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Previously decontaminated land being used as a hurricane debris 'staging' area

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Hundreds of tractor-trailer trucks line up along Northwest 79th Street waiting to get into a vacant parcel of land near 24th Avenue. All of the contents in the back of their trucks — branches, mattresses and more — are debris from Hurricane Irma that had nowhere to go.

Now, it's being dumped onto land that was purported to bring economic devel-

opment back into the Black community. And both residents and activists are upset.

The site is Poinciana Industrial Center, which has been deemed by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez as a spot to house Hurricane Irma debris.

Florida Rep. Roy Hardemon is unhappy with the designation. Recently he stood at the site, and said there were at least 300 trucks lined up east and west.

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HURRICANE DEBRIS TRUCK EXIT

—Miami Times photo by Janiah Adams

Worker mulching hurricane debris in Poinciana

Garth C. Reeves Way named in Overtown

Miami City Commission Chairman Keon Hardemon in partnership with Board of County Commission Vice Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson honored Garth C. Reeves, Sr. by co-designating Northwest 6th Street as Garth C. Reeves Way on Friday, Nov. 3.

Reeves, the newspaper publisher emeritus of the Miami Times, grew up in Overtown where the family lived when they arrived in the United States from the Bahamas in 1919. His father, Harry Ethelbert Sigismund Reeves, was founder of the Miami Times. A 1936 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Reeves has never forgotten his roots and was honored to have a street named for him as family members and friends celebrate the occasion.



—Photo Courtesy of The City of Miami

NAACP: Investigate Miami Fire Department

Call comes after firefighters deface Black lieutenant's family photos

By Andrea Robinson
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Members of the Miami-Dade NAACP said they are concerned about the racially insensitive and lewd behavior that led to the firing of six city of Miami firefighters and pledged to work with a group that represents Black firefighters to root out those issues.

Branch president Shirley Johnson said on Tuesday the NAACP wants a "deeper investigation" of the fire department." She said the organization would monitor the apparent "racial divide" and "address the problem."

Johnson did not say who should conduct the investigation. "Additionally," she said, "We will also ask for preventative measures and no more excuses."

Branch executives shared their dismay in a letter sent to The Miami Times. The letter suggests the behavior is part of a national problem of hatred.

"The current climate in the United States appears to encourage those so inclined to act out rather than suppress such attitudes," they wrote. The letter was co-signed by Johnson, as well as the branch's first and second vice presidents, Ruban Roberts and Bradford Brown.

The letter was in response to an incident in which Please turn to **NAACP 4A**

Dade students struggle with homelessness

The number of displaced students has doubled, recent report says

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Like most single moms, Nikita Nesbitt wakes up every weekday before sunrise to get her son, Daniel, ready for school.

Daniel is just a second grader, but already he has attended three different schools. He and his mother have been bounced around back and forth between four homes.

"What did we do to end up here?" the 7-year-old once asked.

Daniel is one of over 6,000 Miami-Dade County students who has been identified as homeless under the federal guidelines of the McKinney-Veto Homelessness Assistance Act.

These students that are temporarily doubled up with others or staying in hotels, motels, shelters, transitional housing and unsheltered locations.

On Monday, Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho joined housing researchers to discuss homelessness among local Please turn to **HOMELESS 6A**

Nikita Nesbitt, 29 and her Daniel, 7, currently live in a two bedroom apartment in Lotus House Shelter.



—Photo courtesy of Nikita Nesbitt

Editorial

Firings were a start. Do more.

The swift action by city of Miami leaders to fire the six white and Hispanic firefighters for defacing the photographs of one of their Black colleagues is certainly admirable. It shows that perhaps the city does want peace that is often tenuous at best in an area that is so diverse.

Fire-Rescue Chief Joseph Zahraldan gave a courageous, public apology to Lt. Robert S. Webster, the target of inexcusable behavior. And City Manager Daniel Alphonso uttered the right words that Miami government has zero tolerance for such actions.

Those type of acknowledgements are a far cry from the 1990s, when union chief William "Shorty" Bryson booted Black firefighters from the organization after they complained that they weren't being promoted.

Indeed, race relations in Miami are Miami have made strides from the volatile 1960s, '70s and '80s, when racial unrest tore apart urban core neighborhoods. In nearly every instance, those violent protests were triggered by the fatal shooting of an unarmed Black man by a police officer.

Mayor Tomas Regalado referenced those times in his remarks at the City Hall press conference. Things have changed.

However, questions remain. Why did those six men, and possibly others, think it was okay to draw sexually suggestive images on family photographs. Even worse, why would anyone drape a noose over a picture. That action alone is a reminder of when the Ku Klux Klan terrorized people of African descent in an attempt to keep us in our place.

First responders are supposed to be public servants. Just as police officers, they are to keep us safe. This incident does not lend a sense of reassurance. It sends another message.

Miami will have new leadership as of today. Hopefully, the incoming administration will get to the bottom of why these servants did what they did. Do not sweep this under the rug. To do so would be a disservice to everyone.

Letter to the Editor

Racism in City of Miami Fire Department is persistent

Dear Editor:

The Miami Dade NAACP has applauded the action of City Manager Alfonso of the City of Miami for dismissing the firefighters (two of who were officers) who used racist and sexist obscenities to harass a fellow firefighter who is Black. The current climate in the United States appears to encourage those so inclined to act out rather than suppress such attitudes. We also state that while we believe the disciplinary action is an important first step there must be continuing efforts to ensure that diversity is respected and recognized as an asset within the Fire Department and the Union.

The struggle to build a diverse and fair Fire Department is a challenge across the country. In the City of Miami, it took the Department of Justice under the Carter Administration to open up their Fire Department. The

recent incident raises numerous concerns. How did these attitudes impact decisions made by these individuals particularly those in command positions regarding assignments, training opportunities to gain the experience needed to be competitive for promotion etc.? How did it impact their treatment of Black individuals who were required to serve in a rescue situation? How many other individuals hold and act on the same bias even if they do not act them out?

The NAACP is committed to work with the Professional Black Firefighters Association to address the City and the Union on these issues.

Sincerely,
Dr. Shirley B. Johnson
President
Ruban Roberts
First Vice President
Bradford E. Brown
Third Vice President

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BY CHARLES M. BLOW, The New York Times

It's time to check my male privilege



With the recent rash of high-profile accusations of sexual harassment and assault — from Harvey Weinstein to George H. W. Bush to Mark Halperin — I found myself feeling shocked at the pervasiveness of this sort of behavior, and embarrassed that I was shocked.

After all, I know all the data.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center:

- One in five women will be raped at some point in their lives.
- One in five women are sexually assaulted while in college.
- Ninety-one percent of the victims of rape and sexual assault in the U.S. are female.
- Eight percent of rapes occur while the victim is at work.
- Rape is the most underreported crime; 63 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.
- More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.
- The prevalence of false reporting is between 2 percent and 10 percent.

Furthermore, a 2015 Cosmopolitan magazine survey of more than 2,234 female employees between 18 and 34 found that roughly one in three said they had been sexually harassed at work.

I have also raised a daughter and helped her deal with her own episodes of sexual harassment, including reporting it.

I have used this column to regu-

larly condemn sexism, misogyny, patriarchy and toxic masculinity. And yet, I am still shocked when I hear of another case that has real names and faces of people I know. Shocked every time!

This is not because I don't listen to women or believe them, but rather, I think, because a personally lived experience is a far cry from a passively learned experience.

I am a man. Six-foot-two, 200 lbs able-bodied, and physically

fit. I move through the world with the privilege of never even considering the idea of being sexually assaulted or harassed. This is one of my male privileges, and I have to check it.

More important, I must follow the advice on sexism that I proffer on racism: If you are not actively working to dismantle it, you are supporting it. It is not sufficient

to simply not be a sexist yourself if you are a man. You must also recognize that you benefit from the system of sexism in ways to which you may not even be aware.

Every man must become a feminist. Every man must work as hard as every woman to elevate gender equality and to eliminate gendered violence.

I am a Black man in America. I'm worn threadbare dealing with the oppressions that men who look like me endure, from racially

skewed mass incarceration to being the targets of police violence.

I can't know what women experience in this country and indeed in this world — not on a gut level or an experiential level — but I can learn the facts of those experiences. I can be eager to listen. I can advocate for cultural and policy changes that would make women's lives better. And, I can forgive myself, I believe, for being shocked and saddened when something that I deeply understand intellectually is illustrated in ways that make me deeply understand it emotionally.

When I was in college, there was a popular T-shirt that read, "It's a Black thing, you wouldn't understand." I never bought one because I disagreed. Others may not be able to fully know your plight as a lived experience, but they can absolutely be made to understand, particularly if they have an earnest desire to do so. That's how allies are formed. That means to me to also apply to all other oppressions, including sexism.

BY KIMBERLY ATKINS, The Boston Herald

Mueller's investigation is far from over



The indictment of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and campaign aide Rick Gates coupled with the surprise unsealed guilty plea by former campaign adviser George Papadopoulos made three things clear: special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation is far from over.

Its breadth is expansive, and he already has plenty of detailed evidence on his targets — even those who have not yet been charged. The court documents released yesterday by Mueller's office don't reveal all of the information investigators have collected.

But those who could be in the investigation's crosshairs as witnesses or potential defendants — including former national security adviser Michael Flynn, White House senior adviser Jared Kushner and President Trump's son Donald Trump Jr. — know now

that Mueller is willing to bring down the hammer on campaign officials who don't cooperate.

"There are a whole lot of things on the table that are chargeable, and that is part the negotiation process," said Katy Harriger, a

Nothing in the Manafort and Gates charges is connected to Trump's campaign, and the allegations are just that — they both enjoy the presumption of innocence. But the Papadopoulos case is a different story —

That is clear from the 12-count indictment of Manafort and Gates, who face up to 15 and 12 years in prison respectively for charges including money laundering, failing to register as an agent of a foreign government, conspiracy and lying to federal officials.

Wake Forest University professor and author of "The Special Prosecutor in American Politics."

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even for Manafort.

"The real story is the Papadopoulos plea," because that moves this much closer to the campaign, and he's pleading guilty in exchange for something," said University of Texas School of Law professor Stephen Vladeck.

It's clear from the plea agreement that Papadopoulos is a

cooperating witness, showing Mueller is willing to apply pressure where needed to advance the probe.

Papadopoulos admitted to emailing a "High-Ranking Campaign Official" about Moscow's interest in setting up meetings with the campaign. He also provided an email from the campaign official that stated: "We need someone to communicate that DT is not doing these trips. It should be someone low level in the campaign so as not to send any signal."

NBC News reported last night that official was Manafort.

It also shows that Mueller only reveals what he wants the public and those charged to know, and only on his own timeline. That should put Flynn, or everyone else involved, on notice.

BY TA-NEHISI COATES, The Atlantic

Must-read books on the Civil War



Last week, the retired four-star general and White House Chief of Staff John Kelly asserted that "the lack of an ability to compromise led to the Civil War." This was an incredibly stupid thing to say. Worse, it built on a long tradition of endorsing stupidity in hopes of making Americans stupid about their own history. Stupid enjoys an unfortunate place in the highest ranks of American government these days. And while one cannot immediately affect this fact, one can choose to not hear stupid things and quietly nod along.

For the past 50 years, some of this country's most celebrated historians have taken up the task of making Americans less stupid about the Civil War. These historians have been more effective than generally realized. It's worth remembering that General Kelly's remarks, which were greeted with mass howls of protests, reflected the way much of this country's stupid-ass intellectual class once understood the Civil War. I do not contend

that this improved history has solved everything. But it is a ray of light cutting through the gloom of stupid. You should run to that light. Embrace it. Bathe in it. Become it.

Okay, maybe that's too far. Let's start with just being less stupid.

