitted at CleanFLroads.com.



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Sylvester Braithwaite is a board certified obstetrician gynecologist with over 30 years of experience in adolescent health care in Canada, West Indies, Europe and the United States.

Dr. Braithwaite is also a professional speaker and author and is the executive director of Reach for Reach the STARS Foundation, a non-profit 501 (C) (3) where their objective is to help safeguard young people's health and well being so they can reach their maximum potential and shape their own destiny. He is the proud father of four successful sons, one of which, Brian Braithwaite, is his business partner, doctor and lawyer. They both own and manage

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Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country this month.

Represent: 200 Years of African American Art
4/01/15, 4/03 – 04/15, and 4/05/15
Philadelphia, PA

Universoul Circus
4/08/15-4/26/15
Brooklyn, NY

Kevin Hart: What Now Tour
4/09/15
San Antonio, TX

Dave Chappell: 2015 South Beach Comedy Festival
4/09/15
Miami Beach, FL

Annual Berks Jazz Festival
4/10/15-4/19/15
Reading, PA

My Journey with Maya (Angelou) with Tavis Smiley
4/10/15
Washington, DC

100 Black Men of Atlanta - 17th Annual 100 Golf Classic
4/13/15
Johns Creek, GA

Women Aware: Advocating for Wellness, Awareness, Reduction, and Empowerment

The Black and Brown Comedy Get Down'
4/17/15
Memphis, TN

Black Writers on Tour
4/18/15
Carson, CA
www.blackwritersontour.com

FunkFest Tour
4/18/15
Orlando, FL
www.funkfestconcerts.com

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