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**CIRCLE GRANT:** Miami's Downtown Development Authority is contributing \$25,000 to help finish riverwalk repairs at the 2.2-acre National Historic Landmark Miami Circle site. Miami Circle, carbon-dated at age 2,000, sits just south of the Miami River's mouth adjacent to Icon Brickell, a luxury hotel and condo complex. The site has been closed off for seawall repairs and improvements but is to re-open in September, though the circle itself will remain covered in limestone. The state is close to finishing repairs on the seawall bordering the site that began in March. Historical Museum of Southern Florida officials this month reported a \$250,000 shortfall in project funding but said they'll seek added funds and grants. Taxpayers bought the 38-foot circle, believed a remnant of the ancient Tequesta Indian culture, for \$26.7 million in 1999 to restore it for public view. Slated this year are an entrance and parking to create access. Other improvements are due in phases, as the circle remains buried to protect it from the elements. Officials say they are unsure when the circle might be uncovered for public viewing.