- 1) Battle Cry Of Freedom: Arguably among the greatest

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- 2) Grant: It reframes the Civil

War away from the overrated Virginia campaigns and shows us that when the West was won, so was the war. Grant hits like a Mack truck of knowledge. Stupid doesn't stand a chance.

- 3) Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee: Elizabeth Pryor's biography of Lee, through Lee's own words, helps part with a lot of stupid out there about

Lee—chiefly that he was, somehow, "anti-slavery."

- 4) Out of the House of Bondage: A slim volume that dispenses with the notion that there was such a thing as "good," "domestic," or "matronly" slavery. The historian Thavolia Glymph focuses on the relationships between Black enslaved women and the white women who took them as property. She picks apart the stupid idea that white mistresses were somehow less

vient and less exploitative than their male peers. Glymph has no need of Scarlett O'Haras. "Used the rod" is the quote that still sticks with me. An important point here—stupid ideas about ladyhood and the soft feminine hand meant nothing when measured against the fact of a slave society. Slavery was the monster that made monsters of its masters. Compromising with it was morally bankrupt—and stupid.)

5) The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass: The final of three autobiographies written by the famed abolitionist, and my personal favorite. Epic and sweeping in scope. The chapter depicting the bounty of food on which the enslavers feasted while the enslaved nearly starved is just devastating.

So that should get you to unstupid—but don't stop there. Read Du Bois. Read Grant's own memoirs. Read Harriet Jacobs. Read Eric Foner. Read Bruce Levine. It's not that hard, you know. You've got nothing to lose, save your own stupid.

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Sharpton to lead prayer service in Miami

By Andrea Robinson
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Rev. Al Sharpton and dozens of local ministers will lead a prayer service to "cover" Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Myeshia Johnson, widow of Army Sgt. LaDavid Johnson on Saturday at St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown.

Rev. Dennis Jackson II, a Miami assistant police chief and pastor of New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, said he organized the service because he was tired of the disrespect against Wilson coming out of Washington, D.C., and in other U.S. cities.

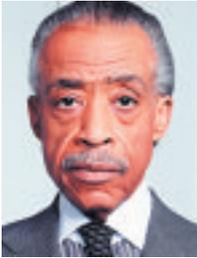
The attacks started after Wilson revealed "insensitive" remarks made by Donald Trump during a condolence call to Myeisha Johnson. Her husband was killed early October during a mission in the African nation of Niger.

"I put it together because I felt Congresswoman Wilson is a very respected member of our community. She's been getting death threats in Washington and here," Jackson said. "We don't like the way she's been disrespected."

"As a community we're coming together to do what we know how to do pray for her," he said. "That's what we do in times like these."

News of the service trickled out Tuesday morning in fliers and announcements that went to Black Miami civic and community leaders. Jackson said he and members of the African American Council of Christian Clergy and the Miami-Dade NAACP would tape radio spots on WHOT HOT 105 to spread the word.

"In times of conflict and pain, leaders such as you help heal and unify our community,"



The Rev. Al Sharpton

the announcement said. The service would "cover" Wilson "in prayer as I continue to be a voice for the voiceless."

The service will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Agnes Episcopal, 1750 NW Third Ave. in Overtown.

In the service, Jackson said, prayers would be given for Wilson, the Johnson family, and members of the military. The event coincidentally falls on Nov. 11, the traditional date for Veterans Day.

Sharpton, a noted national civil rights activist and TV commentator, is expected to be the keynote speaker at the prayer vigil. An announcement with the hashtag #WeStandWithFrederica gives scant details about the event.

This is the first large, organized show of support for Wilson, who has come under fire from Trump, his chief of staff John Kelly and Trump supporters.

Wilson, a Miami native, is a Democrat who represents Florida's 24th Congressional District. For the last month she has been caught up in a whirlwind of criticism after she accused Trump of making insensitive remarks to Myeisha



Myeshia Johnson

Johnson.

On Twitter and during White House briefings, Trump denied Wilson's account and he accused her of lying. The rhetoric continued and engulfed Myeisha Johnson when told Good Morning America that the congressman's statements were accurate.

That same day Trump took to Twitter.

"I had a very respectful conversation with the widow of Sgt. La David Johnson, and spoke his name from the beginning, without hesitation!" Trump tweeted.

Later that week, Kelly called Wilson an "empty barrel," and incorrectly accused her of taking credit for getting funding for a Broward federal building.

A full video of a speech Wilson made during that time showed she did not make those remarks. The revelation set off calls for both Kelly and Trump



Frederica Wilson

to apologize.

Instead, Wilson received threats at her offices in Washington and South Florida, causing her to miss work in the nation's capitol.

According to the news publication Politico, Wilson returned to work in Washington on Nov. 1, her first time back since death threats kept her home in Florida last week amid a feud with President Donald Trump.

Wilson was given a standing ovation during Democrats' caucus meeting Wednesday morning, according to the Politico report. Several lawmakers stopped her outside the House chamber during votes later in the day to personally welcome her back.

"There's so much love and support," Wilson said. "It's so admirable, so many people reaching out throughout this whole ordeal. It was great. I was happy to be back."



WORD ON THE STREET

The Number Two shell game

By Brian Dennis
Special to The Miami Times

When former Opa-locka City Manager Steve Shiver hired assistant manager Tom Marco everyone screamed — if their toes were being stepped on by a pair of steel-toe boots.

They shouldn't have. That city has a history of having assistant city managers or Number Two department officials who were in place for a different reason — to serve as henchmen.

Former City Manager David Chiverton, who pleaded out to federal corruption charges, is responsible for the positive changes in city departments and began to fix problems on his way out the door.

City Manager Yvette Harrell, whom Chiverton handpicked as his Number Two assistant, worked for months without an assistant city manager because she knew all too well about the corruption and the Number Two shell game played in the city. She refused to hire Ed Brown as an assistant city manager where he could fire Charmaine Parchment as the city's Finance Director.

It's well known throughout City Hall that Mayor Myra Taylor wanted Parchment fired because she was cooperating with federal investigators. You see Harrell, who is lawyer by trade, wasn't going to fire Parchment.

When Brown became city manager he hired an assistant city manager named William Green, who created a hostile work environment and threatened Parchment's staff from cooperating with an ongoing federal investigation, according to Parchment in a Miami New Times article dated September 27. Green fired Parchment on orders from the mayor.

You see, when Chiverton was the Number Two, he was obligated to do the dirty work for members

of the commission so they could avoid the appearance of violating the city's charter with interfering in the day to day operation. Among those who used this tactic are the late Commissioner Terence Pinder, indicted former City Commissioner Luis B. Santiago, Commissioner John Riley and Taylor, along with their boss lobbyist Dante Starks.

With all of the corruption scandals and the trail of people that were arrested and affiliated with Starks like Santiago, Chiverton, former Public Works Director Gregory Harris and Corleone Taylor, the mayor's son, Starks still hasn't been arrested. It leaves me to wonder two things; either Starks is snitching and setting people up, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) hasn't gotten around to arresting him.

Either way Starks couldn't be around me. I wouldn't and couldn't trust him. There's still an ongoing federal investigation of Starks, the lobbyist whom Shiver called into question for not having a license to lobby in the city. It doesn't surprise me at all that Brown has gotten back into bed with Starks, who helped to orchestrate Brown's firing from the Community Redevelopment Agency while playing both sides of the fence between Brown and the CRA Board of Directors.

Our police department was placed in great hands when former Opa-locka Chief of Police Jeffrey Keys recommended James Dobson has his successor, and Sharon Gallimore for assistant chief. We have an excellent Number One and Two in the city clerk's office, code enforcement office and the city's attorney office.

What we DO NOT have in the city manager's office are people who are loyal to the citizens and the welfare of the city. Our current city manager is Dante Starks disguised as Ed Brown. Belated Happy Halloween.



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public school children at Camillus House. "That should be a shame of our community but it cannot be the shame that they carry themselves," said Carvalho. "So it's on us to use the very best of research, the very best of practices for the goodwill of our community both locally and nationally."

This number in Miami-Dade has more than doubled over the last decade, according to researchers at the University of Florida's Shimbarg Center for Housing Studies and homeless advocacy group, Miami Homes for All Inc.

Outside of the alternative schools, Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School and James H. Bright Elementary, J.W. Johnson Elementary and Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River K-8 Center had the highest population of homeless students with over 29 percent, 12 percent and 11 percent respectively. While, African-Americans account for 42 percent of the national homeless population, according to a 2014 report by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

Miami-Dade has the second highest number of homeless students in the Florida metropolitan areas for 2015 to 2016 school year. About 73 percent of students are double residing, 18 percent are living in a shelter or transitional housing, according to the report, Homelessness and Education in Florida: Impacts on Children and Youth.

Nesbitt and Daniel found themselves going from house to house following the death of her grandmother in 2011. After being put out of a friend's home in Overtown 10 months ago, Nesbitt and her son moved into the Lotus House, a shelter for homeless women and children. "I would've never thought about living in a shelter, but

I have a son who depends on me," said Nesbitt. "And I have to do better, and the Lotus house helps me so much."

The Lotus House doesn't only provide Nesbitt with housing, but they also offer counseling for the family, school clothes and supplies for Daniel, clothes and job training opportunities for Nesbitt.

But not every homeless student has access to the assistance or support.

According to the report, 3 percent are unsheltered, nearly 5 percent live in hotels or motels and 6 percent are awaiting foster care. In addition, many cases of homelessness may not be accounted for since some homeless children may be hard to identify.

In Florida, homeless students make up about 2 percent of the total student population in each grade, however identification rates are higher among young children. Rates are highest among kindergarteners because it is the entry level period for most students and when schools tend to verify home addresses, the report says.

School liaisons also stated that younger children tend to be more uncensored and oblivious to stigma of poverty. A stigma that some liaisons said makes identification the most difficult.

"The sensitivity issue is a big one, and I cannot empathize that enough," said Debra Albo-Steiger, program manager of Project UP-START, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' homeless education initiative. "It's really about making people feel comfortable and that is very challenging."

Project UP-START offers immediate enrollment to homeless students, transportation to allow students to stay in schools of origin and also provide financial assistance for graduation, field trips and senior events.

Every month Albo-Steiger gives dozens of M-DCPS liaisons and educators sensitivity

training, as a result the school district has developed a sensitivity curriculum — the only one in the country. Project UP-START also changes the wording on forms and rely on school faculty and staff for referrals.

"So, they know and can say, 'Oh I heard about this program,' not saying you're homeless, but 'I think you would qualify for this,'" said Albo-Steiger.

Florida International University hospitality student, Price Destinobles said he didn't



Price Destinobles graduated from North Miami Senior High School in 2015 with a 3.5 GPA despite being a considered unaccompanied youth.

—Photo courtesy of Price Destinobles

realize he was homeless in high school until he told his U.S. Government teacher about his situation during his senior year at North Miami Senior High School.

Destinobles lost contact with his father when he was 6, and his mother was incarcerated the summer before he started high school, leaving him and his 5 older siblings to fend for themselves. Price ended up living with his aunt, but he never felt at home, he said.

"The house was never clean,

Over 12,000 students were identified as homeless in the three-county area in 2015-16.

Students Identified as Homeless by School Type



Source: Florida Department of Education

there were roaches and rats in the house," said Destinobles. "I didn't have anyone taking care of me. I had to provide for myself."

After being referred to Project UP-START by his teacher, Destinobles was identified as an unaccompanied youth, based on the fact that he was being financially supported solely by child support from his father.

Project UP-START helped Destinobles get school supplies, school clothes and paid for his senior year activities, but he wished that he had spoken out sooner. Before his mom was incarcerated, his family moved cross county and city numerous times. During his three years in middle school, he attended four different schools. "Since my living conditions were the way they were, it gave me motivation to be at school and get involved in school," said Destinobles, who played four sports in high school.

