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In this Aug. 15, 2017, file photo, a woman holds up a sign in support of the Obama administration program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, during an immigration reform rally at the White House in Washington.

THE DREAM

IN LIMBO FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

As Trump Administration ends DACA, they seek a safe place

By Nyamekye Daniel
Special to The Miami Times

Miami college students are among the nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants in the country who face uncertainty since the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

A couple of Barry University students, Swany Fer-

nandez and Kahella Smellie, who are concerned about the plight of their peers, will host a discussion and conference that explores how South Floridians can get involved and help.

Fernandez and Smellie, members of Barry University's student-run newspaper, The Barry Buccaneer, decided to host "What Happens to a Dream Please turn to DREAM 5A



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RACE FOR THE CURE

Carla Hill was among the thousands of people who gathered at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami Saturday for the annual Susan G. Komen Race to support breast cancer research. Hill is a survivor of the disease. More than 10,000 people participated, though organizers say the turnout was lower because of Hurricane Irma.

The right prescription for Jackson North

Roy Hawkins returns home to head up public health medical facility

By Andrea Robinson
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Family and friends knew Roy L. Hawkins would be a leader in the medical profession. He was a top student at Miami Carol City High, and excelled in science. At Howard University, he was on his way

to a career as a physician — until an attempt at dissecting a pig left him out cold on the floor.

"I couldn't handle it," he said.

A professor suggested he instead study the business of medicine. Years later, with stops in Tampa, Georgia

and Virginia, Hawkins is back in South Florida as the senior vice president and chief executive officer at Jackson North Medical Center.



Hawkins

"This is a much better fit. I now visit the operating rooms, Please turn to HAWKINS 7A



REVOLT MUSIC CONFERENCE

'The power of our independence'

Combs, others, urge Blacks to be entrepreneurs

By Janiah Adams
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Sean Combs and luminaries in music and media took to the mic in Miami Beach with a similar refrain at the Revolt Music Conference this weekend — Black media independence. At a Saturday panel discus-

sion, Combs said entrepreneurship is the cure for the Black community's poverty. "Entrepreneurialism is not just a way to make money," Combs said. "It's deeper than that for us because it's actually a cure."

His comment helped set the tone for the Revolt Music Conference (RMC), a gathering that covers many topics when it comes to how emerging artists can break into the mu-

sic industry. Since coming to birth in 2013 by Combs, Revolt TV is an example of Black media ownership. Revolt has 200 employees, and employs in the Black community. The topic made itself onto the conference agenda this year.

Combs has hinted at expanding that type of independence into other areas. Just last week in a series of tweets, he hinted that he wanted to explore ownership in the NFL.

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Editorial

Kaepernick complaint a win for social justice

Hurray to Colin Kaepernick for filing a grievance under the NFL's collective bargaining agreement. He is alleging that the owners, and possibly the league, are in cahoots by denying him a chance to play with a team this season.

This grievance now will be heard by an arbitrator who will examine documents from league officials and owners on whether or not Kaepernick's complaint has any validity. This is a smart move because it forces the league and owners to reveal emails, documents and other communications that could show if the lack of interest by the 32 NFL teams is intentional.

Kaepernick, as most well know, is the standout quarterback who led the San Francisco 49ers to a Super Bowl appearance. Most recently, though, he is better known for his social justice activism on behalf of the Black Lives Matter Movement, which protests violence against Black people in general and against deadly tactics on Black men at the hands of police.

Kaepernick's silent, non-violent protest involved kneeling on the sidelines at NFL games. That led to his apparent ouster, activists say. Attempts at solidarity by fellow players have been met by threats egged on by the current White House.

There is no question that several professional football teams need a starting quarterback of Kaepernick's caliber. The home team, Miami Dolphins, comes to mind. If nothing else, we hope this complaint will lead to at least one team giving him a try.

At this point in the season, they have nothing to lose. But social justice has everything to gain.

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BY CHARLES M. BLOW, The New York Times

Trump, is definitely a chieftain of spite

It must be cold and miserable standing in the shadow of someone greater and smarter, more loved and more admired. It must be infuriating to have risen on the wings of your derision that that person's every decision, and even his very existence, and yet not be able to measure up — in either stratagem or efficacy — when you sit where that person once sat.

This is the existence of Donald Trump in the wake of President Barack Obama. Trump can't hold a candle to Obama, so he's taking a tiki torch to Obama's legacy. Trump can't get his bad ideas through Congress, but he can use the power of the presidency to sabotage or even sink Obama's signature deeds.

In fact, if there is a defining feature of Trump as "president," it is that he is in all ways the anti-Obama — not only on policy but also on matters of propriety and

polish. While Obama was erudite, Trump is ignorant. Obama was civil, Trump is choleric. Obama was tactful, Trump is tacky.

There is a thing present in Obama and absent from Trump that no amount of money or power can alter: a sense of elegant in-

terests and whose character appeared unassailable.

America — even many of the people who were staunch opponents of Obama's policies — admired and even adored the sense of honor and decency he brought

Tump has done nearly everything in his power to roll back Obama's policies, but none are as tempting a target as the one named after him: Obamacare.

intellectualism and taste.

The example Obama set makes the big man with the big mouth look smaller by the day. But I believe that this nonadjustable imbalance is part of what has always fueled Trump's rage against Obama. Trump, who sees character as just another malleable thing that can be marketed and made salable, chafes at the Black man who operated above

to the office. Trump, on the other hand, is historically unpopular, and not just in America. Trump is reviled around the globe and America's reputation is going down with its captain.

All of this feeds Trump's consuming obsession with undoing everything Obama did. It is his personal crusade, but he also carries the flag for the millions of Americans — mostly all Republi-

cans — who were reflexively repulsed by Obama and the coalition that elected him.

Trump has done nearly everything in his power to roll back Obama's policies, but none are as tempting a target as the one named after him: Obamacare.

Republicans — including Trump — campaigned for years on a lie. They knew it was a lie, but it was an enthralling one that excited their base: Obama was destroying America's health care system, but Republicans could undo the damage and replace it with their own, better bill.

Obama wasn't destroying America's health care system. He moved to take American health care in a more humane, modern and civilized direction, to make it more universally accessible, even by the sick and poor who often took its absence as a given.

Republicans had no replace-



BY GREGORY CLAY, InsideSources.com

Kaepernick's message is lost in translation

Thirty years ago during an interview, John Carlos, who knows a fair amount about protests, national anthems, U.S. flags, raised fists and international controversies, told me that he didn't hate his country in 1968.

So, why did he display a "Black Power" salute and bow his head on the medal stand during the playing of the U.S. national anthem after competing in the 200-meter dash at the Mexico City Olympics? That gesture resulted in his banishment from the Olympics Village, as he immediately was branded a pariah.

Carlos told me, "I love my country; it was about making my country better."

That '68 scene was during a time of Jim Crow segregation in many parts of the country, especially the Deep South, the aftermath of horrific assassinations of two men of peace — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy — and race riots in at least 100 cities and

towns after the murder of King.

Presumably, NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick maintained a similar mindset as Carlos when he initiated the kneel-down-for-the-anthem movement during the preseason of 2016.

However, don't let Vice President Mike Pence anything about

I think kneeling is a way of honoring America in a different way. I think what is great about America is free speech ... (that's) what America is about. America is freedom and diversity and respect.

good intentions. The former governor of Indiana abruptly left the San Francisco 49ers-Indianapolis Colts game Sunday, explaining in a statement afterward, "I left today's game because President Trump and I will not dignify any event that disrespects our soldiers, our flag, or our National Anthem."

During the playing of the national anthem, at least 20 of the 49ers' players, most of whom are Black, knelt. Then Pence essentially said, "See y'all later."

The message to NFL players

from fans such as Pence appears simply to be this: You guys can beat your wives and girlfriends, drive while intoxicated, defy police officers, get arrested for everything from drugs to assaults on nightclub patrons to suspicion of murder, but don't mess with our flag.

And don't ever forget that.

Pence's actions weren't surprising, regardless of whether it was an orchestrated walkout by him and Trump. It's truly amazing to this day that many people in the United States don't understand the symbolic meaning of the U.S. flag to a broad swath of the country. That fervent pro-flag swath seems especially prevalent in Middle America — in other words, everything that isn't the West Coast or East Coast.

The climate surrounding the

kneel-down, if not the message itself, has morphed into a boundless stage of ambiguity and amorphous activity.

Why are NFL players protesting these days? Is it because of Kaepernick's original intention to garner attention toward what he termed police brutality, oppression against people of color and social inequality? Or is it because Donald Trump labeled NFL players who kneel during the anthem as "sons of bitches"?

Either way, there appears to be a disconnect.

This is the same Colin Kaepernick who painstakingly seeks a return to the NFL. But teams, thus far, have essentially answered the quarterback, even in silence, with a resounding "Hell, no. Don't pass go."

So, with that, what is the possibility of a game boycott by active Black NFL players? As we said earlier, Carlos was a pariah in '68; Kaepernick took the baton to the NFL in 2017.

O say can you see ...



BY BENJAMIN CRUMP, Civil rights attorney and advocate

Thurgood Marshall's mission is still necessary

As a civil rights attorney, I have dedicated my career to exposing and correcting the systematic legalization of discrimination in the United States. This commitment did not magically appear in my thoughts, but rather was instilled there by a man I once shook hands with as a pre-law student on a visit to the Supreme Court.

Thurgood Marshall was a man of conviction who was criticized, chastised, even ostracized for everything he believed in, stood for, and looked like. Despite all these obstacles, he not only participated in the arduous climb for civil rights, he dominated the uphill struggle. His extraordinary legacy was recognized in the recently released film, just as our nation marks the 50th anniversary of Marshall taking his seat as the first Black associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The movie, Marshall, was released in theaters on Friday, just days after the nation rec-

ognized Thurgood Marshall Day on Oct. 2. The film underscores the impact Marshall made in the lives of countless Black Americans. I was honored to be asked to play a role in the movie, alongside Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, whom I represented in the tragically unjust case of the 2012 killing of their son, Tray-

von Martin.

For me, my path was clearly laid out starting in the fourth grade, thanks to the influence of Thurgood Marshall.

I was one of the first Black students to attend L. Gilbert Carroll Middle School in my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, in the fall of 1978. School integration had

finally been implemented. Though stark separation still very much existed, I was attending a new school with better books, better technology and cleaner facilities — and for that I was grateful.

I soon learned that this remarkable achievement for Blacks was the result of Thurgood Marshall's historic vic-

As you head to the theater to learn more about the life of the great Thurgood Marshall, consider the changes that still need to be made, the struggles that must still be overcome. For all of us,

of the color of their skin and not by their own actions or misdeeds. When I think about my clients — the families of victims such as Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Terence Crutcher, to name only a few — I can't help but wonder what Marshall would make of the injustices that continue to be inflicted by our country's police forces and courtrooms. Laws were created to govern every man, woman and child, yet in far too many instances minorities are disproportionately punished by the "justice" system.

As you head to the theater to learn more about the life of the great Thurgood Marshall, consider the changes that still need to be made, the struggles that must still be overcome. For all of us.

As my idol Thurgood Marshall once stated: "In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."



Locals find ways to spruce up the community

Improvement on the way as part of the annual Public Space Challenge

By Philippe H. Buteau
Special to The Miami Times

Residents, organizations and public agencies in Miami-Dade County have won a challenge to transform rough areas to help the diamonds within.

As a part of its annual Public Space Challenge, The Miami Foundation recently has awarded \$350,000 to 21 groups whose projects will improve local public spaces throughout the county. The groups will share the total but the award amounts vary based on the scope of the projects.

Four of the projects will benefit predominately Black neighborhoods including Overtown, Little Haiti and Liberty City. Those projects are lighting for a children's playground, a spruced up Interstate 95 underpass and a solar and wind powered Wi-Fi station in Overtown, and a mini-golf course in Little Haiti.

The Miami Foundation granted Venture Café Miami \$25,000 to install a solar and wind powered Wi-Fi station at Williams Park, 1717 NW Fifth Ave.

Venture Café Miami is a non-profit that has "nothing to do with coffee," said its Executive Director Leigh-Ann Buchanan. The organization is focused on growing Miami's start-up and entrepreneurial community "to make it more inclusive, diverse and better connected."

Buchanan said her group thought of how could they extend themselves beyond their current buildings and decided to use a device that has never been used in Miami-Dade County before.

The Miami Foundation requires projects to start within a year, Buchanan said, so they are looking to get started within the first quarter of 2018. Construction of the Wi-Fi station

hasn't started yet. New Hope Systems will construct the station in China and ship it to the United States. There will be a login portal for Wi-Fi security.

Delven Patterson, park supervisor of Williams Park, said a Wi-Fi station powered with solar and wind is a great idea, even though the park's office already has free Wi-Fi.

Though access to high-speed internet predominantly affects rural areas more than urban ones it still exists for poor communities of color tucked in major metropolitan areas.

In Florida, four percent of the urban population - 795,839 people - do not have access to high-speed internet, according to the Federal Communication Commission's 2016 Broadband Progress Report. That includes six percent of Miami-Dade's 160,052 urban population and three percent of Broward's 45,264 lack high-speed internet access.

There are more schools with high-speed connections but approximately 41 percent of them, which represent 47 percent of students in the United States, lack the connectivity to meet the FCC's short-term goal of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students/staff.

"Our programming is unique because it's a coalition of projects that are all aligned around executing a project that will not only bring an opportunity to the youth in the community but also raise awareness of an important issue in underserved communities," Buchanan said.

The Wi-Fi station is one piece of Venture Café Miami's project. The other is to increase the level of digital literacy they are offering to middle and high school students.

Digital literacy is about providing the 21st century skills to use tech devices, computer pro-



The proposed idea for the miniature golf course at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. It will include an eating area that will have food vendors.

gramming and learning how to communicate an idea via digital media, Buchanan said.

Jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are projected to grow to more than nine million between 2012 and 2022, according to a quarterly occupational report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics published in 2014.

"We have programming that's designed to provide STEM education to youth," Buchanan said.

The programming for what will be available at Williams Park hasn't been created yet but it will be an extension of what Venture Café Miami already offers at their weekly event called Thursday Gathering.

The gatherings are done in partnership with South Florida Cares Mentoring take place from 4 to 9 p.m. at 1951 NW Seventh Ave. They include

workshops, panel discussions and information tables. There are 8 to 12 sessions each week and the gatherings attract around 300 business owners, investors, entrepreneurs and community-based organizations each time. High school and college students also attend.

All of Venture Café Miami's programming is free and open to the public.

Jordan DeLeon, senior program assistant for The Miami Foundation, said the challenge is community-based from submission to selection of winners.

He said there was a call for the entire county to submit ideas and the foundation received 441 submissions, more than any in the five years of the challenge. Anyone who visited ideas.ourmiami.org was able to like and comment on submissions.

"The strength of the project and how it can develop the public space is factored in,"

DeLeon said.

Since starting in 2013 the challenge has seen more winners and more money to award. It's grown from about 15 to 19 winners and \$130,000 in 2013 and 2014 to \$305,000 in 2015 and 2016.

As far as doling out award money, he said "we don't want to give too little that the project can't happen. We want to make sure the grantees can be successful in the creation of their projects."

DeLeon said the foundation has received much stronger submissions each year since 2013.

"The number of projects is based on the strength of the projects," DeLeon said.

And a project's strength is determined by how it "activates" the community.

"We want community members to convene in the area and enjoy the surroundings that are created," DeLeon said. "The

programming included in the projects was a factor in picking the winners."

The Little Haiti Cultural Complex, a City of Miami facility and home of the Caribbean Marketplace, received \$18,500 to build a miniature golf course at an abandoned lot near the complex, 212 NE 59th Terrace. Abraham Metellus, manager of the cultural complex, said as he drove he and his son home after work he realized there could be more options for recreation in the parks department.

"The only mini-golf is in Miramar, Hollywood or much further south in Palmetto Bay," Metellus said. "People leave Little Haiti to enjoy any kind of recreation. So why not bring mini-golf in Little Haiti for the families?"

Construction for the outdoor nine-hole miniature golf course is planned to start February 2018 and be done in April. It will have the same operating schedule as the marketplace: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Metellus said the golf course will be free to the public and will most likely be on a first come, first serve basis and he plans to work with surrounding schools and senior homes. And he said the design will reflect the surrounding culture.

"I'm unapologetically Haitian," Metellus said. "The holes will have Caribbean motif and we'll enlist different artists for it to have an island style."

Metellus said the neighborhood is becoming unfamiliar to residents because of changes that have taken place like local stores - the grocer or barber - closing because the rent has increased to where they can't afford it.

"So we want to maintain the cultural element so it's familiar to folks in community," Metellus said. "But all folks from all walks of life will be able to enjoy the space and the Afro-Caribbean culture."

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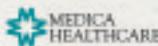


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House moves forward with Mary McLeod Bethune statue

By Jim Turner

Daytona Beach News-Journal

A statue of civil rights activist and educator Mary McLeod Bethune moved closer last week to replacing a likeness of a Confederate general in representing Florida in the U.S. Capitol.

