**The Courier Newspaper Collection**

**Date Range: 1997 March 14-1999 July 6**

**Historic Homestead Town Hall Museum**

**41 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030**

**Processed by:** Katherine L. Fleming, September 2021

**Creator:** AnnJim Publishing, Inc. and South Florida Newspaper Network, Inc.

**Extent:**  1 flat newspaper box (13.5 x 16.5 inches)

**Accession Number:** 2021.009

**Language:** English

**Acquisition Information**:

Charles McGarey, a retired Coral Gables firefighter donated these issues of *The Courier* along with issues of *The Redland District News*.

**Cite as:** *The Courier* newspaper collection

**Biographical and Organizational History:**

*The Courier* served South Dade County, Florida, including Cutler Ridge, Perrine, Goulds, Palmetto Bay, Redland, and elsewhere. The newspaper may have been a successor to *The Cutler Courier* and *The Pinecrest Courier*. The masthead notes the paper was founded in 1994 by AnnJim Publishing, Inc., 10700 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 201, Miami, FL 33189. James and Ann Healy published this weekly tabloid on Fridays until the end of 1998. Scott Turick is listed as editor.

In the March 5, 1999, *The Courier* masthead lists the owner as South Florida Newspaper Network, Inc., although the address remains the same as its predecessor. With founding date of 1996, the publisher is listed as Justo Rey and the associate editor as Martha Sternberg. The discrepancy in dates may indicate that the South Florida Newspaper Network, Inc. published other papers before acquiring *The Courier*. In March 19, 1999, the masthead lists Andrew Polin as executive editor and the nameplate changes to *Courier: Cutler Ridge, Perrine & Palmetto Bay*. The June 25, 1999, issue lists Martha Sternberg as editor.

James D. Healy graduated from Clemson University in 1981 and started his journalism career at the weekly *Clemson Messenger*. In 1987, Healy joined the Homestead, Florida, *South Dade News Leader* as associated editor. He was later named editor and held that post until 1991. After leaving the *News Leader*, he served as project coordinator for the state of Florida to administer a grant that helped victims of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. From 1994 to 1998, Healy and his wife are listed as owners-publishers of AnnJim Publishing in Cutler Ridge, Florida. They founded *The Cutler Courier* and *The Pinecrest Courier*, both weekly papers. In 1999, James Healy became metro editor of *The Times* in Gainesville. In November 2002, Healy, age 43, was named executive editor of the *Statesboro Herald* in Statesboro, Georgia. In 2012, he was appointed Operations Manager. <https://accesswdun.com/article/2002/11/187497>

In 2018, Justo Ray became president of Islander Media Group, Inc., publisher of *Islander News*. His son, also Justo Ray, is president and publisher at Tampa Bay Newspapers.

**Scope and Content:**

Founded in 1994, *The Courier,* a weekly newspaper, served South Dade County. In 1997, the nameplate is simply titled *The Courier*. On March 19, 1999, the newspaper nameplate changes to *Courier: Cutler Ridge, Perrine & Palmetto Bay*. The collection covers the period from 1997 March 14 to 1999 July 6; however, there are a number of missing issues.

**Arrangement:**

Chronological

**Subjects:**

*Courier* (Miami, Fla. : 1994)

*Courier: Cutler Ridge, Perrine & Palmetto Bay* (Miami, Fla. : 1999)

South Florida—Newspapers.

Miami-Dade County (Fla.)—Newspapers.

Florida—South Florida.

Florida—Miami-Dade County.

Newspapers.

**Related Collections:**

*Redland District News* newspaper collection, AC 2021.009

**Description:**

Box Folder Contents

1 1 1997 March 14; vol. 3, no. 27; 20 pages; missing part of pages 15-16

1 1 1997 July 4; vol. 3, no. 43; 20 pages

1 1 1997 July 11; vol. 3, no. 44; 20 pages

1 1 1997 July 18; vol. 3, no. 45; 20 pages; poet Robert Frost’s trees

1 1 1997 August 8; vol. 3, no. 48; 20 pages

1 1 1997 September 5; vol. 3, no. 52; 24 [1-14 and 1 FB-10FB (football)] pages

1 2 1997 September 12; vol. 4, no. 1; 16 pages

1 2 1997 September 26; vol. 4, no. 3; 20 pages; Bethel House and Helen Gage;

Cutler Ridge Mall

1 2 1997 October 3; vol. 4, no. 4; 20 pages: Southcom moves to Dade from Panama

1 2 1997 October 17; vol. 4, no. 6; 16 pages

1 2 1997 October 31; vol. 4, no. 8; 16 pages; Deering Estate and Bob Jensen

Hurricane Andrew renovations

1 2 1997 November 7; vol. 4, no. 9; 16 pages

1 2 1997 December 19; vol. 4, no. 15; 20 pages

1 2 1997 December 26; vol. 4, no. 16; 16 pages

1 3 1998 January 2; vol. 4, no. 17; 16 pages

1 3 1998 February 6; vol. 4, no. 22; 20 pages; Mayor Shiver groundbreaking

Homestead Corners Shopping Center, South Dixie Highway and Campbell Drive, 1st major development since Hurricane Andrew

1 3 1998 February 13; vol. 4, no. 23; 16 pages; Homeless Assistance Center in

South Dade, Homestead Air Force Base

1 3 1998 February 20; vol. 4, no. 24; 16 pages

1 3 1998 March 13; vol. 4, no. 27; 16 pages

1 3 1998 June 26; vol. 4, no. 42; 16 pages

1 4 1999 March 5; vol. 5, no. 25; 16 pages

1 4 1999 March 19; vol. 5, no. 27; 24 pages; Redland considers Incorporation

1 4 1999 June 25; vol. 5, no. 40; [16 pages]

1 4 1999 July 6; vol. 5, no. 42; [16 pages]; Redland Incorporation hard to do