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PARADISE LOST

The U.S. Virgin Islands, torn to shreds by deadly Irma, now stares down Maria

Editor's note: As of press time, Tuesday, Sept. 19, a category 5 storm that had devastated Dominica, was headed toward the Virgin Islands. Life-threatening Hurricane Maria was expected to pass over or near the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Wednesday.

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The night before Hurricane Irma arrived here on St. Thomas, I exchanged texts with a friend in Anguilla, asking her if I should be worried. I was expecting just a bit of wind and rain, nothing life-altering.
My phone's signal faded before she

could share the full scope of the madness I was about to encounter.

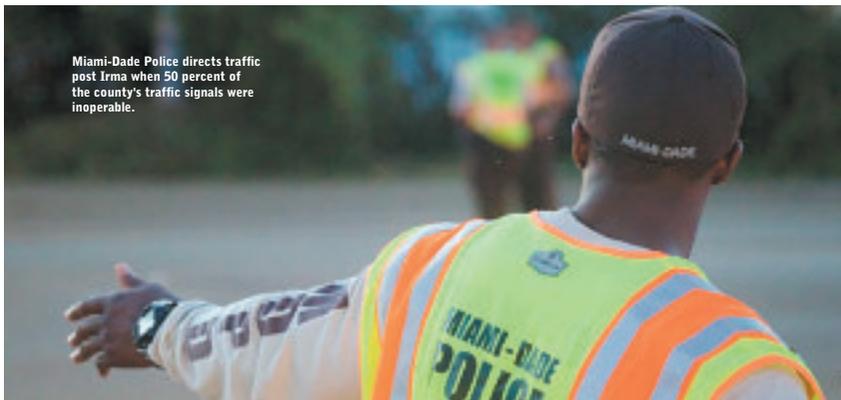
In a few hours on Sept. 7, I found myself dodging flying debris alongside my brother as we carried my wheelchair-bound, 80-year-old father to safety. It was an experience I'll describe as nothing short of hell, compelling me not to go there if such a place really exists.

With our hospital decimated, patients have been airlifted to other nearby islands and Puerto Rico, which was on Hurricane Watch Tuesday, Sept. 19. Several prisoners escaped from the prison in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands causing some to worry that the criminals will invade our shores. One
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Miami Times columnist

Peter Bailey stand outside of his parent's home in St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands.

Miami-Dade Police directs traffic post Irma when 50 percent of the county's traffic signals were inoperable.



—Miami Times photo Greg Reed

Gimenez behind delay for food and water

Edmonson said plan unacceptable

By Andrea Robinson
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Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez ordered the county go to Level 1 status — the highest level — to prepare for Category 5 Hurricane Irma. But one county official said

resources that should have been staged with that declaration were never ordered, which caused the delay in getting food and ice into hot and steamy neighborhoods.

Audrey Edmonson, vice-chairwoman of the Miami-Dade County Commission,

said the county did not have on hand ice, water and food to assist families after Irma. Gimenez did not request an order and was not ready, she said.

"I'm not going to take up for anyone. He did not order anything,



Edmonson

which I thought was unacceptable," Edmonson said. "The mayor said he has a plan and he's acting by his plan. I'm very upset about this."

Edmonson said other commissioners were also unhappy
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Was there a plan to feed the children pre- and post-Irma?

Miami-Dade County said school system wasn't responsible for feeding children

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School board member Steve Gallon questions whether there was a plan to feed students in light of Hurricane Irma. District 1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools board member Steve Gallon III doesn't believe the school system had an immediate plan to feed students who had been cut off from the free and reduced lunch program during the upheaval caused by Hurricane Irma.

Gallon double-downed Friday that if the system had had a plan, board members were not informed. He cited a late-night, Tuesday, Sept. 12 memo he sent to Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and other board members on the matter. The memo asks the superintendent about the district's plan to feed "eligible" students and what were the reimbursable options to the district for the expenses incurred for such an effort.

By Thursday, the district launched a massive feeding effort with packaged breakfasts for children and Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), a complete meal in a package with a heater to warm the food. Some packets included vegetable lasagna and cheese tortellini. At the launch at Frederick Douglass Elementary School and seven other school sites, schools officials announced that they would activate two additional sites, all serving hot food until schools reopened Monday, Sept. 18.

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Editorial

Gimenez threw away his black American Express card, but residents paid

We have serious problems and Hurricane Irma's sideswipe of Miami-Dade County laid it bare. One obvious problem is with the public utility, Florida Power and Light. Twenty-five years after Hurricane Andrew, a storm that blew winds up to 100 miles an hour turned off the lights to 1,020,255 of FPL's accounts. FPL's records say it serves 1,114,000 accounts in Miami-Dade County.

The utility said it has been strengthening the grid and burying lines. If more than 1 million accounts lost power, there is a lot of strengthening and burying left to be done.

Another gaping problem is post-storm actions to secure and provide for the families in the county. If county officials were expecting a category 5 hurricane, they should have been following the emergency operations plan that details several post-staging activities. Once Florida was declared a disaster area by the state and the White House, the county had access to added support in terms of manpower and money. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez relentlessly told families to have three days of food and supplies for after the storm, not once asking them or telling them how to get help preparing. When 70 percent of the county's school children qualify for free or reduced lunch, it is clear families would struggle with accumulating the necessary items for hurricane season. Then take into account curfews, blocked roads, down powerlines, darkness, all conditions that render residents trapped. Those are the conditions that happened in Tropical Storm and category 1 and 2 hurricane wind speeds. If we had contended with a category 5 hurricane, residents' supplies would have been blown away, along with their rooftops and walls. Building after building would have become piles of rubble and there would have been widespread flooding.

Many residents, old and young live in high-rises. The older ones who did not evacuate were trapped in their apartments. No humanitarian organizations were mobilized until several days after the weaken but still very dangerous storm.

Mayor Gimenez made the decision last Tuesday not to start food distributions for the residents he is supposed to protect and take care of. It's as if Trump gave Gimenez a black American Express card, and he cut it in two, and threw it away. That will be your legacy, Mr. Mayor.

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BY CARL ELLIOTT, The New York Times

Erect a statue of this civil rights hero

If you look closely at Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark 1954 school desegregation decision, you'll see that Brown wasn't a single case. It was five cases consolidated into one. Briggs v. Elliott, the first of them, took place in my home state, South Carolina. Briggs came about after the Rev. Joseph De Laine organized a group of Black parents in Clarendon County to petition for equal educational facilities. The man who stood fast against that request — the Elliott of Briggs v. Elliott — was the chairman of the school board, Roderick Miles Elliott. Or as he was known in my family, Uncle Roddy. For reasons that remain murky, the Supreme Court case came to be called Brown rather than Briggs, even though Briggs preceded Brown both alphabetically and temporally. So it was Brown v. Board of Education that was memorialized in the history textbooks. I won't pretend I'm not grateful. But the fact that Brown has overshadowed Briggs has also meant that Mr. De Laine, the man who did

more than anyone else to bring about school desegregation in South Carolina, has been too often forgotten. This month, with the blessing of his surviving children, Joseph De Laine Jr. and Ophelia De Laine Gona, my cousin Joe Elliott — Uncle Roddy's grandson — submitted a letter to the South Carolina leg-

islature on behalf of 21 descendants and relatives of Roderick Miles Elliott (including me), asking the legislature to honor Mr. De Laine with a statue on the grounds of the State House in Columbia.

In a just world, the name of Joseph De Laine would already be familiar to South Carolinians. Mr. De Laine was a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a teacher in the Clarendon County public schools, where his wife, Mattie, also taught.

In South Carolina, however, Mr. De Laine's courage and tenacity were punished. Both he and his wife lost their teaching jobs. When an arsonist set fire to the De Laine home, which stood 60 feet outside the city limits of Summerton, S.C., the all-white firefighting squad in Summerton stood by and watched it burn to the ground. Later, Mr. De Laine's church in Lake City was burned to the ground as well. He was eventually forced to leave the state in

1955 after defending his home against a group of armed attackers. Mr. De Laine died in Charlotte, N.C., in 1974. The state has no monuments to Mr. De Laine, and apart from a small interstate interchange near Summerton, no roads, bridges or public buildings bear his name. Asking South Carolina to honor Mr. De Laine might seem quixotic. It took decades of protest and the 2015 mass murder at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston before the Confederate flag came down from the South Carolina State House. Sixty-three years after Brown, schools in Summerton remain de facto segregated, thanks in part to a private academy favored by many white families. If we can somehow make our way together through these dark times, it will be in no small part because of the vision of Joseph De Laine.

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By Taryn Finley, Huffington Post

Like Issa Rae, we 'root for everybody Black'

I was 13 when the Black woman I was rooting for on "American Idol" won. After Black women failed to reach the top spot in the first two seasons, Fantasia finally did. With vocals straight out of a church choir in North Carolina, she deserved it.

All the Black people I knew — my mom, classmates and acquaintances — were so proud. We celebrated this moment together. Fantasia's victory on one of America's most watched television shows at the time wasn't just a win for her: It was a win for us.

Issa Rae, a co-creator and the star of the HBO sitcom "Insecure," stood on the Emmys' red carpet on Sunday and proudly proclaimed to a Variety reporter who asked which people she was cheering for, "I'm rooting for everybody Black." When I heard that, I jumped up and shouted: "Same, Sis! Same!" Because that's what I've been doing all my life. And apparently many other people have, too, because

Variety's video went viral on Twitter, garnering more than 16,000 retweets and countless reshares up and down my social media timelines.

Ms. Rae told the reporter what so many Black people have told their family members at dinner, their friends on group texts and their Black co-workers over water cooler talk. As many ob-

We take enormous joy in seeing Lena Waithe, Donald Glover and Sterling K. Brown walk away with trophies. Their wins give us more hope that our stories will be told in more nuanced, sensitive and multidimensional ways.

stacles as we face in our lives, there are times when we need to see one another win.

But what so many people missed in her comment is that expressing Black pride is not the same as being racist toward whites.

"Talk about racist! You are one!" a Twitter user wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat wrote.

Ms. Rae's critics don't understand that when it comes to racial pride, the playing field is not level. Black pride does not carry the power to shut others out as white pride does. And that's the difference. Hollywood has a long history of privileging whiteness, from who gets to greenlight movie ideas to whom studios target for consumption. While white people have the luxury of turning on any given channel and seeing themselves reflected with nuance and depth onscreen, Black people haven't been so fortunate.

So it's no surprise that Issa Rae, who is redefining how TV shows portray Black millennials, gave her Black colleagues props at the Emmys. In fact, it's the support from Black view-

ers who religiously watched her web series "Awkward Black Girl" that helped her become the first Black woman to create and star in a scripted series for HBO.

Later that night, she tweeted her congratulations to Lena Waithe, who became the first Black woman to win an Emmy for comedy writing.

When Black artists are honored at an esteemed award show like the Emmys, it's no secret whom we want to win. The fact that Black actors, writers and directors in 2017 are still becoming the "first" Black person to ever receive "X" award should make that clear.

Black pride isn't designed to block the progress of others. It is meant to empower and create space for Black people to celebrate and honor ourselves in a country that tells us in no uncertain terms that Black lives do not matter. It's a necessary escape when racial tension in the world is too thick to bear.



BY JONATHAN CAPEHART, The Washington Post

'The first white president' is a 'bad dude'

I have a confession to make. I have not been as enamored of Tareh Coates and his writing on race as some white people, particularly liberals, are. When it comes to race and the United States, I am Martin Luther King Jr. to Coates's Malcolm X. But ever since the killing of Trayvon Martin in 2012 and the ensuing grim roll call of Black lives felled by law enforcement and wannabe cops and others who simply felt empowered, my views on race and our nation have moved steadily closer to Coates's. With "The first white president," Coates's epic examination of and explanation for President Trump's victory last November in the Atlantic magazine, there no longer is any daylight between me and the provocative chronicler of America's racial divide.

In paragraph after paragraph, Coates articulates what has boiled my heart and mind since election

night. He lays out with precision and data what I knew in my bones. White people, generally speaking, were not and are not going to slip into their impending status as "the new minority" without a fight — a fight successfully waged by a man who ran the most racist, xenophobic, misogynistic cam-

After the bipartisan slaps at his morally reprehensible "both sides" remarks, you'd think that Trump learned that there are lines a president of the United States should know not to cross.

paign for president in memory. And that was after spending years questioning the legitimacy of his predecessor, Barack Obama, by peddling the racist birther lie that the nation's first African American president wasn't born in the United States.

In 2016, Trump enjoyed majority or plurality support among every economic branch of whites,

Coates writes, blowing up the fallacy that the key to Trump's support is the "white working class." Trump also won white voters with and without a college degree. He won both white men and women against Democratic former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, the first female presidential nominee

of a political party. And Trump won all age groups of whites. "Certainly not every Trump voter is a white supremacist, just as not every white person in the Jim Crow South was a white supremacist," Coates notes. "But every Trump voter felt it acceptable to hand the fate of the country over to one." Leave aside Trump's appalling and unrepresentational pro-

nouncements during the campaign. What he said on Aug. 15 in reaction to the racist rally in Charlottesville days earlier that resulted in the killing of Heather Heyer and again last week stripped him of the benefit of the doubt of being a white supremacist and the moral authority required to lead this diverse nation.

"After the bipartisan slaps at his morally reprehensible 'both sides' remarks, you'd think that Trump learned that there are lines a president of the United States should know not to cross. Alas, no. Trump doesn't have a point. Never did. Turning the focus on Antifa — a clique of anarchists I'd never heard of until Charlottesville — will not erase the smiley face Trump continually puts on white supremacy. That he insists on doing so makes him a pretty 'bad dude,' among the worst to ever lead this nation.



Some residents feel they were forgotten

Opal-locka apartment deals with lack of food, downed wires

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As utility and oil companies restore lights and gas around town, hundreds of people in urban core neighborhoods wondered aloud if they've been forgotten.

Take the neighbors at the Our Home Apartment Corp. complex along Ali Baba Avenue in Opa-locka. Residents — mostly women and small children — had no electricity last Wednesday, so they sat along the steel balconies and busily fanned themselves with paper, towels or whatever they could find.

Two Opa-locka commissioners — Joseph Kelley and Matthew Pigatt arrived with a small caravan of people, including School Board Member Steve Gallon III and members of a group that provides free water safety lessons in the small city.

The caravan brought food: sandwiches, bananas, water —

something that Barbara Beneby said was scarce at that point. "Usually someone from the city comes to check on us. But this time no one came until you all showed up," she said.

"We're very appreciative," Beneby said. "Some people didn't know how they were going to eat. They had just paid rent, and it would be hard to buy food."

Beneby, the onsite manager, said no one from a relief agency, government office or utility company had stopped by since Irma roared through Saturday and Sunday.

A bigger headache, she said, is a downed power line that laid to rest on the metal fence that surrounds the building. She and another tenant noticed sparks and smelled something burning along the fence.

Beneby said the few residents who have vehicles were afraid to go out lest they inadvertently touch the gate.

A county garbage truck crew has stopped by twice to collect trash, but won't go inside for the same fear.

Even worse, she said, children play nearby, so she has to keep a watchful eye to ensure they aren't electrocuted.

Beneby and Pigatt said they'd put in a call to FPL about the downed wire and the status of the building regaining electricity. "There's a delayed response in these communities," Pigatt said.

By Thursday afternoon, things looked somewhat better. Electricity was restored to the apartment complex, meaning Beneby had one less hassle.

"Oh, wow. That was a relief," she said. "We had people sleeping in the car, in hallways for relief. Both adults and children."

The problem with the downed line remains, though. Richard Gibbs, FPL spokesman, said he was unaware of



—Miami Times/Andrea Robinson

Miami-Dade County School Board Member Steve Gallon III and Opa-locka city officials hand out sandwiches, fruit and water to children and parents at different apartment complexes on Sept. 13 in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. The residents did not have power in their units and the children were out of school and eager to get the refreshments.

the request. "We're reviewing the status of the incident and we will be able to determine if we receive prior notification of the downed wire," Gibbs said.

Community groups demand disaster relief

Coalition fights for those who are underserved

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A coalition of community organizations called for a halt on evictions and deportations and demanded power restoration during a Friday afternoon press conference.

Titled "The Most Unequal County Directing The Most Unequal Response," the list of demands related to post-Hurricane Irma were aimed at FEMA, The Red Cross, and those in positions of power. The coalition gathered in Little Haiti in front of Buena Vista Apartments, where only one building had been restored with power during the time of the press conference. Their demands include restoring power to underserved communities; the right to food, water and safe housing; the right to return to affordable housing; an extension of Temporary Protected Status or TPS; paid time off for days missed due to the storm; and to be included among those making post-disaster decisions for low-income communities.

"We are a collective of organizations to come out because we realize that Black communities have been neglected," said Marlene Bastien, of Haitian Women of Miami, one of the organizations that is part of the coalition. "We realized that if we did not stand up, these people would be left out. They will lose again."

Before Hurricane Irma hit Miami, Haitian Women of Miami, along with The Dream Defenders, Miami Workers Center, the New Florida Majority, Make the Homeless Smile and many others, came together to form the Irma Community Recovery Fund, an effort that would offer disaster relief to Black and Brown communities. Volunteers had been handing out free food and water to residents who were still without power and, as of Friday, had helped more than 10,000 people statewide.

