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SECOND TIME AROUND

32 years later, NABJ revisits
Miami for annual convention

BY AYANA ARCHIE

NABJ Monitor

DeWayne Wickham, an NABJ founder and founding dean of Morgan State University's journalism school, has high regard for the 1987 NABJ convention in Miami.

Wickham attended every NABJ convention except for one, so he should know. But Miami was special.

At 1987's Miami convention, he was elected NABJ's president in a remarkable turn of fate. Wickham won the post by the largest margin in NABJ history, two years after losing a bid for president by a small margin of only a dozen or so votes.

In 1987 Miami, a dozen eggs cost 78 cents, the average rent was \$543 and Miami's population was about 31 percent less.

That year, the convention was hosted at the Intercontinental Hotel Miami in downtown Miami, around 17 miles south of this year's resort hotel.

That was 32 years ago.

This year, the NABJ convention is expected to be the most attended one yet, and in many ways, the city and organization hosting more than 3,000 people this year, has changed.

From its founding in 1975 until 1987, the organization had not held a convention in

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Authors bid a sad farewell to famed novelist Toni Morrison, **PAGE 11**

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**Miami's Art Deco hotels
light up at dusk along Ocean
Drive on South Beach.**

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What's in the bag?



**CBS News
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All of NABJ's convention attendees are lucky enough to receive a bag loaded with goodies once they check in at registration. Here's what they're taking home this year.

Promotional fliers and cards

**U.S. Virgin
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America—NABJ Expands Its Global Footprint

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Palmetto 10
A panel will examine the importance of global outreach strategies, professional development abroad and foreign reporting missions for NABJ.

Newsmaker Plenary

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., King Ballrooms 1-3
A panel of White House and political journalists share information on covering the 2020 election: race, the issues, story lines and what it means to the country.

Multimedia Reporting with Fox News—Boot Camp

10 a.m.-noon, Palmetto 10
This workshop will review the day-to-day process of reporting stories across multiple platforms, shooting and editing packages and best practices for story gathering.

A Conversation with Tom Joyner & Sybil Wilkes

Noon-1:30 p.m., King Ballrooms 1-3

'The Kitchen' movie screening

1-4 p.m., AMC Aventura Theater
Advanced movie screening

Redesigning School Systems to Better Serve Black Students

2-2:50 p.m., Royal Ballroom 3
Learn information from promi-

nent education leaders on how they are redesigning school systems to better serve black students.

NABJ Elections: Candidates' Debate

2-4 p.m., Sabal 4 & 5
On-site voting will be open daily Aug. 7-9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the registration area. Online voting open 24 hours on any mobile device or computer.

Election 2020: Education and the Black Community

3-3:50 p.m., Royal Ballroom 3
A panel of pollsters, education advocates and policymakers explore what we know about black support for education issues.

Star journalists and Hollywood royalty: Thursday

Yamiche Alcindor, White House correspondent for "PBS NewsHour"
Newsmaker Plenary, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., King Ballrooms 1-3

Byron Pitts, ABC News
The Art of Creative Storytelling: Engaging Audiences Like Never Before, 10 a.m.-noon., Palmetto 8

William Douglas, NHL reporter
Hockey Face-Off: The NHL's Power Play for Increased Diversity, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Palmetto 7

#StandWithBlackWomen: Telling Stories About Black Women and Girls in the #MeToo Era

Panel includes Errin Haines Whack, Associated Press national writer on race and ethnicity, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Royal Ballroom 3

A Conversation with Tom Joyner & Sybil Wilkes

Radio co-hosts of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" on a panel with Roland Martin, noon-1:30 p.m., King Ballrooms 1-3

'The Kitchen' Movie Screening

1-4 p.m., AMC Aventura Theater

Meet the NABJ Founders

2-3:30 p.m., Veranda 2

Authors Showcase

2-6 p.m., Royal Ballroom 4

2020 U.S. Presidential Candidates' Forum

A moderated forum featuring candidates U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld.
4:30-7 p.m., King Ballroom 1-3

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Ready to exhale? Here's where to have fun

Make the most out of your convention stay by slipping away to these local attractions

BY KOURTNEY BURNEY

NABJ Monitor

Most of everything that you need during this week's conference is at or within walking distance from the host hotel, the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort. Here's a list of some things for all budgets during your Miami stay.

Tidal Cove

Location: Marriott Turnberry

Unwind in the lazy pool, take daring rides on waterslides or camp out in a cabana at the Tidal Cove Waterpark. The waterpark is free for guests, \$75 per day for non-guests during the week, and \$105 for non-guests on the weekend.