The House Government Accountability Committee voted 20-1, with Jacksonville Republican Jay Fant opposed, to approve a measure (HB 139) that calls for a statue of Bethune to replace Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall.

Each state gets two representatives at the statutory hall, and Smith has represented Florida since 1922.

"The timing is right to pass this," sponsor Patrick Henry, D-Daytona Beach, said after the Oct. 10 committee meeting. "I think with all the controversy we've had with Charlottesville and the Confederate statues, it's time to move forward."

Henry bill would replace Confederate statue with Mary McLeod Bethune

Daytona Beach removes Confederate markers

Fant, who is running for attorney general in 2018, said after the meeting that the Legislature shouldn't be involved in the statue-removal process.

"Messing with statues is a fool's errand for the Legislature," Fant said. "I don't think we should even remove any of the statues that we have, including the ones that they're moving to replace here. ... It's one of those issues that I think truly creates division within communities, this whole statue removal business, and I don't want to be part of all that."

At least seven states have replaced representatives in the hall since 2003, including Alabama which in 2009 put author and activist Helen Keller in the place of Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry, a diplomat who served as an officer in the Confederate

Army.

State Rep. Neil Combee, an Auburndale Republican who described Smith as a "great guy," said Bethune's achievements outweighed other nominees for the honor.

"It's clear that her life was devoted to improving people's lives," Combee said. "There is no question, she may have been our own little version of Mother Teresa right here in the state of Florida when you look at her work."

Bethune, who in 1904 founded what became Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, held numerous roles, including serving as an adviser to President Franklin Roosevelt.

Henry said the university has offered to cover the cost of creating the statue and that Bethune would become the first African-American to be honored in the hall. Florida's other representative in the hall is John Gorrie, widely considered the father of air conditioning.



Mary McLeod Bethune

Dr. Clifford Porter, vice president of Institutional Advancement at B-CU, said the university community has always viewed Bethune as a symbol of unity.

"She was always able to bring folks together from all walks of life. We are very excited that others have seen value and honoring her," Porter said.

Henry's bill is filed for the 2018 legislative session, which starts in January. Sen. Perry Thurston, D-Port Lauderdale,

filed a similar proposal (SB 472) on Tuesday.

The West Point-educated Smith was born in St. Augustine but had few ties to the state as an adult.

The Legislature voted in 2016 to replace the Smith statue during a nationwide backlash against Confederate symbols in the wake of the 2015 shooting deaths of nine African-American worshippers at a historic Black church in Charleston, S.C.

However, lawmakers during the 2017 session did not reach agreement on whose likeness should replace Smith.

"I think Confederate statues like the one we're trying to replace with this bill belong in a museum so that we can learn more from our past than glorifying it," said state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, an Orlando Democrat and member of the Government Accountability Committee.

Democrats' demands for a replacement grew this summer in

the wake of a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., that turned deadly. A plan to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee helped spur the Charlottesville rally.

At that time, Florida's 11 congressional Democrats signed identical letters to Gov. Rick Scott, House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron calling for a special legislative session on the statue issue.

During the 2017 session, the Senate advanced a measure in support of Bethune, but there was no House version. Instead, a bill was proposed in the House proposing the honor go to Everglades activist and writer Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

A panel known as the Great Floridians Committee last year nominated three possible candidates to replace Smith. In addition to Bethune and Douglas, the other nominee was Public grocery store founder George Washington Jenkins Jr.

Entrepreneurship is the cure for poverty in Black community

REVOLT continued from 1A

"I did have a dream to own an NFL team but now my dream is to own our own league! A league where you can be yourself. Have a retirement plan."

Then Combs tweeted "Have freedom to be a great human and protest for your people without being demonized for your beliefs as a KING!! NEW DREAM ALERT!!!!"

The sports league has been under fire in segments of the Black community because of the perceived blackballing of Black quarterback Colin Kaepernick. In September, Combs posted to Instagram encouraged Black NFL players to continue to show solidarity despite admonitions from the team owners.

Combs did not speak about NFL ownership at the conference, but he and a plethora of Black media owners shared their expertise with those who strive to become owners.

Ted Lucas, the owner of Slip-n-Slide Records, said Black media independence is important.

"When you own something, you leaving it for your children's children," Lucas said. "And in our community, we don't preach that enough. And I think it's so important that people know that."

Lucas, who founded Slip-n-Slide records in 1994, has worked with artists such as Trick Daddy, Rick Ross and P. Diddy.

"When I found out that we can own our own masters, we can own this and I'm not going to let anybody steal from my artists who's my partners," Lucas said. "I feel that's very important and I preach that, I don't even talk it, I preach that that it's important that you do that. And in this day and age in the music business, we hear talking about the independent panel. It's no other way. All you gotta do is get a good part-



—Miami Times photo/Gregory Reed



ner that believes in you and you can own your own masters and do what you gotta do, so I believe in that."

Kevin Liles, a hip-hop veteran and co-founder of 300 entertainment, co-hosted a discussion about the new record

business. "This is why I love being independent," Liles said. "Because I can say whatever I want. Until we realize the power of our influence, we gonna be for sale."

David Banner, a rapper,

activist and entrepreneur, said he thinks calling it "independent" is a flaw.

"It's mine, it's everything, it's major," Banner said.

Banner is the founder of A Banner Vision, a multimedia company that provides music



for commercials, video games and films.

"I may not yield yearly the amount of money I did when I was on a major label, but no one can tell me no," Banner said. "Nobody can shut me up and stop me from eating. My money is made directly from the people."

Vanessa Anderson, owner of AM PR Group, which represents Issa Rae, said being independent is important when it comes to publicity.

"I think it's important that we are telling our own stories, but I think that one of the most important things that Black talent can do is that they can hire a Black publicist," Anderson said. "Since a publicist is really the person who is in charge of your image and how you're presented to the world, and who knows you better than someone who looks like you and understands what you've been through and what you had to do to get to where you are?"

Although ownership is important, there's a lot of hard work that comes with it.

"As a business woman, though, I think that there is a lot of joy," Anderson said. "But you know, let's be clear, business is very hard. It's a lot of time, a lot of patience. You know, I ate ramen noodles for a very long time after college, but there's no better feeling when I can decide who I want

to work with. I know that I can employ other women of color and pay them what they deserve."

Tamika Mallory, an activist who helped to organize the 2017 Florida Black Women's March earlier this year, was present at the RMC and said the independence of Black media is probably the most important tool to educating the people.

"You know, when the movement was strong, we owned our own media," Mallory said. "There was a stronger Black media presence and with the lack of Black media that's owned by us and for us, we begin to see a dumbing-down of our communities, and I think that having Black media, having our independent media channels is going to give us the necessary information and I think that's something we need to focus on collectively."

For Combs, that means going back to an era in Black history that is almost forgotten.

He said the massacre of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1921 took the entrepreneurial spirit out of Blacks. He left his audience saying to make a way out of no way.

"If you sit in here and you wait for anybody who works in D.C. to come save you, that's not going to happen," Combs said. "We have to be accountable for ourselves."

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Carol City High School grad new CEO of Jackson North

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briefly," he laughed.

As Jackson North's new head honcho, Hawkins is in charge of the 382-bed hospital. He arrives as the campus in the midst of a \$121 million expansion and renovation project of the hospital campus. Included in that project are 10 new operating rooms, an expanded emergency department, a new 30-room intensive care unit, three new labor and delivery rooms and a new entrance and lobby.

"I am honored to return to Miami-Dade County, a place I proudly call home and humbled to have been selected to join the Jackson Health System team," Hawkins said. "I look forward to joining the dynamic team of healthcare professionals at Jackson North. It is a privilege to be part of this organization, a source of great pride in the Miami-Dade community that impacts the lives of hundreds of people every day."

Hawkins replaces Gino Santorio, who left in August to take a position as chief operating officer with Broward Health. Jackson Health Systems are happy to get the man with direct ties to the community.

"We are so proud to have recruited Roy, a Miami native who not only knows but understands the medical needs of our community," said Carlos A. Migoya, president and CEO of Jackson Health System. "His widespread knowledge of healthcare, along with his strategic managerial skills, will no doubt push Jackson North Medical Center into an even brighter future."

And Hawkins, said he wants to promote the hospital and its location to the northern parts of the county.

"I like the fact that I understand the community's health care disparities. I'm really going to work with the community to better educate them on health care decisions," Hawkins said. "I'm able to partner with physicians to focus on our community and deliver to the community."

Prior to joining Jackson, Hawkins served as chief operating officer at Johnston-Willis Hospital, a 292-bed facility and a campus of CJW Medical Center, in Richmond, VA. In his role, he led the organization through a record-breaking year in patient volumes, as well as spearheaded the efforts to achieving Comprehensive Stroke Center certification, with Johnston-Willis Hospital being one of only two hospitals in Richmond to attain the designation. Additionally, Roy held executive oversight of the hospital's Emergency Department, Surgical Services, Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute, and their Rehabilitation Unit.

Hawkins has 15 years of experience in various Veteran Affairs healthcare organizations, where he held different leadership roles, including interim CEO, COO, and deputy medical center director at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa. He also held executive roles at VA Sunshine Healthcare Network in St. Petersburg, FL, Orlando VA Medical Center, VA Southeast Network in Duluth, GA, and the Miami VA Healthcare System.

Those who've known Hawkins since elementary and high school say they're not surprised at his achievement.

John Gay, an accountant who is the CEO of Tax Doctors, said he and Hawkins became friends while attending a youth mentoring program for students at North Dade Regional Library.

"We were kids in Carol City who were making beautiful strides. We clicked every since," Gay said. "To see him travel the globe running hospitals is a dream come true."

Gay and Hawkins developed a bond that transcended Miami-Dade County. Although they attended different high schools, they made

a pact to attend "whichever college accepted us both." So they ended up in Washington, D.C., at Howard University.

Though they chose different career fields, Gay said they are two high-achieving Black men who still bounce around ideas.

"It's good to see your friends challenge you," he said. "You can ask certain

questions, and they'll give an answer to point you in the right direction. If I need a professional opinion, I can give him a call, and vice versa."

"To see him run all these hospitals and come to his own back yard at Jackson North, that's nothing but God," Gay said.

Congresswoman Frederica

S. Wilson said Hawkins was a go-getter even when he was a student at Skyway Elementary School, where she served as principal.

"He has always been ... a young man with goals. He learned it at Skyway. That's what we put in them. Roy is a part of that legacy. I'm so proud of him," Wilson said.

Wilson said Hawkins ex-

celled academically, but he also was charismatic and talkative. "I had problems with Roy being too chatty. But those are the problems with me. I used to tell Roy when I was little, teachers would say, 'Frederica stop talking. Now they say Frederica speak. Don't stop speaking.'"

She said Hawkins is an

example for today's students who want to succeed.

"Roy is the type that you can't hold him down. If he had his eye on that job and they gave the opportunity, that's all the millennials need is an opportunity," Wilson said. "If you give them the opportunity they will shine and make you proud."

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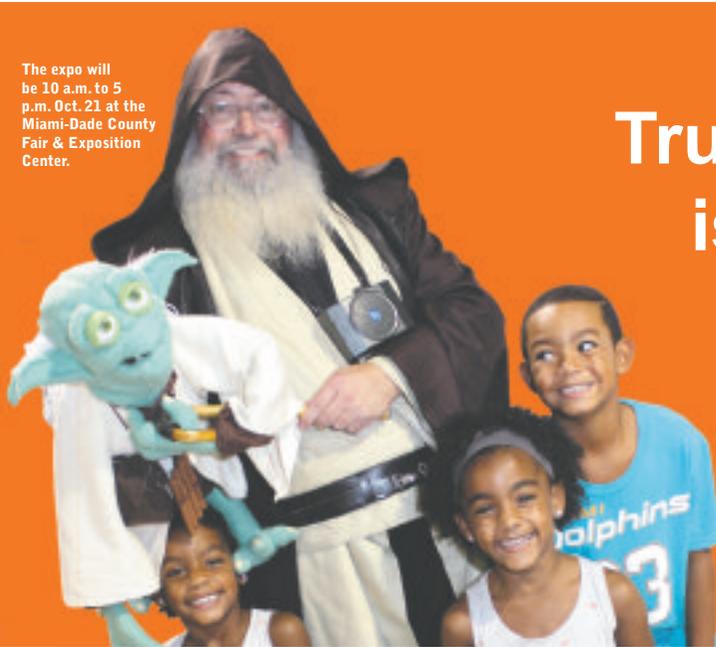
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The Children's Trust Family Expo is back on track

Event offers Dade families fun and educational activities for children

Miami Times staff report

Thousands of Miami-Dade families will connect with hundreds of exhibitors showcasing health and social services while enjoying live performances, storybook characters, all-day giveaways and more.

The Children's Trust is sponsoring the annual Family Expo, a free, all-day festival providing family-friendly activities and direct access to educational, health and social services in a fun, carnival-like atmosphere covering more than 128,000 square feet.

The expo is the largest free event of its kind in Miami-Dade County, with crowds exceeding 20,000 in previous years.

This year's event features an interactive booth hosted by HistoryMiami that marks the 25th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew with do-it-yourself radar images; a study of cloud formations; hurricane preparedness kits; and a look at the swirling vortices of tornadoes. Families will also find nearly 250 other exhibitors, live entertainment and children's theatrical.

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The expo will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Center.



Power to the people!

Award winning artist Hank Willis Thomas unveiled his latest work titled "All Power to All People" on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Opa-locka. The public art sculpture is presented in partnership with the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDD) on the campus of the emerging THRIVE Innovation District. The sculpture is an 800 pound, eight-foot-tall afro pick that is cast in aluminum and finished with a high gloss black coating. It boasts stainless steel teeth topped with a clenched fist often associated with strength, unity, and black power. The installation of the work, which uses imagery associated with counterculture and civil rights, comes at a time of social, economic, and racial divide across the nation.



Hank Willis

Gabrielle Union heads to Miami to discuss memoir

Actress will talk about her book Friday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. at Books and Books

By Johnny Diaz
Sun Sentinel

In her new memoir, "We're Going To Need More Wine: Stories That Are Funny, Complicated, and True," Gabrielle Union talks about her struggles to have a baby with husband and former Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade.

"I have had eight or nine miscarriages. I never wanted children before Dwyane," she writes in the book, which had some excerpts featured recently in People magazine.

Union, who was spotted at Miami Heat games supporting Wade, also shares her love of being a stepmom to his two sons, Zaire, 15, and Zion, 10, and nephew Dahveon Morris, 16. (Wade has another son, Xavier, 3, who lives with his mother, according to the magazine.)

"After D got custody of the three children we raise, I was bursting with joy at every milestone — every basket scored and tough homework assignment completed. I was

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She's going to talk about the book 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at Books and Books, 265 Aragon Ave., in Coral Gables. The event, which requires the purchase of the book, will be a conversation between Union and South Florida writer Isis Miller.



Women pastors continue to grow in So. Fla

Pastor leads Klassy Kreations of God

By Gregory W. Wright
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Sometimes, we tend to forget that "South Florida" includes Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

We also tend to forget that in our sister counties of Broward and Palm Beach, there are some mighty good preachers, and a whole lot of soul saving going on.

Krystal Jordan is one of those pastors in Broward County. The Ft. Lauderdale native is the head shepherd of Klassy Kreations of God Ministries in Ft. Lauderdale.

"In the year 2010, I went through a lot of issues in my life," said Pastor Jordan. "Mentally, physically, feeling like I was about to lose my mind. I went through a depression, where I mentally



felt like I was shutting down." A revelation came to her, she describes. "What God did was He came in and said, 'In order for you to get to where I need you to be, I need you to start renewing your mind,' meaning changing the patterns of the way you think. So for me, it started with the renewing of my mind."

Jordan registered to attend the University of Ft. Lauderdale, operated by the Faith Center Ministries with

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10% in New York schools were HOMELESS LAST YEAR

By Elizabeth A. Harris
The New York Times

The number of homeless students in the New York City public school system rose again last year, according to state data released on Tuesday. The increase pushed the city over a sober milestone: One in every 10 public school students was homeless at some point during the 2016-17 school year.

More than 111,500 students in New York City schools were homeless during the last academic year, a 6 percent increase over the year before and enough people to populate a small city. Of the overall figure, 104,000 students attended regular district public schools, while the rest were in charter schools. Statewide, 148,000 students were homeless, or about 5 percent of the state's public school population.

The data was released by the New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students, a project of Advocates for Children of New York funded by the state Education Department.

The plight of homeless students is part of the entrenched and growing problem of homelessness confronting New York City and Mayor Bill de Blasio, who is pushing a controversial plan to expand the city's shelter system. After rising steadily for about five years, the number of homeless students reported to the state shot up in the 2015-16 school year, reaching nearly 100,000 children, and in the last school year the numbers crossed



Amelia Watts, an outreach worker with the New York City Human Resources Administration, talked to parents outside of New Bridges Elementary School in Brooklyn in June.

that threshold. The count this year is the highest since the state began keeping records.