Researchers reported that homeless students lag behind their peers in test scores, higher in absenteeism and faced more disciplinary action. Homeless students missed 4-6 more days of school than their peers. They scored 10 to 20 percent lower on Florida State Assessment tests and were suspended up to 10 percent more than other students.

However Destinobles said, he

was fortunate to stay out of trouble. Wanting to be away from home helped him focus on his studies; he graduated from NMSHS with a 3.5 G.P.A.

Nesbitt also said that since his son has been at a charter school, his grades have improved, and she makes sure that he always attends school.

There are also psychology effects from being homeless, said Amanda Jensen-Doss, professor and director of the child psychology division at the University of Miami.

Homelessness is tied to poverty, which can often lead to social issues like low self-esteem, anxiety and depression. Homeless children are more likely to be exposed to violence and trauma which can progress to post traumatic stress and juvenile delinquency, said Jensen-Doss.

"Parents are also under a lot of stress that can interfere with the way they parent," said Jensen-Doss. "These students also tend to attend under resourced schools, so there is a kind of a cycle where their special needs are not met, and they underperform."

Florida's affordable housing gap is the driving factor for the increase in student homelessness, UF housing expert Anne Ray said.

There is shortage of housing for extremely-low income

families—defined as families whose incomes do not exceed the higher of area median income. Most of these households spend more than half of their income on housing costs leaving them susceptible to homelessness, the researchers said.

Co-authors of the report, leaders of Miami Homes For All, an organization that formed a community collective, "Helping Our Miami-Dade Youth" with nearly 80 other organizations to prevent and end homelessness, said there has to be some legislative improvements in order to combat homelessness.

Executive director, Barbara Ibarra said that federal funding needs to be fueled into increasing the Housing Choice Voucher program, preserve project-based housing, issue tax incentives and increasing funding programs for housing.

Nesbitt is currently on a waiting list for a housing program and in the process of obtaining her GED. She has bright hopes for her family's future.

She hopes to move Daniel into a permanent home soon and hopes that he stays on track with his grades and grows up to seek success.

"Some days he feels happy, sometimes he feels sad," said Nesbitt. "But he puts on a happy face, so that he can be good."

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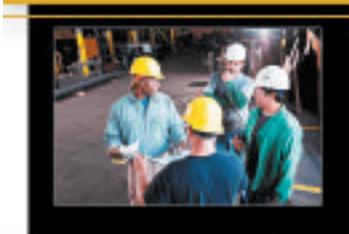
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Debris dubbed 'Mt. Trashmore' has residents disgusted

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"Did they do any investigation before they started dumping that stuff over there?" Hardemon said. "A lot of money is being generated, and this community is not even taking part in the wealth and that's a problem. It took us years to clean up that area."

After the 1980 riots, the land was contaminated. Hardemon said it took from 1984 till the late 90s to decontaminate the land due to getting money through HUD every year to finance it. Hardemon said Miami-Dade County paid for it.

More recently, Hardemon, along with Dr. Mae Christian, president of the Model City Community Advisory Board, made plans to build the Poinciana Industrial Park Intermodal Logistic Center, which they believe would provide jobs for the community.

"Who's receiving the dollars to stage the waste there?" Hardemon said. "The property belongs to Model City Community Advisory Board and we're not being compensated. They just went and started dumping and that's sad."

County officials say Poinciana is on a list of pre-approved debris staging sites listed in Miami-Dade County's Debris Management Operations Guide that can be used for storm debris. Poinciana Industrial Complex is owned by Miami-Dade County and meets the criteria to be a staging area - a minimum of 10 acres of land with ease of access.

"We have selected sites that are strategically located and help to maximize the productivity and efficiency of



contracted debris haulers," said Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management Communications Manager, Frank Calderon in an e-mail. "All of the sites are on county-owned land and are approved for use as temporary sites by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Environmental Resources Management Division of the County's Regulatory and Economic Resources Department."

District 2 County Commissioner Jean Monestime, whose district includes Poinciana, said he's expressed his concerns to the county.

"The administration understands my concerns as I requested a quick drawdown of the dumping on the site and that the land be returned to its pre-hurricane condition as soon as possible," Monestime said in an e-mail.

As of late Tuesday after-

noon, Monestime's office said the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) stopped delivery of hurricane debris to Poinciana Industrial Park as of 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Trucks that enter and exit the site are there to haul out debris only.

In order to restore the site to its original condition, DSWM debris contractors must grind all remaining debris at the site prior to hauling it out, which is a FEMA requirement, said Mac-Kinley Lauriston, Monestime's chief of staff, in an e-mail.

"To expedite debris removal from this temporary staging site additional grinding equipment has been brought to the site," Lauriston said.

"Grinding and haul-out operations will take place daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is anticipated that debris haul out will conclude in the next few weeks. The DSWM will continue to keep resi-

rolling all day long, so I'm looking at the bigger picture, you know," Roberts said. "If you have a better place to put it, that's fine, but in the meantime, it's a lot of mouths getting fed as a result of transporting that trash over there."

Many of the trucks have stopped by Action Trailer. "A few came over here to get fixtures on their trailers," Roberts said. "Trying to make a little cash here. Yes, so, bringing us business."

While Roberts is trying to make some cash, Hardemon believes the community needs to do the same.

"It's hard to say what can we do other than trying to get compensated ourselves as a community," Hardemon said. "In other words, get into the money. It's always a problem when the Black community try to get money to do something for themselves. That's sad and it's an issue."

To Hardemon, this issue is a temporary setback to getting the logistic center built.

"We've hired the University of Miami to do a plan, so they're out there now trying to come up with a design of what it's going to look like and we're going to the construction phase afterwards," Hardemon said. "It's a 30 acre site, but if we do a 5 acre site, that's a start. I've been adamant about trying to get this accomplished. We're here to make it happen."

'We have trash in front of our doors'

Northpark at Scott Carver housing, which was torn down and rebuilt a few years ago, stands right across from the staging area. Residents, along with the Miami Workers Center and the Com-

munity Justice Center held a press conference to make demands.

A few of the demands include more transparency about what's going on in their community, environmental testing and for immediate provisions that protect the health of the community.

Residents, who have called the debris 'Mt. Trashmore', started seeing trucks coming in on Oct. 7, but didn't receive an explanation from the county until Oct. 24.

Kimberly Smith, a resident of Northpark, said the health of her and her son has declined since the debris came into her community.

"I have health issues and the dump is adding more to my health," Smith said.

Smith also said she has an autistic son who also has asthma, and it has been difficult for him to breathe.

Tamela Hollis, who has been living there for three years, is disgusted.

"If I was staying directly and my view was to see that and that amount of rent that I'm paying because I'm not under any program, I pay full rent, and to look at that every day is disgusting," Hollis said. "Then, rats could come out and next thing you know, we'll be infested with rats, and all kinds of critters around here."

Other places affected by the debris site is a clinic and food processing center. Nurses at the clinic complained about the possible infestation that could result from the debris piles. They also expressed concern for the patients who have breathing problems.

Other residents have noticed that the debris piles seem smaller than they previously were. One resident said she thinks it's getting clearer and that they're trying to clean it up as soon as possible.

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CHURCH MASSACRE A 'DOMESTIC SITUATION'



Pastor Oscar Dean prays with others near the site of the shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland, Texas, U.S., November 6, 2017.



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TEXAS SHOOTING: POLICE INVESTIGATE A POSSIBLE MOTIVE

By David Montgomery and Jose A. Delreal
The New York Times

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Tex. — Law enforcement officers investigating the mass shooting at a church that killed 26 people here said on Monday that “a domestic situation” within the gunman’s family may have motivated the killing.

“The suspect’s mother-in-law attended this church,” Freeman Martin, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said during a news conference Monday morning. “We know that he had made threatening texts and we can’t go into detail into that domestic situation that is continuing to be vetted and thoroughly investigated.”

“This was not racially motivated, it wasn’t over religious beliefs, it

was a domestic situation going on,” Martin added.

The moments following the horrific mass shooting on Sunday morning came into clearer view on Monday, as the county sheriff detailed a firefight and car chase that ended with the gunman, Devin P. Kelley, 26, dead after a crash.

The recurrent bursts of gunfire were the first sign of trouble at the First Baptist Church in this rural Texas town, but even that said little about the horrors that had befallen the faithful at their house of worship. Inside, pools of blood splattered across the small church led back to dozens of dead and dying parishioners.

As many as 14 children and a pregnant woman lay lifeless. Those

dead inside the church ranged from 18 months to 77 years of age, according to law enforcement officials.

Sheriff Joe Tackitt of Wilson County said that law enforcement found “blood everywhere” inside the church. “Wherever you walked in the church, there was death,” he said.

Sheriff Tackitt said he believed the gunman went around the outside of the church firing rounds before entering and shooting at parishioners. After he left the church, he and an armed bystander engaged in a brief “firefight” before Kelley got into his vehicle, according to the sheriff. The gunman had dropped his rifle in the church after slaughtering the parishioners; he

pulled a pistol during his exchange with the bystander.

Kelley contacted his father from his cellphone during the chase to tell him that he had been shot, according to law enforcement. Kelley told his father that he “didn’t think he was going to make it.” He subsequently shot himself, though officials said they were not yet sure if that shot had caused his death.

Left behind at the church alongside the bodies were 30-round magazines and “dozens of rounds” of ammunition, potentially hundreds. The sheriff said he had seen nothing to suggest that the gunman had modified his weapon to make it act like an automatic firearm, like the gunman in the mass

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SHAME THE SILENCE

Campaign dedicated to silencing stigma of mental health in the Black community

By Maryla Mosley
essence.com

Here's everything you need to know about a campaign created by hip hop veteran Shanti Das that has celebrities like Usher, Nick Cannon and Ludacris standing with her.

Mental health is something that narrowly affects the Black community, and with nearly one third of people not actively seeking treatment, there's definitely time for something to change.

Two-decade-old hip-hop veteran, Shanti Das, is working to change that with her new campaign, Silence The Shame. After struggling with her personal battle with depression and anxiety, she's working to tackle to stigmas around discussing mental health in the Black community.

The music executive, told ESSENCE how "depression... whether its hereditary, or whether it comes from a traumatic experience, you never know when it's going to hit you and it could arise at any given time."

The two-decade-old music industry vet, who has worked with artists like Outkast, Toni

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Michelle Obama says we are babying our boys



By Christina Coleman
essence.com

Former First Lady Michelle Obama made an interesting observation during a discussion at the inaugural Obama Foundation Summit in Chicago — are we protecting our boy children so much that we're enabling entitlement?

The topic came up during a conversation about raising children and empowering girls to use their voice.

Obama, the mother

of two teenaged daughters, questioned whether we're raising our girls to be strong and taking care not to expose the boys to the ills of the world.

"We love our boys and we raise our girls," Obama said. "We raise them to be strong, and sometimes we take care not to hurt men. And I think we pay for that a little bit." But that same strength we use to raise girls, Obama suggested, needs to be defined in a way that doesn't aid misogyny, but upholds positive values when it comes to boys.

"It's powerful to have strong men but what does that strength mean? Does it mean respect? Does it mean responsibility? Does it mean compassion? Or are we protecting our men too much so that they feel a little entitled and a little, you know, self-righteous sometimes?"

Obama admitted that we push girls to be perfect, remarking on her own experiences raising Malia, 19 and Sasha, 16. Earlier in the conversation, the former first lady touched on

empowering young girls and raising all children to be "independent, well-meaning, kind and compassionate."

"If we don't teach our young girls to speak at an early age, that doesn't just happen."

"We have to raise our children to be people. Whether they have had struggles or whatever the world has for them."

The conversation, moderated by friend and poet Elizabeth Alexander, segued into a conversation about the importance of having girlfriends, specifically for Mrs. Obama, who spent eight years in the White House under intense security. Going out with girlfriends on a whim was not an option for Obama, who said she still finds herself asking if she's "free to go."

"I love my husband," she said. "But my girlfriends are my sanity."