Turnberry Golf Course

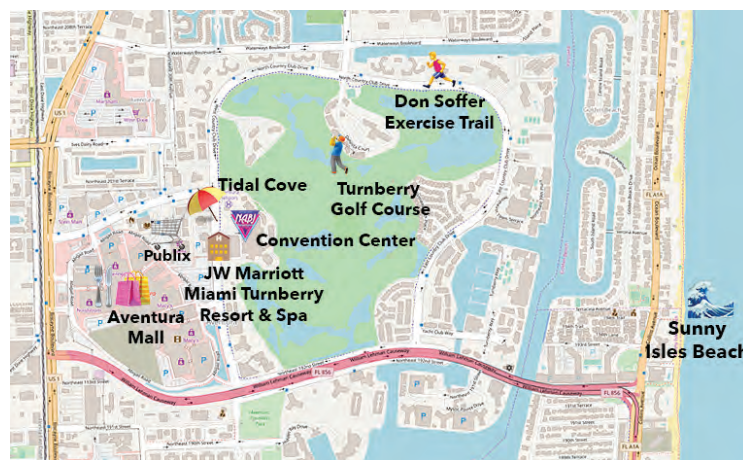
Location: Marriott Turnberry

During your stay take a swing at one of Miami's most prestigious golf courses. On Saturday at 8:30 a.m., the NABJ Sports Task Force is holding a benefit golf outing to support its scholarships and programming. The cost is \$125 per player and \$500 for a foursome. Club and shoe rentals will be available on site. Golf carts are included. Guest rates for those who want to practice in advance are \$100 before noon, \$80 noon-4 p.m. and \$65 after 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY EBONY DUELL/NABJ MONITOR

The 2019 NABJ Convention and Career Fair will be hosted at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort in Aventura, Florida. Located inside the resort is a water park, Tidal Cove.



Don Soffer Exercise Trail

Location: Marriott Turnberry

Don't let this week in Miami stop you from your regular exercise routine. At 7 a.m. Saturday, NABJ

is hosting a 5K Run/Walk along the trail. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for friends of NABJ. Proceeds benefit JSHOP, NABJ's training program for budding high

school journalists. If you want to take a run before Saturday, it's free.

Aventura Mall

Location: 19501 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura

Across the street from the Marriott Turnberry, Aventura Mall features plenty of shopping options for last-minute outfits. The mall includes a comfy food court with cheap eats like Shake Shack, sit-down restaurants like The Cheese-cake Factory and so much more. You can also catch a movie while you are there at AMC Aventura 24. It's open from 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Publix

Location: 2952 Aventura Blvd., Aventura

If you want to stock up on snacks for your room to get you through the convention or enjoy a bottle of wine after a long day, check out Publix grocery store. The grocery

chain's deli section features a wing bar, salad bar and sub sandwich counter, which are typically crowd favorites. The walk is less than 10 minutes from the resort in the Aventura Shopping Center. If you don't want to leave the comfort of the resort, you can order online for delivery.

Sunny Isles Beach

Location: Beside Ocean Boulevard

Hop aboard one of the hotel's free shuttle services for a day of fun and sun on Sunny Isles Beach. It is located just 2.3 miles from the Marriott Turnberry. Need that Instagram-worthy shot? This is the perfect place to make everyone not in Miami jealous. An Uber ride will cost around \$7.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA TAYLOR/NABJ MONITOR

LEFT: This Chicken Enchilada is from GoGo Fresh Food, topped with hot sauce and jalepeño at Aventura Mall in Aventura, Florida. **RIGHT:** This Ice Cream Cookie Super Sundae, from Tap 42, can be found at the Aventura Mall, in Aventura, Florida.

Where to find cheap eats for under \$10

BY JESSICA TAYLOR
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GoGo Fresh Food

926 Alton Road, Miami Beach
Looking for something that agrees with your health and wallet? Try GoGo Fresh Food for a healthy meal under \$10. GoGo Fresh Food offers a variety of vegetarian and vegan options for as low as \$7. Also enjoy a side of GoGo pies for \$2.25.

Sicilian Oven

20475 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura
A fresh and delicious Miami style pizza starts at \$10. Gluten-free crust is available for an additional \$3 on a small pizza.

Don't worry about breaking your budget. We're here to direct you to 10 dishes you'll love for less.