"We just knew there was going to be a need in low-income communities of color in the relief effort, but also in the rebuilding effort to come, to make sure that those resources are distributed equitably," said Andrea Mercado, the executive director of The New Florida Majority.

Volunteers have been giving out food and water since Monday, Sept. 11.

"Folks from the whole coalition have been out since [last] Monday giving people water and food and batteries and doing everything that is possible to help our folks in these communities because nobody's come to check on anybody," said Nailah Summers, the Dream Defenders communications director. "So, we're here in this heat and there are old folks in these buildings behind us that couldn't come out because they're old and they couldn't leave their houses." When volunteers from the co-



Resident holds up sign in front of Buena Vista Apartments.



Marlene Bastien stands with supporters in front of Buena Vista Apartments.

alition came to hand out food and water to residents, they told them that this was the first time anyone had come to check on them, Bastien said.

"Where are the elected officials, where is FEMA, where is the Red Cross?" Bastien said. "We've been feeding, you know, thousands ourselves with our own resources. Yet, those who represent us, those who have the billions, the Red Cross, FEMA, they are missing in action. So we are sending a strong message to let them know that we will not be discounted; we will not be disregarded; we will not be left out, we will not be neglected again."

During the press conference, organizers and supporters chanted "Where is the Red Cross? Where is FEMA? We need them now. Turn the lights on."

Residents of Buena Vista Apartments came out to join the conference and express their concerns.

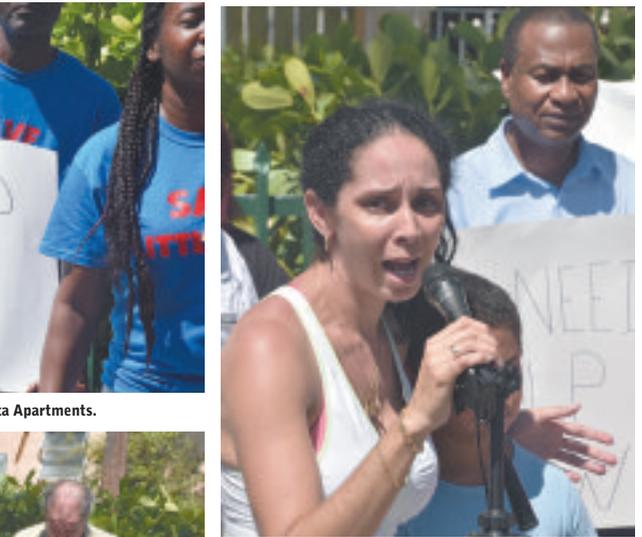
Monique Roselvo, a resident at the apartments, lives in the building that had been restored with power. "My other neighbors don't



Andrea Mercado speaks about injustice in low-income communities during a press conference.

have power. Only one building, Three big buildings don't have," Roselvo said. "I come here because we need the food; we need the water; we need the light; and we don't have nobody come over here to talk to us, to tell us what's going on. We pay tax like everybody else. We needed help, we needed big people, come over here talking to us. Tell us something."

Bastien is dissatisfied with the way Gov. Rick Scott has been handling the situation.



A resident expresses her concerns about FEMA and The Red Cross during press conference.

have room to put some food," Bastien said. "That's it. We haven't heard anything else. We heard it from a third person who claimed that Red Cross was asking about that. Directly from the Red Cross, no, directly from FEMA, no."

Bastien believes it's time for officials to know that Black and Brown communities will no longer be neglected. "We don't want big talks anymore," Bastien said. "People are dying of hunger; they are dying of thirst. We need actions."

Did a Florida Senator push ahead to get lights?

Daphne Campbell is accused of asking for power restoration after hurricane

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Florida Sen. Daphne Campbell used a connection at Florida Power and Light to try to restore power to her home and the homes of family members.

Campbell held a post-Irma party at her company office where she talked about using her connections at FPL to get her and her sister's power restored, reports the *Miami New Times*.

Rise News reports that Campbell sent text messages to an FPL lobbyist named John H. Holley on Sept. 11, asking to get power restored to her home, the homes of her two children, and her mother's home, who is sick and requires oxygen. The exchange continued over the next few days.

Rise News also reports that Campbell showed them messages from people in her district requesting power, such as a Miami Beach synagogue, primary care clinics in Miami and Lauderdale Lakes, an Aventura

nursing home, and many private residences. However, Campbell said in a Facebook post that her phone was stolen by a media company and she did not authorize anyone to look at her phone.

Rich Robinson, CEO of Rise News which originally broke the story, told the *Miami New Times* that the senator is lying. In a Facebook post, Campbell said that most of her calls and texts to a FPL representative dealt with "rectifying my constituents' power outage." When she received a request, Campbell said, she forwarded it to Holley.



Campbell

FPL has shed light on the situation. "She did not get special treatment," FPL spokesperson Mark Bubriski said. "It's just absurd."

Campbell said in her Facebook post that as of Sunday, Sept. 17, her children still hadn't gotten their power restored, and her mother had gotten hers on Friday, Sept. 15.

Under Campbell's Facebook post, followers left comments of support.

Commissioner's appeal to county for help draws nill

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about Gimenez's decisions. She said they urged him to get ready for debris pickup and to get resources into neighborhoods as soon as possible.

"I don't want to make this a racial thing. It's all economic backgrounds. It has nothing to do with race," she said.

Miami-Dade County has an emergency management plan that lays out how to proceed in the event of a catastrophe, including hurricanes. Irma was initially projected to strike the Miami area as a Category 5. The storm veered toward the west coast of Florida, giving South Florida less potent tropical storm winds, with hurricane blasts.

With a Level 1 declaration, supplies should have been on the ground immediately at pre-designated staging areas, according to the county emergency plan. None of those were in place.

Gimenez could not be reached for comment, despite numerous phone calls.

Gimenez spokeswoman Mike Hernandez also did not return

calls. In an earlier text message he wrote, "Mayor Gimenez urged all Miami-Dade residents to have a minimum of three days supplies because it would be very difficult to have power on or all services restored in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Irma."

During the daily briefings before and after the hurricane at the Emergency Operations Center in West Miami-Dade County, Gimenez was the sole spokesman. As strong mayor, all decisions fall on Gimenez, who is now in his second four-year term as the county's top officer.

Edmonson said Gimenez focused on advising residents to have the three days of food and water as suggested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We have a strong mayor who changed everything," Edmonson said. By Tuesday, the second day after the storm came through, she pressed Gimenez again.

"Commissioners had to start getting ice in here. We had to start getting food in here," she said. "By Thursday, that's when trucks started coming in."

Those issues could have been avoided under the county's emer-

gency management plan that was created years ago to quickly get help to neighborhoods from Miami Gardens to Florida City. The plan, which was last updated in 2013, calls for Miami-Dade County to mobilize a committee to focus on meeting the urgent needs of post-disaster victims such as emergency shelter, food, water and medical care.

Recovery assistance may include temporary housing, loans and grants for individuals from relief organizations or from the traditional federal government assistance programs of FEMA and other state programs such as low interest loans through the Small Business Administration, the emergency operations document said.

It isn't clear if Gimenez activated the county's Unmet Needs Committee. That unit is a cooperative effort between county and municipal governments and non-governmental organizations and provides information on the coordination of an inclusive community based plan to identify and resolve emergency and long-term disaster-related needs that cannot be met by traditional resources.

Without such a plan, municipi-

ties operated independently. Churches, smaller nonprofit and community organizations filled in the gaps to provide food, water and even laundry service for residents in Black neighborhoods. Announcements of those activities spread largely on radio or via Facebook and Instagram.

Valencia Gunder of New Florida Majority said as Irma approached, she was completely broke. She heard the mayor's call for residents to have three days food and water.

"My account was empty, my credit cards were maxed," Gunder said. "She knew immediately she was not alone, and that many residents couldn't prepare either. She called The Miami Foundation. Immediately a disaster recovery fund was established. After the storm, she along with several organizations, mobilized, going door to door leaving food, water and ice, and holding community barbecues."

Adora Obi Nweze, president of the Florida NAACP, said branches partnered with different groups around the state to feed scores of people displaced by Irma. "You have to be on the ground," Nweze said. "You have to see where the people are,

where there's no power."

Nweze said the organizations provide a buffer for municipalities. "The county and city can't get there fast enough. It takes everybody," she said.

Nearly 10 days after the hurricane, parts of Miami-Dade are returning to normal. Debris has been picked up or pushed aside from most roadways and homeowners are applying for assistance through FEMA. By Tuesday, assistance centers were set up in Miami Gardens and North Miami.

Another sore subject with residents is electricity. Florida Power and Light officials said power had been restored to 97 percent of households in Miami-Dade as of Tuesday morning. A spokesman said that of those without power, about 140 were in Opa-locka, 820 in North Miami, 520 in Miami Gardens, 2,260 in Miami and 800 in Coral Gables.

The company said that in the cases where there was no power generally involved trees that knocked down power lines or structural damage to the home.

Opa-Locka's interim city manager Ed Brown said the city has

cleared alleyways so FPL crews can make repairs. He said the loss of power was the city's biggest headache of the storm.

"We don't have control over the power issue," Brown said.

Elected and appointed leaders stressed that residents bear some responsibility of having water and food in the first days of the storm.

Miami City Manager Daniel Alfonso said that the municipality is obligated to clear the streets and other areas for emergency crews to make repairs. "Citizens should take responsibility for themselves. The city charter doesn't say anything about providing food and water," Alfonso said.

He said the city purchased 10 tractor trailers loaded with ice at a cost of \$117,000 because they knew there would be a need in each of the five commission districts. The city also purchased \$37,000 for meals for assisted living facilities, and additional food that Mayor Tomas Regalado and the five commissioners distributed.

"It's not the city's responsibility to deliver ice and water. But we did it anyway."

County, not schools, responsible for feeding residents

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School system spokeswoman Daisy Gonzalez-Diego on Friday said the district had served more than 50,000 meals to not just children, but to everyone who wanted a meal.

"People were so thankful for what we were doing," she said.

Gallon was nonplussed Friday.

"I am encouraged by the recent effort to provide healthy meals to the children who have been out of school for over a week and devastated by the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. However, I remain concerned that such provisions were not either contemplated or reflected in any plans or updates that I had been privy to," Gallon said. "This absence of a plan is what prompted my communication to the Superintendent at near midnight on Tuesday. Although I remained without power in my own home, I couldn't

sleep knowing that many poor children were approaching a week of not being in school and having access to healthy meals."

He's not alone when it comes to confusion about when the feeding program as scheduled to begin.

At the district's first food distribution of packaged breakfasts and MREs Thursday at Frederick Douglass, District 2 board member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall was disappointed that after a full week of students not having hot meals at school, the feeding program debut with packaged food.

"I think we [the board] could have done more had we probably sat down and been a part of all the conversation," Bendross-Mindingall said. "We are elected to take care of the people. I just know I got a message that this was going to happen."

Schools officials say there was such a program all along and that really, it is Miami-Dade County's Emergency

Management's responsibility to feed the community after a natural disaster such as a hurricane. Gonzalez-Diego said that 43 schools served as shelters and many schools did not have power rendering their kitchens useless. The system is the fourth largest in the nation with 392 schools serving 345,000 students.

GOOD PARTNER

County spokesman Mike Hernandez said Monday that Mayor Carlos Gimenez had asked residents to have three days supply of food on hand. At an emergency briefing Sept. 12, Gimenez said he was not doing a food distribution. At that time, two days after Irma had grazed Miami-Dade, more than 50 percent of Florida Power and Light's customers were without power.

Hernandez said the school system is right, that it was not responsible for feeding the students.

"The school board is a good partner

with the county," he said.

At a Level 1 activation, the county's emergency operations policy calls for coordination with and activation of several department and agencies in preparation for the storm and actions after. That plan includes deploying food, water and ice.

A Franc Rep. Roy Hardemon said he went to the Emergency Operations Center in Doral Tuesday and "talked to anyone who would listen" about his request for food and ice for District 108 residents. His pleas went unanswered.

Students in the free and reduced lunch program could eat at least two meals and snacks at their respective schools but have not been able to do so since the system shuttered its doors Sept. 7 in preparation for Hurricane Irma.

The district provides free breakfast to all students, regardless of income eligibility. Gallon and Bendross-Mindingall's districts have a significant

population of students who participate in the federal feeding program.

The district set up 10 sites across the county to feed students living across 2,000 square miles. It is unclear how many of the eligible students actually use the program.

During an interview Tuesday, Sept. 12 about an effort to distribute sandwiches, fruit and water in Opa-locka, Gallon saw a wider need.

"Understand this, we are the 4th largest district in the nation—one that I am proud to have spent the majority of my life in as a student, teacher, principal and district administrator," said Gallon. "We have received numerous awards and accolades. However, our future legacy will not be defined by awards, but how, in the midst of tremendous challenge we rise to the occasion and did right by our most vulnerable children when they needed us most. I believe that time is now. And I believe the Board, superintendent and staff will figure this out and

that failure to do so is not an option."

Gallon asked whether the district plans to feed students who are out of school while the school system reads itself after Hurricane Irma blew through South Florida last Sunday.

Irma, initially a category 5 storm, was a collision course with South Florida, after devastating several Caribbean islands, including Antigua and Barbuda and the U.S. Virgin Islands. When the storm tracked to make landfall in Miami-Dade, Gimenez issued a mandatory evacuation of some 600,000 people, the largest evacuation order in its history.

The county coordinated with the Red Cross and the school system to open 43 shelters that ended up housing about 31,000 humans and hundreds of pets.

Gallon said that the problem became more acute after families exited shelters because they left behind the opportunity to eat three meals per day.

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Hurricane Irma destroys paradise in U.S Virgin Islands

PARADISE
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mainland transplant sitting comfortably on her boat over on St. John lamented in *People* magazine about the "the overwhelming smell of death in the air," instead of calling for aid for those who now need so much of it.

Another transplant family hired private security to block off the road leading to their house prohibiting people from congregating there to call loved ones as the storm has wiped out phone service throughout most of the island. That road is one of the few places where a phone signal can be picked up. Their fears have led to erroneous stories of looting and mayhem when no such thing is occurring. Last week a CNN reporter visited a distribution center where myself and some friends were loading water to distribute to shelters and nursing homes and told us quite matter-of-factly that she came to report on "the lawlessness gripping the island." When we told her no such thing was occurring she jumped, left, never to return again.

Our governor, Kenneth Mapp, has met the deluge of complaints and inhumane actions from visitors by telling them to stop whining:

"If you're not prepared to go through these events, challenges in a realistic way, with realistic expectations, I am strongly urging you to take one of the flights or one of the mercy cruises and go to the mainland for a few months and come back," he said.

I AM AMERICAN

As people residing in the Caribbean's tiniest cosmopolitan oasis of opportunity, we've always found a way to turn such cries into smiles. I'm just heartbroken it took such devastation for the world and, most importantly our neighbors to the north, to take notice, to finally realize, we in the U.S. Virgin Islands, are Americans, too.

Living on the mainland, I have had to explain time and time again that I'm a US citizen. My first year in college at the University of Delaware, a state trooper called for back up when he saw my U.S. Virgin Islands license after a routine traffic stop:

"St. Thomas? Where the hell is that? You Caribbean immigrants are always invading our beloved country with drugs, corrupting our youth," he scoffed.



Pueblo supermarket in Subbase.

I emphatically repeated: "I'm a U.S. citizen."

Well not quite. I was elated when I voted for President Barack Obama back in 2008, the first time I ever voted for an American President. Although we are U.S. citizens, we Virgin Islanders have to become a resident of a state -- not a territory, as is the Virgin Islands -- to be able to vote for president. Since I reside in Miami, my vote counted as a Floridian and not as a Virgin Islander.

Our status as a territory has led to an uneasy and awkward relationship with our Caribbean neighbors who see us as having no true identity. At the same time, they grudgingly envy our U.S. citizenship, however second-class.

We're basically a glorified colony of the United States, a country that celebrates its crusade against tyranny far and wide.

According to a landmark decision rendered from the famed Insular Cases, inhabitants of unincorporated territories may have limited to no constitutional rights.

Purchased from Denmark in 1917 to protect the U.S. mainland from European incursions, our second-class status and the ignorance that reinforces it isn't exclusive to that unruly cop who pulled me over years ago.

MEDIA VOID

It also permeates mainstream media. Hurricane Marilyn took the first part of my roof in 1995; Irma just took the second half. But mainstream media all

but ignored the Virgin Islands before Irma wreaked historic havoc upon us.

My family and I sat their dumbfounded switching between network news channels. It was as if we didn't exist.

In the fleeting moments when the U.S. Virgin Islands was mentioned, reporters painted a scene taken from an episode of *Gilligan's Island*:

"American tourists on the U.S. territory are being cautioned to hunker down."

Hmmmm. I guess the estimated 100,000 Virgin Islanders who reside between St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and Water Island are "others" or "locals" as we're called with a tinge of condescension.

Now see those same tourists and U.S. mainland transplants having to navigate this catastrophe, depending on us "locals" for their survival, and how we've been more than happy to help.

I came home to take care of my elderly parents, as my father's Alzheimer's left him disabled. In fact, I was headed back to Miami a week before the storm, but stayed with my family as a precaution -- and thank God I did. As the wind picked up around 2 p.m., my mind drifted to Hurricane Marilyn in 1995. My family, with my father leading the way, ran outside, crawling down stairs to a lower basement as one of the rooms in the house blew away. This time it was my brother and I hoisting my father to safety with my mother and sister following close behind.