Nationally, reliable numbers are hard to come by, but New York City has the nation's largest school system and perhaps its most acute housing crisis. Not all students who are considered homeless live in shelters. Students in temporary housing includes families living in their cars or in hotels, or those "doubled up" with family or friends. An analysis of the state data, conducted by Coalition for the Homeless, found that families living with relatives or friends drove last year's increase, with about

4,400 more students living in such situations than the year before. The number of students in shelters increased by roughly 1,900.

The upheaval in the home lives of students in temporary housing often follows them into school. Many of them frequently change schools as they bounce from one temporary living situation to another. Many are placed in shelters far from their original school, which means they must either transfer midyear or commute long distances each day. Many students regularly arrive late or miss days of school altogether.

Those stresses harm their academic performance. A

report released this summer by the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness found that homeless students passed the state English tests at about half the rate as their peers who had permanent homes. Homeless students who were designated as English Language Learners generally took longer to become proficient in the language. On average, the report found that one-third of homeless students miss the equivalent of a month of school. Students living in homeless shelters had the highest rates of chronic absenteeism, meaning they missed more than 10 percent of school days.



Gospel Truth publisher receives award

Sandy Walker pictured at commission chambers with Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Commissioner Dennis Moss.

Congresswoman Wilson to hold field hearing Oct. 19

Miami Times staff report

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson is inviting the public to attend a bipartisan Congressional Transportation Committee field hearing on preparedness and response to disasters at Miami-Dade College, North Campus on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.



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The hearing will be attended by members of the House Transporta-

tion and Infrastructure Committee, including Congressman Hank Johnson (D-GA), Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL), Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and other lawmakers.

This is a priority as Florida has one of the highest concentrations of long-term care facilities, with a disproportionate number—totaling more than 1000—in Florida's 24th District, which Wilson represents.

Investigation sought in the Niger death of local soldier

Miami Times staff report

Florida Democrats, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson and Congressman Alcee L. Hastings, on Tuesday demanded an investigation of the aftermath of a deadly ambush in Niger that left a Miami Gardens Green Beret dead.

Sgt. La David Johnson, 25, and three fellow members of the 3rd Special Forces Group out of Fort Bragg and the elite United States Special Operations Command were killed in the attack.

However, Johnson's body reportedly was not recovered until nearly 48 hours after the evacuation of Staff Sergeants Bryan Black, Dustin Wright, and Jeremiah Johnson, and two other soldiers who had been

wounded during the attack. Wilson and Hastings, in a letter to Secretary James Mattis, are calling on the Department of Defense to conduct a thorough and substantive investigation into the circumstances that led to the four deaths and why, although nearby, Johnson was not found until nearly two days after the three other soldiers killed, who reportedly were left on the ground for close to an hour.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Sgt. Johnson's family and friends during this incredibly difficult time. Sgt. Johnson was an American hero, who served our nation with honor and distinction. It is my sincere hope that all necessary resources are given to this investigation, so that we may know what happened during this horrific attack," said Hastings.

FOUNDER OF SISTERS NETWORK SHARES HER STORY

"It takes more than a mammogram"

blackdoctor.org

BDO: How did you discover that you had breast cancer and what was your initial thought process after your diagnosis?

Karen: I became aware of my family history with breast cancer. I've always been a proactive person about my personal health so I started getting my mammogram since I was 35. At that time in the 80s, that was unheard of because they were telling women not to get mammograms at an early age, but I wanted to be proactive and I wanted to find out. I was very blessed that I was persistent in getting my mammogram, my intuition and listening to my body. I felt as though something was wrong with my breast. It was nothing to see but it was a feeling I had in my breast.

I was persistent in getting the doctor to tell me what other kind of tests were available because I didn't know what else to ask for. They recommended the ultrasound and that was how I was able to find out that I had a cancer in my right breast for many years and that it was 3.5 centimeters. It wasn't detected by the mammogram, so I'm one of those women who would have fallen through the cracks

because I was only getting a mammogram. Actually it's not enough for any woman. A mammogram only gives you 85 percent of what's going on in your body. Don't you want 100 percent?

BDO: What was your thought process after you found the cancer?

Karen: My mindset was that I was told I only had five years to live after being diagnosed. I was of the mindset that I was happy that I was persistent in getting the test, but I was concerned that five years was such a short time. I proactively changed my diet, I did exercise more — not that I never did, I just did it more. But more importantly, I felt as though that even if one doctor tells you one diagnosis, that's not 100 percent and I had faith that I was not going to die from breast cancer. So I continued to have healthy habits, I never smoked and I didn't think drink at any extent. I just tried to improve on the health things that I did know. I learned that there is no definitive thing that we can do that's being recommended. You just have to have a healthy body to survive your cancer. It doesn't stop you from getting it. But you can do better with your diagnosis if your body is in general good health.

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Most women believe that if they get their annual mammogram, they are being proactive with their breast health, but it doesn't stop there. Karen E. Jackson, breast cancer survivor and founder and CEO of Sisters Network shares the keys to fighting against breast cancer and why knowledge is power.



—Photo credit: Patrick Samanich/AP

A member of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland participates in an activity introducing the world of robotics in Owings Mills, Md.

Boy scouts will open dens to female Cubs next year

Program for older girls to come in 2019 will allow them to advance to the top rank of Eagle Scout

By Bart Jansen
USAToday

The Boy Scouts of America agreed Wednesday to start admitting girls into the Cub Scouts next year and to create a program for older girls in 2019.

The change calls for Cub Scout dens, which are the smallest groups, to have either all boys or all girls. Larger Cub Scout packs could accept boys and girls.

The program for older girls is expected to allow them to earn the top rank of Eagle Scout. "The values of Scouting — trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example — are important for both young men and women," said Michael Surbaugh, the group's chief Scout executive. "We believe it is critical to evolve how our programs meet the needs of families inter-

ested in positive and life-long experiences for their children."

The plan was adopted unanimously by the organization's board in Irving, Texas. The Boy Scouts has 2.3 million members ranging in age from 7 to 21.

But the Girl Scouts of the USA criticized the initiative after warning in August that the boys were trying to recruit their members.

"I formally request that your organization stay focused on serving the 90 percent of American boys not currently participating in Boy Scouts ... and not consider expanding to recruit girls," Kathy Hopinkah Hannan, the president of the Girl Scouts, wrote in August to Randall Stephenson, the Boy Scouts president.

The Boy Scouts was founded in 1910 and the Girl Scouts in 1912. The Girl

Scouts said the expansion would strain the bond between the two groups.

The president's son, Donald Trump Jr., questioned the Boy Scouts' decision.

The Boy Scouts framed the decision as a convenience for busy families with both parents working or with single parents, citing a Pew Research Center survey conducted on 1,807 parents with young children in September and October 2015.

Other Boy Scouts surveys conducted online from April to September 2017 found high interest in signing up daughters for programs such as the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

"I've seen nothing that develops leadership skills and discipline like this organization," Stephenson said. "It is time to make these outstanding leadership development programs available to girls."

Memoir shares candid struggles

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fulfilled raising children, a joy I never saw coming. Wanting to have babies with Dwyane was a natural desire built on that joy," Union writes in the excerpt.

The 44-year-old star of BET drama series "Being Mary Jane" details her highs and lows with fertility treatments.

"For three years, my body has been a prisoner of trying to get pregnant — I've either been about to go into an IVF cycle, in the middle of



an IVF cycle, or coming out of an IVF cycle. I have endured eight failed IVF cycles, with my body constantly full of hormones, and yes, I am constantly bloated from these hormones."

Union's memoir (\$26.99, Dey Street Books) will be published Oct. 17.

She's going to talk about the book 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at Books and Books, 265 Aragon Ave., in Coral Gables. The event, which requires the purchase of the book, will be a conversation between Union and South Florida writer Isis Miller.

Faith CALENDAR

Compiled by The Miami Times staff editorial@miamitimesonline.com

■ **The Sunshine A cappella Choir of Tenth Tabernacle Beth El**, 8th Annual Concert entitled "Can You Stand The Rain", Saturday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Call 786-477-7723 or mailto:Miami.fi@cogasoc.org for more details.

■ **The Historic St. Agnes' Episcopal Church** invites you to a Harvest Fes/Church Drawing if Family Game Night on Friday Oct. 27, 7-11 p.m. Call 305-898-2845.

■ **Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church** celebrates the 31st Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. at 9:45 and 4 p.m. Call 305-836-1495.

■ **The Lamplighters Aglo, Inc., North Dade Chapter** will present a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. Call 305-308-3012 or 786-318-9535.

■ **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 Kick-back 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 audition. 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 305-893-1534.

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

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Jordan says women have a calling

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Bishop Henry Fernandez. From there, she began to become more acclimated with the ministry. "Ministry is a part of my life," said Pastor Jordan, I was born and raised in the church. I started singing in the choir when I was five years old, my family is full of singers, there are ministers, there are pastors, my mom is a prayer warrior. But as far as a relationship with Jesus Christ, I think I began to get a relationship as I got older. As I went through the mental issues, where I started feeling like something is wrong, where I started feeling like I was losing my mind, I got to the point where I felt like I was fed up with life, with everything just coming in on me, I went to God. I started praying, I started fasting, I started crying out. One time, I was literally stretched out, hands out, on my floor in my living room, because I had to lay prostrate, in order to get back into prayer with Christ." As revelation began to unfold, the young storm tossed woman began to understand that she had made everything else her god, but God. "I fell in love," said Jordan. "That became my god. I stopped reading, stopped asking direction from Christ."

Today at the age of thirty-four Pastor Jordan leads a nondenominational ministry whose focus is on bringing people back to Christ. "Getting people re-acclimated on understanding who they are,

knowing they have a calling on their life, knowing they first have to turn their faces from everything they ever been through, back to Christ. If you turn from your wicked ways, if you are out there lying cheating, stealing, killing, whatever that is, when you return back to Christ, He can get you back on track where it is you need to go."

Pastor Jordan says that her ministry is small, but active in the community. Back to school give away, feeding the homeless on sixth street in downtown Ft. Lauderdale and other areas, clothing drives, are some of the outreach the ministry has performed in the community.

Krystal Jordan is not one to shy away from hot button issues of faith. Asked does Scripture forbid women from serving in the ministry? "I believe women have a calling on their lives," said Pastor Jordan. There are passages that seem to forbid women to serve as ministers she acknowledged. But Pastor Jordan quickly counters with the story of Deborah, who was both a Prophetess and a Judge in Israel, and the important role she played administering both prophetically to the people, in matters of secular judicial law in Israel, and led the army of Israel into battle in the Book of Judges, Chapter 4. "There is a time and a place for everything," she says, "and right now there's not a lot of men in the church that are staying a part of the ministry. Women are in the ministry full force now."

The future for Pastor Jordan and the ministry as she describes it is to bring in lost souls. "If you have been through molestation, if you have been through rape, if you have been through doubt, whatever you have been through, we want to get you in a position where you are serving Jesus Christ, understanding who He is, in a relationship with Him. If you have been raped, if you have had someone killed, or if you are the killer, if you are the dope dealer on the stroll, ready to give your life to Christ, we want you to come in and we are putting you in a No Judgment Zone. But first you have to understand the renewing of your mind. The doors of the church is open to anyone who wants to come in." Services are held on Sunday from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm, as well as on YouTube, Renewing of the Mind with Pastor Krystal Jordan.

In the debate over whether women should play a role in the ministry, remember the words of Jesus, as he observed a multitude, weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few," lamented Christ in Matthew 9:37. "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38

If all who will tend to a lost multitude is sorely needed, who then are we to judge whom the Lord shall call to tend his sheep, and who are we to judge the woman who answers the call?

2018 expo has many new features

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presentations, bounce houses, puppers, face painting, balloon sculptors, still walkers, magicians, and beloved storybook and television characters, like Maisey, Llama Llama, Elephant & Piggie, Geronimo Stilton, and Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants and Dora the Explorer. Sign language interpreters will be on-site throughout the event.

Organizers have several new features this year:

- HistoryMiami will also provide a special takeaway art activity focused on its permanent Buena Vista Trolley exhibit, giving Expositors a glimpse of Miami's storied past.
- Homestead-Miami Speedway will zip in with a real race car and lots of giveaways.
- Code Explorers Tech Zone

will expose kids to computer coding.

• Free hourly raffles for big-ticket items and passes to the new Frost

Museum of Science will kick up the excitement even higher!

- Baptist Health offers Zumba, yoga, a giant game of Twister, health and wellness tips, and lots of freebies.
- Colgate interactive oral health awareness takes the dread out of going to the dentist.

- Miami-Dade County Public Library System will showcase a display of nautical-themed children's books alongside a live mermaid statue.

In addition, the Read to Learn Book Fair offers discounted children's books and enrollment in the Read to Learn Book Club, story time and more. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will have a boulevard of information

about magnet schools, parent engagement programs, adult education classes and more, while the Miami Herald Spelling Bee gives kids a chance to test their skills and reach for greater academic heights.

There also will be sports and fitness fun will be available via tennis, rock climbing and other athletic activities and demonstrations.

The expo will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Center, Arnold Hall and Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th Street); entrances at 109th and 112th avenues. Admission, parking and all activities and entertainment are free. Food and beverages will be available for sale on-site.

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A two mile walk and afterwards a health fair to bring awareness to breast cancer through education, information and fitness in the City of Miami Gardens.



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Consuella Shaw is a Susan G. Komen affiliate who starts conversations about breast cancer in the Black community called "Brownskin Girls with Cancer."

Tackling the racial gap in ongoing breast cancer war

By David Dahmer
madison365.com

Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the U.S. About 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2016, an estimated 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with

61,000 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer. But there is hope. Thanks to heightened awareness, early detection, improved treatment methods and increased access to breast health services, people have a greater chance of survival than ever before.

"Sadly, however, about a third of our ladies who are cancer-free now will eventually have a recurrence," Heitzinger tells Madison365. "This year,

we have something new. At the finish line, your medal will say 'Survivor' or 'Forever Fighter' on it. So far, we've had about 30 gals register as Forever Fighters.

A Forever Fighter is someone battling stage IV or metastatic breast cancer that has spread to their bones, liver, lungs and/or brain. Currently, there is no cure for metastatic breast cancer. Men and women with this

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Breast cancer was the 'pink elephant in the room' for us

Lorraine Gibson, Bright Pink Ambassador talks about cancer and her family journey

By Lorraine Gibson
blackdoctor.org

After losing her mother to breast cancer at 14 years old, Lorraine Gibson lived with the fear of the "pink elephant in the room," unable to speak about how the loss affected her or about breast cancer. Bright Pink, a national non-

doctors. It gave me the right questions to ask so that I can plan out preventative care and treatment," Lorraine said.

Lorraine is now an Ambassador for Bright Pink, using her voice to speak out about breast cancer, particularly to other women who are high risk.

BlackDoctor.org: Was the pos-



Lorraine with her sisters Lisa and Sonya

profit focused on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer, helped Lorraine get her voice back.

"Bright Pink gave me the confidence to have conversations with my family; gave me the confidence to have conversations with my

sibility of breast cancer something that was on your radar before your mother's passing? Was there a history of it in your family?

Lorraine Gibson: Before my mother passed away, breast cancer was somewhat abstract for me.

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Social Security raises benefits 2 percent for 2018

By Nathan Bomey
USA Today

Social Security recipients will get a 2 percent increase in benefits in 2018, an amount slightly lower than what was projected this summer but up sharply from the past two years.

The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) covers more than 61 million Social Security beneficiaries and more than 8 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income benefits. Some people get both. The boost is the highest since a 3.6 percent bump in 2012. The average person will get

about \$25 more a month. The average monthly Social Security payment is \$1,258, or about \$15,000 a year. The rate of the increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index, an inflation gauge. The Social Security Board of Trustees projected in July that this year's increase would

be 2.2 percent. Though it fell short of that amount, it came after an increase of 0.3 percent for 2017 and no change in 2016. Advocates for seniors claim the inflation index doesn't accurately capture rising prices faced by seniors, especially for health care.

"It's squeezing them. It's causing them to dip into savings more quickly," said Mary Johnson of the Senior Citizens League. "The lifetime income that they were counting on just isn't there." Some conservatives said the inflation index is too generous because when prices go

up, people change their buying habits and buy cheaper alternatives. For upper-income retirees, the gains will be partially offset by an increase in the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, which will jump 1.2 percent to \$128,700.

Fighting for Blacks in the war for breast cancer survival

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diagnosis are in a battle for the rest of their life, unless a cure is found. "These women don't feel like they've been in the category of survivor because they won't ever be a survivor. It's really bringing to light that there's a hard-and-fast reality of this disease, too," Heitzinger says. "We at Komen have taken criticism over the years for saying that we wrap this disease up in a little pink bow and send ladies on their way and that couldn't be further from the truth. We all know the devastation of this disease. And you do always look over your shoulder and wonder if it can come back again."

