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Queen Latifah Finds Her Voice

After years focusing more on TV and film, she returns to the stage singing standards.

Friday Extra

River Agreement Reached

Governors, federal officials approve gradual reduction in flow to Chattahoochee.

By BILLY HOUSE
The Tampa Tribune

WASHINGTON — Gov. Charlie Crist emerged from a meeting Thursday with federal officials and his Georgia and Alabama counterparts saying he is “confident” they will work toward a regional water-crisis plan that protects Floridians.

But tensions remain between the feuding states amid what has been a relentless Southeastern drought. And one of the governors joked that the “ultimate solution” will still have to come from a

higher-up source.

“I’m going back to Georgia to pray for rain,” Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue said.

An “interim” plan worked out Thursday gives the Army Corps of Engineers the legal flexibility to reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier in north Georgia into the Chattahoochee River in phases — up to 16 percent — to protect the shrinking drinking water supply for metro Atlanta.

To address concerns of Florida and Alabama about downstream repercussions on the Apalachicola and Flint riv-

ers, the corps will closely monitor the effect each phase of the planned water-flow reduction has on wildlife, fishing, farming, municipalities and power plants.

The plan still must be approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is expected to issue a biological opinion on the change within two weeks.

Crist was not on hand for an earlier

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Work on long-term solution to continue.

Boarding Home Residents Had Other Options

The 19 people in the Daphne Jones house felt they had no choice but to stay, but DCF says adults can choose where to live.

By KAREN BRANCH-BRIOSO
The Tampa Tribune

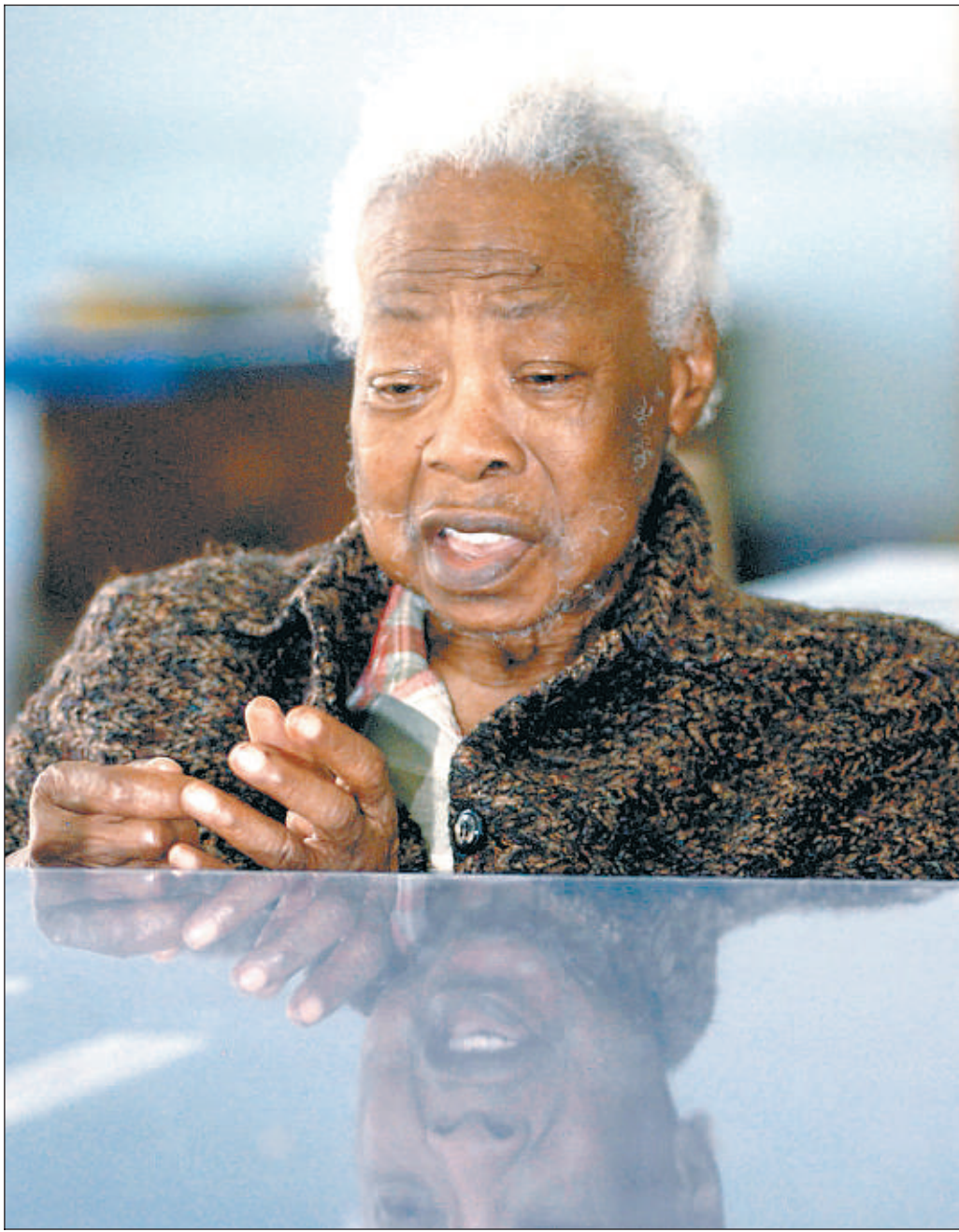
TAMPA — Disabled by strokes, mental illness or the frailties of old age, residents of the Daphne Jones Boarding Home arrived at their most vulnerable.