As for men? "Ya'll need to get some friends," Obama said as the audience erupted in laughter. "Ya'll need to go talk to each other about your stuff."

Understanding God's will versus man's

How Bishop Paul E. Moss explains it

By Gregory W. Wright
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"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." — Matthew 6:10

Bishop Paul E. Moss, pastor of the St. Matthew Free Will Baptist Church sat down with us to give understanding to the relationship between God's supreme will and man's free will.

"According to our doctrine, a person has the will, the freedom, to serve God, in the name of Christ," said Moss. "They also have free will, which God has never taken from a man. It was established in the beginning of time, in the Garden of Eden.

"Man's free will, Moss continued, "was exercised in Eden, when God told Adam and Eve not to eat from that



forbidden tree, right then, his will, Adam's, was established. We believe God never created us to be robots. At that point, that gave man the right to exercise his free will."

Born and raised in Miami's Overtown area, Moss and family moved to Brownsville, and later the Edison — or Model City — area, where the church is located, at 6700 NW Second Avenue.

Openly and honestly, he relates the calling of God, and

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The same old America for us

This our my home, our country

By Ace Robinson
Huffington Post

This country was developed and fermented upon the theory of manifest destiny. One only has to spend time with First Nation people or descendants of African slaves to know how that turned out for generations of peoples. And throughout social media, some people are aghast and appalled that racist men and women have turned out in droves to terrorize people.

Many desperately wanted the racists' way of life to become relics of the past as opposed to a daily reality. However, let's be clear and honest. They have never gone away.

Let me share a quick American history through the eyes of my family. My grandparents' grandparents were mostly born into slavery. To put that in perspective, the age difference between grandparents and their children's children during that time period was approximately 35-40 years. If you or anyone you know has parents who gave birth to them in their 30s and 40s, that would be the same as you stating that your parents were born in slavery.

One of my great-grandparents escaped a mob in Alabama on a midnight train to Georgia after he struck back at a sharecropper who was abusing him. Two of my grandparents were threatened to have their home burned to the ground for attending voting rights community organizing meetings. These threats came from the parents or legacy members of the KKK who have been on the TV this past weekend.

My father was thrown into jail for registering people to vote. His sister was murdered in cold blood in Philadelphia, and her case was never investigated.

My mother suffered countless injustices, professional hurdles and vocational defeats based on the color of her skin, despite having always been recognized as an academically

gifted individual.

My father was one of the many Black people laid-off by McDonnell Douglass (now Boeing) in the late '90s based on race even though he outperformed his White counterparts on nearly all measures, which became one of the largest class-action lawsuits ever won.

And in my generation, three of my grandmother's four grandsons (including me) have spent multiple nights in jail while committing no crimes. And one died in police custody.

Unfortunately, this is my American experience.

After a recent funeral, my grandmother calmly pointed to a tree where they (white supremacists... who are now called nationalists) used to hang Black boys and men. She calmly added: "They used to hang us, and now they shoot us. Nothing happened to them back then, and nothing happens to them now."

We watch daily the results when people say enough is enough. This is America.

It goes without saying that we are products of our choices, but we are also products of society's choices. While working abroad, I was preparing to return to the United States. And two weeks prior to my return, a white "nationalist" calmly walked into a church with many elderly Black bible study attendees. He prayed with them before deciding to kill them for no other reason than because their melanin concentration was higher than his e.g., they were Black.

Immediately thereafter, my friends abroad begged me not to get on that plane to return to the U.S. One was near tears, stating that it was far too dangerous for me to return to the United States when it was clear that avid racists were rapidly gaining more power than they have had in the past 25 years. But as they say, sometimes you choose the crazy that you know as opposed to the crazy that you don't know. So off I went.

This is my America. This is my home.

After the November 2016 election, I heard fear in my mother's voice. A fear I did not recognize. She knew full well what the near future had in store for this country. Because lest we forget, she had seen it before when Nixon was elected not once, but twice. A rabidly racist man sat in 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and surrounded himself with some of the most outwardly racist people that general society would tolerate at the time.

Sound familiar? Nixon was elected twice, mostly by the parents of the people who created the current administration. The same one that wants to reduce, if not end, oversight of abusive police departments. The same one that wants to put resources to challenge collegiate affirmative action in America's schools. The same one that want to restrict the remaining vestiges of the Voting Civil Rights Act that my family had fought so hard to see come to fruition.

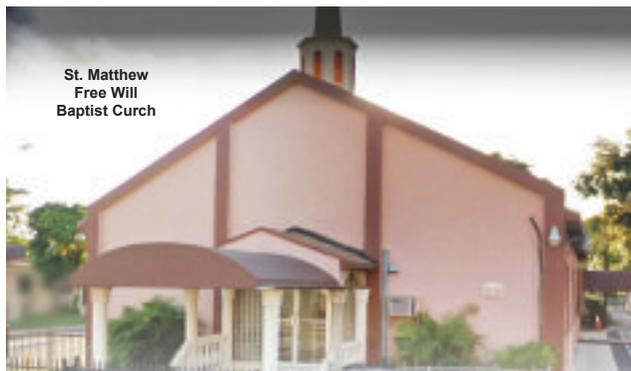
So no. Absolutely not. I did not wake up in an America today different from the one my family has survived since arriving in chains. I woke up in the same country spouting the latest version of manifest destiny.

Take a look at the news. The people marching are not just 90-year-olds who cannot accept today's world. There are many fresh-faced 20-somethings who believe equity cannot occur without them losing their rightful place at the top.

But one thing is evident: that story of manifest destiny has infected more than just the original creators. It has infected Black Americans who demand drinkable water, better schools and access to jobs. It has infected Brown Americans who demand stable residency, fair labor practices and access to the civic discourse. It has also infected the First Nation peoples who were the original victims of manifest destiny as they demand sovereignty over their lands and access to health care.

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We have a choice to serve the Lord

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the transformation on his life, that brought him to the ministry. "My calling came due to my incarceration," he said. "I haven't always been a saint. I was a drug user, not a drug pusher. I was incarcerated in 1996, in the state of Georgia. I committed a felony crime that cost me 12 years of incarceration." The arrest and subsequent conviction for armed robber were wake-up call. "The very night I was arrested," he said, "I had a conscience decision that I didn't have what I needed to serve God. So I asked God, 'If you give me what I need to serve you, I'll serve you all the days of my life.'"

"And sho' 'nuff," said Moss, "God granted me my wish. He baptized me through the Spirit and His power to serve Him." After 12 years, a changed Paul Moss returned to Miami, and reconnected with his high school sweetheart from Miami Edison High School, and former wife, Bernice. The couple divorced prior to his incarceration. Moss asked his long lost

love to remarry him. But he did not approach her with any bold profession of change. He simply said, "If God was to tell you to remarry me, would you remarry me?" She said yes, to answer his question, "I would have to do what God says do."

Today, Bishop Paul E. Moss now stands as Bishop over the church that his lovely wife Bernice attended. Additionally, the 60-year-old Moss, father of three boys, is also the Annual Bishop over the denomination's South Florida "B" Conference. Moss said St. Matthew Free-Will Baptist reaches out to the local community. "We do have a food ministry, that was established by the previous pastor, retired, Bishop Abe Randall. We distribute food to the community every other Thursday. Prior to the holidays, we may make a special sacrifice to the community to distribute food."

Additionally, Bishop Moss said that church outreach also includes other churches. The congregation has developed relationships with four sister churches: William Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Home- stead, and in the Liberty City area Mount Olivette Free Will Baptist Church, and Bright and

Morning Star Free Will Baptist Church, as well as a church in Haiti."

The future of St. Matthew Free Will Baptist Church is looking promising. "My goal is to work on the growth of our church," said Bishop Moss. The congregation hosts two Sunday services and has 150 members and children who attend regularly. The children play an important part in the future of the church, Moss said.

"We train our youth to take the helm," he said. "Every second Sunday, we allow them to conduct the services of the church. They may be in the pulpit reading scriptures, ushering the floor and other things to groom them to take the helm."

Bishop Moss can also be heard every Friday from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on radio station WMBM 1490. In January Moss will celebrate his fifth anniversary as pastor at St. Matthew Free Will Baptist Church. "I am just glad to be another hand in God's ministry," he said, "to be a light, to use my testimony in every area God sees fit to use. Somebody might hear something that is said through me and want to give their life to the Lord."

Let's talk about our mental health

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Braxton and Stevie Wonder, has worked at well-known labels like Columbia Records, LaFace Records and Universal Motown.

Some of the celebrities that have supported her message include Chloe x Halle, Nick Cannon, Da Brat and Usher. "I think God allowed me to work in entertainment and do great things [and] I think it's very important for me to use

my platform," she told ESSENCE.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Blacks are 20 percent more likely to report having serious psychological distress than non-Hispanic whites. One of those reasons may be due to the relief that religion provides many Blacks. In a study conducted by The American Psychiatry Association, 85 percent of Blacks said that their most common

way to handle stress is through prayer.

Through the campaign, which Das launched last month, she plans to spread awareness to the severity of the issue through public service announcements, panel discussions and college tours. "It's important for me to open the dialogue because so many people are suffering in silence... I'm just hoping that we're able to help a lot of people," Das told ESSENCE.

Faith CALENDAR

Compiled by The Miami Times staff editorial@miamitimesonline.com

- 59th Street Pentecostal Church of God** will host a Fall Festival for the entire family on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- The Historic Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church** invites you to an Island Festival on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m.
- Greater New Bethel Baptist Church** in Miami Gardens provides behavioral health, intervention and treatment services for Black men at risk for HIV or substance abuse disorders. Call 305-627-0396.
- Sistah to Sistah Connection Women's Empowerment** meetings are held every second and fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Parkway Professional Building in Miramar. Women only. No children allowed. Free breakfast. Call 954-260-9348.
- The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center** invites you every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Gospel Kickback entertainment and fine dining. Call 305-224-1890.
- Metropolitan A.M.E. Church** hosts a food and clothing giveaway every third Saturday. Call 786-277-4150.
- Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church** has a food and clothing distribution every Wednesday at 4 p.m. Call 786-541-3687.
- First Haitian Church of God** hosts a food drive every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 786-362-1804.
- New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry** holds free mind, body and soul self-improvement and Zumba fitness classes. Call 305-691-0018.
- New Miami Super Choir** invites interested persons to 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.
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LEAP FROG HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADE North Shore earns "A" for patient safety

Special to The Miami Times

By achieving an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, North Shore Medical Center receives recognition as one of the safest hospitals in the United States. The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog, assigns "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" letter grades to hospitals nationwide and provides the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. North Shore Medical Center was one of 832 awarded an "A" for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards in the country.