Susan G. Komen for the Cure was founded on a promise between two sisters, Susan Goodman Komen and Nancy Goodman Brinker. Komen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1978, a time when little was known about the disease and it was rarely discussed in public. Before she died at age 36, Suzy asked her sister to do everything possible to bring an end to breast cancer. Nancy kept her promise by establishing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in 1982. Thirty-five years later, the Komen Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer and is the



Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure participants in 2016 in Madison, Wisconsin.

world's largest private funder of breast-cancer research and community outreach programs. Their vision is to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people and ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures. The Komen Race for the Cure Series raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast-cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle

with the disease. The Susan G. Komen Foundation's Komen Race for the Cure sends 25 percent of the funds it raises to national and international Susan G. Komen breast cancer research grants and award programs. "What makes us truly unique in the breast cancer space but also truly unique for the major charities that are here in Madison - 75 percent of what is raised here, stays here," Heitzinger says. "And it has to be used

to fund gaps in breast health and breast cancer services primarily for uninsured and low-resource women." The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the world's largest fundraising event for breast cancer. Due to a wide variety of factors, many of them media-related, breast cancer has come to be seen as a "white women's disease." Studies have shown that when Black women follow the same preventive measures as white women,



Gloria Ladson-Billings



Frances Huntley-Cooper

their death rates from breast cancer are very similar. However, Black women are more likely than white women to be diagnosed at later stages of the disease and are more likely to die from it. Often, there's a problem of people not understanding preventive care. The local Komen affiliate has been active in working to lessen those disparities for years. "We really have gotten great coverage in the Black community especially with fantastic women like Frances Huntley-Cooper and Gloria Ladson-Billings. They've put themselves out there locally as the face of Black women surviving breast cancer," Heitzinger says. "Gloria has been a survivor for 26 years now!" Statistics show that overall, when Black women are diagnosed, they have larger tumors and their breast cancer has spread further (e.g. to the lymph nodes and to

other parts of the body). This is unfortunate, because when breast cancer is discovered at more advanced stages, it is more difficult to treat and survival rates are lower. Heitzinger points out that the Komen grant they have at the Catholic Multicultural Center on Madison's south side is complete breast health and breast cancer programming in Spanish. "It's also the only breast cancer support group for Spanish speakers that we can find in our 8 counties," she says. "We have made huge inroads with our Latino communities." Heitzinger wants people to know that breast cancer diagnosis can be a scary thing, but it's not a death sentence. The more information that you know about it, the better off you will be. The annual Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure is a fun starting point to learn more and to meet new friends.

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Gibson uses her voice to candidly talk about breast cancer

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I was about 10 years old when my mother received her initial diagnosis, so breast cancer was still rather vague for me. I remember my mother and my sister telling me, "Mama had to go to the hospital and have surgery to remove the cancer in one of her breast." I remember being a little girl and hearing that my mother had to get a special treatment to help her cancer go away. A few years later, I began to understand that my mother had a mastectomy, which left a deep scar on her chest; and chemotherapy treatments that resulted in hair and weight loss. Prior to my mother's diagnosis, as far as I knew, there was no history of breast cancer in our family. Breast cancer was not a topic that we discussed and I believe that it was a bit of a shock to my entire family. I didn't quite know how to feel but I knew that life was changing. I knew that it was serious. Things became even more serious after the breast cancer came back after my mother had been in remission for nearly 4 years.

BlackDoctor.org: Walk us through life after your mom received her diagnosis.

LG: As I mentioned earlier, I was young when my mother received her initial diagnosis and I remember my family trying to keep life as normal as possible for me. My mother's biggest concern was making sure that her girls (3 daughters and 1 granddaughter) were okay. Even though her appearance changed due to the mastectomy and the chemotherapy, she eventually went into remission. My family was relieved. My mother was a survivor.

For a while, things went back to normal. My mother gained healthy weight, her hair grew back and she went back to work. Life was good again! Then when I turned 14, things changed. We received news that the cancer came back and this time it was much more aggressive.

Sometimes it is difficult to explain how my mother's health affected me. My sisters, my niece and I were mama's girls. So watching her health decline was as if watching my Wonder Woman slowly lose her power. Over the course of the year, my mother became frail and physically weak. Eventually, she was unable to go back to work and the doctors said, "At this point, we want to make her as comfortable as possible." Therefore, my father, my mother and my sister decided that it was time for mom to come home. We had a hospital bed set up in the living room of our two-bedroom apartment. I was a teenager, just starting my first year in high school, and every day I came home and saw my mother laying in a hospital

bed. I held it together as best as I could in school but I was internally broken. I could not speak about it. I did not have the proper words to describe the pain I felt. I wanted life to be the way it used to be. But my mother was not getting better - she was getting worse.

I still remember the night that she died at only 45 years old. We were there with her, by her side, as she took her last breath. It was the worst night of my life. I remember screaming and collapsing to the floor. Although my family surrounded me, I felt scared, alone, and empty inside.

BlackDoctor.org: How did losing your mom to breast cancer impact your approach to health and wellness?

LG: For a while after my mother's death, my approach was to deny, deny, deny. I didn't want to think about breast cancer because it hurt too much, and since breast cancer stole my mother away from me, I was scared of it. Secretly, I believed it would become my own fate, and that I would have a similar experience as my mother. I was worried about my sisters. What would happen if I lost them, too? Breast cancer was "the pink elephant in the room," don't speak about it, don't think about it and it won't exist. But it did exist and I felt like it was a dark cloud over all of us.

It wasn't until I connected

with Bright Pink that I learned more about preventive care. The first step was learning how to talk about my family history and more specifically my mother. Her cancer diagnosis is a gut-wrenching part of my health history. I learned how to speak to my doctor about my concerns. I began a health care plan that involves early screening due to my increased risk based on my family history, living a healthier lifestyle, and eventually I un-

derwent genetic testing. Most importantly, I learned that denying my family health history would not change it, nor would it change the potential impact that history had on my own health. I came to understand that denying it would not reverse the death of my mother and could even be dangerous to my health.

BlackDoctor.org: What types of questions should women ask their doctor, particularly when they have a family history of

breast cancer?

LG: For me, asking my doctor for a referral for my first mammogram was the most difficult question. I dreaded this conversation because asking it made my mother's death and my personal risk a reality. However, scheduling my first mammogram 7 years ago was an important step in my health care journey. I was nervous and scared but more importantly, I was taking care of my health and myself.

Sisters Network Founder shares her story

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BDO: How did you stay encouraged when you were fighting against breast cancer?

Karen: Well first and foremost, prayer is very powerful. Along with prayer, I feel as though your knowledge of the disease helps to strengthen you to fight because it gives you that control and that direction. Without knowledge you don't have any sense of where you're going with this disease. The sisterhood of surrounding yourself with positive people and that's what I felt Sisters Network would do for myself and for others.

BDO: What role did your support system or your sisterhood play in your healing process?

Karen: When I was diagnosed, I wanted to join a national organization because I felt as though there was more power in numbers and information sharing across the country would be a powerful tool. I wanted to be a part of a movement of survivors because that's what I needed. I feel as though Sisters Network is the tool that's used within our community to make women knowledgeable about where they're going and give them the support but I was fortunate enough to have my husband, my

daughter and friend to help me initially. I needed much more. I needed that sisterhood.

BDO: Do you see more organizations promoting sisterhood now?

Karen: I see local groups still forming, but there is no other national organization. In the future I'd like to see the individual groups that are forming in the different cities to come together collectively under a Sisters Network banner or under another banner because there is power in numbers. We'll never be able to fight a good fight for our community without having the power of numbers. So I see collaboration between the different groups in the different communities coming together.

BDO: What are some of the success stories of Sisters Network?

Karen: We are able to impact young people which is something I've always wanted to do. We just started our Teens for Pink, and we're starting to impact the lives of young girls between the ages of 12 and 16 with a breast health message that breast cancer is not a death sentence. We're replacing fear with hope and information. They're teen ambassadors who go back to their families and talk to their mothers, their

grandmothers, their sisters and explain what breast health is about; what mammograms can do and they share this information. It gives them the power of bringing something impactful for their own families and it also gives them an opportunity to let their mothers, aunts and grandmothers to know that Sisters Network provides free mammograms and ultrasounds so it saves lives.

BDO: Are you cancer-free today?

Karen: I am cancer-free and I'm also knowledgeable that as you age you're more susceptible to cancer, so I'm just as vigilant as I've always been when I was diagnosed with breast cancer in my left breast. I was able to find it at its earliest stage because I was intuitive and did my testing. I found it before it got to be a problem.

BDO: What's the biggest lesson you learned about yourself?

Karen: I feel as though I'm an example to those who started with nothing can turn out to be something very powerful for yourself and for your community. We have to choose to continue the fight against breast cancer until there's a cure so the fight is not over until cancer is over.

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BERTHA L. GLOVER, 97, retired nurse, died October 13. Survivors include her daughters, Valeria Jackman and Delores Jacquelyn Rawls; three grandchildren, Eric G. Jackman, Jawana C. Jackman, Ru Naia J. Jackson; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



BEATRICE VICKY WALLACE

53, childcare assistant, died October 11. Survivors include her sisters, Willie Mae Eli, and Barbara Wallace; brothers, Kenneth Khalid, Larry Wallace, and Benjamin Wallace; aunt, Ophelia Alexander; uncle, Robert Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ESTELLE LARRIMORE ADAMS, 72

retired school teacher, died October 12 at home. Viewing 4-7 p.m., and Memorial service 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, October 24 in the chapel. Service 1 p.m., Wednesday, October 25 at Bethany Seven Day Adventist Church.



WILLIE J. SPANN, 79, retired truck driver for J.V. Company, died October 15 at home. Survivors include his daughter, Cathy Spann; granddaughter, Shantravia Spann; brother, Peter Spann; sister, Beatrice Spann Britt; and Maryellen Spann McLemore; three great grands; and nieces, nephews, cousins; a host of other relatives and friends. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 26 in the chapel.



CARIANN DENISE HITHON, 22, student died October 8. Final rites in Saitland, Maryland.

Richardson

PAULA LORETTA KANCEY, 72, teacher's aide, died at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



REVA MAE MOND, 86, bus driver, died October 15 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.



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TANYA LAFAYE MARSHALL, 48, died October 15 at Jackson North. Service 2 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



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mechanic, died October 13 at Hialeah Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Church of Christ Written in Heaven.



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Wright and Young

BERNARD FOWLER, 54, lead consultant and managing director and co-founder of KT Consults and Respiratory Care Specialist, died September 10 at his home in Seremban 2, Malaysia. Survivors include: his wife, Azura; three children, Hazim, Farhana and Muadz; parents, Bertrain and Mittie Fowler; sisters and brothers-in-law, Roslyn Williams (Harold), Joyce Davis (Jesse) and Venette Black (Rory); and host of nieces, nephews, cousins; other relatives and friends; and Miami Northwestern Sr. High School Class of 1981. Private Memorial services were held.



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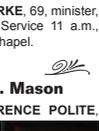
waiter service attendant, died October 12. Service 12 p.m., Thursday at Miami Gardens C.O.C.



CYNTHIA DELANCY, 55, retired bus operator, died October 16 at home. Service 1 p.m., Tuesday, October 24 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.



NATALIE CLARKE, 69, minister, died October 6. Service 11 a.m., Thursday in the chapel.



Gregg L. Mason

ALEXIS LAWRENCE POLITE, 49, respiratory therapist, Westside Regional Hospital, died October 13. Viewing 5-9 p.m., Friday. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Interment: Caballero Rivero Southern.



Eric L. Wilson

IRMA ANNETTE LOWE, 81, teacher, died October 10 at home. Service 10 a.m., Monday, October 23 at Mount Hermon AME in Miami Gardens.



LARENZO OTIS LEE, 71, died October 13. Service 2 p.m., Thursday in the Hadley Davis- MLK chapel.

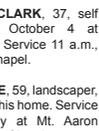


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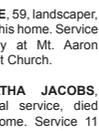
DR. MILDRED HICKS, 82, retired nurse instructor, died October 16 at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach, FL. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Cathedral of Faith.



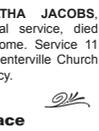
IRA SHAWN CLARK, 37, self employed, died October 4 at Hialeah Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



MIKE GILMORE, 59, landscaper, died October 9 at his home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Aaron Missionary Baptist Church.



DOSSY AGATHA JACOBS, 92, environmental service, died October 11 at home. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Centerville Church of God of Prophecy.



Grace

PHILLIP LAURENCEAU, 36, laborer, died October 4. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church.



Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

ROSSIE LEE THOMPSON, 85, housewife, died October 15 at Jackson North. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



RANDY DEMETRIUS BROWN, SR., 40, landscaper, died October 11 at home. Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Antioch of Miami Gardens.



DAVID BRANT, 44, laborer, died October 10 at Hialeah Hospital. Service noon, Saturday at Saint City Church of God.



Florida Funeral Home & Crematory

VARNETTE D. WEEMS, 72, ceramics artist and flower arranger, died October 7 at South Dade Nursing Rehab Center. She is survived by her only son, Robert Reeves; brothers, Carl Weems, Terry Weems; sister, Kristin Randle; nieces, nephews, and other family members. Service was held 2 p.m., Saturday, at Florida Funeral Home & Crematory.



Royal

LENORA ELAINE BARRY

JOHNSON, 64, died October 1 at Memorial West Hospital. Services were held.



JANE A. WALKER, 76, retired teacher, died October 15 at Promise Hospital. Litany 7 p.m., Friday at The Church of Transfiguration, 15260 NW 19 Ave., Opa Locka, FL 33054, 305-681-1660. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at the church.



The Mortuary Group

WILLIE B. HARRIS, 55, laborer, died October 11 at home. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Service noon, Saturday at the church.



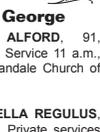
M.A. Hall

KATHERINE ALEXANDER, 83, seamstress, died October 13 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville, 2799 NW 46 St., Miami. Service noon, Saturday at the church.



Eric S. George

CATHERINE ALFORD, 91, died October 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Hallandale Church of God.



BABY SAMUELLA REGULUS, died October 11. Private services were held.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



HENRY GOA
03/25/1930 - 10/16/2016

It's been a year since you went home to be with the Lord. While both joy and sorrow are fleeting, and often intertwined, love has the power to overcome both and is everlasting.

We loved you yesterday, we love you today, and we'll love you forever.
Tangela and Jeanette Goa

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



DR. HENRY LEE ALEXANDER, SR. "SCOOTER"
10/08/1943 - 10/01/2016

One year has past since the angels came and carried you home to be with Jesus in Heaven. The memories and love we shared for 52 years helps the pain; but each day since you left seems like yesterday. May you rest in eternal peace.

With love always, your wife, Bertha, children and grandchildren.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



MARY ELIZABETH HOLT SMITH
08/25-10/20/2016

On the anniversary of the day you went away

Today's the anniversary of the day that I lost you, and for a time it felt as though our lives had ended too. But loss has taught us many things and now we face each day, with hope and happy memories to help us on our way.

And though we're full of sadness that you're no longer here, your influence still guides us and we still feel you near.

What we shared will never die it lives within our hearts, bringing strength and comfort while we are apart.

Missing you dearly, Angela Smith, Luceus Delva and Myelle McTier.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



TODD J. SMITH
10/23/1964 - 06/01/2008

If we wish the gloomy clouds away and pray for sunshine instead, then raise our eyes to heaven, we'll find rainbows overhead.

The Tullis Family

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



GAIL NEWKIRK MINNS
10/04/1953 - 10/13/2016

I still say "I Love You," but now there's no reply. I always feel your presence, as if you never left my side.

Your spirit will never die. It shines like the stars. I know you're sleeping in Heaven, but you're living in my heart.

Your loving husband, Quebell

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



WILLIAM G. HARVIN
09/27/1949 - 10/14/2016

I can't believe it's been a year already that you have been gone. There's not a day we don't think of you.

You will always have a special place in our hearts.

We will always love you, Felicity, Alexis, Cee'Jay and Wilhelmina.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



ALBERTA M. SCOTT
10/20/1932 - 07/12/2015

Happy 85th Birthday to the mother who was an angel to all!

From your loving children and family.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



ELLA JACKSON EXILIEN
10/19/1942 - 03/22/2012

Loving and missing you always.

From, your children.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



DR. LORETTA ROBINSON
10/02/1952 - 10/14/2007

Time has gone by fast, but our hearts still hurt like the day you left. Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never...
Mom and family

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



MARKEL OMAR MAZELIN
11/12/1991 - 10/17/2016

The moment that you left us, our hearts were split in two, one side was filled with memories, the other side died with you.

Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away.

Sadly missed by Mom, Pauline; sisters, Cozette and Alosea; brother, Herbert Jr.; nephews, aunt, uncles, cousins and a myriad of friends.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



RONNIE WALKER
09/05/1954 - 10/17/2016

Your life was a blessing. Your memories a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.
Your Family

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Obituaries are due 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 305-694-6210



Andre Harrell, founder of Uptown Records

Hip Hop Vs. Trump

Artists come together to discuss how hip hop can affect a future change

By Janiah Adams
jadams@miamitimesonline.com

In 1988 N.W.A had a blunt message for the police. In 1990 Public Enemy said Fight the Power. In 2004, Kanye West said Jesus Walks. Today, artists are saying to use your platform to impart social change.

One of the most influential panels at the Revolt Music Conference (RMC) in Miami Beach on Saturday, Oct. 14, was Hip Hop Vs. Trump, where hip-hop artists and executives discussed how the music and culture could be used to mobilize Black people.