Many felt they had no place to go — and no choice but to stay.

Some came from precarious situations: evictions, drug raids, homelessness. The Department of Children & Families had referred seven of the 19 people living at the West Tampa boarding home when police closed it Aug. 9 for intolerable conditions.

The agency referred two of them to the boarding home. DCF placed five in a swanky riverside adult family-care home where Jones lived. Residents said Jones moved them suddenly last winter to the boarding home. At both places, they and their families said contact and visits were limited.

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Former manager alerted police to situation.



Olivia Pitts Jackson, 91, and her husband, John Jackson, 47, went to the Daphne Jones Boarding Home after they had to leave public housing. He says he left because he couldn't pay rent.

Here is the story of one ex-resident of the Daphne Jones Boarding Home, and a guide to organizations that could have helped.

‘Mother O’

At 91, Olivia Pitts Jackson was the boarding home's oldest resident. She arrived Feb. 27. That day, the Tampa Housing Authority evicted her and her husband from public housing. John Jackson, 47 — “God told us to marry,” she says — hadn't responded to the agency's annual review to see whether they still qualified for public housing. So they had to go.

The property manager called the state's Department of Children & Families, which placed the couple at the boarding home so they could be together. It didn't last.

Olivia, known as “Mother O” from a ministry she once ran from an Ybor City apartment, was allowed to stay. Her husband was not. He said he couldn't afford the \$200 that Daphne Jones wanted for rent.

His new home: the Salvation Army.

Olivia's daughter Verlae Thomas, who lives out of state, had trouble getting through to her mother. Her voice mails went unanswered. She turned to Vallery Jafar, who befriended Olivia during her ministry. Jafar tried to make appointments to see her, but couldn't. So she went to the home, persuading a caretaker to let her in. She found it cramped but clean.

“From what I could see there was nothing negative except, whenever I would call, [Jones] always would seem like she was hesitant to be an open business to me,” Jafar said. “I felt something was going on, but I really didn't know what. She never really gave me a direct appointment.”

WHAT TO DO:

If a family member or friend can't get through to call, write or visit a loved one, call the Department of Children & Families' adult abuse hot line. Or call law enforcement, says Diane Carpenter, district manger for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program of Florida's Department of Elder Affairs.

“The idea of living in a boarding home or an adult family care home where you have to make an appointment to see a loved one, that goes against all grain. That just should not happen.”

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Ruling Upholds Lethal Injection

Florida's high court decides method not cruel and unusual; an execution is set for Nov. 15.

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Aquarium Reveals 5-Year Expansion

The \$6 million project includes a new exhibit and larger ship for educational cruises.

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Pilot ‘Never Lost Sleep’ After Atomic Bombing Of Hiroshima

By ERIC MALNIC
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Paul Warfield Tibbets Jr. never apologized for dropping the atomic bomb that leveled more than two-thirds of the buildings in Hiroshima, Japan, and immediately killed at least 80,000 people.

Millions of detractors considered the nuclear attack an example of man's inhumanity to man, an act that left the world teetering on the brink of self-annihilation. To him and millions of supporters, though, dropping the atomic bomb was a justifiable means of shortening World War II, preserving the lives of hundreds of thousands of American servicemen that military experts said might have died in a final Allied invasion of Japan.

“I never lost a night's sleep over it,” Tibbets had said.

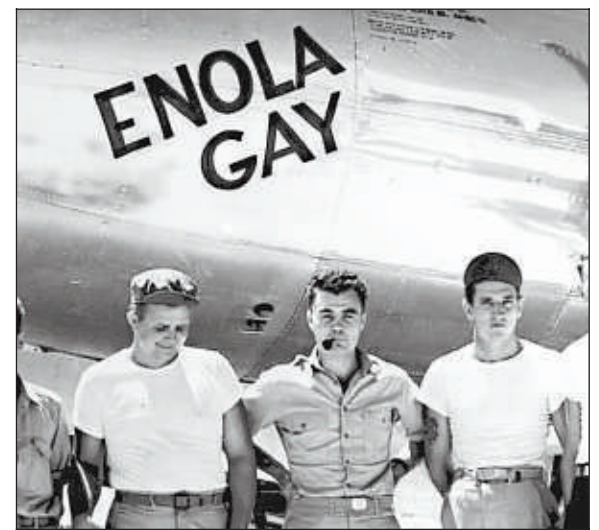
Tibbets, the Army Air Forces pilot whose bombing run over Hiroshima in 1945 introduced nuclear war, died Thursday at his home in Columbus, Ohio. He was 92.

Tibbets suffered from a variety of ailments and died of heart failure, said Gerry Newhouse, his longtime friend.

Tibbets was more than just the pilot of the Enola Gay, the propeller-driven, four-engine bomber, named for his mother, that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Described by his commandant, Gen. H.H. “Hap” Arnold, as “the best damned pilot in the [Army] Air Force,” Tibbets was handpicked to command the

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To deter protesters, there will be no funeral for Tibbets.



U.S. Army Air Forces
Paul W. Tibbets, center, gathered with the Enola Gay's ground crew before the bomber's flight to Japan during World War II. Tibbets died Thursday.

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which should be the warm-
est of the next several days.
Little rain chance will make
for beautiful, autumn-in-
Florida weather.

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