Chicken Guy

19565 Biscayne Blvd. Suite 2946, Miami
If you're in the mood for a filling and funky meal, try a signature sandwich that comes with two crispy fried chicken tenders. With sandwiches starting as low as \$5.99, you can add a side for \$2.99 and still be under budget.

Tap 42

19565 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura
Attention all dessert lovers! The

\$10 chocolate chunk bread pudding with vanilla ice cream and a salty caramel drizzle is a perfect mix of sweet and savory.

Pollo Tropical

19911 NW 2nd Ave., Miami
Try creative spins on chicken meals that we know and love. With chicken platters starting at \$5.89 and a range of sides, from black beans to macaroni and cheese, starting at \$2.25, you'll get a bite for your buck.

Raw Republic Micro Juicery

20804 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura
Sip away with super food on the go! Get a healthy and energizing smoothie to fuel up for under \$5. Try fan favorites such as Kale Ifornication, Flyfuel and Pink Panther.

Chili's

19905 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura
Delight in a local fan favorite. A 3-for-\$10 special includes a non-alcoholic beverage, an appetizer and an entree from a selected menu. After dinner, satisfy your sweet tooth with a molten chocolate cake that's both a sweet and cheap treat for only \$7.79.

The Grill on the Alley

1905 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura
Among the offerings are a savory snack of parmesan truffle fries for \$7.

Publix Deli

2952 Aventura Blvd., Aventura
This grocery store has all you need to stock up on a wealth of different food items. Shop for your convention snacks while you eat a famous deli sandwich.

Chipotle

18815 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura
Enjoy a fan favorite flavor burrito bowl or tasty tacos for under \$10.



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FAR LEFT: Mymy Sanon-Jules, 49, poses for a portrait in her booth at the Caribbean Marketplace in the Little Haiti neighborhood of Miami on Tuesday. **CENTER:** The morning sunrise is reflected on a pond at the JW Marriott Turnberry golf course in Aventura. **BELOW:** A crowd gathers to look closer at a pair of lemurs in a bicycle basket along Ocean Drive on Miami's South Beach.



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RIGHT: J Russell, 33, of the publication Phoenix CW, center left, and Joe Sam, 29, of ABC6 and FOX28 in Columbus Ohio, record a video on the first day of the NABJ convention at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort in Aventura on Tuesday. **CENTER:** Phillip Paul, 69, watches over a board game of Ludo at the Caribbean Marketplace in the Little Haiti neighborhood of Miami. **FAR RIGHT:** Amanda Scott, 23, of San Francisco, left, and Marissa Martinez, 20, of Chicago, sit inside the JW Marriott Turnberry on day one of the NABJ convention in Aventura.



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Executive Director: 'Detailed' security plans in place

Extra measures set to quell fears

BY AYANA ARCHIE

NABJ Monitor

In light of the three mass shootings that occurred over a one-week span, in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, some convention-goers have said they fear they may be a target for such crimes.

Blakely said he would like to see more changes to the nation's gun laws, but he is relying on his own safety precautions now more than ever: staying aware of his surroundings and walking with others, never alone.

"I feel worried about it," said Sherrod Blakely, an NBA reporter for NBC Boston. "I've been doing it for more than 20 years, so for me, it really isn't something that I gave a whole lot of thought to.

"But obviously, in the climate that we live in today, you'd certainly think more about safety than you have in past years," he added.



SARAHBETH MANEY/NABJ MONITOR

Local and federal law enforcement have been meeting frequently with NABJ's leadership to develop a detailed and cohesive security plan in preparation for the five-day event, which includes the addition of the local police force and undercover officers as well as increased hotel security.

A mobile police unit that patrols from high areas and an FBI anti-terrorism unit also are present this

week. The collaboration is ongoing, but attendees have been strongly advised by NABJ Executive Director Drew Berry to always wear a badge at the host and overflow hotels.

"The security plans have been put in place by people who know what they're doing," Berry said.

The emergency plan for this week's convention can be found in the official convention app on EventPilot.

In 2015, a gunman killed nine black churchgoers at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. In 2018, a gunman killed five journalists in the Capital Gazette newsroom in Annapolis, Maryland. For the thousands of people attending the convention, they represent a cross-section of both populations.

When a fire alarm went off in the host hotel Wednesday morn-

ing, WMBF digital reporter Aaron Ladd said he feared the worst. He, too, offered personal safety tips, such as knowing where the exits are, checking in with friends in their group chat and having his belongings with him at all times.