Since its inception, hip-hop has been a voice for social change. Andre Harrell, founder of Uptown Records and part of the hip hop duo Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, said hip hop sets the agenda for social change.

"Hip hop, in terms of the message and the music, whether it be NWA talkin' about F the police, whether it be Queen Latifah singing self-destruction," Harrell said. "Hip hop always is like the urban inner city news about the things that are being done to us, things that we need to correct. So I think that the power of hip hop on social political issues, we've just begun to see how powerful it will be."

Nowadays, more seasoned artists and executives are bringing back the message of revolution. For example, T.I, a rapper turned activist has been posting social media messages concerning constitutional rights and videos of him protesting in Houston. Sean Combs, the founder of RMC, recently tweeted about having a Black-owned football league. David Banner, rapper and entrepreneur, is talking about Black ownership and the direction in which to lead youth. However, some are concerned that the newer generation isn't concerned with the same ideas.

Please turn to **HIP HOP 6C**

THE RUNDOWN WITH ROBIN THEDE

Filling a void in late-night talk

By Dave Itzkoff
The New York Times

When her new BET late-night talk show has its premiere on Thursday, Robin Thede said it will have many components that are staples of the format, including topical jokes about politics and popular culture, comedy sketches and musical performances.

At its debut, "The Rundown With Robin Thede" will also have one element that the category has lacked for several years: a Black female host.

It's a quality that Ms. Thede knows will immediately set her apart from her many competitors — a distinction that she embraces and hopes will give her show a unique voice, but one that she doesn't want to overemphasize, either.

Regardless of who she is or what network is broadcasting her program, Thede said, "You don't have to show your skin color to come in — everyone is welcome."

To the extent that her weekly 11 p.m. show is aimed at Black viewers, Thede said, "I'm speaking to stories that matter to us."

But her approach, she said, is the same one taken by the other members of late-night TV's mostly white male fraternity. Those hosts, Ms. Thede said, "are speaking to the stories that they feel matter to them — they're certainly not saying, 'Women, don't watch,' or 'Black people, don't watch.'"

What will ultimately bring an audience to "The Rundown," Ms. Thede said, is the opportunity to laugh and "to get an authentic opinion about stories they're not going to hear anywhere else."

The program is both a risky proposition and a potential breakthrough for BET, which has a sporadic history of late-night talk-show programming, and for Thede, who was most recently the head writer and an occasional performer on Comedy Central's "The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore."

On a recent Wednesday morning, Please turn to **THEDE 5C**



Robin Thede in her office in Midtown Manhattan.

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Women's HEALTH ISSUES

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Martrize Dean, transplant patient; Dominique Dean, Martrize's mother

Teen receives lifesaving heart, kidney transplants

Martrize Dean, better known as TJ, was admitted to Holtz Children's Hospital at Jackson Memorial Medical Center in February for severe heart failure, secondary to dilated cardiomyopathy. It's a rare disease that causes the weakening and enlargement of the heart that affects about 1 in 100,000 children.

TJ was resuscitated by UHealth chief of congenital heart surgery Eliot Rosenkranz, MD, MBA, upon admission and emergently

put on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenator (ECMO). "He already had several organs affected and had to be placed on the ECMO machine to help the work of the lungs and the heart," said Dr. Rosenkranz. "It was crucial for his survival."

Although the actual cause of dilated cardiomyopathy is unknown, it can be brought on by common viruses. The diagnosis came as a shock to the family because TJ was athletic and led a

healthy life. "When I first learned about TJ's condition, I was heartbroken, nervous, and scared," said his mother Dominique Dean. "I never thought this could happen to any child his age."

Shortly after the placement of the ECMO, UHealth - University of Miami Health System transplant surgeons Matthias Loebe, MD, PhD, FCCP, FACC, and Nicolas Brozzi, MD, switched him to the Heartware ventricular assist device (HVAD).

This device is a mechanical pump inserted inside the chest to help heart function. However, since TJ's organs were affected, he was placed on the national transplant waiting list for both a heart and kidney.

"The advantage of this device is that it helped TJ live a normal life as he waited for a heart and kidney transplant," said Paolo Rusconi, MD, TJ's UHealth pediatric cardiologist.

When summer came Please turn to **DEAN 6C**

Spicy BBQ Peach Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Pulled Pork Ingredients:

- 2.5 lbs. boneless pork loin roast (center cut, trimmed of all fat)
- 1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tsp Hickory liquid smoke
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup homemade spicy peach BBQ sauce
- 8 whole wheat buns

Directions:

1. Place the sliced onion in the slow cooker and top with pork.
2. Season pork with salt, vinegar, garlic and liquid smoke.
3. Cover and cook on high for 6 hours.
4. Remove pork and transfer onto a large dish; reserve the liquid into a cup and set aside.
5. Shred the pork with two forks and put it back into the slow cooker along with about 3/4 cup of the reserved liquid and 1 cup of the BBQ sauce.
6. Cook on high one more hour.
7. Serve on whole wheat buns.

Makes eight servings.

Jalapeno Peach BBQ Sauce Ingredients:

- 1 lb fresh peaches (about 2 medium)
- 3/4 cup sweet onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh jalapeno, minced
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp salt

Directions:

1. Cut an X in bottom of each peach, and blanch in a medium saucepan of boiling water 10 seconds. Transfer peaches to a bowl of ice and cold water and cool. Peel peaches and coarsely chop.
2. Sauté onion, jalapeno, and a pinch of salt in oil in a large saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until translucent, 8 to 10 minutes.
3. Add peaches and remaining ingredients and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until peaches are very tender, about 30 minutes.
4. Allow to cool slightly, then puree all ingredients in a blender or food processor to desired consistency.

Makes about 2 cups or 16 servings.
Recipe by: American Institute for Cancer Research

Are women at an increased risk of cancer?

Cancer is the second leading cause of death of women in the United States. Chances are high that in your lifetime cancer may affect you or someone you know; such as a mother, sister, daughter, wife, or friend.

At Jackson Health System, we want you to be aware of how cancer can grow and spread. When we are healthy, systems in our body regulate the rate at which cells grow and when the cells die. As we age, cancer may occur when our body's regulatory systems lose control over cell

growth and/or cell death, which leads to more cells growing than are dying. Those fast-growing cells may form a mass, lump, or "tumor" in an organ. If not diagnosed, the cancer cells may eventually spread to other organs in the body through a process called "metastasis."

Risk factors are items that may affect your chance of developing a disease such as cancer. Some risk factors we cannot change, like gender or our race. Some risk factors we can change and thereby decrease our chance



Dr. Amy Collins-Brenner

of developing a cancer. While having one or many risk factors does not necessarily mean you will develop a cancer, you should be aware of your individual risk factors so you can have appropriate medical screening exams and decrease your risk if possible.

So let's talk now about three cancers which are prevalent in women: breast cancer, cervical cancer, and ovarian cancer. We will talk about the risk factors associated with these cancers; how we detect them; and what we Please turn to **CANCER 5C**

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Jackson Health System celebrates baby friendly designation

Prestigious international initiative was announced on Monday, Oct. 16

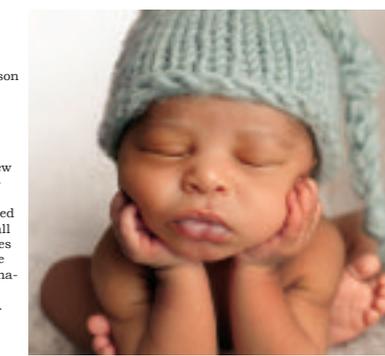
Miami Times staff report

Jackson Health System along with the Florida Health Department in Miami-Dade County celebrated Jackson receiving the prestigious international Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) designation on Monday, Oct. 16.

Over the last few years, The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial, Jackson North Medical Center and Jackson South Medical Center took important steps to educate new moms about the benefits of breastfeeding, and supported those who choose to

exclusively breastfeed. Jackson eliminated the distribution of commercially sponsored discharge bags with formula samples, and focused on educating employees on the importance of supporting new parents' decisions about feeding their new baby.

Jackson also has designated pumping room available at all three campuses for employees who are breastfeeding. There are more than 20,000 designated Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers worldwide. Jackson joins the elite 455 active Baby-Friendly hospital and birth centers in the



United States.

In May 2016, Laura Aragon delivered her first baby girl at The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial. Aragon, an infectious diseases pharmacist at Jackson Memorial Hospital who is expecting her second child in December, feels this initiative has supported her efforts to breastfeed her child.

"It's been incredible to have the pumping rooms at Holtz Children's Hospital," said Aragon. "It's been so convenient to have a pumping room at work, and having access to lactation consultants has been invaluable."

In April 2016, Alexandra Newell delivered a healthy baby boy at Jackson North Medical Center. Newell says she did not have plans to breastfeed her baby, but thanks to the lactation consultants and support groups, she learned proper techniques for breastfeeding. Newell is extremely grateful for all their support, and continues to breastfeed her baby who is now 18 months old.

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.

THE Social WHIRL

By Vennda-Rei Gibson VenndaL43@gmail.com



Gratitude always and passages in the October Whirl and as the song goes, 'Tis Autumn.' While we may not have the experience in South Florida of the falling leaves and the beautiful colors of fall, some of us can take our trips to cities and states and experience a taste of autumn. That's exactly what classmates, family and friends of the Miami Northwestern 59ers did when they boarded the Amtrak Silver Meteor on Sunday, October 8 headed for D.C. to visit the the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. (AMCH) Upon arrival on Monday, the group enjoyed leisure time and prepared for visiting the AMCH on Tuesday to take in many of the more than 3000 exhibits on display. (The museum was more than 13 years in the making and as noted by those who have visited, "It should be on the Black folks bucket list, and all who want to be informed about the history of America.") Northwestern 59er and Congresswoman **Frederica Wilson** arranged a tour of the capitol led by **Chynne Range**. The group got the chance to visit Congresswoman **Wilson's** office and were given posters that they were each encouraged to display on behalf of the 276 **Chibok** girls kidnapped by **Boko Haram** militants in April 2014. (After more than three years in captivity, 82 of the Chibok

schoolgirls reunited with their families in May, yet still 113, girls are still being held captive. **Freddie** is passionate about this situation and continues to tirelessly work with others to see that all of the girls are released and reunited with their families.) After their visit, the 59ers headed for lunch and some D.C. out and about sightseeing for the remainder of their time before boarding the train to return home. Among the 59ers were: **Geraldine Owens, Carrie Reed, Joyce Barnwell, Willie Mills, Lang Hadley, Bellie Hadley, James Tucker, Charlie Taylor, Joel Pratt, Gerald Joseph, Doretha Thomas, Doris Hunt, Charlie Mae Alexander, Joyce McIntosh, Andrew Woods, Geraldine Taylor, Barbara Terrell, Madeline Haddock, Gwen Antiago, Dot Davis, Daisy Dixon, Amanda Isaac-Morgan, Esther and Ricky Cotton, Mary B. Gilbert, Emma White Curry, Jackie Rawls, Val Jackman, Danielle Garcia, Jawana Jackman, ReNee Ellis and Evelyn Robinson.** A memorable October and an autumn visit for all who traveled. As I've said many times, train trips are so much fun, and they are definitely nostalgic.

Sadly, as they were leaving our nations capitol, **Jackie Haram** received the news that her mother, **Mrs. Bertha Glover** had died. **Bertha Glover** was

97 years young, and I mean young. She had many famous words of wisdom and humor that she shared. I remember her visits to **Beautyrama**, the as we called, beauty shop on 15th Ave. in Liberty City operated by the late **Emma**



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Rolle Rodriguez. Ms. Bertha would say, "I don't go anywhere without my lipstick." Sincere condolences are extended to **Jackie** and her family.

The Miami-Dade Alumni Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University, recently held its election of new officers and they are: President, **James Cooper**; Wanda DeVoe, Vice President; Treasurer, **Nancy Benyard-Cox**; Sharon Cooper, Financial Secretary, **Kathleen Thurston**, Recording Secretary; **Estiene McKinney Allen**, Corresponding Secretary; **John Osborne**, Chaplain; **Wayne Davis**, Business Manager; **David Young**, Parliamentarian; and **Keon Williams**, Director of Public Relations. Congratulations **Wildcats**.

Bryley Wilson, President of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at the Historic **Saint Agnes in Overton**, shared a flyer announcing the coming Church Fall Festival, which will include a church drawing and family game night scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27th from 7 til 11 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the church. Various groups representing many islands of the **Bahamas** will be selling food, so if you have a taste for some of your Bahamian favorites like souse, conch fritters, etc. you should stop by for a taste of the many **Bahamian** 'tings' including dancing and music.

Small acts of service mean a lot and can go a very long way. When I would take **Mother Mary Bivins** and Ms. **Carol Smith** to visit hospitals and nursing homes, I would marvel at their devotion to their ministry, and I would often be reluctant

because I knew these visits would be long as they stopped to pray for many. As I have fast forwarded and continued only journey, I've grown with the wisdom gained with service... a small price to pay for this space that we occupy. **Mother Bivins** is unable to make these visits now, I cherish the memories and the songs she would request me to sing. She paid me no attention when I would say, "Mother, I don't know that song and then she would say, yes you do, and then hum it for me." Another reminder for me when **Evangelist Velma Arnold** called to tell me about the North Dade Chapter of **Lamplighters Aglow**, Inc. up coming Prayer Brunch on Saturday, October 28 at Florida Memorial University at 10 o'clock. The theme of this years event is "Bridging the Gap from Church to College" with featured speaker, Senior Pastor **Patricia Wallace** of Faith Harvest Cathedral A.M.E. in Pahokee. Velma has arranged bus trips to Pahokee where many people traveled to hear Pastor **Wallace** speak and preach. A veritable feast for the spirit. I have worked with the **Lamplighters Aglow** organization and presented workshops for young ladies at Florida Memorial. The little things do mean a lot.

Another weekend of gratitude when Just Us met on Saturday

at Grill on the Alley in Aventura. It was a fall experience for members **Shirley Archie, Virla Barry, Cecelia Hunter, Patsy Graham, Lois Lee, Shelain Welters, Priscilla Hobbs, Regina Frazier, Althea Coleman, Camille Carroll-Perry, Carolyn Blake, and Emma Burnside**. Our meeting hostess with the gracious "mostness", **Juanita Miller**, greeted members with a yellow rose and seasonally decorated gift bags filled with love and goodies. In 2020 this organization will be celebrating 50 years of friendship. The meeting included a detailed report from Social Committee Co-Chair **Althea Coleman** which outlined activities to experience for the coming months from Jazz at MOCA to events at the Miramar Cultural Arts Center, the **ArshT Center**, The African American Cultural Arts Center the **James Knight Center** and the **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**. It was a choice social menu with many activity choices for club members and for individual engagement. And in our **Just Us** tradition, we dined and wine d with conversational in Just Us style as we shared past and coming news and celebrated birthdays since the last meeting in May by singing **Happy Birthday with Love**. So much to be thankful for which included echoes of "I don't have to go home and cook tonight," from members. I'm glad to share my Sunday news as congratulations were given to **Angelita Browne** who is now the National Alumni Queen for the 150 year old, and may I add, one of two Episcopal HBCU's



WALLACE

in the country, **Saint Augustine University** in Raleigh. Father **Terrence Taylor** and parishioners of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in **Opa Locka** were instrumental in her success and as **Gloria Frazier Evans** shared with the church family on Sunday, "Our church has as a part of it's outreach a commitment to assist **Saint Augustine's University** and we are proud to do so." Family friends and classmates are so proud to hear the good news that **Clarence "Clay" Armbrister** is the new President of HBCU **Johnson C. Smith University** in Charlotte North Carolina. **Clay** attended **Bunche Park Elementary**. **Clay** was born the third son to the late **Leo B. and Violet H. Armbrister** of Opa-locka. He attended **Bunche Park Elementary** and **North Dade Jr./Sr High School**. **North Dade High School** was closed and **Clay** was enrolled at **Norland Senior High School** where he graduated. **Clay** has two brothers, Lt. Col **Anthony Armbrister** (USMC Ret.) who lives in Miami and a brother **Leo B. Armbrister Jr.** who resides in Jacksonville. He also has a sister **Emily Jones** who resides in Miami. In the *Whirl*, believe that there is always, always, always something to be thankful for as we Live, Pray, Love, Dance, Sing, Cry and Laugh on the journey humming as we resonate with words from songs like: "We are climbing **Jacob's Ladder**, Come By Here, **We're Marching to Zion**, Thank You Lord." Blessings.



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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:

NINA SIMONE AND LL COOL J AMONG NOMINEES

The Associated Press

Nine of the 19 acts nominated Thursday are on the ballot for the first time, with Radiohead and Rage Against the Machine getting a chance for immortality in their first year of eligibility. Between five to seven acts usually make it following a vote of 900 industry experts. Inductees will be announced in December with the ceremony set for Cleveland, Ohio, on April 14.