"At North Shore Medical Center, our staff is

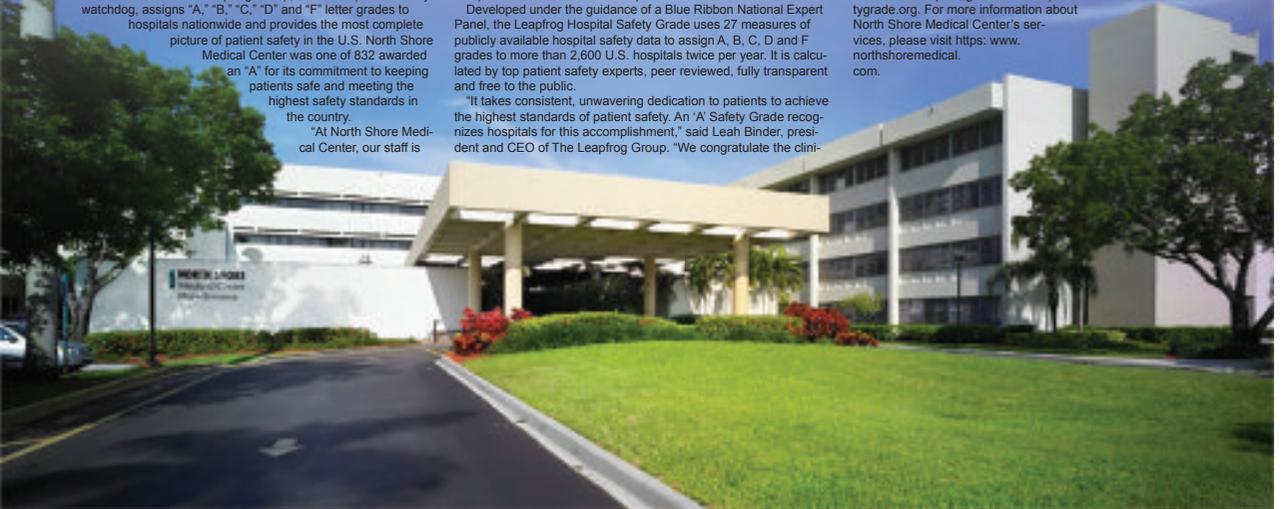
always working to maintain the highest standards for patient safety, and it is an honor to be recognized for those efforts," said Manny Linares, hospital CEO. "I would like to thank our entire hospital personnel for their commitment to providing a safe environment and compassionate care to all of our patients."

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clini-

cians, Board, management and staff of North Shore Medical Center for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

To see North Shore Medical Center's full grade, and to access consumer-friendly patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, go to www.hospitalsafetygrade.org. For more information about North Shore Medical Center's services, please visit <https://www.northshoremedical.com>.



Dr. Susan Baker; Chairperson of the Governing Board of North Shore Medical Center and Florida Medical Center and Dr. Fernando Bayron; Governing Board Member of North Shore Medical Center and Florida Medical Center.

North Shore and Florida Medical Centers donate \$10K to The University of Puerto Rico

The Medical Staff at North Shore Medical Center and Florida Medical Center donate \$10,000.00 to the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. The goal of this donation is to support an outreach effort on the island to go to rural communities that do not have access to healthcare and would otherwise need to travel to seek treatment. The hospital staff is going to rural communities to help the people affected by Hurricane Maria. "This contribution will help save many lives in Puerto Rico and help provide healthcare to those in need," said Dr. Fernando Bayron, Governing Board member at North Shore Medical Center and Florida Medical Center.

North Shore gets brand new chief nursing officer

Lane Harrington, a 20-year veteran, is welcomed to staff

Lane Harrington, ARNP, MN joins the staff of North Shore Medical Center as the hospital's new chief nursing officer. Harrington has more than 20 years of clinical and administrative experience in nursing. In her new role at North Shore Medical Center, Harrington is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the hospital's nursing units and their daily operations.

"I would like to welcome Lane to the North Shore Medical Center family," said Manny Linares, chief executive officer of North Shore Medical Center. "I am very excited about her vision for the nursing department, and I am confident that she will lead the team to long-term success."

Harrington's experience includes the opening of an 120-bed acute care hospital in Southwest Florida. She has been instrumental in the overall improvement of Culture of Patient Safety results in her organizations. Her focus is on the patient experience, quality of care and staff engagement. Harrington has a BS in Nursing from Barton College in North Carolina and a Master of Nursing ARNP, Adult Health from the University of Florida. She is currently working towards a Doctorate of Nursing Degree.



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Vanessa Howard knows what it's like to go through hard times, hit rock bottom and have nothing. That's why she is giving back to girls and women who are facing the same struggles she did.

When Howard was just a teen, she was the victim of domestic abuse, had three children of her own, and just \$1.75 to her name, according to CBS News. The youth eventually got the courage to leave her "drug-infested" household in Tampa Florida, to see if she could make it on her own.

During that time, Howard admits she was — at one point



Vanessa Howard, owner of Giving Hands Hair Salon in Tampa, has helped over 275 homeless women and children over the past four years.



Vanessa Howard, owner of Giving Hands Hair Salon, shampoos a woman's hair out of her studio in Tampa.

— suicidal. A victim of domestic violence, she had first gotten pregnant as a teen and left her "drug infested" childhood home, not sure where to go next.

"I cried out one day," Howard told CBS News. "I was tired of being homeless, tired of being alone and prayed for help."

Howard eventually met with a landlord who let her rent an apartment because he believed it was destiny that he was supposed to help the unfortunate young mother.

"He was like, 'I don't know you, but I feel like you should have this place,'" Howard described. "It was from there that I found hope and restoration. I just wanted to pay it forward."

She then started working at local beauty salons to be able to support her three daughters. Decades later, Howard saved up enough money and was finally able to open her own business, and named it the Giving Hands Hair Salon.

As a means of uplifting other girls living in poverty around Tampa, Howard, now 62-years-old, provides free services one day a month. With her now five daughters by her side and a handful of volunteers, Howard gives out free trims, facials and manicures. So far, she's helped 275 women and children. Almost 300 women and girls from transitional housing and homeless shelters have benefited from Howard's free styling.

"I know the struggle. That's why I give so hard," Howard said. "I'm looking to help restore women. I'm looking to help restore children, because, again, that pain is a part of my purpose."

"I believe everything we go through we go through for purpose. I truly believe that nothing happens by coincidence," Howard told CBS News. "I would encourage other broken women, business owners — all of us have a story and I believe that we should use what we've been through to help others."

Massacre at First Baptist Church

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shooting in Las Vegas who had used a "bump stock."

The sheriff described a horrific and methodical killing. Kelley appeared to have begun at the front of the church, having "shot his way in," and fired his weapon from side to side as he paced through the room.

"There was nothing anyone could do until he came out," Sheriff Tackitt said. The sheriff later declined to give more information about what had happened inside the church.

The bystander — whom Sheriff Tackitt called a "hero" but declined to give his name — waved down a man in a vehicle and the two began pursuing the gunman, Sheriff Tackitt said in an interview with CBS. They may have engaged in a firefight along the way before the gunman's vehicle crashed into a fence.

Johnnie Langendorff, the driver, said in an interview with local ABC News television affiliate KSAT that he sprang to action after he encountered the two men exchanging gunfire. After the armed bystander

explained the situation, the two took off after the gunman. "He got a little bit of a jump on us. We were doing about 95" — miles per hour — "around traffic and everything. Eventually he came to a slowdown and we got within just a few feet of him and he got off the road."

Langendorff said that the gunman lost control of his vehicle. Langendorff parked and the armed bystander drew his rifle, which he kept trained on the gunman's vehicle until police officers arrived about five minutes later, he said. The two men had been on the phone with police dispatch during the chase.

Kelley's in-laws were interviewed by investigators Sunday night in Sutherland Springs. They were not in the town at the time of the shooting, according to law enforcement officials.

Kelley was clad all in black, with a ballistic vest strapped to his chest and a military-style rifle in his hands, when he opened fire on parishioners, turning this tiny town east of San Antonio into the scene of the country's newest mass horror.

Pilgrim Rest MBC celebrates 4th pastoral anniversary



Rev. Van Gaskins, Jr.

The Pilgrim Rest MBC celebrates the 4th pastoral anniversary of Rev. Van Gaskins, Jr., Sunday, November 12.

The guest speakers will be Rev. Faron Law at 11 a.m., Rev. Brandon Jones of Community of Faith MBC and congregation will climax the celebration at 3 p.m.

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Haitian, Central American immigrants protest

By Nick Miroff

The Washington Post

A form of legal immigration status will expire soon for 300,000 Haitians and Central Americans residing legally in the United States, some for nearly two decades, but the Trump administration has given little indication it plans to renew the benefit.

The immigrants have been al-

lowed to live and work in the United States under a program called Temporary Protected Status (TPS) that shields some migrants from deportation if their nations are stricken by natural disasters, civil wars or other calamities.

Permission to stay must be periodically renewed by the Department of Homeland Security, and in the coming weeks, the agency will decide the fate of about 195,000

Salvadorans, 57,000 Hondurans, 50,000 Haitians and 2,550 Nicaraguans. Over the protections lapse, those immigrants would be subject to deportation.

Their predicament is not as well known as the "Dreamers" who have been allowed to stay under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the program that Trump is canceling. But an end to TPS protections could have wide-

ranging consequences, especially in cities such as Los Angeles, Miami, Houston and Washington, where many of the beneficiaries and their U.S.-born children reside.

Democratic lawmakers and advocacy groups are urging the administration to extend the TPS protections, warning that the humanitarian and economic costs of expelling so many long-term U.S. residents would be steep.

Moreover, they say, the countries remain crippled by violence, disease and poverty, and the abrupt loss of the cash remittance payments the immigrants send from the United States would deal a heavy blow to those nations' feeble economies.

DHS officials say the agency's acting secretary, Elaine Duke, has yet to make a decision and continues to consult with the Department of State, which must provide DHS with specific country-by-country information about whether conditions in those nations have ameliorated.

But administration officials say the TPS program was never intended to be a way for migrants to remain indefinitely in the United States, and they view it as part of a broader culture of lax immigration enforcement they want to remedy.

"We are looking at the fact that temporary protected status means temporary, and it has not been temporary for many years, and we, the U.S. government, have created a situation where people have lived in this country a long time," DHS spokesman David Lapan told reporters this week.

"Every time, we give an extension, and then give an extension, and soon we have people living here 20-plus years under what was supposed to be a temporary program," Lapan said. "When do you stop that?"

DHS has until Nov. 6 to announce its plans for the roughly 60,000 Hondurans and Nicaraguans whose benefits will expire Jan. 5. They were allowed to stay after Hurricane Mitch killed 10,000 across Central America in

1998, so many have been in the United States for at least two decades.

Haitians received a similar reprieve after the 2010 earthquake that left at least 200,000 dead. But the roughly 50,000 Haitians who have TPS protections could be forced to return if DHS does not grant an extension in the coming weeks. The deadline for that announcement is Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day.

In May then-DHS Secretary John Kelly renewed TPS protections for those Haitians for six months, far less than the 18-month waivers granted by the Obama administration. In a statement at the time, Kelly called it a "limited" extension whose purpose was to "allow Haitian TPS recipients living in the United States time to attain travel documents and make other necessary arrangements for their ultimate departure from the United States," and "to provide the Haitian government with the time it needs to prepare for the future repatriation of all current TPS recipients."

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Happy Birthday!
From grandchildren, friends and co-workers of Miami Northwestern Senior High.

Snow's - Ocala

JANIE M. BETHUNE, 74, retired teacher, died November 2 in Ocala, FL. Service today, 10 a.m. at Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Reddick, FL.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



NOVELLA HOLLIDAY
11/11/1937 - 06/07/2015

Mom, it seems like it was just yesterday and yet its been two years of pain. Mom, you will forever be deep in our hearts. We love you so much.
Your Kids

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



ELVIS WARDELE PASCHAL
07/09/1950 - 11/07/2016

We your family miss you, in the house where you used to be. We wanted so much to keep you but God willed it not to be.

Now you are in God's keeping, you suffer no more pain. So dear God, take care of him until we meet again.

Love, Diane, Erica and Heather.

Death Notice



PERRY LINCOLN DUHART, SR., 81, of Tallahassee went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 5. Born and raised in Micososuke, Mr. Duhart moved to Miami at age 18 and lived there until retiring and moving back home in 1994. A born entrepreneur, he owned several businesses, including Duhart Daycare Center. Treasuring his love is his loving wife of 60 years, Ollie Mae Alvin Duhart; daughter, Wenda Duhart (Thomas) Brown; son, Perry L. Duhart, Jr.; four grandchildren, Monique (Addonis Sr.) Parker, Christopher Brown, Cedric Duhart, Sr. and Precious Duhart; brother, Arthur C. (Louise) Duhart, Jr.; sisters, Cherri Turner, Flora Payne and Aretha Tucker; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends. Viewing-visitation 4-7 p.m., Friday at Church of God of Prophecy, Moccasin Gap Rd., Tallahassee, where he was a deacon. Services 1 p.m., Saturday at the church. Burial will follow in the church Cemetery.