Ultimately, Ladd said he is confident NABJ is making extra efforts to protect its attendees.

"I definitely feel safe, and I know this is a place that could be targeted potentially," he said, "but I think NABJ is taking the right steps to try to protect their members, especially the people that are going to be here this week."

Need to get around? Consider these travel-savvy options

BY JESSICA TAYLOR

NABJ Monitor

As more than 3,500 black journalists flock to this week's NABJ Convention and Career Fair, it might not be easy to reach the convention site and hotels.

But NABJ is attempting to ease the stress by offering a shuttle service between the convention site at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort and overflow hotels. In addition, the hotels provide transportation to nearby sites.

Convention-goers also can get a 25% discount for up to four trips with ridesharing service Uber, Executive Director Drew Berry said, by using the code NABJ19.

The NABJ shuttle service will provide transportation from 6:30 a.m. to midnight to the Hampton Inn Hallandale Beach Aventura, Aloft Hotel Miami Aventura, Solé Miami, Marenas Beach Resort

Miami, Residence Inn Marriott, Residence Inn Miami Sunny Isles Beach and Hollywood Beach Marriott.

"There are 20-minute intervals at most hotels during the morning, mid-afternoon, late-afternoon service windows," Berry said.

The bus stop for the NABJ shuttle will be at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Conference Center South. It is free for NABJ members who are wearing their registration badges. The pick-up locations vary for each hotel, Berry said.

The Marriott Turnberry offers a shuttle for guests to the Aventura Mall, the Marina Tennis Court and Sunny Isle Beach from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Riders must make a reservation by calling at (786) 385-0816.

"You must be at the location of pick up when you call and request the shuttle service," said Ciline Dorcinvil, a hotel spokeswoman.



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David Squires rides the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort shuttle on Wednesday in Aventura.

NABJ Shuttle schedule

Thursday, Aug. 8

Morning 6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Mid-afternoon 1 – 3 p.m.
Late-afternoon 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Evening 5 p.m. – midnight

Friday, Aug. 9

Morning 6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Mid-afternoon 1 – 3 p.m.
Late-afternoon 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Evening 5 – 11 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Morning 6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Mid-afternoon 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Late-afternoon 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Evening 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. (LAST PICK UP IS 12:45 a.m. from the Turnberry.)

Sunday, Aug. 11

Morning 7 – 8:30 a.m.
Afternoon 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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FLASHBACK

30 YEARS OF STUDENT PROJECTS

Thirty years ago, NABJ hosted the first ever NABJ Student Projects at the Los Angeles convention in August 1990. Those pictured represent the projects' first mentors.

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Miami, which was one of the deciding factors for its selection, along with it being "a good place to go," Wickham said.

There was also, of course, a focus on improving and evolving the organization. "We went from survival to preparation and skills enhancement," Wickham said.

Longtime member and Student Multimedia Projects founder Sheila Brooks marveled at the increased amount of young people who now participate in the convention year after year.

That wasn't always the case for Brooks and other young people in 1987 when she attended the Miami convention.

In fact, it would take Brooks another two years to launch the NABJ Student Multimedia Projects at the 1990 Los Angeles convention after noticing as a college student there weren't many young people in the organization.

The program wasn't approved until her third proposal to the

board, when several of her friends and members of her network rallied behind her, she said.

"For me, it was giving back. I always look at it like that," she said. "It's a labor of love. I am grateful. It's always a joyous occasion to see so many young faces, bright, talented creatives that want to be in this business."

The 1987 convention was the first for John Yearwood, who had just graduated from college.

Yearwood said he left the Miami convention with lifelong friends, intangible fun-filled experiences and a tangible job with The Dallas Morning News.

He credited a panel on international reporting for bringing him full circle as a world editor for The Miami Herald, where he worked for 12 years until 2016.

He and Wickham also remember the day cruise to the Bahamas. In fact, many members who attended the convention rave about staying up the night before to board the ship as early as 6 a.m.

Said Wickham, "There were a lot of mojitos, a lot of Bahama Mamas!"

MIAMI 32 YEARS LATER A COMPARISON BY THE NUMBERS

1987

COST OF LIVING

Gas was 90 cents per gallon. A gallon of orange juice was \$1.15. It cost \$33 to go to the dentist for a teeth cleaning.

POLITICS

Mayor of Miami: Xavier Suarez
U.S. President: Ronald Reagan

CLIMATE

The average temperature was 88 degrees.