Our paradise now resembles the backdrop of an apocalyptic

businesses and the sole junior high school have been demolished. Since the airport isn't operable for commercial and domestic flights, officials have warned residents to be conservative with food. The arrival of retired NBA star Tim Duncan and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg promising to bring more aid alongside the shipment they brought on a private jet was appreciated by residents, but found more adoration from the press core. Residents have adopted a "do-for-self" mentality during these trying times. Neighbors are going door to door sharing the little they have with each other.

BANDING TOGETHER

With no electricity, running water, TV and internet access, life after the storm is taxing indeed. I've even stared at a few of the stray chickens perusing the island and wondered just what they might taste like roasting over the coal pot I'm using to heat up my canned meals. Those roosters, crowing all hours of the day, are nuisances anyhow. Before my daydream turns deadly, the animal lover in me snaps me back to reality. Another meal of beans over rice right before bed will suffice as I'm lulled to sleep by chirping crickets only to be awoken by monstrous, voracious mosquitoes.

I've found respite spending my days volunteering at a feeding bank operated by My Brother's Workshop, a non-profit focused on community enrichment. Local boxer and celebrity chef

Julius Jackson cooks up an array of mouth-watering dishes including roast pork, black beans and rice with blackened chicken, which we distribute to families, up to 1,000 daily. Ironically, just back in May, Jackson and I offered inspiration to high school students on the island at my most recent NiteCap show. As a community facing a catastrophe that threatened to completely wipe us out, I'm inspired by our resolve as we've banded together to restore what Irma stole.

It's because there's been some benefit of being disconnected from our American counterparts to the north. The sense of entitlement and bigotry that rips at the fabric of our country isn't given life here. We see human first and color a distant last. My first introduction to racism was upon my arrival to the U.S. mainland.

Now another storm, Maria, is headed our way just threatening to take the little that Irma left. Upon making it downstairs to the lower level of our house, I vowed to my amily that we won't suffer another hurricane, but with our airport still closed that's a promise that sadly I won't be able to keep. Several cruise ships volunteered to take more than 4,000 tourists for safe passage to the mainland, but not for the rest of us.

However, I'm sure we'll survive yet again and our humanity will remain, because now that we Virgin Islanders have been forced onto the national psyche, the rest of America stand to gain from the lessons in humanity we're sure to offer.



Emile Griffith ballpark.



Damaged sail boats are shown in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, Sept. 11, 2017, in the Florida Keys. —Matt McClain/AP

HURRICANE IRMA

THOUSANDS FED

Local churches come to the aid of hurricane-ravaged community

By Gregory W. Wright
Special to The Miami Times

Every week, come storm, or simply the storm in a person's life, Glory Temple Ministries will hand out food to those in need.

That is because at Glory Temple, community outreach is an everyday

responsibility. Six days per week, the staff and members of Glory Temple operate from a one-story building on Northwest 22 Avenue and 79th Street, providing food and provisions to Miami's poorest and those most in need.

"We give people food six days a week who are in need," said Ken-

neth Ferguson, assistant pastor and administrator. "So in this time, in this season, we have extended our efforts and maximized our intake of food so we can meet the needs of our community."

Each week, Glory Temple feeds on average, 700 people, with food donated by different agencies and

companies. The food distribution is necessary, said Ferguson, because the average family of four spends about \$292 per week for a meal plan. That figure from the U.S. may be a hardship for some, Ferguson said.

"So we are really helping the Please turn to **IRMA 10B**

Volunteers line up to help to serve the community water and food.



Broward church leader says Irma was 'wakeup call'

Places of worship gave food, home and electricity to the community

By Malika A. Wright
Special to The Miami Times

Broward church leaders say Hurricane Irma was a wakeup call. They reaffirmed their commitment to their communities and helped families in their time of need. However, pastors say it's time to take hurricane planning more seriously.

"We're in the community. I believe it's our responsibility to care for our community," said Pastor Marcus D. Davidson of New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale. "It's our biblical responsibility and our contextual responsibility.

Various churches, including Koinonia Worship Center & Village, New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Hallandale Beach Church of Christ and The Now

Church, all provided relief by giving cooked meals, water, ice, generators or a place to stay to community members. The churches also have long-term relief efforts planned for when drastic hurricanes take place in the future.

According to Davidson, New Mount Olive will be developing a strategy to be more prepared when more drastic hurricanes occur in the future. One of his goals is to offer church members natural disaster management training.

"As difficult as this one was, the reality of it is that we were spared," he said. "We are trying to prepare for the worst case scenario, since this has transpired."

New Mount Olive Baptist Church's non-profit, Mount Olive Development Corp. Please turn to **CALL 10B**



A man and three girls receive food from church members of The Hallandale Beach Church of Christ. Photos courtesy of The Hallandale Beach Church of Christ.



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Richardson
CAMILLE LORRAINE GRIER, 57, industrial cleaner, died September 9 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 1 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



LEONARD STEVENS, JR., 60, physical education administrator, died September 1 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.



ANN RUTHERFORD ROSS, 75, registration clerk, died September 10 at Memorial Hospital at Pembroke. Service 10:30 a.m., Saturday at The Fountain of Life Church.



MICHAEL ERVIN HADLEY, 62, porter, died September 10 at Pincrest Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Viewing 1-9 p.m., Friday. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel. Repast and wake, 6102 SW 38 Street, Miramar, FL 33023.



TYQUAN MALIK HAM, 16, student, died September 1 p.m., Saturday at Antioch of Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church.



REV. LEONARD LORENZA WEAVER, SR., 66, Amtrak electrician, died September 15 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



DONNELLE T. MERRICK, 38, laborer, died September 9 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 3 p.m., Saturday at Temple Missionary Baptist Church.



CAROLYN HILL, 60, health care supervisor, died September 17 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Monday, September 25 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.



ROBERT LEWIS MITCHELL, 68, mechanic, died September 14 at home. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Gregg L. Mason
MARY LILLIAN CAMPBELL, 82, retired CNA, Osteopathic General Hospital, died September 9. Viewing 2-8 p.m., Friday. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Fulford United Methodist Church. Interment: Caballero Rivero Southern Memorial.



Premier
HAZEL LATSON, 94, died September 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Wright and Young
DERRICK FREEMAN, 45, security guard, died September 15. Service 1 p.m., Friday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



RALPH CARR, JR., 24, laborer, died September 15. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



MARY LEE RUCKER SMITH, 73, died September 15. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at 59th St. Pentecostal COG.



GREGORY THOMAS MACKLIN, 45, flight mechanic, died September 11. Service noon, Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple Church.



ZELDA WENDY WILLIAMS, 50, letter carrier, died September 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



WILLIE MAE ROBINSON, 107, homemaker, died September 17. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Gethsemane Baptist Church of Hollywood.



RONDA J. SMITH, 36, sales representative, died September 17. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Jesus People's Ministries Church International.



Eric L. Wilson
BOBBY OWENS SR., 84, died September 13. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, Hollywood, FL.



HARRY L. NEWTON, 70, security officer, died September 6 at Memorial Hospital. Services were held.

Royal
VERONICA CARTER KING, 53, retired school bus driver, died August 30 at Memorial Pembroke Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Zion Apostolic Temple.



Eternal Rest
ERIC BRUCE FARQUHARSON aka Eric Ferguson and Bruce, 94, hotel maintenance worker, died September 15 at Memorial Hospital Pembroke. Leaves to mourn son, Eric Ferguson and daughter, Nadine Ferguson (Hallmon). Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



Hadley Davis
Miami Gardens
SHIRLEY MAE LOCKHART, 64, mental health tech, died September 3 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service noon, Saturday in the chapel.



LARRY ANDERSON, 57, laborer, died September 10 at home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ANDREW RECCO SWEETING, 61, roofer, died September 16 at Memorial Hospital Pembroke Pines. Service 11:30 a.m., Saturday at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.



MITCHELL LYNWOOD DAVIS, JR., 57, carpenter, died September 18 at Memorial Regional Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at New Birth Baptist Church Int'l Cathedral of Faith.



MARTANIQUE CRUE, 25, died September 16 at North Shore Hospital. Service 11:30 a.m., Saturday at New Way Fellowship Church.



Grace
DEREK SINGLETON, 59, died September 11. Service 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



LARRY D. JOHNSON, 59, environmental service manager, died September 6. Service 4 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



MINNIE WYNDS, 81, nurse assistant, died September 8. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Community Baptist Church.



Bain Range
BARBARA ANN WILLIAMS-GRAHAM, administrator, died September 11 at home. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church.



ALICE ROLLE HARRIS, died August 28 at South Miami Hospital. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.



MARTY ALBERT WILLIAMS, correction officer, 48, died September 8 at Baptist Hospital. Service 11 a.m., today at St. Peters Baptist Church.



Hadley Davis MLK
ASHANTI MAN, 41 landscaper, died September 13. Arrangements are incomplete.



CYCLORIA JOHNSON, 53, died September 7. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



LILLIE COVINGTON, 79, died September 17. Arrangements are incomplete.



CONNIE BARKLEY WILLIAMS, 58, health care worker, died September 7 at Sunrise Rehab. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



WILLIE LEE NEWKIRK, JR., 76, laborer, died August 31st at North Shore Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt
HUBERT WRIGHT, JR., 86, head custodian, died September 17 at home. Memorial service 6-8 p.m., Friday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 740 NW 58 St. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at the church.



Eric S. Geroge
WILBERT SANDERS SR., 89, died September 7. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



IRA LOCKHART, 52, Arrangements are incomplete.

Paradise
ALBERTHA HARTFIELD, died August 31 in Huntsville, AL. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Morning Star Baptist Church.



Manker
DANIEL JAMES COX, 90, iron worker, died September 16 at Jackson North Medical Center. Graveside service noon, Friday at Dade Memorial North.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, 66, mechanic, died September 12 at home. Memorial service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Nakia Ingraham
GLORIA HUMPHREY, 73, cafeteria aide, died September 9. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem First Baptist Church.

CHEZRICK CURTIS, 25, office manager, died September 8. Service 1 p.m., Sunday in the chapel.

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Range
ROSETA LOIS STAFFORD, 64, entrepreneur of Daycare Center, died September 3. Memorial service 1 p.m., today at New Birth Baptist Church Int'l Cathedral of Faith.



RAY ROSS, 54, pharmaceutical representative for Johnson and Johnson Company, died September 14. Survivors include his daughters, Imani Ross, Nia Ross and Zoe Ross; father, Dr. Ralph Ross; sisters, Sharlene Ross, Lydia Ross and Simona Ross; brothers, Ralph Ross, and Randall Ross; and many other relatives and friends. Viewing 3-7 p.m., Thursday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Friday at the Historic Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



MARIE DEAN BOYKINS, 84, retired licensed practical nurse for Jackson Memorial Hospital, died September 5. Survivors include her son, Anthony Boykins Stuart (Varona); grandsons, Anthony Bajim Stuart, Harold Stuart, and Terrick Allen; sisters, Bertha Adderly, Willie Mae Boyd, and Ula Mae Coney; and a host of other relatives and friends. Memorial service 6-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Mary's Wesleyan Methodist Church.



RUDOLPH HILL, 56, paraprofessional for Miami Dade County Schools, died September 3. Survivors include his wife, Delores E. Hill; daughter, Kermetia Hill; mother, Rose R. Hill; stepdaughter, Bridget Class; six sisters, seven brothers, many nieces and nephews, three grandchildren, Jamar Kelly II, Josiah Kelly and Alyssa Stephens; a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 1866 NW 51 Terrace, Miami, FL 33142.



DEASH CHRISTOPHER ROLLE, 16, student, died September 9 at Miami Children Hospital. Final rites in Nassau, Bahamas.

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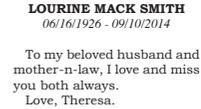
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Singer K. Michelle's battle with lupus

blackdoctor.org

Memphis native and R&B singer K. Michelle revealed on Twitter that she was recently diagnosed with Lupus, but gratefully, received a negative result during a follow-up visit.

"I was devastated for 2 weeks...but my body was tired, my mind was just beat down. My [follow-up] results from the doctor came again as a dormant or negative. So, I fell 2 my knees to praise."

And K. Michelle is not alone. It has been estimated that lupus affects 1.5 million Americans, and millions more worldwide.

Lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. It is difficult to diagnose, hard to live with and a challenge to treat. Lupus has a range of symptoms, strikes without warning, and has no known cause and no known cure. Its health effects can range from a skin rash to a heart attack.

The majority of people with lupus — 90 percent — are female, and most first develop signs and symptoms of the illness between the ages of 15 and 44. As adults, far fewer males than females develop lupus.

An estimated 5,000 to 10,000 of the 1.5 million Americans with lupus are diagnosed while under the age of 18.

African-American women are three times more likely than Caucasian women to get lupus and develop severe symptoms, with as many as 1 in every 250 affected.

And the disease is two times more prevalent in Asian-American and Latina women than it is in Caucasian women.

African-Americans and Latinas with lupus tend to develop the disease earlier in life, experience greater disease activity such as kidney problems, and, overall, have more complications than Caucasian patients.

Still, the K. Michelle's dreams of carrying her own children vanished when her doctor further explained her fertility issues.

"Then [I got] a call from my OBGYN saying that if I have twins they would not be full term because of my size and

health. Literally I was so broken."

The former Love & Hip Hop star initially placed blame on herself, believing God was punishing her for having an abortion several years ago.

Despite the sad news, the powerful vocalist was overwhelmed with joy when a doctor called saying they found the "perfect surrogate" to carry her twins.

Thankfully, she received a call from her doctors yesterday who confirmed that they had found a surrogate match! If you remember, K. Michelle exclusively revealed to us last Fall that she and her fiancé Dr. Kas-tan Sims were seeking a surrogate to carry twin girls.

"Two weeks of what felt like my world was crumbling, today we got a call that they really found the perfect surrogate for us," says K. "I'm about to watch the most beautiful process and that's bringing two healthy little girls in the world. That's all that matters to me. God works."

There are substantial racial disparities in the burden of lupus, according to data from the largest and most far-reaching study ever conducted on the disease and published online today by the journal, Arthritis and Rheumatism. The data also confirms that black females disproportionately are burdened by lupus, a devastating and complicated autoimmune disease.

"Black women had very high rates of lupus, with an incidence rate in Georgia nearly three times higher than that for white women, with significantly high rates in the 30-39 age group," said principal investigator, S. Sam Lim, MD, MPH, associate professor in the Division of Rheumatology at Emory University School of Medicine. "These are young women in the prime of their careers, family and fertility. This means a severely compromised future, with a disease that waxes and wanes, affecting every aspect of daily living for the rest of their lives."



Mario Batres was born at 9:01 a.m. on Sept. 10.



Mike Martinez Garcia was born at 10:27p.m. on Sept. 9.

Irma brings special deliveries to North Shore

North Shore Medical Center delivered two babies while Miami-Dade awaited Hurricane Irma. Mike Martinez Garcia was born at 10:27 p.m., Sept. 9 weighing in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. Mario Batres was born at 9:01 a.m., Sept. 10 weighing in at 5 pounds 13 ounces. The employees and physicians at the hospitals worked while Hurricane Irma was passing through South Florida.

How Selena Gomez's lupus led to a kidney transplant

By Jayme Deerwester
USA TODAY

As Selena Gomez has documented over the last two years, lupus can affect multiple facets of life, sapping energy, inducing arthritis, cardiovascular problems and kidney failure.

On Thursday, the actress/singer/producer, 25, went public with the news that she received a kidney transplant from friend Francis Raisa.

So what is lupus and how did it cause her to need a kidney transplant?

LUPUS 101

It's an autoimmune disease, meaning the body cannot differentiate between its own healthy tissue and foreign invaders. The antibodies or blood-borne proteins responsible for deciding biological friend from foe cause inflammation in various parts of the body. These problems tend to flare up and then abate over time.

It's especially common with women, who comprise nine out of 10 lupus patients, according to the National Institutes of Health. (But men don't get off so easy — the ones who do get lupus tend



Selena Gomez

to have more severe cases.) "It's a very rough disease," says Naveed N. Masani, a nephrologist and the medical director of the outpatient dialysis unit of New York University's Winthrop Hospital. "You feel for these patients and what they go through. It's not just the kidneys, but joint pain, rashes, fatigue. They feel lousy."

Lupus can also affect a patient's bone density, heart, liver, pancreas, and brain.

LUPUS LOVES KIDNEYS

"Lupus is the ultimate autoimmune disease," Masani says, adding that "60-90 percent of patients with the Please turn to GOMEZ 10B



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(MODCO), partnered with Wayne Barton's Study Center, and provided cooked meals to community members who were in need on Saturday and Sunday.

The New Church of Hollywood opened up its community center and allowed two families without electricity to live in it, temporarily. The two families included children and elderly people, according to Pastor Javen Campbell.

"That did my heart really good to know that we could provide that," he said. "That was a huge blessing." The church also gave hot meals to families who did not

Interested in volunteering or partnering with these churches to provide hurricane relief?