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Range

RAYMOND FARRINGTON, 80, of Hartford, CT, retired Director for the Dept. of Children and Families for the State of Connecticut, died October 29. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, 1954 (Miami, Florida), Moorehouse College, (Atlanta, GA.), and Howard University, (Washington, DC). Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Farrington; son, Raymond Kevin Farrington; daughter, Lisa Farrington; brothers, James P. Farrington (Paula), Richard H. Farrington; sisters, Juanita F. Morley (Fred), Rosalie Brown (Theodore), Pamela Heard (Valsteen), and Yolanda Williams (Jonathan); five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-7 p.m., Wednesday in the chapel. Service 1 p.m., Thursday at Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church.



IRENE PAGE, 88, retired home care nurse/entrepreneur, died November 3. Survivors include her husband, Clarence Page; daughters, Eva P. Weaver (Leon) and Gloria P. Barney (Warren); son, William C. Page, Sr. (Dorothy); granddaughters, Tiffany Weaver, and Noella Barnes; grandsons, Brandon Leon Weaver, Waven Barnes, Jr., and William Page, Jr. (Melissa); and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 2-5 p.m., November 12, Sunday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Monday, November 13 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



TASHONA ANTOINETTE KNOWLES, 30, program director, died October 29. Final rites in Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

Gregg L. Mason

MAMIE L. JOHNSON, 83, retired teacher, St. Johns County School District, died October 30. Survivors include: sisters, Alice Blevins, Bernice Keels and Mattie Bell; nieces and nephews and other relatives. Viewing 6-8 p.m., Friday. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel. Interment: Caballero Rivero Dade Memorial.



Paradise

HELEN WEST, 73, died November 4 at Jackson South. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Morning Star Baptist Church.



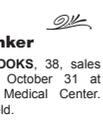
IVY McDONALD, 99, died October 29 at home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Premier

RUFUS SIMS, 73, died November 4. Arrangements are incomplete.

HILDA ATKINS, 59, died November 1. Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Manker

TINA ANN HOOKS, 38, sales attendant, died October 31 at Jackson North Medical Center. Services were held.

Eric S. George

MARVIN ANTHONY HYDE, died November 2. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

GEORGE CALDWELL, 87, retired, died November 1 at Season Hospice. Service 10 a.m., Thursday in the chapel.



MUARI LYNN CHUKUMA, 61, postal clerk, died November 1 at Aventura Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.



ANTHONY EUGENE MACK, SR., 67, truck driver, died November 1 at North Shore Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Lively Stone for Jesus Ministries.



CHARLES JACOB BENEY, 44, chef, died October 28 at North Shore Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



BEVERLY ANN HICKS JONES, 56, homemaker, died November 1. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



O.C. FORD, 77, beverage canning, died November 4 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 1 p.m., Thursday in the chapel.



Neptune

ALGER CEASER, 78, retired chef, died October 25 at Hialeah Hospital. Survived by wife, Eloise Ceaser; son, Lenny Ceaser; four daughters, Brenda Ceaser, Sarah, Dorothy and Elaine; four grandchildren, Tiffany, Teneil, Shannon, Shadai and many great grands. He loved reaching out and feeding the community. Private service will be held for immediate family.



Koger's South Carolina

SINELL COCKRUM LAMBERT, 84, died October 11 in Orlando, Florida. She will be sadly missed by her children: Willie Brian Hampton, Gloria Jean Daniels (Willie) and Francis Demitrick Lambert; siblings: Tony Cockrum (Birtie), Lillie Mae Campbell, Martha Griffith and sister-in-law, Jannie Cockrum; 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends. Services were held.



M.A. Hall

SHARLEAN DUTY, 58, retired letter carrier, died November 2. Survivors include son, Corey (Crystal); grandson, Korie and granddaughter, Kyrie. Lilany 6:30 p.m., Friday at Church of the Incarnation. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.



Richardson

MARGARET JEAN JONES, 70, educator, died October 25 at Miami Shores Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Refuge Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



LILLITH YVONNE PETERSON-PINDER, 63, logistic specialist, died October 28 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Believers Life Worship Center.



ELEATHIA SNYPES, 91, homemaker, died October 26 at Hialeah Hospital. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



Trinity

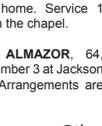
CLEORA FORSTON, 63, school administrator, died October 30 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Cathedral of Faith.



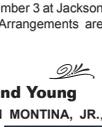
DAVID FEVRIER, 52, bus driver, died October 29 at Jackson North Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.



ELVA RODGERS, 55, died October 31 at home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



MARTINEAU ALMAZOR, 64, baker, died November 3 at Jackson North Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.



Wright and Young

ALTON LEON MONTINA, JR., 30, vendor, died October 28. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church.



MERVIN TROTMAN, SR., 81, complete finisher, died October 30. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Northside Church of God.



HANK JONATHAN EDWARDS, 51, laborer, died October 30. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Mitchell

JOE LOUIS NELSON, SR., 81, retired, died November 3 in Summerton, SC. Survived by wife, Elviza Nelson; four children: Pastor Lyngberg Nelson (Verlinda), Sarah Nelson Grimsley (Ellis), Patricia Nelson Faustn (Jean), and James Nelson (Lisa); first wife, deceased Rovena Lemon Nelson; two deceased brothers, Michael Nelson, Sr. and Joe L. Nelson, Jr. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



Eric L. Wilson

RALPH H. HAMILTON, 96, veteran, died October 31 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Hope Church of Christ, Hollywood, FL.



DERICK W. TUCKER, 46, coach, died October 27. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hialeah, FL.



Eternal Rest

JOAN MCLEAN, 61, nursing assistant, died October 25. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Peace Missionary Baptist Church.



PRINCESS LOUNA TE'SHAE BAZILE, died October 30. Service 4 p.m., Friday in the chapel.

Hadley Davis MLK

BERNADETTE DARDEN, 56, dietician, died November 1 at North Shore Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



CATHY "TAT" STANLEY, 56, hair stylist, died November 2 at home. Viewing 1:30-5 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



Jay's

LEONARD C. BRADY, SR., 52, retired police chief, died November 5 at Memorial Region Hospital. Viewing 6-8 p.m., Friday at Mount Herman Miami Gardens. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at the church.



Death Notice



CHARLES JACOB BENEY, co-owner of D&E Entertainers. Survivors are Jacquie Beney Garcia, Zachary Beney, Loretta Beney, Morris Beney and Wilfred Bastian; a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 1-8 p.m., Friday and wake to follow 6-9 p.m. at 778 NW 146 Street. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Hadley Davis Funeral Home Miami Gardens. Repest at 778 NW 146 Street.

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Your family: mom, Bettie J. Anderson; brothers, Willie G. Fenderson and Richard James; sisters, Felicia, Valerie James (BPF) and "Kango"; many relatives and friends.

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DARRYL CRAIG DRIESSEN
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Love always, your mom, Lorene D. Melvin; brothers, children and grandchildren.

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Love always, Sherrienne, Willie, Shirtenia, and Willie, Jr.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late,



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takes this opportunity to express our gratitude to our many relatives, friends, neighbors, church members and other organizations for the many acts of kindness extended during the illness of our loved one, and during our bereavement.

Your prayers, visits, calls, cards and many other expressions of sympathy helped to make our loss easier to bear.

Special thanks to Benjamin Parrot, Sr., Pastor, Pastor Jimmie L. Williams III, Pastor Mark L. Griffin, Rev. Tyrone Days, Pastor Jody Alexander, Pastor Charles Rogers and staff of Hall, Ferguson, Hewitt. From the Sneed family.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



BETTY ROSS SMITH
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TASTE OF SOUTH FLORIDA



Miami Gardens mayor, Oliver Gilbert and Councilwoman Lisa Davis hand a prize to pastry chefs at the Miami Gardens Wine and Food Experience last year.

Fine dining aloha in Miami Gardens

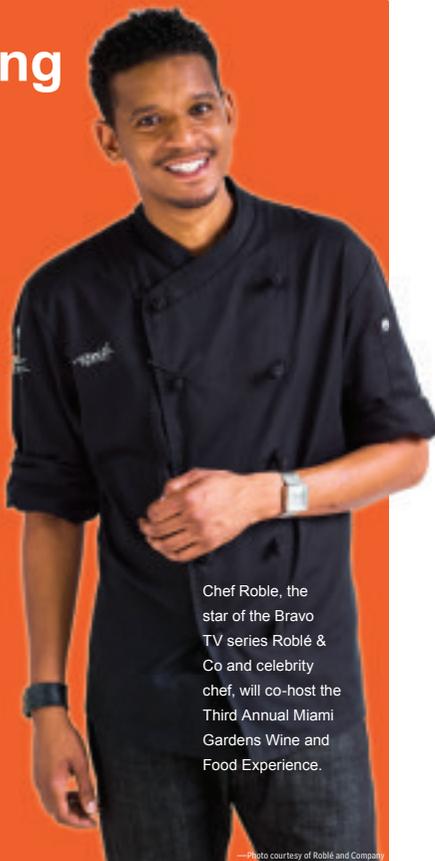
By Nyamekye Daniel
 ndaniel@miamitimesonline.com

The Third Annual Miami Gardens Wine and Food Experience will be an all-inclusive event featuring culinary greats, organizers said.

Taking place on Nov. 11, the MGWFE will be a nighttime event hosted by TV chef and local culinary star, Michelle Bernstein and Roblé Ali, the star and chef on Bravo TV's Roblé & Co. It will also highlight the best in South Florida cuisine, chefs and dessert competitions and more.

The foodie experience, which was launched by Miami Gardens Councilwoman Lisa Davis, will be held at the rooftop at Miami Gardens City Hall.

"When I created the Wine and Food Experience, it was part of a vision to enhance our city's profile as a foodie destination and to complement the cultural hub that we are becoming known for," said Davis. "I am excited to see this vision come to fruition, and I thank Please turn to **DINING 6C**



Chef Roblé, the star of the Bravo TV series Roblé & Co and celebrity chef, will co-host the Third Annual Miami Gardens Wine and Food Experience.

—Photo courtesy of Roblé and Company



Local chefs will get the chance to enter into the Sweet Freaks Competition, a dessert contest that organizers of the Miami Gardens Wine and Food Experience said was a crowd favorite last year.

—Photos courtesy of Adrian Freeman



THE AROMA OF THE JERK VILLAGE WILL ENTICE THOUSANDS

By Nyamekye Daniel
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This weekend will be a glorious one for South Florida foodies with two major food events slated for Saturday and Sunday.

The Miami Gardens Wine & Food Experience and the 16th Annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival will draw thousands of hungry patrons in for a taste from local and celebrity chefs with what organizers say will be memorable occasions.

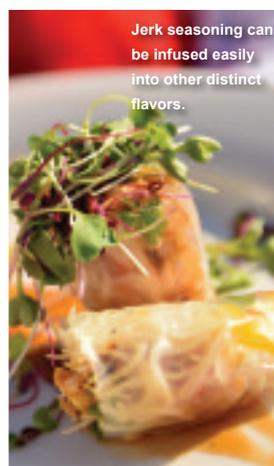
The Grace Jerk Festival organizers said they plan to give their projected 12,000 guests a premium experience.

"This year's festival is an opportunity to create a bigger experience that appeals to a broader audience of South Floridians who can appreciate the culture, music, cuisine and the Caribbean energy," said Eddy Edwards, CEO of the Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival.

The festival, which will take place on Nov. 12 at the Markham Park in Sunrise, will feature over 30 food vendors serving up a variety of jerk and other Caribbean dishes along with food showcases and competitions. In addition to the abundance of food, the event Please turn to **JERK 2C**



The Grace Jerk Festival offers an array of Caribbean delicacies.



Jerk seasoning can be infused easily into other distinct flavors.