Heavy metal favorites **Judas Priest**, British singer **Kate Bush**, the "Sultans of Swing" band **Dire Straits**, the popular 1980s duo **Eurythmics** and gospel guitarist **Sister Rosetta Tharpe** will also be on the ballot for the first time. The grungy hit "Creep" introduced **Radiohead** to the world in 1992 but the third album "OK Computer" five years later proved a mission statement for the esoteric, challenging sound that has made the band critical



LL Cool J

favorites. **Radiohead** has also been at the forefront of experimenting in new ways to get music to their fans.

Rage Against the Machine, political revolutionaries from Los Angeles, had a big-selling debut album and song "Killing in the Name." Before breaking up, they introduced **Tom Morello** as a New Age guitar god.

Rock hall voters have re-



Nina Simone

cently opened their hearts to progressive rockers, which may benefit "Nights in White Satin" singers **The Moody Blues**. The jazzy, soulful **Simone** was a leader in pushing for civil rights and influenced the likes of **Alicia Keys** and **Aretha Franklin** before her death in 2003.

The Boston-area roadhouse rockers **J. Geils Band** earned a nomination months after

the guitarist who gave the band its name died in April. This marks the band's fifth nomination, and first since 2011.

New Jersey's **Bon Jovi**, 1980s hit-makers **Depeche Mode** and **The Cars**, rapper **LL Cool J**, New Orleans funk stars **The Meters**, revolutionary rockers **MC5**, guitarist **Link Wray**, "Tell Me Something Good" singers **Rufus** featuring **Chaka Khan** and **The Zombies**, makers of "Time of the Season," are all repeat nominees.

All of the nominees had to have released their first recording no later than 1992 to be eligible. Fans will be able to cast a ballot on the hall's website. The induction ceremony, open to the ticket-buying public, is taking place at the **Public Auditorium in Cleveland**, which is home to the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum**. It will be televised later on **HBO** and heard on **SiriusXM Radio**.

Breaking' Convention returns to So. Florida

Staff Report

The **Breakin' Convention**, an international hip-hop festival that celebrates the origins and evolution of hip-hop from around the world, returns to Miami Oct. 20 and 21. The Convention is put on by the **Adrienne ArshT Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County** and the **Knigt Foundation**.

"The hip-hop scene here is compelling and dynamic in true Miami fashion," said **Liz Wallace**, vice president of programming at the **ArshT Center**. "Bringing **Breakin' Convention** Miami, the notable hip-hop celebration for all ages, is an opportunity for Miami audiences to experience hip-hop dance styles from all over the world with our own on one stage. It is a festival for our community to immerse themselves in the various facets of hip-hop culture, from graffiti art, spoken word and dance to the diverse styles of music."

Jonzi D, founder of **Breakin' Convention** and UK hip-hop pioneer, will be hosting

the convention.

It consists of two major events — the **Breakin' Convention Miami Performances**, and the **free block party**.

International and local dance crews will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night at the **Knigt Concert Hall**. Some of the crews are **French Jive Crew**, **Yeah Yellow** and **Salah**, **Protocol** from the UK and a **South African** dance crew called **Soweto Skeleton Movers**.

The block party will be held on Saturday at the **ArshT Center Campus** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Attendees can enjoy free dance workshops, graffiti installations, DJs and freestyle sessions. There will also be a dance party for all ages.

The **ArshT Center** will also be hosting educational activities for students including behind-the-scenes workshops and master classes throughout the week leading to the convention.

Tickets for **Breakin' Convention** on Miami are \$20, \$45 and \$60, and can be purchased through the **ArshT Center Box Office** by calling 305-949-6722, or online at www.arshTcenter.org.

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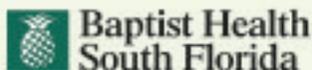
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Miami Herald

The Mighty Gents opens season at AHCAC, Oct. 29

Play tells the story of former members of a Black youth

By Andrea Robinson
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A story about young gang-bangers who survived street life in New Jersey but struggle as adults comes to life, as the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center presents *The Mighty Gents*, written by Richard Wesley and directed by John H. Pryor.

(Tiny), Roderick Randle (Eldridge), Chat Atkins (Zeke), Pedro Louis (Braxton) and Ray Lockhart (Father). John Pryor serves as director for this South Florida premiere.

The plays protagonist is Frankie Sojourner. The leader of *The Mighty Gents* a once-feared street gang in Newark, New Jersey, now older in age and only a shadow of what

the Miami-Dade Community College Pawley Theater's production almost twenty years ago opposite actor Chat Atkins and directed by John Pryor, who exposes us to various playwrights of color like Richard Wesley whose voices many times are not produced. Therein lies the wealth of this Center, to be that harboring vessel for these works."



Scenes from the play *The Mighty Gents*, which is on stage at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center through Oct. 29.

The production runs through Oct. 29 at the AHCAC's Wendell A. Narcisse Performing Arts Theater, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.

The Mighty Gents is an arresting and moving play that tells the story of former members of a Black youth gang "that had ruled the Central Ward of Newark, NJ having conquered their rivals the Zombies, who are now in their 30s and left only with the recollections of their past successes."

Rita Joe (Rita), Keith R. Oliver (Frankie), Chase Gutzmere (Lucky), Isaac Beverly

they once were.

The show's producers Marshall L. Davis Sr. and Teddy Harrell Jr. say audiences will be impressed with the performers and the director.

"*The Mighty Gents* is a play that director John Pryor is very familiar with and we are excited to produce this play under his direction as part of our Sankofa Production Series," Davis said.

Harrell, who studied under Pryor at Miami Dade College, said the production holds a special place in his heart.

"I was a cast member in

Pryor said the play showcases the "magic of live theater."

"It allows you to delve into the event and lives of people you probably would not experience in real situations," Pryor said. "Live theater makes it real. This is the magic of *The Mighty Gents*. Most of us read about or see special documentaries on the lives of these individuals who engage in gang activities and we usually come up with the question ... Why?"

"In this dynamic production that Richard Wesley has written, he answers that



—Photos courtesy of Chantale Glover

question. Wesley has given us a comprehensive insight into the lives of gang members," Pryor said. "Starting from the initiation, how they function within the gang and what happens as they mature. In the play, these points are presented and we are left with the thoughts, is there a real answer to this behavior. You can make the decision."

The production opened on Broadway in 1978 with cast members Morgan Freeman, Howard Rollins, Jr., Dorian Harewood and Starletta DuPois, now well-known award-winning/nominated actors.

The playwright, Richard Wesley, is also a screenwriter for television and cinema

currently serving as an associate professor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. His popular works include the screenplays for *Uptown Saturday Night* and *Let's Do It Again*. *Cue Magazine* described him as "This harrowing and unforgettable drama marks the Broadway debut of one of America's finest young playwrights."

Shows are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 8 p.m. on Saturday evenings with 4 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets prices are \$15 for the preview performances; \$20 for student/seniors, \$25 for advanced, and \$30 for general mission. Group rates are

available upon request. Tickets may be purchased in the office of the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.

A limited number of discounted tickets are available to students, ages 13-22, through Culture Shock Miami at www.cultureshockmiami.com. A limited number of free tickets are also offered for senior citizens, residents of Miami-Dade County through the Golden Ticket Arts Guide program. Seniors may obtain the guide by calling 786-331-5375.

For more information about *The Mighty Gents* or The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, please visit www.aahcmiami.org or call 305-638-6771.

Jackson Health System shares awareness about cancer risk

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can do to prevent them.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in females, affecting one out of every eight women. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2017, more than 250,000 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in U.S. women and roughly, 40,000 will die from the disease. In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognized that Black women had an increasing chance of developing breast cancer and now have the highest rates of death from breast cancer.

There are many risk factors that may affect your risk of getting breast cancer. Some risk factors, which we are not able to change, that may increase our risk include:

- Increasing age
- Race
- Having your first period at an early age

- Late age at birth of first child
- Menopause at a late age
- Personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer
- Having a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation

However, several activities may decrease your risk of developing breast cancer, such as:

- Breastfeeding
- Eating fruits and vegetables
- Not using hormone replacement therapy with estrogen and progesterone after menopause

• Exercising and physical activity throughout life, and particularly after menopause.

The most common symptoms of breast cancer to watch for are:

- Change in the appearance or shape of the breast or nipple
- Feeling a lump in the breast or nipple, nipple retraction and/or nipple discharge.

If you notice any of these symptoms, you should be evaluated promptly by a physician.

Thankfully, screening for breast cancer with mammography detects many breast cancers at an early stage before they are large enough to feel or cause symptoms. Jackson Health System recommends you start getting an annual mammogram when you turn 40 and you should continue screening mammograms past the age of 75 if you are otherwise healthy and willing to undergo treatment if breast cancer is diagnosed. If you have any of the above mentioned risk factors or are experiencing any of the mentioned breast symptoms, you should have a conversation with your doctor now.

Cervical cancer is diagnosed in midlife, with most of the cases being found in women under the age of 50. Risk factors which increase your risk of cervical cancer include:

- Infection with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

• Infection with HIV- Human Immunodeficiency Virus

• Chlamydia infection

• Smoking

• A diet low in fruit and vegetables

• Long term use of birth control (including oral contraceptive pills or an intrauterine device)

• Family history of cervical cancer

The increased use of the Papanicolaou test, (Pap test or Pap smear), has helped decrease the number of deaths from cervical cancer by more than 50 percent over the last 40 years. The Pap test is recommended by The United States' Preventive Services Task Force for women age 21 or older, every three years. Women between the ages of 30 and 64 should undergo a Pap test and HPV test together every five years as long as they have a cervix. Once a female is over 65, she should discuss with her physician if she needs further Pap testing.

Some factors which may decrease your risk include:

- Increasing age
- Obesity
- Having a first-time, full-term pregnancy after age 35
- Never carrying a pregnancy to term
- Personal history of breast cancer
- A family history of ovarian, breast, or colorectal cancer.

Some factors which may decrease your risk include:

- Pregnancy carried to term prior to age 26
- Breastfeeding
- Stop using birth control pills after six months
- Gynecologic surgery such as a tubal ligation or having a hysterectomy

Robin Thede knows what she's doing with late night show on BET

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Thede was working out of her corner office in Midtown Manhattan, a work space furnished with a designer tick-tack-toe board and some down-market fidget spinners.

As she prepared to shoot a test show later in the week, Thede noted several news stories that "The Rundown" could mine for material: professional athletes protesting racial injustice; O. J. Simpson's release from prison; facial-recognition software that misidentifies Black people.

Thede explained, "We're not going to spend a half-hour telling you Trump is bad, because Black people didn't vote for him anyway. They know that."

"The Rundown" is BET's first late-night talk show since "The Mo'Nique Show," which ran

from 2009 to 2011. Mo'Nique, the comedian and Academy Award-winning actress, was one of very few Black women to have hosted such a program, including Wanda Sykes (whose Fox show ran one season in 2009-2010) and Whoopi Goldberg (whose show ran in syndication from 1992 to 1993).

Connie Orlando, BET's head of programming, said in an interview that Thede had approached the network just when it was looking to expand its after-hours offerings.

"It was something that made sense for the direction we're going in," Orlando said of "The Rundown." "We realized our real prime time starts at 10, and our audience loves to laugh. It felt like the perfect moment to add the voice of an African-American female to the conversation."



Robin Thede is ready to tear up late night.

Orlando said she believed the program's topical content and viral potential would help it reach viewers who might not otherwise be watching BET.

interested to know and listen to what Robin has to say."

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Thede grew up in Davenport, Iowa; her mother, Phyllis, is now a Democratic member of the state's House of Representatives. Her father, Dave, a teacher, turned her on to the comedy albums of Richard Pryor and

Eddie Murphy, and Goldberg's performances on "Comic Relief."

Thede was named after Robin Williams.

She performed in campus sketch-comedy groups while a student at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, and trained at the Second City improv theater in Chicago. Before she joined up with Wilmore, she wrote for several BET awards shows and its reality-TV satire "Real Housewives of Hollywood," and was head writer of daytime TV's "The Queen Latifah Show."

"The Nightly Show" provided Thede with opportunity and exposure. She was the head writer for Wilmore's performance at the 2016 White House correspondents' dinner, which drew some criticism when Wilmore referred to President Obama as "my nigger."

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Lifestyle HAPPENINGS

Compiled by The Miami Times staff editorial@miamitimesonline.com

■ **The Miami Northwestern Class of 1968** meets every 4th Saturday at 2 p.m. at The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. Call 305-218-6171.

■ **The Miami Northwestern Class of 1973** meets every 3rd Sunday at 4 p.m. all 786-877-1176 or email msoguns@aol.com.

■ **Alpha Gamma Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority** will begin their Youth Preparatory Program for 7th graders with parent orientation for Bee-ettes & Senolds on Oct. 28. Call 786-457-8296.

■ **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

■ **The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University**, meet the second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Omega Center.

■ **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 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 p.m. We are planning our 50th Reunion for September 14-16, 2018. Call 305-494-6265.

■ **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 Cultural Arts Center East Portable #1. Call 305-333-7128.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

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

Using hip hop to aid and mobilize Blacks

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Vanessa Satten, the editor in chief of hip hop news publication XXL, is one of them.

"Many of the younger artists are not as interested in this topic as the older ones," Satten said. "How do we get the younger guys with influence to care?"

Jeff Johnson, a journalist and communications specialist, said their disinterest is partially the fault of the adults.

"We ignore the younger ones and expect them to be conscious," Johnson said.

Joey Bada\$\$, the youngest artist on the panel, said young people today aren't aware of who their leaders are. He also said young artists can use their platform to promote what's right.

"At the same time we can't blame these young men for speaking on the things that they've experienced firsthand and that they've been through and that's reality to them," Joey said. "But at the same time, once we allow them - and I say allow because we give them the support to be successful - once we allow them to get that platform, they need to know, OK, now we need to flip it and empower our people because they empowered me."

Banner said one problem that Black people have is that they want to stay with white people.

"I think we are one of the few groups of people who want to be with white peo-



Entertainers and music executives chat about the state of the industry and media during a panel discussion called *The Hustle is Real*. The participants are, from left, radio personality DJ Mack Wilds, recording artist Justine Skye, producer Emmanuel Hudson and artist/actor Mack Wilds.

ple so bad that we'll discard anything that's ours," Banner said. "The true power is in having your own. That doesn't mean that you dislike anybody else."

He also put emphasis on today's youth.

"Most of our children don't want to sell dope, but they see what you get when you sell dope," Banner said. "If you show the children that you can get money by being a revolutionary and conscious. One of the mistakes we made is telling our children money over everything."

Tamika Mallory, an activist who helped to organize the 2017 Women's March, said to think about solutions.

"Forget about what white folks are doing, forget about what Trump is doing, ask yourself what are you personally doing," Mallory said.

Along with Mallory, pa-

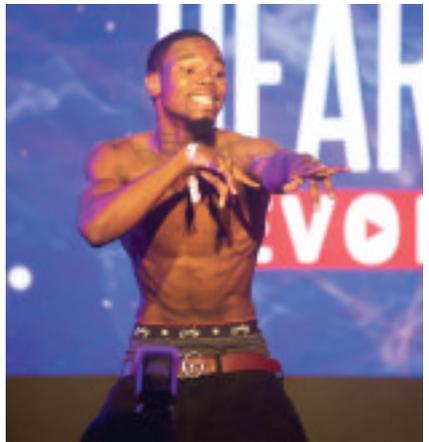
nelists encouraged those in attendance to use or create their own platforms that would give them influence and a voice.

Kevin Liles, a hip hop executive and co-founder of 300 Entertainment, said it's the job of artists to spread their truth.

"With everything going on, I beg you artists and creators, let's talk about (social issues) too," Liles said. "Let's not put ourselves in a position where we're not showing our America, too."

Liles, dubbing the country as 'two-faced America' said it's important to gain revenue.

"Although we still fight for equality in our country, still fight for equality, but let's get some equity," Liles said. "Let people know I'm not for sale. My culture ain't for sale. You're not for sale."



Rare surgery at Holtz Children's Hospital

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around, TJ was just short of his 13th birthday, and not expecting what would come next. The team of physicians and nurses caring for him came together to grant a particular wish he had - to leave the hospital to spend the day at Dave & Buster's at Dolphin Mall with family and friends.

"There is so much intensity that goes into medical therapy, the emotional component is so important for pediatric patients," said cardiothoracic vascular surgeon, Dr. Brozzi.

The Holtz Children's PediPals team, psychologists, physical therapists, and the City of Miami Fire Rescue crew that volunteered to transport everyone to the arcade venue, were all part of making this request come true.

"The PediPals team was asked to help improve his quality of life and hopefully increase his mental wellbeing in the hopes that this would aid in improving his physical

and nutritional status," said Kimberly Juanico, RN, BSN, CHPPN, pediatric palliative care nurse coordinator at Holtz Children's. "To see his face when he realized he was leaving the hospital for a few hours, just to be a kid, made it all worth it."

TJ's mom received the call the morning of September 3 from Dr. Rusconi that transplant organs had become available.

"I knew what that call meant and I cried repeatedly for hours," Dominique Dean said. "The news was bittersweet; not only was I filled with joy but also pain because I knew in order for my son to get back to his old self, it meant someone had lost their life."