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- Koinonia Worship Center & Village - 954-964-2901
- New Mount Olive Baptist Church - 954-463-5126
- Hallandale Beach Church of Christ - 954-458-0444
- The Now Church - 954-774-3828

Park, the members of Koinonia distributed 8,000 cases of water as volunteers for FEMA. The church has also provided ice and sponsored an event on Friday, where they provided families who had no electricity a home-

er resources so that Koinonia will be able to operate when hurricanes take place in the future, according to Jones.

"What we have to do is brace ourselves for whatever [may occur]," he said.

Hallandale Beach Church of Christ had just received its power last Wednesday night, but two days later they opened the church to feed community members who did not have electricity.

"Jesus helped people who were in need," said Minister Corey L. Glover of the Hallandale Beach church. "We know that people have physical needs as well as spiritual. We need to be positioned at these times. The community looks at us to be leaders."



have power on Friday and about 60 cases of water.

"It is the church's responsibility to be the hands and feet of Jesus," Campbell said.

Campbell's long term goals in preparation for future hurricanes is to partner with the cities of Miramar, Hollywood or Pembroke Pines to help with providing community members with necessities.

This past week, in partnership with the city of West

cooked meal.

"The Lord said we were blessed to be a blessing," said Pastor Eric H. Jones Jr. of Koinonia Worship Center and mayor of West Park. "For the church, [helping] is not an option. It's not something that we have to figure out if we are going to do it or not. We have to figure out how we are going to do it."

The church plans on purchasing a generator and oth-

The church also loaned out generators. In preparation for hurricanes in the future, the church plans on stacking up their pantry with non-perishable foods and buying more portable generators to loan out to church members.

"The hurricane kind of gave us a wakeup call," Glover said. "For most people, having electricity isn't a matter of convenience; for most people, it's a matter of survival."

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Know the signs of irritating lupus

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disease have kidney involvement."

The kidneys, Masani explains, "are kind of prime real estate, if you will, for the combination of your body attacking itself and the products they make. The kidneys are your filters. Every minute of the day, 100 drops of your blood pass through your kidneys to get cleaned."

In the case of lupus nephritis patients, he says, granular-shaped clumps of waste get stuck in the kidneys and accumulate, progressively damaging the kidneys.

Masani says it's not unusual for kidney function to decline to the point of needing dialysis or a transplant within a couple of years, as Gomez did.

"Depending on when patients get diagnosed and how bad things are, [kidneys] can deteriorate rapidly." But not always, he notes, adding that new medications have helped slow the decay and topple kidney failure as the leading cause of death for lupus patients. (Now it's premature cardiac disease, he says.)

But they have to be able to tolerate those meds, Masani cautions. "They have a lot of side effects."

STEP 1: DIAGNOSIS

According to the National Institutes of Health, symptoms of lupus nephritis include swelling in the legs, feet, ankles and face; muscle pain and fever.

Doctors measure kidney function by testing blood and urine for creatine, a waste product generated by normal

muscle breakdown. Failing kidneys aren't able to remove it efficiently, causing rising creatine levels.

From there, a kidney biopsy is performed in order to examine the filtration cells to detect damage and gauge its severity.

STEP 2: TAME THE IMMUNE SYSTEM WITH MEDICATION

Once diagnosed, the lupus patient's overactive immune system is then knocked out with a combination of drugs with the goal of either slowing down the rate of kidney damage or putting the nephritis into remission.

But doing so leaves them at high risk of infection, Masani notes.

The base medication is the steroid prednisone, which he calls a "horrible drug. Any patient that has taken it will tell you that ... It gives young women the heart and bones of a 60-year-old."

Over the last 20 years, he says, doctors have had increasing success with a new anti-rejection drug called Mycophenolate Mofetil.

"It's made a huge difference for transplant patients and for lupus patients," he says, noting it has come to usurp chemotherapy (which Gomez says she received) as a first-line treatment.

The newer regimen is still rough on patients, he cautions. "All of these drugs have side effects. You get nothing for free. These young women with lupus go through hell on this stuff."

The bottom line: Doctors can't cure lupus nephritis, Masani emphasizes, but "we

can treat it and hopefully slow it down so that not everyone ends up needing a transplant or dialysis."

STEP 3: DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANTS

"In 2017, the best treatment for kidney failure is a kidney transplant," Masani says, crediting revolutionary anti-rejection meds like ciclosporin and mycophenolate, which have been in use since the 1990s.

But transplant is not a cure for kidney failure, he specifies. "Dialysis keeps your head above water; transplant restores organ function."

Lupus patients tend not to fare as well with long-term dialysis compared to other diseases because of the relationship between the heart and kidneys, he adds.

Transplant patients will need anti-rejection medications for the rest of their lives, but Masani says there is an upside: "One advantage" is that once they get the transplant is that the same drugs that keep the body from rejecting the new kidney also quiet down the lupus.

Improvements are evident within the first few months following the transplant: "Ideally, they should go hand in hand," Masani explains. "The immune system is kept at bay. The kidney does good, their lupus does good."

However, transplanted kidneys don't last forever: "The average life of a good kidney is 15-20 years," he estimates. "There's a decent chance [Gomez] may need another one, but some people last five years and others last 30."

Community outreach feeds, provides

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people in so many dimensions," he said.

While Glory Temple didn't have to make special effort to reach out to assist those who may have suffered losses of food or personal property from Hurricane Irma, several other institutions made efforts to offer food and shelter post-Irma.

Still Gloria Temple Ministries Senior Pastor Ronae Cambridge said the church is working with FEMA to bring in water and emergency food packages to give out to people who don't have power.

There are 21 meals in each carton. Cambridge does expect Hurricane Irma to increase the number of local residents the ministry does cater to. "Power is out, and people can't cook. We did a big cookout and fed the community hot meals. People are stopping by; they can't find water in stores, so there is an additional need for that. And people spend money for the hurricane, just to prepare, so those monies are going to be deficits in various places, so there's going to be a greater need."

The programs are available 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Wednesday; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Many churches and houses of worship's members saw the devastation as an opportunity to put all hands on deck.

Pastor Arthur Jackson III and the congregation of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Miami Gardens distributed bags of ice to the local community.

At sister church, 93rd Street Baptist Church in Miami's West Little River area, Pastor Carl Johnson and the congregation opened the doors to the church so people of the area could come in and at least sit in under the air conditioning. In addition to a cool breeze, Johnson said his members also offered the community, many of whom had little food and provisions, bags of ice, food, or just an opportunity to relax and watch a movie.

"We are doing what we are supposed to be doing for the people of God," Johnson said. Yet as Johnson and his driver Wayne Cox drove through the community, even he had to laugh as one resident, who

only spoke Spanish, grateful to receive a bag of ice in the sweltering heat, simply hugged him saying, "Papi, papi, thank you papi."

Pastor Richard Dunn of Faith Community Baptist Church in Liberty City, said neither the church, nor his home had power at the time, but still grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, tilapia, pork chops, baked beans, chips and cold drinks for our members and anyone in the community.

"At the end of the day, we are truly blessed," said Dunn. Even though we may not have power, my home and church included, it could have been so much worse. And we must still remember to pray for those who had it worst and see how we may be able to reach out to them. Thank you Jesus for your Grace and mercy. What if the eye had not turned from South Florida?"

Pastor Curtis Powell of Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church in Miami's Brownsville area said that the church did lose electric power, but still took in some food to pass out. "We hope to be ready to pass out food early next week," he said.

Faith CALENDAR

Compiled by The Miami Times staff editor@miamitimesonline.com

Greater Harvest Baptist Church will hold a "Praise Concert" on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

St. Peter's A.O.C. Church invites you to a Vintage Tea Party on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call 305-297-2327 or 305-923-2533

Sistah to Sistah Connection Women's Empowerment meetings are held every second and fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Parkway Professional Building in Miramar. Women only. No children allowed. Free breakfast. Call 954-260-9348.

The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center invites you every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Gospel Kickback entertainment and fine

dining. Call 305-224-1890.

Metropolitan A.M.E. Church hosts a food and clothing giveaway every third Saturday. Call 786-277-4150.

Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church has a food and clothing distribution every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Call 786-541-3687.

First Haitian Church of God hosts a food drive every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 786-362-1804.

New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry holds free mind, body and soul self-improvement and Zumba fitness classes. Call 305-691-0018.

New Miami Super Choir invites interested persons to au-

dition. Call Dr. Tony Siders, 786-530-2825.

Florida Independent Restoration Ministries (FIRM) offers family assistance with drugs and alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayer line, ext. 104.

A Mission with a New Beginning Church Women's Department provides community feedings. Call 786-371-3779.

Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church holds bereavement sharing groups every second Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m. Call 305-634-2993.

Street Outreach Ministries conducts free courses on evangelizing without fear. Call 786-508-6167.

MEC Ministries holds healing services every fourth Friday at 7:30 p.m. Call 305-693-1534.

The deadline for the Faith Calendar is on or before 2 p.m. Mondays.

Violet Mosse Brown, 117, oldest person in the world, dies

By Diannah Watson
BlackAmericaWeb.com

The oldest person in the world who was the last living subject of Queen Victoria and worked for 'masters' on a Caribbean sugar plantation has died aged 117.

Violet Mosse Brown died in Jamaica at around 2.30 p.m. yesterday. She became the world's oldest person in April this year after the death of fellow 117-year-old Emma Morano, from Italy.

Known as 'Aunt V' to her friends, she was born on March 10 1900 and lived in the same house in Trelawney, north west Jamaica all of her life.

She was a mother of six and a great-grandmother several times over.

Asked what was the secret to long life, she replied that eating cows feet, not drinking rum and reading the bible were key. She told the Jamaican Ob-



The former plantation worker is pictured at home in Jamaica when she became the world's oldest person in April this year.

server after her 110th birthday: 'Really and truly, when people ask what me eat and drink to live so long, I say to them that I eat everything, except pork and chicken, and I don't drink rum and them things.'

'You know, sometimes I ask myself, 'Am I really 110 years old?' because I don't feel like 110.'

Mrs. Mosse Brown swore by reading the bible and eating cows feet from time to time as the secret to long life. She

added her 'faith in serving God, and believing strongly in the teaching of the bible' were also fundamental to a long and healthy life.

Giving more details on her diet, her caretaker told the newspaper last year: 'She likes fish and mutton and sometimes she will have cow foot, but she does not eat pork or chicken.'

'She also likes sweet pota-

toes, Irish potatoes, breadfruit, and fruits, especially oranges and mangoes.'

When the news of her death came, Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness tweeted to offer his condolences.

Mrs. Mosse Brown was sent a plaque by Queen Elizabeth II when she became the oldest citizen of the Commonwealth. She was also the last person who lived under the reign of

Queen Victoria, as Jamaica still formed part of the British West Indies in 1900.

In her early life the supercentenarian worked on a sugar plantation and as a maid in the 'post slavery period', according to her family.

'She went on to buy her own home and became a successful businesswoman selling bread from the only depot in her district.



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Four little girls: The church bombing we will never forget

blackdoctors.org

On Sept. 15 in 1963, a bomb explodes during Sunday morning services in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killing four young girls.

With its large African-American congregation, the 16th Street Baptist Church served as a meeting place for civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., who once called Birmingham a "symbol of hardcore resistance to integration." Alabama's governor, George Wallace, made preserving racial segregation one of the central goals of his administration, and Birmingham had one of the most violent and lawless chapters of the Ku Klux Klan.

The church bombing was

the third in Birmingham in 11 days after a federal order came down to integrate Alabama's school system. Fifteen sticks of dynamite were planted in the church basement, underneath what turned out to be the girls' restroom. The bomb detonated at 10:19 a.m., killing Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins—all 14 years old—and 11-year-old Denise McNair. Immediately after the blast, church members wandered dazed and bloodied, covered with white powder and broken stained glass, before starting to dig in the rubble to search for survivors. More than 20 other members of the congregation were injured in the blast.

When thousands of angry Black protesters assembled

at the crime scene, Wallace sent hundreds of police and state troopers to the area to break up the crowd. Two young Black men were killed that night, one by police and another by racist thugs. Meanwhile, public outrage over the bombing continued to grow, drawing international attention to Birmingham.

At a funeral for three of the girls (one's family preferred a separate, private service), King addressed more than 8,000 mourners.

A well-known Klan member, Robert Chambliss, was charged with murder and with buying 122 sticks of dynamite. In October 1963, Chambliss was cleared of the murder charge and received a six-month jail sentence and a \$100 fine for the dynamite.

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Sun. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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Cece Winans

Concert offered message of peace and joy

Attendees packed the Arsht Center despite the discomfort of Hurricane Irma

By Malika A. Wright
 Special to The Miami Times

Nearly one thousand believers packed the Adrienne Arsht Center Sunday night to worship God with Cece Winans, one of Gospel music's finest artists.

"My prayers is that when people hear these songs their hearts will be turned to the Lord because I know that Jesus is the answer to every problem that we're facing," Winans said to the crowd, before singing one of her new songs called "Lowly."

Winans belted songs from her latest album, "Let Them Fall In Love," which she described as her best work yet.

She went on to sing her new

songs like "Run To Him," "Hey Devil," "Dancing In The Spirit," "Never Have To Be Alone," and "Peace From God." Then she sang classics, like "Alabaster Box" and "Jesus, You're Beautiful."

"Even in the midst of the storm God can give you peace," Winans said, to the crowd. "He is love and you don't even know what love is, until you invite Him in your heart and experience the love of Jesus."

Despite the aftermath of the storm, it was important for the Adrienne Arsht Center to open their doors as quickly as possible and deliver on their promise to begin the 11th season of Free Please turn to **WINANS 3C**



Cece Winans encourages audience members to sing along at the free Gospel Sundays event at the Adrienne Arsht Center.

—Photo courtesy of Sergi Alexander for the Arsht Center



YOUTH EXPERIENCE CULTURE AT JUNIOR CARNIVAL

DEFENDING BAND CHAMPION HERITAGE TNT TO PORTRAY AFRICA

Miami Times staff report

Miami Carnival organizers know it needs youth to keep the annual street festival alive. That's why each year the Junior Carnival leads the main event.

Organizers say the junior event is not only a platform for showcasing Caribbean culture, and a great opportunity for youth to participate, it's also a great avenue for developing artistry.

"The key for the continu-



ation of this culture is the younger generation learning and becoming the embodiment of said culture," said Jason Walker, a carnival organizer. "In a country of immigrants, the showcasing of culture and vibrancy of diversity are pillars that make the United States exceptional. These pillars help keep the culture alive and build a reality that contextualizes the community that culture represents."

Walker said the impact of Please turn to **CARNIVAL 3C**

Sterling K. Brown finishes Emmy speech backstage

By Joi-Marie Mckenzie and Jason Nathanson
 ABCNews

"This Is Us" star Sterling K. Brown made history last night — becoming the first black actor to win the outstanding lead actor in a drama series category in two decades.

But his historic moment was sadly cut short onstage when the customary music

without some impeccable, beautiful, thoughtful writing," he said. "You guys are our life's blood, so I want to thank you so much."

Brown also went on to thank the show's producers and directors for their "guidance and friendship," along with his manager.

The actor got sentimental when recognizing his family.

"They cut me off before I got to thank my wife, man!



Sterling K. Brown

signaled his time had come to an end. Although Brown stayed at the microphone, soon the lights dimmed and the camera panned out.

Backstage, ABC News asked Brown, 41, if he "would like to finish" his acceptance speech for winning the Emmy for his role as Randall Pearson, a black son who's adopted into the Pearson family, who's white.

"I wouldn't mind finishing. Thank you for the invitation," Brown said backstage to applause.

"I wanted to thank our writers. A show doesn't get seven acting nominations

Ryan Michelle Bathe, you're everything," he said of the actress.

"You make my life worth living, and you gave me two of the most beautiful things that God has ever put on this planet: My sons," Brown continued. "Andrew Jason Sterling Brown, Amaré Michael Ryan Christian Brown, your daddy loves you with the strength of a thousand suns. I'll see you Monday after work. Love you."

"This Is Us," which was nominated for 10 Emmy Awards, won two Sunday night.



Women's HEALTH ISSUES

Miracles made daily.



—Photos courtesy of Jackson Health System

JHS receives prestigious BFHI

Jackson Maternity units eliminate infant formula samples from gift bag to encourage breastfeeding

Jackson Health System is proud to announce that The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial, Jackson North Medical Center, and Jackson South Medical Center have each received the prestigious international Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) designation. Over the last few years, Jackson took important steps to educate

new moms about the benefits of breastfeeding, and supported those who choose to exclusively breastfeed. As a health system, we eliminated the distribution of commercially sponsored discharge bags with formula samples, and focused on educating employees on the importance of supporting new mothers. Please turn to **JHS 6C**

THE MIRACLE OF

BIRTH IN THE STORM

PARENTS DELIVER INFANT DURING HURRICANE IRMA

By Andrea Robinson
arobinson@miamitimesonline.com

Destiny Janine Knight is just days old, but she's already gotten more fame than most people get in a lifetime. The infant was born at a Liberty City home as Hurricane Irma came through South Florida.

The birth was something out of a Hollywood thriller:

A Jackson Memorial physician and a Miami Fire Rescue dispatcher coached Destiny's anxious parents on what to do because they couldn't get to the hospital. Even after the baby arrived, the team had to talk the new father through how to deliver the afterbirth to prevent harming the new mother.