Rice and peas is one of the most popular dishes in the Caribbean cuisine and is often served with meat such as jerk chicken.

—Photo courtesy of Skaani Media

THE Social WHIRL

By Vennda-Rei Gibson VenndaL43@gmail.com



All Saints' Day, also known as the Feast of All Saints, is celebrated every year on November 1 by the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominations. Sunday, November 5, was the first Sunday after All Saints Day and as such, was a day to remember and celebrate. It was also a day when Holy Baptisms are often held. "We celebrate the passages of welcoming the new births as we remember the dead."



HARVEY BURNS

So it was indeed a festive occasion as Retired priest and Associate Pastor, The Rev. **Richard L. Barry**, baptized (christened) his grandniece, **Azaniah Veronica Herring**, at The Church of the Transfiguration. Baby **Azaniah** is the daughter of **Barry's** niece, **Ciello Herring** and her husband **Micheal**. Following church services, the entire congregation and guests were invited to a luncheon reception. Husband **Michael Herring** gave a very heartfelt thank you to all for their love and support. There were other

baptisms, but I lost the list of names and you can be certain that they will be mentioned next week. (Challenges, I'm sure I can share with you and readers will understand.) Suffice it to say that **Hermo Jean Barry Larkin** was proud as her great grands were among the newly baptized and the **Barry** family was well represented at the service.

It was also Daughters of the King Day, and the following charter members were honored and recognized: **Alyce Martin, Mary Mitchell, Viletta Howard, Emma Burnside** and **Burns**.

Also on Sunday, The Church of the Incarnation observed the 61st Annual All States Tea. In his greeting, Interim Pastor, The Rev. **Errol Harver** said that "not only is All Saints a time to remember saints of the past and draw inspiration from their lives, it is also a time to celebrate. Episcopal Church Women of the parish who for 61 years have raised thousands of

dollars for ministry in the church." Episcopal Church Women President **Ingrid Butler Cheeseborough** welcomed parishioners, family and guests while Mistress of Ceremonies **Olga Van Beverholt** kept the program running smoothly. Ms. **Dessie Williams of Wactor Temple CME Church** was honored to introduce the speaker, **Traci Cloyd**, News Director and Anchor for Hot 105 radio in Miami. **Traci**, I was reminded, by **Spelmanite** family members, is another proud graduate of **Spelman**. Women from many different faiths were a part of the program including the offertory which included **Lisa Francis** (Church of the Open Door); **Kim Lynch** (Covenant International); **Debbie McKinney** (Wactor Temple); and **Joyce Williams** (Mt. Zion Baptist). As usual, the program included much talent including soloists **Treva Burke-Harrell; Eleajah Bush, Addison Green, Master Ellington Rutledge, The Praise Team** from New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist church and of course St.



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Cecilia's Choir directed by Rev. **James Bell**. States were recognized by **Agenor Paschal-Powell, Sandra Powell, Josephine Davis-Rolle and Davrye Gibson Smith**. Fellowship and refreshments followed the program in the **J. Kenneth Major** Parish Hall to cap off the afternoon.

On this coming Sunday, The Historic St. Agnes Episcopal church will host its 2nd annual Island Festival Tea. Representing various Bahamian Islands, Many persons in our community that called Overtown and Liberty city home and have been a part of this historic church, a special invitation is extended to them. **St. Agnes** members have strong Bahamian and Caribbean roots and the make-up of the congregation represents generations of family members. The program will kick-off with a "Bahamian happy hour" consisting of conch fritters, conch salad and various island drinks along with a steel drum band among some of the entertainment, entertain guest. Immediately following the program there

will be a reception in **Blackett Hall**. I'm told that aside from sts will enjoy traditional foods of the Bahamian Islands the event will end with an appearance from the 'real' **Junkanoo's**. So many in this community grew up in **Overtown** and attended **Douglas, Dunbar, Phyllis Wheatley, Booker T. Washington**. I'm sure that many of you also hold some unforgettable memories of **St. Agnes and Northwest 3rd Ave.** are included. So many traditions remembered as we have moved along and no longer live in or worship in **Overtown**. **Niesha Mack-Freeman**, Principal of **Barbara Hawkins K-8** center and the reigning Mrs. All World Beauty will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. Chair **Bryley Wilson** and co-chairs **Layminister Harold Meadows** and **Miranda Y. Albury** cordially invite you to come out to celebrate and enjoy an afternoon in celebration 'all things Bahamian'.

Proud mother **Mary Gibson Salary** will celebrate her birthday weekend as her son, **ChefRLI (Richard Ingraham)**, will be at the Miami Beach Fair which kicks off Nov. 12 with **Dan Rather** and runs through Nov. 19 at Miami Dade



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College's **Wolfson campus**. **CheFRLI** will be at the Fair on November 19 at 5 p.m. to discuss his book, **Eating Well** to Win. Culinary Architect and Mixologist **Richard Ingraham** was born and raised in Miami and became a culinary enthusiast at an early age. He trained at the Art Institute of Atlanta. A few years later, he was offered what is now his current position as Private Chef, for the Miami Heat's **Dwyane Wade**. He is responsible for the nutritional diet that keeps the star fit, toned, and healthy on and off the court. The combination of his world-class training, recognitions, and passion for fine cuisine and spirits has allowed him to serve a plethora of NBA, NFL, MLB and entertainment personalities across the country.

Of course, in case you didn't know, **Mary Gibson Salary** is a graduate of Northwestern, Class of 1961 and Saint Augustine University.

And so it is as, we move along with November as we Live, Pray, Love, Laugh, Cry, Dance and Sing in the Whirl, and I am grateful to all of you. I get by with all of the help from you, my friends. Blessings

Educating Black students in the new Jim Crow era

Policy experts discuss this issue again

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire

After decades of desegregation efforts, federal civil rights laws, and other attempts to close the achievement gap, a high quality education remains an elusive

schools, during a recent panel discussion.

Led by moderator Linda Tillman, professor emeritus of education leadership at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the panel discussed the challenges faced by African

has affected Blacks in so many ways. Black education is a right [that's] not solely based on White norms."

Panelist Terri Watson, a City College of New York (CCNY) educator and co-creator of the CCNY-based "Growing Our Own Doctor's Project," said that there's not only a need for better education, but that there's also a need for safer communities for Black students.

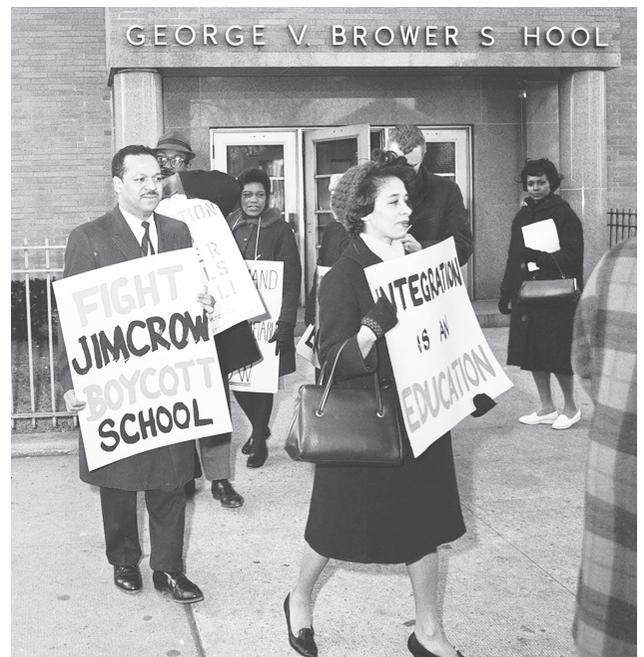
"We have to focus on creating space where kids are informed and active, that's important," Watson said. "We have to let the kids know that the world is waiting for them, they're up next and we have to change their mindset that the world views them as disposable."

Rodney Hopson, a professor and associate dean of education psychology at George Mason University, Sonya Douglass Horsford, an associate professor of education leadership at the Teachers College at Columbia University, and M. Christopher Brown II, the president of Kentucky State University also participated in the panel that took place during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual legislative conference.

Both Brown and Horsford, longtime friends, said the majority of public schools are now non-White. The proliferation of charter and alternative schools has also chipped away at the effectiveness of public schools.

The federal government has played such a major role in shaping education policy and schools now mostly prepare African Americans for prison, not college, Brown said.

"The school's structure that's used is that they teach our kids how to stand in a straight line, to raise their hands when they have to go to the bathroom...you



Colored men and women coming together to stop the Jim Crow laws and the separation of colored and white people.

do that in prison, so that's the training they're getting," Brown said.

He then quoted what he said was a prophetic statement made by W.E.B. Du Bois 57 years ago.

"[African American] teachers will become rarer and in many cases will disappear," Brown said quoting Du Bois, noting that the prediction has come to pass.

Brown continued, quoting Du Bois: "[African American] child-

ren will be instructed in public schools and taught under unpleasant if not discouraging circumstances. Even more largely than today, they will fall out of school, cease to enter high school, and fewer and fewer will go to college."

Horsford, like the other panelists, said no one should be surprised, because, after all, resegregation has occurred and education is the "new civil rights in the new Jim Crow."

"We shouldn't operate from the assumption that our schools are broken," she said. "They are doing exactly what they were designed to do, which is to sift and sort children into different categories for economic reasons."

Horsford added that African Americans must tap the potential, possibilities and gifts of the young people who truly hold the answers to society's pressing problems.



—Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Students protest segregation at the state capitol building in Atlanta on February 1, 1962. The passage of the federal Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965 ended legal segregation across the nation.

goal for most Black children.

In an effort to engage Black parents around reaching that elusive goal, educators and community stakeholders tackled leadership, educational equity and policy in urban

American teachers and leaders, as they work to educate Black children and young adults in urban communities.

"We are here to revisit old discussions and bring fresh ideas," Tillman said. "Jim Crow

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Apple's latest has a crisp display, easier-to-grip design, top-notch cameras — and no home button

The number one new feature on the iPhone X is its facial recognition system. WSJ's Joanna Stern put it to the test with masks, costumes and identical triplets.

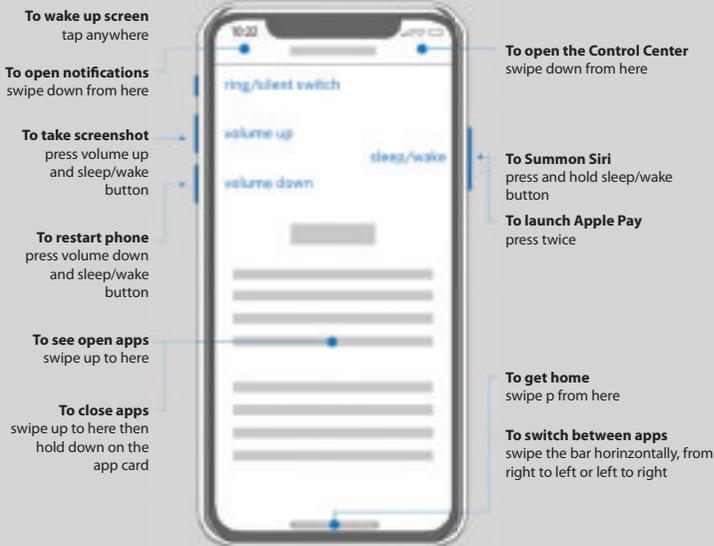
Technology

APPLE'S iPhone X

By Joanna Stern
The Wall Street Journal

THE IPHONE X MANUAL APPLE FORGOT

This all-new iPhone brings all-new gestures. Until you get familiar with them all, you may want to keep this little guide handy.



The first 48 hours with the iPhone X elicits a feeling similar to the one you get assembling mail-order furniture using a poorly drawn 45-step instruction manual. After a lot of fumbling and missteps, you wonder: Am I an idiot, or is this thing's maker out to crush my soul?