TJ underwent a heart transplant on the same evening, with the surgery being performed by Dr. Rosenkranz, and Dr. Loebe. Two days later, he received a kidney transplant from Jose M. Figueiro, MD, an associate professor of clinical kidney/pancreas surgery at the University of Miami

Medical School and the Miami Transplant Institute.

"In the future for my son, I would just like for him to know how blessed he is and how he should use his gift to help others who may go through the same thing as him," Dominique Dean said. "TJ is looking forward to coming home to see his family, friends, and his dog - he's happy surgery is over and can't wait until he can be his old self."

The Miami Transplant Institute at Jackson Memorial Hospital is the only heart transplant program in Miami-Dade County to do pediatric and adult transplantation. It is the largest heart transplant program in the South Florida region and one of two centers in the state that perform heart-lung transplant program.

"Pediatric VADs are very uncommon procedures," said Dr. Loebe. "We are fortunate to be one of the few places in the world to have the experts necessary to make a highly complex case a success."

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SWEET Jalane's

ENTREPRENEUR GETS A STARTUP, WHETS APPETITES

Miami woman gives international chefs lessons on Southern cooking

By Alex Blencowe
Special to the Miami Times

From pumpkin spices to sweet-corn flavored creations, Chef Sherronda Daye brings Louisiana style to cakes and cupcakes at "Sweet Jalane's Inc.," a simple, sweet, Southern-dessert boutique. As part of Florida International University's

StartUP Food initiative, entrepreneurs like Daye, who started from the ground up, now have access to a wide range of resources and mentors; the program aims to help business owners with unique brands grow lasting, successful companies. In addition to providing a concrete structural business plan for at-home,

start-up companies, the program also focuses on providing access to entrepreneurial classes, courses and workshops, and networking opportunities, for financial marketing, branding, recipe development, and everything business owners need to make moves towards self-sufficiency, including the use of the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management state-of-the-art commercial kitchen. Please turn to **JALANE 8D**



—Photos courtesy of Sherronda Daye

Sherronda Daye, owner of Sweet Jalane's, and a member of the current StartUP FIU cohort, led a cooking demonstration for a group of international chefs as part of the Cochran Fellowship Program, a renowned training program created by the United States Department of Agriculture. Individuals pictured from left to right: David, Mark Traynor, Michael Cheng, Alejandro Perez, Norma Delgado, Ariana Charua, Braulio Juarez, Damian Xuluc, Ruth Useche, Edgar Dominguez, Sherronda Daye, Carolina Larrazabal, Aisha Ochoa, Dayana Dalke, Angeles Urreta and Ted Shibata.



Nikole Hannah-Jones (John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation)

JOURNALIST NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES WINS MACARTHUR FELLOWSHIP AWARD

By Richard Prince
theroot.com

A few years ago, says Nikole Hannah-Jones, a writer for the New York Times Magazine, "I was told I was writing about Black people too much" and was punished for it. On Tuesday, she was awarded a MacArthur Foundation grant for "chronicling the persistence of racial segregation in American society, particularly in education, and reshaping national conversations

around education reform."

"Each of the recipients has been selected for having 'shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction' — and each will receive a \$625,000 award from the foundation 'as an investment in their potential,' paid out over five years with no strings attached," Colin Dwyer reported Wednesday for NPR.

"Very few things in life leave me speechless," Hannah-Jones, who is also a Root 100 honoree for 2017, tweeted. "Getting this call did. I'm honored, grateful to a platform to expose scourge of segregation."

Her employer tweeted, "The New York Times is proud to say we finally have a genius in our midst. Nikole Hannah-Jones has been honored with a MacArthur Genius Grant." The news organization then packaged "The Best of Nikole

Hannah-Jones" as a feature on nymtimes.com.

The best way to start any day is with some Black excellence, and today that cup runneth the hell...

The Times added, "Her article for the magazine documenting school segregation won a National Magazine Award earlier this year. Before that, she received a Peabody and a George Polk Award for earlier work on the topic. She is also a founder Please turn to **JONES 8D**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

South Fla's housing crisis causes substandard living

By Daniella Pierre

Miami Dade County Public Housing and Community Development, the sixth-largest housing agency in the nation, must have totally forgotten their mission and the primary purpose of their overall existence. As I look around and survey the community, there are too many vacant lots just sitting idle, unused and underused land owned by the county just wasting away, boarded up units of public housing unoccupied and acres of blight, disrepair and distress.

But instead we're giving away land for soccer stadiums while there's a very long housing waiting list and others who are experiencing homelessness. And if that's not bad enough we're allowing developers like Mill Creek, Encore Homebuilders, Lennar and D.R. Horton to build homes and apartments at rates that are far above the wages earned and even higher than our area median income which is \$51,800. Makes you wonder who are they really building for. And let's not even talk about those pricey application fees just to apply for an apartment. Something is very wrong with this. Considering the housing crisis that we're in, this should not be happening at all. This is highly unacceptable. Let's be real and face it. If you're ineligible for housing subsidies, bogged down with

student loan debt, don't have a large inheritance and make less than 50k you're like many of the residents here, simply priced-out. Reasons why many consider to co-habitate, flee, live at home a while longer (sorry mom/dad/grandparents) or are forced to live in very substandard and transient conditions.



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SUBSTANDARD LIVING IS NOT OKAY

Until policymakers and our dear Mayor Carlos Gimenez decide to make more than just promises, our housing crisis will just

worsen and people will be more and more displaced. But instead we're giving away land for soccer stadiums while there's a very long housing waiting list and others who are experiencing homelessness. And if that's not bad enough we're allowing developers like Mill Creek, Encore Homebuilders, Lennar and D.R. Horton to build homes and apartments at rates that are far above the wages earned and even higher than our area median income which is \$51,800. Makes you wonder who are they really building for. And let's not even talk about those pricey application fees just to apply for an apartment. Something is very wrong with this. Considering the housing crisis that we're in, this should not be happening at all. This is highly unacceptable. Let's be real and face it. If you're ineligible for housing subsidies, bogged down with

Recent revelations about 'fake ads' that target Blacks

COMMENTARY

By Dorothy Leavell
NNPA Chairman

Chairman Dorothy R. Leavell and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis released the following statement about a recent revelation that people with ties to the Russia use fake social media accounts and misleading online ads designed to influence voters during the 2016 presidential election. The 77-year-old association represents

Black-owned newspapers and digital products in the United States and reaches the majority of Black households in the U.S. "As publishers of hundreds of Black-owned newspapers, we are concerned about recent revelations that 'shadowy forces' allegedly tied to the Russian government targeted Black voters and consumers through the dissemination of fake news, fake social media accounts and deceptive digital advertising," Leavell said. "This is one of the reasons why, now more than ever, our readers depend on our publications as their primary source of news and information."

Leavell continued: "The Black Press was created 190 years ago 'to plead our own cause' and to counter misinformation and pro-slavery



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propaganda that kept our people in subjugation and bondage. Our publications have maintained their place as the most trusted source of information to Blacks."

Leavell added that the NNPA remains united against tactics that work to divide our nation rather than remedy the injustices that plague so

many of us.

"The NNPA commends Congress for its investigation into the role social media had in disseminating fake news, propaganda and misinformation during the election," said Chavis. "However, as the standard bearers of the Black Press, we believe hearings are not enough. We are calling for full transparency in digital advertising and marketing campaigns targeting African-American audiences, so

our people will not be used politically or otherwise to further agendas not in our own best interests."

Chavis added: "In the wake of the latest onslaught that has fueled anti-Black racism and other forms of bigotry, which have stoked racial tensions across the country, we intend to use our influence to protect our interests. We seek a meeting with congressional leaders and the White House to discuss this matter."

Sheryl Sandberg on how to get to gender equality

Facebook chief operating officer and founder of LeanIn.Org says the first step is realizing how far we have to go



Sheryl Sandberg

By Sheryl Sandberg and Rachel Thomas
The Wall Street Journal

Gender inequality is so pervasive that we often don't see it.

Nearly 50 percent of men think that when just 1 in 10 senior leaders in their company is a woman, that's sufficient. And remarkably, a third of women agree. When so many people see a leadership team that's only 10 percent women — who, let's remember, are half the population — and think, "That's good enough," it's a sign that we're too comfortable with the status quo.

This is a key finding of the 2017 Women in the Workplace report, a joint study by LeanIn.Org and McKinsey & Co. that's being released today. It reflects input from 222 companies employing more than 12 million people. To our knowledge, that makes this the largest study of its kind.

This year's report shows that progress toward equality in the workplace continues to be slow — and may even be stalling. Women on average are still underrepresented at every step of the corporate ladder. The gap begins with entry-level jobs and widens the higher you climb. This isn't because of attrition; women and men stay with their companies at roughly the same rate. And it's not for lack of asking; women seek promotions at the same rate as men, but are promoted less often. The situation is worse for women of color, who face more obstacles and receive less support. All told, only 1 in 5 C-suite executives is a woman — and not even 1 in 30 is a woman of color.

It's a sobering picture, and it raises a critical question. These gender gaps persist even though companies' commitment to gender diversity is at an all-time high. What's going wrong?

The study's findings point to at least part of the answer: Blind spots are getting in our way. It's hard to solve a problem we don't fully see or understand — and when it comes to gender in the workplace, too often we miss the scope and scale of the issue.

Many men look right past it. More than 60 percent of men believe that their company is already doing what it takes to improve gender diversity. And 50 percent of men think their managers already consider a diverse lineup of candidates to fill open slots. On both counts, women disagree. And on a key question — "How is disrespectful behavior toward women handled by your company?" — men are 60 percent more likely than women to say that it's addressed quickly all or most of the time.

Companies have blind spots, too. Many overlook women of color, who face distinct challenges

shaped by the intersection of gender and race. On virtually every measure — from how often they are promoted to whether their managers defend their work — Asian-American women and Latinas receive less support than white women, and Black women receive the least support of all. It's profoundly unfair. As one Black woman put it, "We can have the same degree, the same years of work...[but] we are not tapped on our shoulders as often as other folks are. And we're not getting feedback on why." Here's the good news. For

companies that want to do better — and many do — there are steps they can take to get on the right track.

First, make a compelling case for gender diversity — and link it to business results. Illustrating how supporting women helps an organization's long-term success can bring more employees on board. While 78 percent of companies say they already articulate a business case for equality, only 16 percent back it up with numbers. And firms should show their commitment: When employees see higher-ups prioritizing equality, they're more likely to do the same.

Second, recognize the key role that managers play. They make many of the day-to-day decisions that shape women's careers. They're often the ones who decide whether a companywide program or policy is embraced or ignored. When they're committed to gender diversity, their teams follow their lead. Companies should take steps to ensure that managers understand why equality matters, have the tools

and training to make a difference, and are rewarded when they do.

And third, resist a one-size-fits-all approach. More companies prioritize gender diversity than racial diversity, perhaps hoping that focusing on gender alone will be sufficient to support all women. But women of color face bias both for being women and for being people of color, and this double discrimination leads to a complex set of constraints and barriers. When companies fail to see this, they miss the chance to level the playing field for everyone.

In a competitive global economy, no business can afford to leave talent on the sidelines. And in a country founded on equality, everyone deserves a fair shot at success, no matter his or her gender, race, background or beliefs. We need to resist the tyranny of low expectations. We need to open our eyes to the inequality that remains. We won't unlock the full potential of the workplace until we see how far from equality we really are.

Chef Sherronda Daye brings Louisiana style desserts to Sweet Jalane's

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"Having been in business on my own for seven years, it's a breath of fresh air to have a structure base to belong to, where they give you all of the necessary tools that you need," said Daye. "It's not just about your product, but that your business is healthy from head to toe."

Recently, Daye led a baking demonstration for international chefs from the Cochran Fellowship Program — training opportunities designed by the United States Department of Agriculture; her Southern-style desserts were explo-

red and broken down through discussions about substitutions to use in varying countries as well as other techniques.

"Dessert doesn't know race or culture," said Daye, noting the importance of gaining different perspectives on food and cultures. "Everybody everywhere wants something that tastes good."

Daye's desserts include traditional and iconic ingredients such as figs, pralines, pecan turtles, buttermilk, and fresh, homemade preserves, in addition to dough similar to the famed New Orleans beignet, and no artificial ingredi-

ents; excess food is donated to churches and shelters.

"Louisiana is known for their very rich desserts," said Daye, who spent her childhood and summers there baking with family, not knowing someday it would become her life's work. She uses french bread, and imports seasonings from friends and family members in Louisiana.

However, one of her greatest challenges was starting, after falling into a heavy depression when her position as district chief of staff to former Miami-Dade Commissioner Dorris Rolle ended after defeat to Com-



missioner Jean Monestime in 2010. Daye had another setback four years later after the death of her mother, Sherron Jalane Wilder. The company is named after her mother, whose nickname was "Sweet Jalane."

"A blow like that doesn't give you the energy to want to fight. It seemed like that was the end," said Daye. "I just started baking to keep from losing my mind; I baked through my depression."

Daye said her mother's inspirational words reminded her to use her business to "make something sweet for someone when they're feeling bitter" — a tradition Sherron instilled in her.

"She was giving me the answers all along to the test I was about to take in my life," Daye said.

For the first few years, Daye's business survived through

events such as Jazz in the Gardens. She also sells cakes at the Hard Rock Casino, BB&T Center and the Miami Beach Convention Center.

While Daye noted funding was a hardship, StartUP FIU Food Program Director, Anna Etienne, said that exposure is vital to creating a successful brand.

Etienne, who was recruited from Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses program, said "Sweet Jalane's" was the "perfect example" of businesses StartUP FIU Food aims to help grow.

So far, the program has 15 entrepreneurs with start-ups similar to Daye's, utilizing church and community kitchens, out-of-pocket funds and who have grown businesses as large as possible through in-home selling.

"We work with these companies until they're able to transition out of the kitchen," said Etienne, noting the importance of being innovative

in one's synergy with others and taking advantage of meeting like-minded people, as well as stepping back to plan and assess ideas for the future.

"The only missing ingredient is the support and resources," Etienne said.

Michael Cheng, faculty advisor for StartUP FIU Food said the program also impacts students, especially those who may not recognize the school as a resource that can be utilized. Part of what makes the initiative unique is its extensive mentorship on other agendas outside of product (like packaging and distribution), which gives an "extra hand" in helping businesses get up and running, as well as spurs innovation and entrepreneurship among students, says Cheng.

He added that having programs like StartUP FIU embedded in the school offers students different opportunities to see entrepreneurs from their communities marketing themselves out of FIU.

"Entrepreneurship is the backbone of American business, so helping them get on their feet and finding the right resources is vital to building back up our own economy," Cheng said.

Daye's photographer and social media experts, Cassandra Eugene and Tachina Alexandre, help ease the stress of dealing with growing a business online, versus solely by word-of-mouth.

"It's really different than what you're used to," said Alexandre, adding that it was important to surround oneself with positive people. "It makes you want to veer off and start out on your own."

Eugene agreed. "It allows you to see yourself realistically, and where you want to go," she said.

For more information on StartUP FIU, visit www.startup.fiu.edu. To order from Sweet Jalane's visit www.sweetjalanes.com. You may reach Alex Blencowe at alexblencowe17@gmail.com.

Jones 'exposed the scourge of segregation'

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of the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, a 2015 MacArthur winner also acclaimed for his writing about race, approved. He tweeted, "Hell yeah @nhannah-jones."

Hannah-Jones replied, "This thread by my dear, dear friend and unpaid hype man has given me SO MUCH DAMN LIFE. I <3 my village."

In 2015, when Hannah-Jones received the Journalist of the Year award from the National Association of Black Journalists (second item), she told the crowd, "Four years ago, I was told I was writing about Black people too much. I was punished for that." She said she did not believe the nar-

atives that were being published about why Black people migrated northward, working menial jobs. "I knew the narratives were not true. We came up here for a better life."

She also said, "Four years ago — it broke my heart" when she was told she was writing too much about Blacks so much that she thought about leaving the profession.

Fortunately, Stephen Engelberg, ProPublica editor-in-chief, "saved me" with a job offer and "allowed me to do what I wanted to do. So many assignment editors would not allow us to tell the stories we have. Let us tell our stories."

Peter Bhatia, then editor of the Oregonian, where Hannah-Jones worked four years prior, messaged Journal-isms, "Nikole

is a fine reporter and we were sorry to see her leave The Oregonian, though the opportunity at ProPublica was a great opportunity. If that was said to her I would expect it was in the context of diversifying her work to take advantage of

her skills. Hannah-Jones told the NABJ audience, "I'm tired of hearing the same excuses that the talent is not there. The talent is in this room. We are here. . . . I write for us, I write our stories and I push back. I say push back, keep mak-

ing them uncomfortable, because that is what I plan to do." And she has.

At NABJ, she quoted the title of a James Brown song: "I don't want nobody to give me nothing, open up the door, I'll get it myself."

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- Little Haiti FC – soccer teams for boys and girls ranging from 6-18 years of age.

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.

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- Miami Power House Church – to provide meals and services for individuals in the restoration homes.

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Crucial crisis in So. Fla.

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would have to address it.