That unplanned collaboration shows the value of work-

ing together, medical experts said during a Wednesday news conference. There, parents Tatyanna Watkins and David Knight were reunited with the physician and EMT supervisor who talked them through the process.

Watkins and Knight said they were grateful that everything turned out well. They conceded they never thought they would end up in

the spotlight.

"I would never imagined to have a baby at home. It was shocking," said Watkins, her voice still filled with amazement. "I birthed a baby at home instead of at the hospital. You can be a mom, but I didn't expect to deliver my own baby."

"I'm still in shock. It was traumatizing," said Knight, a Please turn to **BIRTH 6C**



Urgent care or emergency room— Where should you go?

We know how important it is for you and your loved ones to receive high-quality care—especially when the unexpected happens.

Did you know that more than half of visits to emergency rooms are for non-emergencies? Our UHealth Jackson Urgent Care centers welcome patients who have a variety of non-life-threatening health conditions that require prompt medical attention.

Not sure whether you need to go to urgent care or the emergency room? This guide can help:

Admitted Type	Go to Urgent Care if...	Go to the ER if...
Cold and Flu	You have a cold, cough, or have any of the following symptoms: • sore throat • coughing • sneezing	You are having difficulty breathing, or have severe cold and flu symptoms
Fever	You have a fever of 101° or below	You have a fever over 101° or a fever accompanied by a rash
Asthma and Allergies	You are experiencing a mild asthma attack, eye irritation or a rash without fever	You are having difficulty breathing or are experiencing fevers with rash
Cuts and Wounds	You have a simple laceration, scratch, scrape, tear or a rash without fever	You have a broken bone or a dislocated joint, a laceration protruding through the skin, head or eye injuries, serious burns, deep cuts that stop expiring whitens, or bleeding that will not stop
Stomach and Abdominal	You experience nausea and diarrhea	You have severe pain particularly in the abdomen or bloating/belching down the back
Genital	You have a UTI or experience painful or burning urination	You experience any vaginal bleeding while pregnant



Tuna-stuffed avocados with corn salsa

INGREDIENTS:

- For the Salsa:**
- 2 ears corn, shucked and kernels cut off
 - 1 Tbsp water
 - 1 cup chopped tomato (about 1 medium tomato)
 - 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 - 2 Tbsp finely chopped red onion
 - 1 Tbsp finely chopped jalapeno
 - 2 Tbsp. lime juice, plus more if needed (from 1 lime)

For the Tuna:

- 1 (12.6-ounce) pouch chunk light tuna in water
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup fat-free, plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, plus more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 avocados (halved, pitted)

DIRECTIONS:

For the Salsa:

- Use a knife to slice the kernels off 2 ears of corn. Add corn into a heatproof container with 1 tablespoon water, cover, and heat until cooked, about 1 to 2 minutes. Cool to use in the salsa.
- Prepare the other ingredients, chopping the tomato, cilantro, red onion, and jalapeno. Add into a bowl, along with the corn and lime juice.
- Stir together to combine. Taste, adding more lime juice or jalapeno depending on desired taste. Let sit for flavors to mingle.

For the Tuna:

- In a medium bowl, add the tuna. Chop the celery and add to the tuna.
- Into the tuna, stir in yogurt, lemon juice, salt, and pepper.
- Mix the prepared corn salsa into the tuna.
- Halve and remove the pit from each avocado. Drizzle a little lemon juice on the top of each avocado half to prevent from browning. Spoon tuna mixture into each avocado half, packing as much tuna into each one as possible. (If the pit doesn't leave large enough of a "cup" for the tuna, spoon a tiny bit of the avocado out to fill it up with tuna.)
- Serve immediately or place in the fridge to chill before serving.

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THE Social WHIRL

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Out of town journeys on a bus are always interesting. Of note is that the history of tour buses in America began in the early 20th century when trucks were converted to provide a means for sightseeing within large American cities. Gray Line, the largest sightseeing operators began operations in 1910. Four buses in the Black community are and were used by many musicians, entertainers, dancing crews, church groups heading to conventions, youth groups, bands, senior groups and more. For some drivers sightseeing became a side business for bus operators because the same types of buses were used commercially. Today, bus travelers journey in luxury, so to speak with common features such as:



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Padded fabric or leather front-facing seats, often reclining. Foot and arm rests. TV monitors connected to DVD player or VCR to provide entertainment or possibly analog TV or DTV for local news or programs (possibly in seats with viewer choosing what station).

Basic lavatory – riders may be discouraged from using it except in an emergency, but some newer buses feature full service lavatories.

Wheelchair lift or ramp and “kneeling suspension” for easier access (especially for the elderly and infirm).

Tinted windows (and/or curtains or blinds).

Luggage compartment (or bins) below in the underbelly of bus, with overhead hand-luggage racks. We have indeed come a very long way, and as we grow in youth on the journey, we can appreciate all of the above.

Travelers all have different personalities and temperaments, and they bring their differences on the journey, often makes for very interesting, humorous and insightful journeys. We meet new people and get to know fellow travelers a little more, and listen to their many conversations.

So it was off to Tampa on a bus journey with 45 plus travelers on last Friday morning.

Most people were not so much as excited about the football weekend ahead as they were



Tennessee State Marching Band

about the psychological lift of getting out of town... away from the heat, (for those who still had no lights on Friday morning, the routine of survival mode, the sight of downed trees in the neighborhood, long gas lines and the minor inconveniences experienced.) For two days it was an escape that invigorated most to return home with the silent hope and prayer “Let there be lights, please.” Top it off with Happy Hour on the bus and a relaxed mood replaced some of the tension. Both **TSU** and **FAMU Alumni Associations** had some serious tailgating until game time. Rival atmosphere but still convivial. What I learned: “I must not be the picnic type.”

and, “Football games should not start until after the sun goes down.” It was hot and **TSU** had sun all the way. Everyone with relief sighed when the sun went down. But despite the heat and the blazing sun, there was indeed something to cheer about, with the final score Tennessee State 24; **FAMU** 13 at the Tampa Classic before a crowd of 17,102 at **Raymond James Stadium**. It was the Tigers’ sixth consecutive win over the **Rattlers**. A win over **TSU** would have been **the two teams last played in 2015 and FAMU lost 30-14.**

And then there was pregame and halftime, with all of the pageantry. Everyone was so

proud of **Northwestern** graduate Dr. **Shelby Chipman**, Florida A & M Director of Bands as he conducted the band playing “Can you Stand the Rain.” **TSU**’s band played the same song. I reserve my opinion.



NEWBOLD

My confession: “I have Rattler blood and I attended **Tennessee State**.” (SMILE)

When you see the young ladies, especially all of the young ladies in the college bands, you feel so proud and you recognize that they are indeed the future, to be encouraged to use their talents, be of service, make a positive difference. Also proud of **Miami Carol City** graduate **Steven Newbold** who displayed his awesome talent vs **FAMU** on the gridiron. It was also a great time for two college roommates (**Carolyn Smith Blake** and myself) to be among some of our college friends and classmates. We both enjoyed the journey, and did some reminiscing. We never see ourselves as others see us, but when you talk with some of today’s college students and they ask, “What year did you finish **TSU**?” and they reply 1965, their eyes tell the story, as they mentally do the math.” And we both smiled as some replied, “You all still look good.” Words that make you feel good. More about my trip and fellow travelers will

be continued. Speaking of journeys, on Sunday, October 8, **Northwestern** Class of 59’ grad, **Jackie Rawls**, along with class members and many others will be headed by train to Washington to a visit to the **African American Museum** on the agenda. Ralltrips, bus trips, road trips... traveling is good for the soul and the spirit.

Of course at home, some events were postponed due to **Irma**. **JUST US** hostess **Juanita Miller** had to cancel the meeting as **Irma** approached. **The Dade County Chapter of the Links, Inc.** had to postpone the planned Chapter Retreat reschedule for October 22. Women’s Day at Transfiguration has been postponed until Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 pm. This is the Episcopal Church Women’s signature event featuring The International Countries.

Sending prayers and love to all of my friends who are enduring their personal storms, you are loved. Life is indeed a journey, we never know what the weather will be like, what to pack, what lies around the corner, what each day brings. The best advice; “Bring a Friend.” Through the many storms that come in our lives, both personal and natural, there will always be Blessings as we Live, Pray, Love, Laugh, Dance and Sing on our journey.

‘Be Free or Die’ by Cate Lineberry is exciting and a sure thing

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Bookworm Sec., LLC

It was a Sure Thing. A can’t-miss, a safe bet that you couldn’t possibly fail – or could you? Isn’t there always a danger of losing in a gamble, or at least not winning? What kind of odds would make you take a risky bet? As in the new book “Be Free or Die” by Cate Lineberry, would you put your family’s lives on the line?

Because the law in 1839 said that a slave woman’s children were automatically enslaved, Robert Smalls was owned by Henry McKee the minute Smalls was born. Because his mother was a house slave, the illiterate Smalls spent his childhood toiling inside the

McKee home, rather than being put afield to work. There, he was said to be smart, capable, articulate, and “well-liked by the McKee family.”

That, perhaps, is why McKee trusted Smalls enough to send him, alone at age twelve, to Charleston where he was “hired out...and largely left to fend for



himself.” There, Smalls worked a series of odd jobs until he ultimately found work on cargo ships. He’d gotten married by then, and his wife’s owner pro-

mised that Smalls could buy Hannah and their daughter for \$800; with that in mind, Smalls landed work on the Planter, a 147-foot-long paddlewheel steamer owned by a Southern businessman and docked in Charleston, near the Confederate general’s headquarters.

Though he was able to save the \$1 a month McKee gave him, Smalls knew that his wife’s price could change on a whim. Hannah was pregnant, and that worried him, too.

There was only one choice. After observing carefully for weeks, and deciding to trust his likewise-enslaved fellow shipmates, Smalls waited for the right time. “On a mild May evening... in 1862,” when the white crew of the Planter di-

sembered, Smalls seized control of the steamer, eased the Planter upstream to fetch his family and a few others who’d hidden in another ship, then snuck the Planter back downstream past heavily-armed guards, soldiers, and Fort Sumter. He skillfully brought the steamer out of the harbor and delivered it, loaded with cannons and Confederacy secrets, directly into the hands of the Union...

Oh, my, if you’re looking for a thriller for your reading, you just found one. “Be Free or Die” is more exciting than any old novel.

Beginning with the daring escape itself, author Cate Lineberry moves back-and-forward-again to tell Smalls’

story, which gives readers even more of a sense of why his actions were so astounding. No such saga is complete without more about the era itself, of course, which will delight Civil War buffs – and then Lineberry storytellers even further, from the unique point of view of 1870s-era Charlestonians, Northerners, newly-released slaves, and Reconstructionists.

Be sure you find out what happened to the Planter. That’s all I’m saying...

This is one of the better almost-forgotten stories from history, and you can put it on your reading list now. Go ahead. If you’re in search for that one book this season, “Be Free or Die” is a sure thing.

Junior Carnival showcases Caribbean culture Winans inspires audience

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Caribbean-American and American youth involvement in Junior Carnival goes further than the impression on the youth. “Carnival allows children of other cultures to understand and appreciate the artistry in a different format,” Walker said.

The 2016 Junior Carnival Band of the Year, Heritage TNT, looks to keep its title with its portrayal of “Hello Africa.”

The Miami Junior Carnival, also known as the Kiddies Carnival, is presented by TD Bank. It is set for noon - 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Central Broward Regional Park, 3700 NW 11th Place, Lauderdale, FL 33311. The main carnival event will be noon - 10 p.m. Oct. 6 at Central Broward park. The Parade of Bands and Concert will be 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. at Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds.

The junior event is similar to the adult version in that both are inclusive of persons from all walks of life. Both carnivals feature vibrant music, culture, colors and food of the Caribbean. Attendees will grow to understand the true meaning of carnival, and its importance for Caribbean culture.

The kiddie event will have live radio broadcast from noon-6 p.m. on WHIM 1080AM’s Caribbean Connection with Mike Andrews and Caribbean Riddims’ show with Cleve, Eddy and Gillian.

The carnival will host an interactive Miami Broward Carnival Village, which features costumes on display, photos, steel pan for kids to try and an audible history of previous Miami junior carnivals.

“TD Bank is pleased to once again sponsor the Miami Broward Junior Carnival,” said



Andre Khan, vice president and co-chair of the African American and Caribbean Leadership Business Resource Group. “As the human bank, we are invested in making a positive and lasting impact on the communities in which we live, work and play. TD Bank couldn’t be more excited to be a part of such a culturally enriching event.”
2017 junior bands competing for prizes and bragging rights are:
Heritage TNT
Portrayal - Hello Africa
Community Vibes
Portrayal - Mas is Mas

Euphoria Minis
Portrayal - Journey of the Phoenix
China Mas Kids
Portrayal - Spectrum of Color
Fun Generation
Portrayal - Seeds of Pashun
Major Players
Portrayal - A Parti Gras
Wassi Babes
Portrayal - Let’s Celebrate
Natural Disaster
Portrayal - Sweet Treats
Gen X Kidz

Portrayal - Artistic Expressions
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
1 p.m. - King/Queen/Individual
2 p.m. - Pan Solo Competition
3 p.m. - Jr. Carnival Parade of Bands/Competition
6 p.m. - Youth Calypso Competition
7 p.m. - Performance by Melo Groove Steele Orchestra
noon-9 p.m. - Kidz Zone
Tickets are \$11.50 including a park fee. Children under 10 are free. For more information, visit miamibrowardcarnival.com or call 305-653-1877.

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Gospel Sundays as planned, according to John Richard, the president and CEO of the Adrienne Arsh Center.

“CeCe Winans and Miami Mass Choir were also eager to play for Miami following the storm – we all knew South Florida needed this!” Richard said. “We knew it was imperative for us to open and offer a free space for the community to come together and have their spirits lifted.”

Adding Winans concert to the list, Free Gospel Sundays continues to be one of the Arsh Center’s most popular series and has become a tradition over the past 10 years. Sheila Brown and her son, Irvon Plummer, did not allow a power outage, the loss of food and other discomforts of Hurricane Irma to stop them from attending the concert.

“Gospel music transcends many generations,” Plummer said. “So even though our lights did go out, we still felt like there is no reason for us to not come to this concert when it’s going to fill us with joy, happiness, excitement, and tons of good emotions.”

Brown said that she and her family had been fans of CeCe Winans and the Winans family “from the beginning times when Cece was with Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker.”

“God says rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. So we came to rejoice,” Brown said. “Even though it was hard times, we came to rejoice.”

Lamar McMullen, liturgical dancer who sat in the front and center during the concert, gave glory to God for not experiencing power outages from Hurricane Irma.

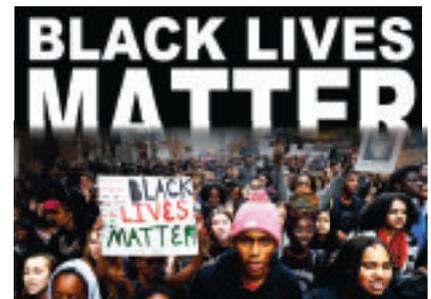
He said he was greatly impacted by the concert.

“In the midst on the storm,” still hold on. Stay peaceful,” he said, echoing Winans.

Christi Richardson, one of Winans’ background singers, said it was a blessing to see people enjoy themselves and having a good time after Hurricane Irma.

She encouraged everyone to continue to pray and stay close to each other.

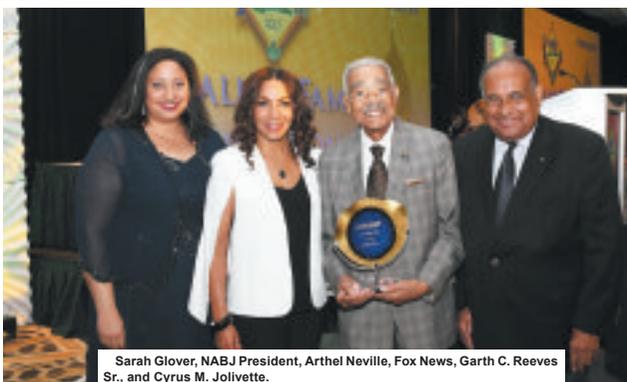
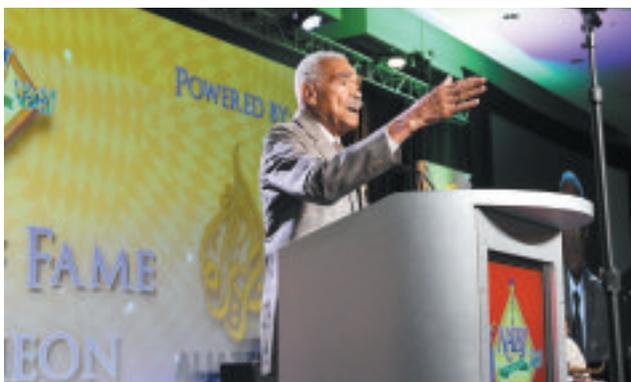
“We need each other,” Richardson said. “We don’t always realize it until something happens, but we need each other regardless, so just stick close to each other and stick close to God.”





From left, Candace Smith, Jocelyn K. Allen, Rochelle Riley, Garth Reeves Sr., Sarah Glover, Ernest Owens, John Jenkins, Ron Thomas, and Michael Days.