HEADLINES

Bias and hate against the LGBT community were prevalent. "There certainly is an (anti-gay) problem in South Florida. It's getting to epidemic proportions," said a news editor from The Gainesville Sun.

2003

COST OF LIVING

Gas was \$2.01 per gallon. A gallon of orange juice was \$5.18. It cost \$101.40 to go to the dentist for a teeth cleaning.

POLITICS

Mayor of Miami: Manny Diaz
U.S. President: George W. Bush

CLIMATE

The average temperature is 83 degrees

HEADLINES

A tornado smashed through the Brownsville and Liberty City neighborhoods of Miami killing one person when a tree trunk smashed a front window at the home near NW 57th Street and 30th Avenue on March 27, 2003. There were 14 injuries.

2019

COST OF LIVING:

Gas is \$2.59 per gallon. A gallon of orange juice is \$8.49. It costs \$127 to go to the dentist for a teeth cleaning.

POLITICS

Mayor of Miami: Francis Suarez
U.S. President: Donald J. Trump

CLIMATE

The average temperature is 85 degrees

HEADLINES

U.S. President Donald J. Trump advocated for the legalization of drugs at a Miami Herald luncheon and the revenues would be used to help fund drug use education. "We're losing badly the war on drugs," The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported. "You have to legalize to win that war."

Remembering a literary giant

Authors recall the influence of Toni Morrison

BY ELAIJAH GIBBS-JONES

NABJ Monitor

NABJ authors took a moment of silence Wednesday to reflect the memory of literary giant Toni Morrison, a Nobel-prize winning author, who passed away on Monday.

Author Alexis Yancey, who organized the convention's authors showcase, said she was greatly influenced by Morrison.

"She is an American treasure because she was able to relate the black experience to every American whether you're Asian, Caucasian, Indian or Hispanic," said Yancey, co-founder of NABJ-TV. "She was able to take you on a journey to really know what our lives have been like."

The annual NABJ Convention Authors Showcase includes nearly 12 hours of programming in which NABJ journalists interview a collection of celebrity and NABJ-member authors.

Many of Morrison's fans, peers and friends took time to remember her impact on their lives. A great amount of reflection focused on Morrison's use of language and how it has led her audiences to dive deeper into a variety of perspectives.

Marilyn Mobley, an English professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and Toni Morrison scholar, invested her life into teaching the lessons of Morrison to many students. Mobley reflected with tears in her eyes on the passing of the trailblazing author.

"It's very significant in an almost divine spiritual way that we would lose one of our greatest writers and greatest thinkers at the point that this country is struggling," Mobley said. "She has given us her very best and it is up to us now to write, tell stories and think about how we love each other. It's up to us now."

The annual authors showcase was hosted on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and continues throughout the



Michel Euler/ (AP Photo)

ABOVE: Toni Morrison above, in 2006. **BELOW:** Omar Kelly, columnist for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, pauses in a moment of silence for Morrison during the Author Showcase



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convention. It will include a panel discussion and several interviews of authors.

The panel discussion features a number of self-published authors, including Laini Brown, Chelcee Johns, Julia Royston, Betty Bayé and

Sybril Brown. The panel was created to provide guidance to authors making the decision to self-publish or to use mainstream publishing companies, Yancey said.

"I want this panel to give our members all the information they

need to make a decision. If they have a book idea and see where they can take it," Yancey said.

Though the mourning of Morrison is still new to many across the nation, the NABJ authors are reflecting upon her influence in the literary world.

"She has always been an icon in our community by expressing herself and expressing self love," said Eugene Mitchell, CEO of E. Mitchell Enterprises and author of "Closing the Wealth Gap: Seven rules for black prosperity and legacy."

Upcoming authors will discuss their books about love, black entrepreneurship and overcoming challenges to politics. Some celebrity authors include, BeBe Winans, Karlie Redd and Joy Reid.

Throughout the showcase, Yancey said she wants attendees to remember the importance of reading in the black community.

"She showed that black writers need not be handcuffed by stereotype, tradition or insultingly low expectations. And that is the most enduring legacy any author could hope for."

— Eric Deggans, National Public Radio.

"Her style has been described as 'words so perfectly formed that other writers weep.'"

— Associate Professor Trevy McDonald at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Journalism.

"She was one of the best writers in the country if not the best. She helped us appreciate powerful stories."

—Yanick Rice Lamb, the chair and associate professor at Cathy Hughes School of Communications at Howard University.



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