HERE'S THE ANSWER: BUILD WHAT WE NEED

We need real innovation that is measurable, policy changes that are reflective of the 21st century and the people along with strategic development that can be executed before 2020. If that can't happen soon, we must look toward establishing a rent control ordinance, create an affordable housing oversight committee, adopt a rent

relief act and bring in well qualified developers that will build for people and not just for big profits. Regardless of our socioeconomic status, race or color or creed, housing is a human right and not a commodity.

TIRED OF BEING PRICED-OUT OF LIVING HERE?

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SpaceX

picks up speed

THE MISSION FOR IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS IS PART OF FAST-PACED LAUNCH EFFORTS

By **Andy Pasztor**
The Wall Street Journal

LOMPOC, Calif. — Space Exploration Technologies Corp. blasted 10 commercial satellites into orbit Monday, completing the first of a pair of consecutive launches slated from opposite coasts in roughly two days.

The predawn liftoff from central California's Vandenberg Air Force Base, which put the cluster of communications satellites into space for Iridium Communications Inc., IRDM 0.44% was the 14th consecutive successful launch this year for SpaceX, as entrepreneur Elon Musk's closely held company is called.

The bright orange glow during ascent filled the night sky, and the clear weather meant the plumes of the returning first stage were clearly visible as it headed back for a pinpoint landing on a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean.

More than an hour after launch, SpaceX confirmed all the satellites had been deployed in their proper orbits.

The company previously launched 20 satellites for Iridium, its single largest commercial customer, and is contracted to carry out five additional unmanned launches for the company.

SpaceX plans to put up a commercial

satellite for a different customer on another Falcon 9 rocket from Florida's Kennedy Space Center as early as Wednesday afternoon, demonstrating its bicoastal prowess to dispatch and organize launch personnel on such a compressed timeline.

Through the end of 2018, Musk's management team is targeting one launch every two weeks on average, a pace exceeding any company or government schedule world-wide.

The company pulled off a similar double-header feat over two days during the summer, with the moves signaling increasing capabilities to conduct fast-paced operations. SpaceX officials have said their long-term goal is to launch several times a day and quickly turn around reused boosters more akin to commercial aircraft than traditional rocketry.

The Air Force recently suggested it is moving toward the ability to launch two rockets from various Florida pads on the same day. To boost its overall launch capability and avoid delays often associated with sharing Florida facilities with the Pentagon, SpaceX is building a separate pad near Brownsville, Texas. But that facility has been delayed by at least a couple of years and isn't likely to begin operations until the end of the decade.

Wednesday's launch in Florida is

scheduled to precede the first launch of a larger, more-powerful derivative of the Falcon 9, called the Falcon Heavy, featuring three times as many engines and a substantially greater payload capacity. The beefed-up rocket is slated to blast off from the same Florida pad before the end of the year.

But emergence of the Falcon Heavy, roughly four years later than initially proposed, comes as the market generally is shrinking for such heavy-lift rockets tailored to handle the largest commercial payloads. Instead, commercial-fleet operators increasingly are looking to buy and launch midsize and smaller satellites designed to be more flexible and efficient, particularly serving mobile users.

The company hasn't indicated when the second Falcon Heavy is likely to go up. Musk has said development, which cost roughly \$1 billion, turned out to be more difficult than anticipated — or “crazy hard” as he described it during a March press conference.

Meanwhile, SpaceX and other aerospace contractors are maneuvering to determine whether the National Aeronautics and Space Administration intends to pursue possible public-private partnerships to send astronauts back to the moon. Career NASA officials are devising

new strategies to respond to initiatives by private companies to explore the solar system, though the White House hasn't proposed anything specific.

Musk's own plan to send humans to Mars envisions ultimately phasing out both Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy rockets, replacing them with an even more powerful deep-space booster, called the BFR.

Separately from that proposal, Musk previously disclosed plans to send an unmanned capsule to Mars, perhaps as soon as 2018, as part of his ultimate vision for a private enterprise to colonize the red planet.

Over the years, Musk has repeatedly said his top-priority goal — more important than the economic success of his separate space and electric-car companies — is to build colonies on Mars, envisioning thousands of inhabitants served by airline-like flights to and from earth.

SpaceX also is seeking to garner more Pentagon launches in the next few years. Last week, the Air Force released a request for industry proposals for prototypes of next-generation rockets. Planning to use some version of public-private partnerships, Pentagon brass are looking for all-domestic options able to transport military communications satellites as well as spy payloads in the next decade.

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket blasts off at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport in Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Sept. 7.



House passes 2018 budget with tax overhaul plan

By Mike DeBonis and Kelsey Snel The Washington Post



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House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) arrives ahead of the week-long House GOP conference meeting at the Capitol on Tuesday.

House Republicans passed crucial budget legislation Thursday, setting aside months of intraparty squabbles to set the stage for an ambitious tax-overhaul bill they are planning to pass without Democratic help.

The House budget resolution includes major spending cuts demanded by the party's conservative wing, but the party's focus is now on passing a tax bill that could add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the budget deficit. Special procedures set out in the legislation would ultimately allow Republicans to pass the bill over a potential Democratic filibuster in the Senate.

"Our budget specifically paves the way for pro-growth tax reform that will reduce taxes for middle-class Americans and free up American businesses to grow and hire," House Budget Committee Chairman Diane Black (R-Tenn.) said during floor debate Wednesday.

The Senate is proceeding on a separate track toward passing its own budget, which would have to be reconciled with the House version in the coming weeks. The Senate Budget Committee on

Thursday advanced a resolution more squarely focused on the tax legislation than the House version.

That legislation is set to reach the Senate floor later this month, with a goal of launching joint budget negotiations by the end of October. Republican leaders in the House and Senate predict that any differences in the outlines can be resolved quickly despite objections from some House conservatives. Black said Thursday that she did not expect a bicameral accord until early November.

Of particular concern is a provision in the Senate bill that would allow tax-writing committees in the House

and Senate the ability to craft a bill that adds up to \$1.5 trillion to the budget deficit, providing for significant tax cuts. Most Republicans argue the bill will spark economic growth that will offset the revenue loss, thus not adding to a national debt that now exceeds \$20 trillion, though many economists say the evidence for that claim is thin.

The House budget envisions a tax bill that would largely pay for itself, while also allowing for up to \$203 billion in spending cuts targeting financial industry regulations, federal employee benefits, welfare spending and more.

GOP leaders urged fiscal conservatives to set aside any ideological concerns they might have with the budget framework to clear the way for the tax overhaul, arguing that the budget is simply the first step in delivering on a key legislative pri-

ority by the end of this year. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) opened the two-day committee vetting of the outline Wednesday by telling members the budget was "first and foremost about reforming the tax code."

Passing a budget bill would let Republicans take advantage of special Senate budget rules that allow certain tax and spending measures to pass with 51 votes rather than the 60 votes necessary for most other legislation. Republicans have a slim 52-to-48 majority in the Senate, meaning they could pass a tax bill without the help of any Democrats.

Leaders are under intense political pressure to pass a tax bill as a way to prove their ability to govern. Most rank-and-file Republicans view a tax bill as their best, and possibly only, opportunity to enact a major GOP legislative priority this year after the failure of their effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Fissures within the GOP have already emerged over fears that planned cuts to tax rates could add trillions to the deficit, as well as a proposal to end the deductibility of state and local taxes — a provision that could

leave taxpayers in high-tax states with higher federal tax liabilities. Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) was among those who said he was willing to back the budget to make progress in the tax overhaul, but he would not guarantee his support for an eventual tax bill.

"The fact is all that's being talked about right now is rates," Corker said Wednesday. "And so one of the things that hadn't been talked about is the fact if you're going to do what's been laid out and really produce the kind of pro-growth reform that needs to be laid out, you're talking about having to close

\$4 trillion worth of loopholes." Both the House and Senate GOP budgets are set to balance by 2027, largely by pursuing dramatic cuts to federal entitlement programs, but those are nonbinding proposals that would have to be implemented in future legislation.

HEALTHCARE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT (CONSTRUCTION)

OHL-Arellano Construction Co. in partnership with Jackson Health System invites all local business entities, to provide sealed bids on Thursday, November 09, 2017, no later than 2:00 P.M. (ET), for the following project:

Jackson North Medical Center- 100% CD - Bid Package 02

All sealed bids must be delivered in a timely manner no later than 11/09/2017 at 2:00 P.M. to the referenced drop off location below.

OHL Arellano Construction Co. (Main Office)
Attention: Mrs. Damaris Gonzalez/Mrs. Antonela Raffaele
7051 S.W. 12th Street
Miami, FL 33144

Bid Package 02 includes, but is not limited to: Demolition, Misc. Concrete, Casework, Misc. Metals, Waterproofing, Roofing, Doors & Glazing, Drywall, Tile, Flooring, Painting, ACT, Specialties, HVAC, Fire Protection, Electrical, and Plumbing. Please contact 305-994-9901 (Preconstruction), to confirm scope of work. All pertinent project information and construction documents are available <https://secure.smartbidnet.com/ExternalPublicPlanRoom.aspx?id=33152>

OHL-Arellano Construction Co. is committed to supporting the economic development of certified Miami-Dade County small business enterprise construction (SBE-C) firms. We encourage all certified SBE-C entities to submit a sealed bid. All entities interested will be subject to OHL-Arellano Construction Co. prequalification procedures.

For bid participation, please contact Damaris Gonzalez at Dgonzalez@arellanogc.com or 305-908-9285. Subcontractor/Vendor prequalification, please contact Antonela Raffaele at 305-908-9419 or Araffaele@arellanogc.com.

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. at City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida, for the purpose of granting the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENT(S), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY, WITH PARCEL REVERTER PROVISIONS, CERTAIN CITY OF MIAMI ("CITY") OWNED PARCELS OF LAND, AND TO THE DEVELOPERS DESCRIBED IN "ATTACHMENT A," ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED; FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE RENTAL HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29-B(a) OF THE CITY CODE; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT(S), IN THE ATTACHED FORM(S) AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR SAID PURPOSE.

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• Jesus Christ Arch Angels Liberty Square, Inc. – After School snack program

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to F.S. 98.075(7), 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 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida or call 305 499-8363.

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Jobs fell in Sept. as hurricanes hit, impacting small businesses

Payroll processor ADP says businesses added just 135K jobs

By Paul Davidson USA TODAY

The September jobs report, out Friday, could be weakened by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, but other indicators reveal an economy that appears to be firing on all cylinders. Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that businesses added 135,000 jobs in September following the two storms, which could take an even bigger toll on the employment gains reported by the Labor Department. The ADP total matched the estimate of economists surveyed by Bloomberg. Economists reckon that Labor on Friday will count just 80,000 payroll gains by the public and private sectors, down from an average 176,000 during the first eight months of the year.

The Labor survey is likely to reveal more pronounced effects from the hurricanes in part because it counts people as employed only if they're paid in a given week. Workers generally

are included in the ADP tally as long as they're still on the payroll, says Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist of High Frequency Economics. Hurricane Harvey pounded the Houston area in late August, and Irma tore through Florida in early September. O'Sullivan figures the storms suppressed employment but not as much as most economists believe. He notes that initial applications for jobless benefits spi-

ked last month but continuing claims have been flat, suggesting that workers who filed claims because of the hurricanes were back on the job relatively quickly. He predicts Labor will report that employers added 125,000 positions last month. The hurricanes will make it especially challenging for the Federal Reserve to get an untainted read on the labor market and economy in coming months as it weighs another interest rate hike later this year. Weak numbers in September

could be offset by unusually strong employment gains in October and November as idled employees return to work. Economist Michael Pearce of Capital Economics says the Fed could rely more heavily on surveys of manufacturing and service sector activity, which are less affected by weather. The services survey, out Wednesday, showed activity growing last month at the fastest pace in 12 years while the manufacturing report released earlier this week pointed to the

most rapid expansion in 13 years, the Institute for Supply Management said. "There is certainly no sign in these data of the economy weakening," O'Sullivan says. The storms aside, ADP attempts to forecast the Labor total but often varies from it significantly. Over the past 11 months, ADP's initial estimate has been off by an average 53,000, up from 42,000 the previous 11 months. O'Sullivan says. ADP changed its calculation method a year ago.

In September, ADP said, small businesses were the most impacted by the storms, losing 7,000 jobs. Midsize companies added 63,000 jobs and large

firms 79,000. Trade, transportation and utilities, which includes retailers, was the hardest hit among industries and lost 18,000 jobs while the

information sector lost 11,000. Leisure and hospitality, which includes restaurants and hotels, added 20,000 jobs but that was well below its normal pace.

FDOT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETING

Project: Development and Environment (PDAE) Study

State Road 934/NE/W 79th Street from west of I-95 (NW 13 CT) to east of SR 934N, Bayside Drive Miami-Dade County, Florida

Financial Management (FM) Number: 413046-4-23-01 Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) #14312

Thursday, November 2, 2017 8 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

Arcola Lakes Branch Library, Multipurpose Room 6248 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33150

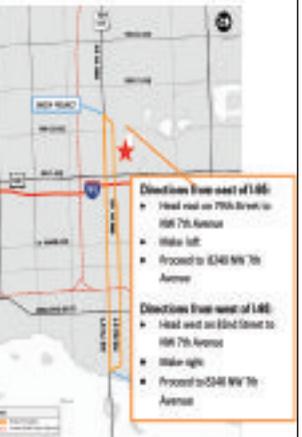
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The Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, has scheduled a Public Kick-off Meeting to discuss the PDAE Study for the above referenced project. The purpose of the PDAE Study is to identify strategies to improve capacity deficiencies/traffic operations and multimodal use along SR 934/NE/W 79th Street and NE/W 81st/83rd Street, to reduce congestion, enhance safety, and achieve an acceptable level-of-service while minimizing potential impacts to the natural and human environments.

The kick-off meeting will begin as an open house at 6 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. Following by a comment period. Department representatives will be available during the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 127 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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Miami FL 33136

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Kaepernick files grievance against NFL

TO PROTEST POLICE KILLINGS, FORMER PLAYER REFUSED TO STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

By Mark Maske
The Washington Post

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick filed a grievance against NFL owners for collusion on Oct. 15. Last season Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem to protest racial inequality and police mistreatment of African Americans. (Reuters)

Quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who remains unemployed after a 2016 season in which he began the movement of players protesting during the national anthem, has filed a grievance accusing NFL teams of colluding to keep him out of the league, his legal representatives said.

Kaepernick retained Los Angeles-based attorney Mark J. Geragos to pursue the collusion claim and, according to a person with knowledge of the filing, it will be Kaepernick's outside legal representation and not the NFL Players Association primarily in charge of preparing and presenting his case.

Geragos's firm confirmed the grievance, saying it filed "only after pursuing every possible avenue with all NFL teams and their executives."

In a statement, the law firm also said: "If the NFL ... is to remain a meritocracy, then principled and peaceful political protest — which the owners themselves made great theater imitating weeks ago — should not be punished and athletes should not be denied employment based on partisan political provocation by the Executive Branch of our government. ... Protecting all athletes from such collusive conduct is what compelled Mr. Kaepernick to file his grievance."

The collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players' union prohibits teams from conspiring to make decisions about signing a player.



—Photo credit: Gerry Melendez for ESPN

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) walks off the field at Bank of America Stadium with his fist up in the air after their game against the Panthers.

But the CBA also says the mere fact that a player is unsigned and evidence about the player's qualifications to be on an NFL roster do not constitute proof of collusion.

For that reason, such cases are difficult to prove, according to legal experts.

"There has to be some evidence of an agreement between multiple teams not to sign a player," said Gabriel Feldman, the director of the sports law program at Tulane University. "Disagreement over personnel decisions, as obvious as it may

seem to someone looking at this, does not provide evidence of collusion. There has to be some evidence of an explicit or implied agreement. There has to be proof of a conspiracy."

Kaepernick opted out of his contract with the San Francisco 49ers following last season, making him a free agent eligible to sign with any team. The 49ers have said they would have released Kaepernick rather than retaining him under the terms of that deal. He has remained out of work, being passed over by other teams in

favor of other quarterbacks. The Seattle Seahawks and Baltimore Ravens considered signing Kaepernick but decided against doing so.

More recently, the Tennessee Titans signed Brandon Weeden to provide depth behind backup Matt Cassel when their starting quarterback, Marcus Mariota, was hurt. That signing seemed particularly inflammatory to Kaepernick supporters who cited Kaepernick's superior career accomplishments. Kaepernick has led the 49ers to a Super Bowl and two NFC

championship games and he threw 16 touchdown passes with four interceptions for them last season.

The NFLPA issued a written statement late Sunday saying it learned of Kaepernick's grievance through media reports and that it had learned the league previously was informed of Kaepernick's intention to file the grievance.

"Our union has a duty to assist Kaepernick as we do all players and we will support him," the NFLPA's written statement said, adding that it had

been in regular contact with Kaepernick's representatives over the past year about his options and planned to schedule a call for this week with his advisers.

Kaepernick refused to stand for the national anthem before games last season to protest, he said, racial inequality and police mistreatment of African Americans in the United States. Those protests were taken up by other players and the controversy over them has been amplified this season even with Kaepernick out of the league.

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