GARTH C. REEVES SR. CITED BY BLACK JOURNALISTS



Sarah Glover, NABJ President, Arthel Neville, Fox News, Garth C. Reeves Sr., and Cyrus M. Jolivet.

Miami Times publisher emeritus was one of four inducted into the Hall of Fame of NABJ

Special to *The Miami Times*

Miami Times Publisher Emeritus Garth C. Reeves Sr. was inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Hall of Fame at the organization's recent annual convention in New Orleans. With more than 4,000 members, NABJ is the largest organization of journalists of color in the United States. The meeting attracted more than 3,000 people to the Crescent City. Reeves was nominated for the honor by Cheryl Smith, publisher of *Texas Metro News*, Dallas.

More than 800 journalists and guests witnessed the induction ceremony. Also inducted in the 2017 Hall of Fame class were Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Michael Days of Philadelphia; veteran photographer and television executive John Jenkins of Dallas; and Reverend Aisha Karimah, recently retired prize-winning television producer for WRC-TV and Howard University's WHUT-TV and associate minister at Metropolitan AME Church. The Hall of Fame Award is the highest recognition given by the organization. This year's recognition ceremony falls in the year celebrating the 190th anniversary of the March 16, 1827 founding by John Russwurm and Reverend Samuel Cornish in *New York of Freedom's Journal*, the first African-American newspaper in the nation.

In announcing the 2017 Hall of Fame honorees, NABJ President Sarah Glover said "NABJ is honored to recognize such an esteemed group of African American journalists whose works and lives have epitomized journalistic excellence and a spirit of love, faith and endurance during some very challenging times in our country and the industry. These valiant soldiers without swords not only excelled in their chosen field, they also brought others along with them. We stand on their shoulders."

Garth C. Reeves Sr., a 1936 graduate of Miami's Booker T. Washington High School and 1940 graduate of Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, proudly boasts other than his military service in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II, he has had only one job in life and that has been working for *The Miami Times*, the newspaper his parents Henry E.S. Reeves and Rachel Cooper Reeves founded on September 1, 1923. He said he was elated to be recognized by NABJ.

"I feel honored to be honored by NABJ," he said. "I have admired the organization since it started in 1975. Black journalists and the Black Press are up against formidable foes and we have to keep fighting and not give up. It makes you feel good when you are recognized by your peers and being in the business, at age 98, I feel good."

Reeves served for 10 years as president of Amalgamated



Publishers (API) of New York City, which provided advertising representation for over 100 African-American owned newspapers throughout the nation. Also, he was elected to serve two terms as president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the professional organization of the Black Press in America. A Miami resident since 1919, his has been a distinguished life of service to the Greater Miami community and the state of Florida.

"I am so excited about this year's inductees," said NABJ Vice President Print Marion Walker. "Anyone who came through the FAMU Journalism School knows who Garth Reeves is and it's an honor to share this experience with him."

"The NABJ Hall of Fame was created in 1990 when 10 distinguished historical journalists became its charter members. Since then, several of the nation's top journalists have been inducted, among them: Chuck Stone and all of the NABJ founders, Gwen Ifill, Robert Maynard, Lynn Norment, Ed Bradley and Carole Simpson. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are more than distinguished journalists," said NABJ Vice President Broadcast Dorothy Tucker. "They are humanitarians, philanthropists, mentors, advocates and just the type of people we want the world to know more about. We are so proud of this Class of 2017."



Miami Central High School football coaching staff lead their players in prayer before enjoying lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.



Miami Central High School football players enjoy lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

The Rockets beat No. 1 ranked team

STUCK IN LAS VEGAS BY IRMA, A COMMUNITY EFFORT GOT THEM HOME

By Gregory W. Wright
Special to The Miami Times

When the Miami Central High School football team flew to Las Vegas, Nevada on Sept. 6, they thought the biggest obstacle they faced was going to defeating the No. 1 nationally ranked powerhouse, Bishop Gorman.

After a back-and-forth thriller of a game, Miami Central came away with a 24-20 victory that jumped the Central Rockets to a national ranking from No. 12 to No. 4, depending on which magazine or sports service is doing the reporting.

The biggest challenge for Central proved not to be winning the football game. The team's greatest challenge proved to be simply finding their way home. With Hurricane Irma hurling toward Miami with winds of more than 100 miles an hour Sept. 10, the Rockets' players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans found themselves stranded in Las Vegas with no way to return home.

It was then that the team's opponent in Las Vegas and its community here in Miami showed up to help rescue the stranded team from Miami-Dade County.

In spite of losing the football game, and some of its national prestige, the fans and boosters of Bishop Gorman offered to pay for the extra nights Central would have to stay in their Las Vegas hotel. Food trucks were brought in to help feed the kids.

"I thought the world of the people of Gorman," said Roland Smith, head coach of Miami Central. "I want to thank the city of Las Vegas and everyone who supported us with food, entertainment, bowling, helping to keep our kids occupied. Each additional night the team had to stay cost anywhere between \$3,500 and \$4,000 per night for the hotel alone."



Former Dallas Cowboys star receiver Drew Pearson speaks to the Miami Central High School football team as they enjoy lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Smith has coached the Rockets for the past five years, guiding the team to three Florida state championships, and as high as No. 2 in the national rankings. With concerns of both the team's welfare while in Las Vegas, as well as family and friends who were facing the onslaught of Irma, the 48-year-old Smith, still had to keep the team focused on what lies ahead: its next game against Miami Edison High School. This led to walk-thru practices in the parking lots of their Las Vegas hotel.

But just as the people from Bishop Gorman and Las Vegas stepped up to take care of the Central Rockets, so too did Miami's football team, the Miami Dolphins. Dolphin players Reshad Jones, Jarvis Landry, DeVante Parker, Ndamukong Suh, Kenny Stills, Lawrence Timmons and Laremy Tunsil paid for the Rockets' hotel stay in Nevada and transportation



The Miami Central High School football team gets back to practice while stuck in Las Vegas because of Hurricane Irma.

from the airport when they arrived back in Florida. "I've always had a desire to help others and we were excited to take this opportunity to help them out," said Suh. "It's good to see them get back home and I would love for them to come out to a game and spend some time with them."

Landry said the Rockets' needs were brought to the players' attention by Senior Vice President, Communications and Community Affairs Jason Jenkins. Miami Central Principal Gregory Bethune thanked owners of casinos in the Las Vegas area, as well as other business interest including the Ultimate



Miami Central High School football players dish up lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.



Miami Central High School football players enjoy lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Fighting Championship. "I am extremely grateful to the Bishop Gorman family and the Fertitta family," Bethune said. "They were very hospitable." Bethune said Central had reached out to the Dolphins to help pay for some meals, before the storm changed plans and expenses. "At Miami Central, we require all of our athletic programs to participate in community service," Bethune

said. "I think they learned a valuable lesson being on the receiving end of community service, and civic responsibility." Coach Smith also said that the football team came away with a very valuable lesson learned outside of football. "To see the teams and communities come together to help one another, that was important," said Smith. "We teach them to compete for 48 minutes, and then it's over."



The Miami Central High School football pose for a group photo after having lunch courtesy of Las Vegas Convention Center foodservice contractor Centerplate Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Lifestyle HAPPENINGS

Compiled by The Miami Times staff editorial@miamitimesonline.com

■ **Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter**, meets every 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m. at The African American Cultural Arts Center. Call 305-336-4287.

■ **The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/ Broward Alumni Association** monthly meetings are held at North Shore Medical Center, Room C each 3rd Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. Call 786-356-4412

■ **Miami Edison Sr. High Class of 1977** is celebrating their 40th year class reunion, Oct. 6 - 7. Call 305-342-1136 or email dhamold49@att.net.

■ **The Miami Jackson Class of 1968** meets every second Monday

at the VFW located at 11911 West Dixie Highway and is planning for their 50th Reunion June 14-18, 2018. Call 305-336-7663.

■ **The Miami Carol City Class of 1968** meets every 4th Sunday at 4 p.m. Call 305-494-6265.

■ **The George Washington Carver High School Class 1966** meets the 2nd Saturday each month at 1234 N.W. 79th St. at 12 p.m. Call 305-300-7630.

■ **The Miami Carol City Class of 1968** meets every 4th Sunday at 4 pm. We are planning our 50th Reunion for September 14-16, 2018. Call 305-494-6265.

■ **Inner City Children's Touring**

Dance will have free Introductory Classical Ballet Workshops for girls ages 6-8 and 9-12 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Call 305-758-1577 or visit www.childrendance.net.

■ **The Gold Coast Chapter of Florida A & M University** meets every 3rd Saturday at The Urban League of Greater Miami McDuffie Center at 10 a.m. Call 305-370-9026.

■ **Women in Transition of South Florida** offers free computer classes for women. Call 786-477-8548.

■ The date for the **Adult West African Senegal Slave Departure Tour** will be June 10-22, 2018. Call 305-332-6365.

■ **The Surviving Twin Network** welcomes the support of twins or siblings, who have experienced such loss, to share with others, as

a source of comfort. Call 305-504-4936.

■ **The Northwestern Class of 1962** meets every 2nd Saturday at 3 p.m. at The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. Call 305-681-3330.

■ **Florida A & M University (FAMU) National Alumni Association (NAA) South Dade Chapter** invites you to join them the 4th Wednesday of each month at Community Health Center of South Florida at 6 p.m.

■ **Booker T Washington Class of 1967** meets every third Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the African Heritage Culture Arts Center East Portable #1. Call 305-333-7128.

■ **The North Dade/ Miami Carol City H.S., Class of 1967** invites you to join them aboard the Carnival Conquest Sept. 24-30, as they celebrate their 50th Class Reunion. Call 305-336-6293

or 305-333-7613.

■ **The Miami Central High Alumni Association** meets every second and fourth Wednesday in Miami Central High library at 7 p.m. Call 305-370-4825.

■ **Karate Classes** at Range Park on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Call 305-757-7961.

■ **Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.** meets 10 a.m. every second Saturday at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. Call 305-439-5426.

■ **Northwestern Alumni Class of 61** meets at YET Center every second Tuesday 12 p.m. Call 305-696-1154.

■ **The South Florida Alumni Chapter of North Carolina Central University** meets 11 a.m. every second Saturday at Denny's

in Miami Gardens.

■ **The Miami Jackson Class of 1971** meets 3 p.m. every first Saturday at Gwen Cherry Park NFL / YET (meeting area). Call 305-305-0290.

■ **Unspoken Dance Company** is now recruiting dancers ages 5 and up. To register call 305-409-7490 or email unspokendanceco@gmail.com.

■ **The Northwestern Class of 1959** meets every third Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. Call 786-897-2646.

■ **Division of Blind Services Vocational Rehabilitation Program** provides services to the visually impaired. Call 305-377-5339.

The deadline for the Lifestyle Calendar is on or before 2 p.m. Fridays.

'Baby Friendly' initiative educates parents on safe feeding practices

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parents' decisions about feeding their new baby.

"I am extremely proud of our maternity teams for their hard work and dedication to attain this prestigious designation,"

said Carlos A. Migoya, president and CEO of Jackson Health System. "Baby-Friendly is about empowering mothers and fathers with the ability to give their babies the best possible start through education on the benefits of safe feeding practices. This initiative aligns

perfectly with Jackson's mission to provide the best quality care to our community."

The Baby-Friendly designation is a highly coveted support standard of care, promoted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The

program recognizes healthcare facilities that give mothers the information, confidence, and skills necessary to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding or feeding their babies formula safely. It also encourages new moms and babies to stay together in the same room from

the moment of birth, and promotes skin-to-skin contact as much as possible.

Jackson also has designated pumping rooms available at all three campuses for employees who are breastfeeding. There are more than 20,000 designated Baby-Friendly hospitals

and birth centers worldwide. Our hospitals join the elite 455 active Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers in the United States. To learn more about Jackson's childbirth and lactation classes, register online at www.jacksonmaternity.org or call 305-585-4MOM.

A dramatic story of infant birth and delivery during Hurricane Irma

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new father.

The couple planned for the delivery at Jackson South in the southern part of the county closer to Watkins' home on Sept. 11. As Irma drew closer, she moved in with Knight and his mother, Amanda Jones, to ride out the storm.

Knight said they knew a drop in atmospheric pressure could trigger an early birth. At 12:50

a.m. Sept. 10, Watkins awoke with contractions. The couple arrived at Jackson Memorial at about 1:40 a.m., but were told they would have to come back. "They told us to try North Shore or somewhere in Broward," Knight said. "But I was low on gasoline. We didn't want to go to Broward and be sent away."

So they returned to Knight's home, and prepared to wait until Monday. Watkins placed a hot water bottle on her stom-

ach to ease the contractions. It didn't work, she said.

By 5:30 a.m., the baby had arrived. Watkins and Knight alerted Miami Fire Rescue dispatch supervisor Desiree Farrell, who paged Kendra Gillespie, a fourth-year OB/GYN resident on duty.

Farrell said she had to calm down a panicky Knight, who wasn't sure what to do. Then she talked him through tying off the umbilical cord with a shoestring.

"We heard a baby crying, so we knew Destiny was okay at this point," Gillespie said. But then Watkins started cramping, Gillespie said. She knew Knight had to get more involved.

"I told hm to apply pressure" beneath Watkins' pelvis to release the placenta, Gillespie said. Then both women heard loud, persistent screams.

"Dad was not responding at that time," Gillespie said.

"He just looked and walked

out the room. He just went into shock," Watkins said later.

The couple and newborn arrived at JMHS by ambulance a few hours later.

Destiny was placed in the neonatal unit at Holtz Children's Center. Dr. Maria Peinado, a neonatal pediatrician at University of Miami Health Systems, said the move was a precaution given the unsterile delivery.

"We have to check for signs of infection. Her oxygen lev-

els started dropping," Peinado said.

Dr. Salih Yasin, an OB/GYN physician with UM Health System, said the unique birth circumstances showed why communication between first responders and medical personnel is important.

"Jackson Memorial and University of Miami are the safety net for the county," Yasin said. "This is an example of how caring people can communicate in the worst of situations."

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FEEDING AMERICA

Business leaders serve up soul food

By Michelle Hollinger
Special to The Miami Times

Several in the business community served thousands of meals from eggs and grits, hamburgers and hot dogs to a hearty soul food dinner prepared by four Black-owned South Florida restaurants.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, the Hurricane Irma Relief Detox Traveling Dinner Party, brainchild of The Hungry Black Man (Starex Smith), brought together his colleagues, a politician, a marketing executive, a tech CEO and a corporate sponsor to provide 3,000 meals to residents at Bunche Park in Miami Gardens, Uber Wings in South Miami, Lakeshore Park in Miramar and the 93rd Street Community Baptist Church in Miami.

Smith said the areas were selected because many resi-

dents in each had gone without electricity for up to a week following the Sept. 10 arrival of the category 4 hurricane. As of Sept. 18, more than 38,000 South Florida homes were still without electricity.

"FPL did not perform as well as expected in restoring power, so I felt it was my responsibility as a member the South Florida Food and Drink ecosystem, especially as a Black member, to do something about it," Smith said.

The electrical company was sued by the city of Coral Gables on Monday for what the upscale city called FPL's inadequate response to Hurricane Irma. FPL, however, claims it was able to restore power to residents four times faster than it did following 2005's Hurricane Wilma.

State Sen. Oscar Braynon participated in Saturday's



—Photos courtesy of Corey Davis

relief effort and said it's critical that something is done to South Florida's infrastructure so that communities are not left powerless for unacceptably long periods of time.

He said the dinner party was especially essential for hourly workers who typically are not paid when they don't work; even due to a natural disaster. "They don't pay you because a hurricane hit," Braynon stated.

Smith, who was joined by Blacktech Week executive director Felicia Hatcher and the organization's CFO, Derek Pearson, Suzan McDowell, CEO of Circle of One Marketing and many volunteers, said he refused to watch his community consuming packaged food while dealing with the significant discomfort of being without electricity. The Please turn to **LEADERS 10D**

EQUIFAX

victims may have trouble buying iPhone

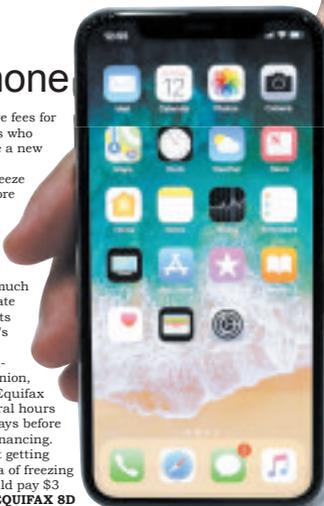
By Ken Sweet and Michael Liedtke
Special to The Miami Times

Apple fans who froze their credit after the Equifax data breach may end up with another hassle on their hands if they try to get one of the new iPhones that can cost more than \$1,000. People who rushed to lock down their credit and want to make any other big purchases may find the same inconveniences.

Since Equifax disclosed that 143 million Americans had their Social Security numbers and other personal data hacked, experts have encouraged people who may be affected to put in place what's known as a credit freeze. That locks down a person's credit from being stolen by identity thieves - but could also mean

delays and more fees for Equifax victims who want to finance a new phone.

You can unfreeze your credit before a big purchase and freeze it again afterward. How long it will take and how much it costs vary state by state. Experts say generally it's best to give the major credit bureaus - TransUnion, Experian and Equifax - notice of several hours or even a few days before you apply for financing. And people just getting used to the idea of freezing their credit could pay \$3. Please turn to **EQUIFAX 8D**



If you froze your credit, you will need to unfreeze

In this Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, file photo, the new iPhone X is displayed in the showroom after the new product announcement at the Steve Jobs Theater on the new Apple campus in Cupertino, Calif. Apple fans who froze their credit after the Equifax data breach may end up with another hassle on their hands if they try to get one of the new iPhones that can cost more than \$1,000.

—Marcio Jose Sanchez, File/Associated Press

Equifax: What you need to know

Equifax said that a major data breach exposed Social Security numbers and other important information and affected of millions of people

By The Associated Press

The breach affected about 143 million in the United States, as well as some people in Canada and the United Kingdom, but Equifax didn't provide a number. Hackers had access to the data between May and July, Equifax said. The company discovered the hack on July 29 and publicly announced it more

than a month later on Thursday.

Here's what else you need to know about the breach:

WHAT INFORMATION WAS TAKEN?

Hackers had access to Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, driver's license numbers, credit card numbers and other information. Those are all crucial pi-

eces of personal data that criminals could use to commit identity theft. Those are what John Ulzheimer, an independent credit consultant who previously worked at Equifax, called "the crown jewels of personal information."

Equifax's security lapse could be the largest theft involving Social Security numbers, one of the most common methods used to

confirm a person's identity in the U.S. The data breach is especially damaging to Equifax, since its entire business revolves around being a secure storehouse and providing a clear financial profile of consumers that lenders and other businesses can trust. The credit profiles it holds contain personal information, like how much Please turn to **DATA 10D**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

Shelter in a time of a storm

By Daniella Pierre

Post-Hurricane Irma is the perfect time for Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) to really step up and provide shelter solutions for residents.

Because President Trump and Gov. Rick Scott both declared Florida a disaster area due to the fallout of to Hurricane Irma, federal dollars for housing are available. With all this money on the table due, it doesn't have any excuses.

Trump mobilized U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to offer protections to Floridians that extend far beyond Hurricane Irma's damaging gusts.

The local PHCD should have been activated too and readily available to provide relief, aid and shelter during pre- and post-Irma. But there was and still continues to be silence from PHCD.

HUD PROVIDES DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Help is on the way! Support is available to both homeowners and low-income renters who have been impacted by Hurricane Irma. If you were in default on your mortgage and at risk of foreclosure, both can be stopped or delayed for at least 90-days. And homeowners can seek payment plans and loan modifications.

Renters on the verge of being evicted won't have to worry about being put out —

for now. HUD even provides guidance for those living in multi-family affordable housing. All public housing directors, owners and management agents on Sept. 14 should have received the disaster notice, something HUD has been issuing since 2004.

HUD asks that top priority for rental housing to be given to those displaced. Most tenants who live in subsidized housing cannot have long-term guests. This notice allows guests to stay up to 90 days without penalty.



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If you live in Section 8 housing and it was damaged due to the storm, you can move to another place while your unit is under repair. When you return to your home, your rent should remain the same. Probably the biggest news is the waiver of income restrictions and occupancy requirements for storm survivors. This means those who wouldn't have qualified for affordable housing residences before, may qualify now.

But the officials aren't putting this information out there to the masses.

We need answers from our local PHCD director and other culpable officials. The lack of response, is the primary reason why On the Grid Community Solutions LLC has stepped up to be the affordable housing watchdog.

WHAT'S NEXT?

While local officials are Please turn to **SHELTER 8D**

Equifax data breach leaves at least 143M consumers at risk

COMMENTARY

By Charlene Crowell
 Communications Director,
 Center for Responsible Lending

Record-breaking, back-to-back hurricanes in Houston and Florida brought unprecedented winds and rains affecting millions of Americans. Yet another storm just as brutal, but financial in nature, is raging and affects at least 143 million Americans: that's the Equifax data breach that took place from mid-May to July of this year.

On July 29, Equifax, one of the three major credit reporting corporations, discovered that unauthorized data access had occurred. Yet it was not until September 7 when the multi-national data breach was announced publicly. This massive cybersecurity breach includes federal income tax records, as well as employee records for government employees and those of Fortune 500 firms. Even recipients of major government programs like Medi-

care, Medicaid, and Social Security are affected.

For consumers, the personal information exposed to fraud and identity theft could mean a lifetime of closely monitoring and defending personal data to fight theft, fines and more. For businesses, questions will emerge as to whether millions of credit accounts were fraudulently



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opened and additionally whether they will be held partially responsible for its perpetuation.

In reaction to this cybercrime, a surge of federal class action lawsuits are going after Equifax. As many as 50 have been filed in at least 14 states and the District of Columbia as of September 12. The Federal Bureau of Investigation

is reportedly examining what went wrong from a criminal perspective. On the civil side of the law, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is beginning its own independent investigation.

Now a growing number of bipartisan inquiries from Capitol Hill are demanding to know why these breaches of personally identifiable information (PII) came about, what actions Equifax took, and what the global firm intends to do on behalf of con-

sumers whose names, birth dates, addresses, Social Security numbers and drivers' licenses are all in jeopardy. Equifax also knew that an estimated 209,000 credit card holders and some 182,000 consumers in the U.S. who have a dispute on file with a creditor also had comprised PII.

"This hack into sensitive information compiled and maintained by Equifax is one of the largest data breaches Please turn to **BREACH 8D**

Questioning what went wrong on Equifax data breach

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in our nation's history and someone has to be held accountable," said Congresswoman Maxine Waters, the Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee in an article for "Business Insider."

"Given the important role credit scores play in the lives and financial futures of hardworking Americans, Congress must diligently examine the way our credit reporting agencies are operating and impose additional statutory and regulatory reforms to protect the integrity of the country's credit reporting system," Waters continued.

In a September 11 letter to Richard F. Smith, Equifax's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee went further to pose a series of questions to be answered by September 26. Issues raised in the letter include binding arbitration clauses that deny affected consumers the right of class action lawsuits, the firm's security systems and controls, how consumers can expect to be officially notified, and what, if any, protections Equifax will offer to affected consumers.

"The scope and scale of this breach appears to make it one of the largest on record, and the sensitivity of the information compromised may make it the most costly to taxpayers and consumers," wrote Senators Orrin Hatch, Senate Finance Chair and Ron Wyden, the committee's Ranking Member.

The following day, September 12, another letter to Equifax included questions on what data changes to Equifax's security plans and procedures were made as this breach now becomes its third one in only two years; the letter was signed by 24 Members of Congress, who serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and represent 15 states. Three are also members of the Congressional Black Caucus: Representatives G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, Brooklyn's Yvette Clarke and Bobby L. Rush of Chicago.

"Your company profits from collecting highly sensitive personal information from American consumers—it should take seriously its responsibility to keep data safe and to inform consumers when its protections fail," wrote the representatives.

"The massive Equi-



fax data breach is one of the largest in our country's history, affecting half of the United States population and nearly three-quarters of consumers with credit reports," said Chi Chi Wu of the National Consumer Law Center. "A security freeze is the most effective measure against 'new account' identity theft, because it stops thieves from using the consumer's stolen information."

To follow Wu's advice, consumers will need to contact all three of the major credit reporting bureaus and request that no new accounts be opened in their names. Once requested, consumers will not be able to easily apply for new credit accounts

or apply for a loan. An additional layer of precaution would be to contact every creditor and request that respective accounts be flagged for unusual or new credit activity. Detailed information on how consumers caught in the Equifax breach can take these and other steps to protect their credit is available on the Federal Trade Commission's website. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau also has another consumer-friendly rule that Congress is currently fighting: preserving the right for consumers to file lawsuits when financial disputes could not be resolved otherwise. Announced on July

10, Richard Cordray, CFPB Director explained why the rule is important.

"Arbitration clauses in contracts for products like bank accounts and credit cards make it nearly impossible for people to take companies to court when things go wrong," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. "These clauses allow companies to avoid accountability by blocking group lawsuits and forcing people to go it alone or give up. Our new rule will stop companies from sidestepping the courts and ensure that people who are harmed together can take action together." Days later on July

ing and Urban Affairs Committee and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, Chair of the House Committee on Financial Services announced a coordinated legislative attack to roll back CFPB's arbitration rule. The law allows Congress to fast track a veto of new federal regulation with limited debate and a simple majority vote in each chamber.

On July 25, the House passed its resolution on a highly-partisan vote of 231-190. To date, the Senate has yet to take a corresponding vote.

"The Equifax data breach is yet another reason to support the CFPB's arbitration rule that would restore consumers' day in court," noted Melissa Stegman, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL).

"When a company has injured consumers, it should not also decide whether those affected have a right to pursue justice. Although Equifax claimed it will not assert arbitration in the aftermath of its data breach, consumers must be able to challenge corporate wrongdoing in the courts and Congress should cease its efforts to quash the rule."

Congresswoman Waters prefers a legislative approach — one that will ensure this type of financial disaster from happening again.

"I have long advocated for an overhaul of our nation's credit reporting system," said Waters, "and I will reintroduce legislation that will enhance consumer protection tools available to minimize harm caused by identity theft."

Post Hurricane Irma assistance provided

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being silent. On the Grid Community Solutions will continue to be staunch advocates for affordable housing matters. Our team advocates on behalf of the people who have been priced-out, stuck in the middle and dis-

placed. Think of us as your unaffordable housing eliminator for both rental and homeownership markets. As we await an official response from PHCD, we encourage you to join in the Let's Talk Affordable Housing Matters discussion happening 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28, at Venture

Café located at 1951 NW Seventh Ave., Miami, FL 33136. This will be a good time to discuss pre- and post-Hurricane Irma housing options. Residents come and share your concerns with developers on how to make housing affordable again in Miami-Dade.

Have you been dis-

placed due to Hurricane Irma? Are you priced-out or stuck in the middle?

Share your affordable housing story or solution today! For more information, please contact Daniela Pierre at affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.

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Why unfreeze your credit?

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to \$10 for each action at each of the three bureaus.

Payment plans are a growing business for the major wireless carriers, many of which no longer subsidize a customer's purchase, because a monthly payment makes an expensive smartphone more affordable. And Apple and the wireless carriers often need access to your credit report in order to approve the sale of a new phone under a monthly plan.

"But if you are someone who has frozen their credit record, you may suddenly discover that you can't afford an iPhone X, after all," said Patrick Moorhead, an industry analyst with Moor & Insights.

Providence, Rhode Island-based Citizens Financial Group, which runs the Apple financing program, said any new or existing customer who has a credit freeze on their information will be declined financing. So they would have to unfreeze their credit, at least temporarily. Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T run credit checks with the agencies for new customers. Policies vary for existing customers.

Analysts say two-year financing plans have become essential to selling high-end smartphones. Interna-

tional Data Corp. analyst Ramon Llamas called them "critical." Moorhead expects virtually everyone interested in the new iPhone X, which rolls out later this year, to use an installment plan. Apple rolled out its program two years ago that lets customers upgrade to a new phone each year and divides the cost of the phone into a monthly payment. The company doesn't share details on how many customers finance their phones through Citizens/Apple instead of their carriers, and declined to disclose how many of its iPhones are financed.

For other carriers, it's clearly big business. AT&T sold 3.58 million smartphones to customers under payment plans last quarter, according to its most recent filing. Verizon customers financed \$14.51 billion in smartphones under the company's payment plan in the first six months of 2017, and roughly half its customers who pay a cellphone bill at the end of each month are on a payment plan.

The Verizon and AT&T figures include sales of both iPhones and other smartphones like Samsung, which has a larger worldwide share of the smartphone market than Apple. But iPhones generally cost more than phones by other makers - rough-

ly \$685 compared to the \$340 average price of a Samsung phone - so analysts think a greater share of iPhone customers may finance theirs.

B+T Group proposes to construct a 125-foot over-all height monopole telecommunications structure. The proposed facility would be located at 373 NE 70th Street, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida. The tower will not be lighted. B+T Group invites comments from any interested party on the impact the tower may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Dina Bazzil, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. Comments must be received within 30 days. For questions please call Dina Bazzil 770-667-2040x111, T2763

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:00 AM, to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organization listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 4 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. Sunshine For All, Inc. assists the elderly low income population with prepared meals and group activities, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

- Sunshine For All, Inc. - to provide low income elderly with prepared meals.

Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Malissa Treviño, Project Manager for the Office of Community Investment, Office of the City Manager, at (305) 416-1005.

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of September 14, 2017 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

The Miami City Commission requests all interested parties be present or represented at the meeting and may be heard with respect to any proposition before the City Commission in which the City Commission may take action. Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 250-5361 (Voice) no later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding. TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service) no later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding.



Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

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City of Miami Notice of Solicitation

RFP No.: 763388

Title: Re-issuance of RFP for Stormwater Pump Station Maintenance and Repair, M-1022

RFP Due Date Tuesday, October 10, 2017: at 2:00 PM

Voluntary Pre-Proposal Conference

City of Miami
444 SW 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor North Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33130
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM)

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Miami City Clerk's office located at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL 33133

For additional information, please contact Anthony Hansen at anhansen@miamigov.com, 305-416-1895 or visit our Procurement Opportunities webpage at: <http://www.miamigov.com/Procurement>

THIS SOLICITATION IS SUBJECT TO THE "CONE OF SILENCE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-74 OF THE CITY CODE.

DP# 11600

Daniel J. Alfonso, City Manager



PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTHEAST OVERTOWN / PARK WEST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 55
PLAT BOOK "B" PAGE 41
249 NW 6TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA

RFP NO: 17-02

****SUBMISSION DATE EXTENSION TO OCTOBER 17, 2017****

The Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (the "SEOPW CRA") is seeking proposals for the disposition and development of Block 55, a 3.44 acre land parcel located at 249 NW 6th Street, Miami, Florida 33136. The SEOPW CRA is declaring its intent to dispose of its interest in the above-referenced property, and is seeking proposals from private developers or any persons interested in undertaking to develop the property.

****As a result of Hurricane Irma and the disastrous aftermath, the SEOPW CRA is extending the Response Submission Date. The new date for submission of completed responses is now:**

No later than 11:00 am on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.
Responses must be delivered to the City of Miami - City Clerk's Office, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133. Any Responses received after the above date and time or delivered to a different address or location will not be considered.

RFP documents may be obtained from the SEOPW CRA offices located at: 819 NW 2nd Ave, 3rd Floor, Miami, Florida 33136, or from the SEOPW CRA webpage: <http://www.miamicra.com/seopwcrapages/procurement.html>

The SEOPW CRA reserves the right to accept any Responses deemed to be in the best interest of the SEOPW CRA, to waive any minor irregularities, omissions, and/or technicalities in any Responses, or to reject any or all Responses and to re-advertise for new Responses as deemed necessary by the SEOPW CRA without notice.

For more information please contact the SEOPW CRA office at (305) 679-6800.

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Florida economy expected to bounce back quickly

By Gray Rohrer
Sun Sentinel

Floridians from Jacksonville to Orlando to the Keys are still reeling from Hurricane Irma's impact, but the state's economy should rebound fairly quickly, one economist says, as soon as the lights come back on.

And although the frantic preparation for Irma led to massive spending on supplies, the loss of sales taxes from disruptions to business as 7 million Floridians were ordered to evacuate means tax revenues could fall short of expectations, producing a budget shortfall for the state

make Irma the second-costliest hurricane in state history. The boost in spending that comes from rebuilding and construction will come slowly, spread out over the next two to three years, Baker said, making next year's budget outlook much tighter than it would

million but that was a storm that hit just one part of the state, she said. Yet historically, Florida's economy rebounds from major storms over the course of "months, not years" of a hurricane, Snaith said. "You look back at

[hurricanes] Andrew or Charley, and it does have a short-run impact in the labor markets," Snaith said. "We're likely to see job losses in the very near term as a result, but in a matter of months, those tend to be reversed."

The country was in a recession when Andrew hit in 1992, and Florida took nine months to get back the number of jobs it had before the storm. Amid the heyday of the housing boom in 2004, after Charley and the three other hurricanes hit, the state took just one

month to reach its pre-storm employment figures. Job numbers for August announced Friday show Florida has an unemployment rate of 4 percent and a job growth rate of 2.6 percent over the past 12 months, 1.2 percentage points ahead of

nationwide job growth that period. "If you're already on a weak foundation as far as the economy is concerned then the damage can be more significant, but where we stand now is on pretty solid ground, economically speaking," Snaith said.



One economist thinks Florida's economy will rebound quickly from Irma, but it could still plunge the state government into a projected shortfall next year.

"The short-run things that are important is getting power back on throughout the state and addressing infrastructure damage that has occurred," said University of Central Florida economics professor Sean Snaith. "Depending on what the extent of that is around the state that'll determine how long of a recuperation period we have to go through." The historic storm left millions of people without electricity. Flood damage affected homes in nearly every corner of the state, and many buildings in the Keys were destroyed.

State economists estimated a small \$52 million surplus — a slight fraction of an \$83 billion budget — for the fiscal year that begins next July 1, but that was before Irma hit. "I would advise you to assume that \$52 million is completely gone," chief legislative economist Amy Baker told lawmakers Friday. Total damages from Irma won't be known for weeks, but Baker said she's seen estimates that place the costs below Hurricane Andrew's \$46 billion — in 2017 dollars — but above Hurricane Wilma's \$25 billion price tag. That would

have been. "I don't feel much better about this forecast than I did about the forecast I was watching last week," quipped Sen. Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton. In addition to lost revenue, the state faces costs that could run into the billions, eating away at the \$3.6 billion in reserves lawmakers set aside for the current year. The state must match 25 percent of the funds for FEMA assistance, Baker said. There are other costs that FEMA likely won't pay for such as beach restoration. One estimate for those costs from a powerful hurricane ran to \$80

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Proposals will be received and will be opened in accordance with the requirements of the solicitation document on behalf of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County/Jackson Health System by the Procurement Management Department on the date indicated below. The Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation document can be obtained from the Contracting Officer mentioned below. This competitive process is governed in this area by the "Cone of Silence" in accordance with County Ordinance No. 98-106.

The following Request for Proposal (RFP) is due by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017.

RFP No. PMP 17-14957-SW-0200 Elevator Payment Study

Contact Person: Katherine Serrano, Procurement Contracting Officer
Address: 1100 P.M. 208 Avenue, Jackson Medical Towers, Suite 404, Miami, FL 33136
Email Address: kserrano@jhsnjhs.com | Phone: 305-585-8286

To view proposal documentation, visit JacksonSupplierPortal.org

Public Health Trust
Jackson Health System
Miami, Florida 33136

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids are hereby solicited and will be received on behalf of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Health System of Miami-Dade County in the Procurement Management Department on the date indicated below. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) solicitation document can be obtained from the Contracting Officer mentioned below. This competitive process is governed at this time by the "Cone of Silence" in accordance with County Ordinance No. 98-106.

The following Invitation to Bid (ITB) is due by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

ITB 17-14957-SW, Pre-Qualification for JMH Elevator Modernization Program

Contact Name: Steven Williams, Senior Procurement Contracting Officer
Email Address: steven.williams@jhsnjhs.com
Contact Number: 305-585-8286
To view bid documentation, visit JacksonSupplierPortal.org.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

Parusado a F.S. 98.07(5), notice is hereby given to the voters listed below. Please be advised that your eligibility to vote is in question based on information provided by the State of Florida. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections in Miami-Dade County, Florida, no later than thirty days after the date of this notice in order to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact the Supervisor of Elections at 3708 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida or call 305-499-8363.

AVISO LEGAL

Conforme a F.S. 98.07(5), por el presente se notifica a los electores enumerados a continuación que según información provista por el Estado de Florida, se cuestiona su elegibilidad para votar. Usted debe comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Miami-Dade, Florida, dentro de los treinta días, a más tardar, desde la fecha de este Aviso, con el fin de que se le informe sobre el fundamento de su posible falta de elegibilidad y sobre el procedimiento para resolver el asunto. Si usted no cumple con su obligación de responder, se realizará una determinación de falta de elegibilidad por parte del Supervisor de Elecciones, y su nombre se eliminará del sistema de inscripción de electores de todo el estado. Si tiene alguna duda acerca de este tema, por favor, comuníquese con el Supervisor de Elecciones, en 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida, o por teléfono, al 305-499-8363.

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Deputat a F.S. 98.07(5), s'ha avisat amb veintidós dies d'anticipació als electors enumerats a continuació que segons informació rebuda pel Estat de Florida, se cuestiona la seva elegibilitat per votar. S'ha de contactar amb el Supervisor d'Eleccions del Comtat de Miami-Dade, Florida, no més tard de trenta dies després de la data d'aquest avís, amb el final de rebre informació sobre el fonament de la seva possible falta d' elegibilitat i sobre el procediment per resoldre el cas. Si no es respon a l' avís, el nom de l' elector es eliminarà del sistema d' inscripció d' electors de tot el estat. Si es té alguna dubte respecte a aquest tema, s'ha de contactar amb el Supervisor d' Eleccions, en 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida, o per telèfon, al 305-499-8363.

Nombre de l' elector que té el dret de votar	Darrera adreça de l' elector	Nombre de l' elector que té el dret de votar	Darrera adreça de l' elector
And, Pauline	518 10th St APT 208	Espinosa, Rosaura I	14223 SW 103th St
Andri, Rosalita	2265 NW 96th St	Gonzalez, Maria B	45 SW 64th Ave
Andrew, Alfredo	12780 SW 258th St	Evans, JR, Robinson	11738 SW 117th St
Andrew, Ricardo A	8215 SW 152nd Ave #3482	Fabian, Ray L	560 W 50th St
Amador, Polpe	8402 NW 18th St UNIT 980	Fan, Lushunhua	640 NW 70th St
Anderson, Emma L	1478 NW 51st St	Fengyang, Shunxin G	5211 NW 30th Ct
Artes, Polpe M	1428 SW 29th St APT 7	Flouride, Renee	3078 NE 109th St
Colley, Shantiqua S	1738 NW 92nd St	Fluore, Arturo A	3128 NW 60th St
Bain, Eric L	3784 NW 29th St	Fonseca, Mercedes	17928 SW 27th St
Bonaguid, Jessica	3000 NW 94th St	Foster, Goodwyn B	2438 NW 60th St
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Residents impacted by Hurricane Irma treated to free meals

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initiative was funded by Rony Abovitz, CEO of the Plantation-based tech company, Magic Leap and Walmart.

"I didn't want to see our people eating MREs or the crap that the Red Cross was serving, so I picked up the phone and called my business partners, Felicia and Derick Pearson and then Senator

Oscar Braynon and we went to work," Smith shared. "Our team rented vans and got volunteers together to work and provided food."

The meals, which included baked and barbecue chicken, Dijon Dijon rice, macaroni and cheese, pulled pork, grilled chicken, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, broccoli, braised cabbage, lemons and water, were provided by McCray's

BBQ in West Palm Beach, Divine by 9701 Liberty City, Yarumba Restaurant in Miami Gardens and Uber Wings in South Dade.

Smith was intentional about calling it a dinner party and adamant about creating a respectful space for the event's guests.

"Many times, when FEMA and the Red Cross conduct their activities, it takes away the human element

and you feel institutionalized. I didn't want that feeling for our folk. We simply wanted to provide a sense of normalcy," Smith shared.

Other businesses and organization provided meals throughout the weekend in the community.

Urgent Inc. and

several community partners, collaborated to serve breakfast and lunch to about 800 young people at Greater Bethel AME Church, 245 NW Eighth St., in Overtown.

The menu for breakfast includes eggs, turkey bacon, grits and fruit. On the lunch

menu were hot dogs and hamburgers and tater tots.

"The meals are provided by Urgent Inc., in partnership with Rev. William Cook, Miami Commissioner Keon Hardeman, Miami-Dade School Board Member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, State Rep. Cynthia Stafford, Jill

Tracey, host of Hot-Talk, Nitin Motwani of the Miami World Center, the administrative staff of Booker T. Washington and The Miami Times.

The Overtown Performing Arts Center served 350 dinners on Sunday.

The meals were funded by OneUnited

Bank and Black Owned Media Alliance and powered by Circle of One Marketing and Lunchology, a meal delivery service. Walmart and The Hungry Black Man donated hundreds of pastries and cases of water.

The Miami Times staff contributed to this report.

How did breach happen?

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people owe on their houses and whether they have court judgments against them.

AM I AFFECTED?

Equifax set up a site, equifaxsecurity2017.com, where you can type in your last name and six digits of your Social Security number to find out if your data may have been compromised. Consumers can also call 866-447-7559 for information. The company says it will send mail to all who had personally identifiable information stolen.

Equifax is also offering free credit monitoring for a year. The company says the service will search suspicious sites for your Social Security number, give you access to your Equifax report and other offerings. You can sign up at the same site listed above, and the deadline to do so is Nov. 21.

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credit cards or loans in your name, but it also prevents you from opening new accounts. So each time you apply for a credit card, mortgage or loan, you need to lift the freeze a few days beforehand.

Freezes can be done online at the websites of the three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You'll need to freeze all three reports for the best protection. Each company will give you a code that you'll need again in order to lift the freeze, so keep it in a safe place. When you plan to apply for a credit card, mortgage, or other loan you'll need to go back to each site and lift the freeze.

The credit reporting agencies may charge a fee, usually under \$10, depending on which state you live in. But it's free for residents of some states, including Maine, New Jersey and South Carolina.

A freeze doesn't protect you from everything; thieves can still file a fraudulent tax return in your name or charge things to your already opened credit card accounts. A freeze won't affect your credit score or report. The report stays open and is updated to keep track of your debts, payments and other information.

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WHAT SHOULD I DO?

You can view your credit reports for free at AnnualCreditReport.com. You're entitled to get a free copy of your credit report from each of the three big agencies once every 12 months. Review it closely for unauthorized accounts or any mistakes.

And you may need to be vigilant much longer than the free year of credit monitoring Equifax is offering. "If any of the data was exposed, you will be living with that for the rest of your life," said Rich Mogull, who runs the security research firm Secorus.

You can consider freezing your credit reports, but it comes with some downsides. A freeze stops thieves from opening new

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

Equifax is blaming an unspecified "website application vulnerability." Security experts say it's hard to say for sure without more information, but such vulnerabilities typically don't require a lot of sophistication to exploit.

Mogull says the web app breach suggests "things are broken down in a couple of different areas." He says someone likely made a programming or configuration mistake.

Corporate culture could also be a factor. Often, Mogull says, corporate security is underfunded or isn't given the authority it needs to make sure application developers do what's right.

Ryan Kalember of the security company Proofpoint says that even if the vulnerability was known and fixable, "co-

WHO'S INVESTIGATING THIS?

Potentially, a lot of people. Credit bureaus like Equifax are lightly regulated compared to other parts of the financial system.

U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said he will call for Congressional hearings. And Rep. Greg Walden, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, says he'll hold a hearing examining what went wrong and how to better protect against future hackings.

Several state attorneys general have also said they would investigate, including those from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. New York's attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, said his office aims to "get to the bottom" of how the breach occurred.

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President Trump cuts fiscal deal with Dems

Trump stuns GOP with move on debt ceiling and Harvey aid bill

By Erica Werner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump briskly overruled congressional Republicans and his own treasury secretary Wednesday to cut a deal with Democrats to keep the government operating and raise America's debt limit. The immediate goal was ensuring money for hurricane relief, but in the process the president brazenly rolled his own party's leaders.

In deal-making mode, Trump sided with the Democratic leaders — "Chuck and Nancy," as he amiably referred later to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi — as they pushed for the three-month deal, brushing aside the urgings of GOP leaders and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin for a much longer extension to the debt limit. Republicans want that longer allowance to avoid having to take another vote on the politically toxic issue before the 2018 congressional elections.

The session painted a vivid portrait of discord at the highest ranks of the Republican Party. After an angry August that Trump spent lobbing attacks at fellow Republicans, specifically targeting Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for the failure of health care legislation, the president wasted little time once Congress came back this week in demonstrating his disdain for the GOP House and Senate leaders charged with shepherding his agenda into law.

At first, in Wednesday's Oval Office meeting, the Republicans lobbied for an 18-month debt ceiling extension, then 12 months and then six, but Trump waded

them off. As Mnuchin continued to press an economic argument in favor of a longer term, Trump tired of it and cut him off mid-sentence.

At another point, the meeting totally lost focus when Ivanka Trump entered to raise an unrelated issue on child care tax credits. Details of the meeting were disclosed by several people briefed on the proceedings who spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly.

One photo taken through the window of the Oval Office showed an animated Schumer pointing his finger in Trump's face as the president smiles with his hands on his fellow New Yorker's arms.

After the meeting, Trump boarded a plane to North Dakota with Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in an effort to garner bipartisan support for tax legislation that Republican leaders on Capitol Hill are crafting on a purely partisan basis. That continued the day of bizarre disconnects between the president and the leaders of his party.

Trump called Heitkamp to the stage at his Dakota event and praised her as a "good woman." She will be running for re-election against a Republican in November 2018.

Heitkamp later issued a statement saying she needs to know more about Trump tax plan before offering her support. "I know the devil is in the details of any reform plan as tax codes are complex, and we need to know what those details are," she said.

Aboard Air Force One, Trump told reporters, "We had a very good meeting with Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer." He didn't mention Republicans McConnell



President Donald Trump meets with, from left, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other Congressional leaders in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, in Washington.

and House Speaker Paul Ryan, who also had been present. "We agreed to a three-month extension on debt ceiling, which they consider to be sacred, very important."

"I think the deal will be very good," Trump added.

Barely an hour earlier, Ryan had slammed the Democrats' demand for a three-month extension as "ridiculous and disgraceful." He issued no public statement on the final deal.

McConnell, in his own reserved fashion, did not sugar-coat what happened when he addressed reporters a short time later.

"In the meeting down at the White House, as I indicated, the president agreed with Sen. Schumer and Congresswoman Pelosi

to do a three-month CR and a debt ceiling into December, and that's what I will be offering based on the president's decision," McConnell said. "CR" refers to a continuing resolution, which will extend existing government funding levels into mid-December, when the prospect of an enormous new round of deal-making now looms.

Asked whether he was surprised to see the president side with Democrats against his own party leadership, McConnell responded: "Look, the president can speak for himself, but his feeling was we needed to come together, not create a picture of divisiveness at a time of genuine national crisis, and that was the rationale."

In fact, Trump achieved the opposite.

"The Pelosi-Schumer-Trump deal is bad," Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebr., said over Twitter.

"Hopefully we'll realize that negotiating with Democrats doesn't normally produce outstanding results," said Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, chairman of the House Freedom Caucus.

The outcome was especially striking coming just a day after Trump announced he would be dismantling immigration protections for younger immigrants, a program known as DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He gave Congress six months to come up with a solution. That announcement had in-

furiated Democrats, and was not cheered by many Republicans either, since among other things it gives them a politically explosive issue to resolve ahead of the midterm elections.

Taken together, Trump's moves appeared to show little regard for the imperatives of his party leaders. And after the GOP's failure to pass long-promised legislation to repeal and replace "Obama-care," the events renewed questions about whether the party can summon the focus and unity to advance tax legislation, the next big item they want to tackle. However, White House officials argued that putting other issues off until December cleared the decks for tax talks.

The deal struck Wednesday at the White House promises to speed the \$7.9 billion Hurricane Harvey aid bill, which passed the House overwhelmingly Wednesday, to Trump's desk before disaster accounts run out later this week. The debt ceiling and government funding extensions will be attached.

The move also buys almost three months, until Dec. 15, for Washington to try to solve myriad other issues, including more funding for the military, immigration and health care, and a longer-term increase in the government's borrowing authority to avoid a first-ever default. Adding the stopgap funding bill to the Harvey aid package would also immediately free about \$7 billion in additional disaster funds.

Schumer was as pleased in the aftermath as McConnell was dour.

"Today was a good day in a generally partisan town," he said. "The bottom line is, the president listened to the arguments. We think we made a very reasonable and strong argument. And, to his credit, he went with the better argument."

Politics plus sports can spell trouble for television business

By Christian Schneider
USA TODAY

Blame it on John Adams. He's the one who told his wife in 1776 that U.S. independence should be commemorated with "shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward evermore." Games and sports have been intertwined with the very idea of America — and fans of differing ideologies have been crashing into one another — ever since.

Even so, it was surprising last week when ESPN SportsCenter host Jemele Hill accused President Trump on Twitter of being a "white supremacist" and argued that Trump's rise was the "direct result of white supremacy." Responding to a commenter, Hill wrote: "Trump is a bigot. Glad

you could live with voting for him. I couldn't, because I cared about more than just myself."

Hill's tweets riled Trump supporters, who believed she was calling them white supremacists. The president's spokeswoman called her words a "fireable offense." ESPN offered a flaccid response, saying Hill's actions had been "inappropriate," and Hill said her comments "painted ESPN in an unfair light."

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Hill is perfectly within her rights to think whatever she wants. Many of the charges she

made against Trump are unfortunately true. White supremacist groups appear to be gaining prominence, and the president has been woefully inadequate in condemning them. There's no doubt that as a woman of color, her opinions reflect those of many African Americans.

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Problem is, a spokesperson for a company doesn't get to demean potential customers. An employee doesn't have the privilege of deciding who is fit to be a customer, especially when a company is struggling to keep the patrons it already has. If the woman who plays Snow White at Disney World spent her nights tweeting about the snotty brats she had to deal with, not even Prince Charming could save her job.

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When young people are discontinuing cable subscriptions in favor of streaming options, ESPN would be doing well to simply retain the viewers it has — but the network is now handing the customers an excuse to bail.

Perhaps the most pressing political issue for the network is the wild fluctuation in punishments meted out to employees who cross the line into politics. For instance, Hill was allowed to skate. But according to sports

fan website AwfulAnnouncing.com, network legend Linda Cohn was told to "take a day off" to "think about how her comments affected the network" after telling a pair of radio DJs that ESPN's embrace of politics had hurt the network with its "core" viewers.

ROBERT LEE AND CAITLYN
And of course, there are ESPN's disastrous forays into "wokeness." Last month, it became a national laughing-stock when it pulled announcer Robert Lee from a telecast in Charlottesville, Va., because he shared his name with the Confederate general.

Conservatives rolled their eyes in 2015 when the ESPYS granted transgender Caitlyn Jenner a "courage" award over a teenage girl who had died of brain cancer, and earlier this

year when ESPN ran a poem dedicated to convicted cop killer Assata Shakur.

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