But then comes the moment when the much-hyped new iPhone feels so natural to use that when you go back to even the brand new iPhone 8, it's like picking up an old BlackBerry.

The iPhone X is a huge change — no more home button, no more fingerprint sensor, no more wide-as-a-Costco-aisle edges around the screen. The surprise for me was, it's also a fabulous smartphone, one I can recommend even for its \$1,000 price tag.

Typically, Apple has given me about a week to review its new devices, which can result in discovering flaws or shortcomings. (Just see my Apple Watch Series 3 review or my iPhone 6s review.) When Apple provided the iPhone X to me and other technology reviewers on

Monday morning, leaving a window of only 24 hours before I could share my initial impressions, my first thought was, "What are you hiding, Mr. Cook?"

So began my search for every possible problem with the iPhone X.

Funny enough, the first iPhone X Apple gave me did have a bug: When I tried to send the all-new Animojis, the phone failed to track my face correctly. But that was a minor and (as far as I can tell) one-off software glitch. I soon resumed testing with a second phone.

This week, I've quickly and reliably unlocked the phone with my face in numerous different scenarios. I've run multiple battery tests, taken hundreds of photos and spent far too long becoming a talking poop head. While I do have some real gripes, they are outweighed by many reasons for me to give the thumbs-up emoji, especially to those who have long wanted Plus-model features in a smaller, more manageable size.

THE DREAM SCREEN

The lack of a home button means your thumb is about to turn into one of those inflatable waving tube-men outside the car dealership. To get around the stunningly sharp, edge-to-edge OLED screen, you must master a list of thumb wiggles, waves and swipes.

The most important one? Swiping up from the small bar on the bottom of the screen to get back to the home screen. It so quickly became muscle memory that I inadvertently did it on my iPhone 7.

The other gestures, however, are buried. Many moves require almost surgical precision. For instance, depending how far you swipe from the bottom, the phone decides whether you're asking for the home screen or the app switcher.

While the iPhone 8 Plus has a 5.5-inch display in a much bigger body, the iPhone X has a taller but slimmer 5.8-inch display in a phone closer in size to a smaller iPhone 8. The design is reminiscent of the most recent Samsung Galaxy phones — Samsung has been packing larger screens into smaller bodies for a few years.

The screen's extra height means that many third-party apps, like Gmail and Google Maps, don't yet reach the top and bottom edges of the display, leaving big black bars. (Some third-party apps also crashed or became unresponsive during my testing. Hopefully, these problems will resolve when developers get new phones of their own.)

The opposite problem arises when you turn the phone horizontally to watch a 16:9 widescreen video. Black bars flank both sides, unless you tap the stretch button to fill the whole display. Still, watching a video on this vibrant, high-contrast screen is just awesome.

So is listening to that video: The new stereo speakers are so loud, you'll likely be turning down the volume. That also translates to great speakerphone calls. Yes, this thing still makes phone calls, and they sound crisp and clear.

So what about that notch everyone's been complaining about—or widow's peak, as I like to call it? The indentation at the top of the screen really wasn't a big deal to me, until I realized that less info up top means no more battery percent meter. To check that, you have to swipe down from the upper right corner to launch the Control Center. I took this change almost as well as that time my mom turned my childhood bedroom into a guest room.

THE SELFIE SCENE

That widow's peak contains the TrueDepth cameras and fancy depth-sensing tech that Please turn to **IPHONE X 10D**



iPhone X lasted nearly nine hours—40 minutes longer than the iPhone 8, but an hour and 20 minutes less than the iPhone 8 Plus.

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.

■ **Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)** is seeking interested county residents to apply for one of three committees -- Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC), Housing Advocacy Committee (HAC) or Youth Action Committee (YAC). For more information about MDEAT Action Committee Application process, contact 305-375-5661 or email MDEATInfo@MiamiDade.gov

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

■ **Liberty Square Project Friends and Family Reunion Inc.** will host their 4th Annual Banquet

Dance on Sat. Dec. 2 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call 696-1819 or 305-333-8539

■ **The Golden Bells** invite you to a pre-Thanksgiving Musical on November 12 at 4 p.m. Call 786-251-2878.

■ **The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University**, meets 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 Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/ Brown 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 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 305-881-3330.

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

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

■ **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 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.

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the community for embracing the concept."

"This year's MGWFE will offer the attendees a variety of food and beverage samplings including a wine, spirits and beer tasting options. The ambience of the event, and the presence of the industry's best is what organizers said makes the event a signature one.

The most anticipated appearance of the night will be by Ali, said Davis. His two-season documentary on Bravo, which showcased his high-end catering company in New York, gained him a large following on social media and propelled him to superstar status.

Ali has also gained fame for

cooking for Barack and Michelle Obama, Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael Jackson and Chris Rock. Ali said he enjoys the fellowship of food festivals.

"Whenever people in the same business get together, magic happens," said Ali. "It raises awareness of the local hospitality industry, and it provides support for the local community."

The projected 2,000 guests will get to dine on food from 20 local restaurants such as Jackson's Soul Food and Bahama Breeze. They will also be treated to an intimate dinner by local celebrity and breakout chefs who will compete in a master chef cook off.

The cook off will give the competitors 30 minutes to make a gourmet meal from a

"mystery basket." The local chefs said they are excited about the upcoming challenge and the chance to display their skills.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity for a good, clean and hearty competition," said Kelsee Major, a Miami Gardens chef and owner of Auntie Dottie's Catering Inc. "It will be a great opportunity to showcase my skills."

Major, who said her specialty is soul food infusion, will be competing against Chef Vicki Colas of A Unique Taste Catering Inc, a traveling fine dining service, Raul Cunningham, private and personal celebrity chef and Chef Anderson Osorio of 320 Gastrolounge, known for its Peruvian-Asian flare.

The event is Hawaiian theme with a roasted pig, flame throwers and hula dancers. There will also be a dessert competition dubbed the Sweet Freaks Competition where contestants will have 30 minutes to impress the judges. A major network has shown interest in the competition, said Davis

"I am overtop excited and elated. I've been doing this event for three years and for a food network to say they want to come out to cover it, is big for Miami Gardens," said Davis.

The MGWFE will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight and will feature live music by rising R&B band A.T.L.D.V. General admission tickets are \$85 and VIP tickets are \$125. Tickets can be purchased at MGWFE.eventbrite.com.

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November 2 at 6 pm
Burgericious 2017 at Fred B. Hartnett Ponca Circle Park, Coral Gables

November 2-5 at 8 pm
The Humans by Stephan Karam at SableStage at the Biltmore

November 2-5 and 9-12 at 3:05 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm
Miami Motel Stories: Little Havana Presented by Clivias Regal at Tower Hotel - Miami

November 3 at 8 pm
The Black Archives presents Lyric Live at Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex

November 4 at 8 pm
The Opera Atelier Presents Great Opera Moments at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

November 4 at 7 pm
Le In Concert at North Beach Bandshell

November 6-11
Miami short Film Festival at Cinapolis Coconut Grove and The Miami Beach Cinematheque

November 8 at 7:30 pm
Froer Concert Jazz Band and "The Drifter" at UM Gusman Concert Hall

November 11 at 8 pm
The Rat Pack Now at Seminole Theatre, Honesonod

November 11-12 at 7:30 pm
Flamenco Puro: Steps Through Time at South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center

November 11-12 at 12 pm
House of Creatives Music Festival at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park

November 11-18
Florida Grand Opera- Lucia di Lammermoor at the Adrienne Arsne Center for the Performing Arts

November 17 at 6 pm
Sounds of Little Haiti: Culture Walk at Little Haiti Cultural Complex

November 17 at 9 pm
PULSE: Late Night at the New World Symphony at New World Center

November 18 at 7 pm
10TH ANNUAL Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest at Gateway Park

November 18-19 at 10 am
Mad Harter Arts Festival at the Barnacle Historic State Park

November 24 at 8 pm
Jazz in the House at the Historic Hampton House

November 24 at 6:30 pm
Viernes Culturales Arts and Culture Festival in Little Havana

November-December
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November [events throughout the month]
FIU Music Series at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall

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GENERATORS: Judge's order delays state rules

SMALLER ELDERLY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS GET A REPRIEVE

By Philippe H. Buteau
 Special to The Miami Times

Nearly two months after power outages by Hurricane Irma led to more than a dozen deaths at a healthcare facility, other owners are trying to find a way to meet new state rules to avoid thousands of dollars in fines.

Following the death of more than a dozen residents at a Hollywood adult



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care facility, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs issued a requirement that all long-term care owners must maintain their facilities at 80 degree temperatures for at least four days in the event of a power outage. The agency also required those facilities to have a plan in writing, and to purchase the equipment — including generators — by Nov. 15, or face fines of up to \$1,000 per day.

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Ricardo Colon, of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (far right), discusses emergency management plans with a group of assisted living facility owners.

—Photo courtesy of Philippe H. Buteau



MIRAMAR

Messam touts jobs, business development

State of City address touches on many challenges and positive opportunities

By Carol Porter
 Special to The Miami Times

Job creation, business development, and cultural diversity in Miramar were among the highlights of an annual message delivered recently by Mayor Wayne Messam.

In his State of the City address, Messam spoke of the

city's future in a positive fashion. He touted the job creation and business development that had been coming to the city in the past several years, items that the City had become known for in Broward County.

Messam delivered his State of the City address to a packed Miramar Cultural Center on Oct. Please turn to **JOBS 10D**



Mayor Wayne Messam addresses a packed audience at the Miramar Cultural Center during the annual State of the City address. During the speech, the mayor spoke about economic development and attracting businesses into the west Broward city.

BROWARD



BARBADOS TRANSPORTATION LEADERS VISIT BROWARD

(L-R) Alex Linton, Barbados Transit Authority Director; James Fourcade, BCT Director of Maintenance; Michael Lashley, Barbados Minister of Transportation; Abdul Pandor, Barbados Transport Authority Chairman; Colin Mayers, Barbados Consul General; Corwin Gibbs, BCT Director of Bus Operations; and Chris Walton, Director of Broward County Transportation.

COUNTRY WANTS TO RESTRUCTURE AND IMPROVE ITS TRANSIT SYSTEM

The Miami Times Staff Report

BROWARD — Leaders from Barbados are looking toward Broward County as an example for how to remake that country's transportation system.

In recent meetings, Broward County Transportation Department Director Chris Walton recently led a delegation from

Barbados' Transit Authority on a tour of Broward County Transit's (BCT) bus and maintenance operations, at the request of Barbados' Consul General.

The Barbadian government is in the process of restructuring its transit system and asked to observe BCT's daily operations. BCT is the second largest transit system in the state of Florida and

also provides services to parts of Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

The tour focused on bus dispatch, route scheduling, bus traffic control, safety and security techniques and vehicle maintenance and repair.

"We need to increase efficiency, expand our bus service via private tours to bring in more revenue, upgrade our vehicle maintenance program and offer more advertising space on our vehicles," said Alex Linton, Barbados'

Transport Authority director.

The Barbadian transportation system has come under fire from government officials who complained about equipment failures and the quality of buses.

Earlier this year, Cynthia Forde, a member of Parliament, was quoted in published reports about the service.

"There are buses breaking down, buses and minibuses running out of diesel, un-roadworthy buses, minibuses without seats Please turn to **BARBADOS 8D**

A clear message: Follow the Black women in 2018

"The Democratic party is too male, it's too pale and too stale."

By Catherine Pearson
 The Huffington Post

Hard conversations about race have been at the heart of the Women's March from the moment it began to take shape last fall, and at the Women's Convention in Detroit this weekend, they were front and center once again.

"Today, we are going to talk about Black women," Symone Sanders, former press secretary for Sen. Bernie Sanders' (I-Vt.), told a

crowded conference room in the Cobo Center on Saturday, to loud applause. Some 4,000 women had traveled to Detroit for three days of panels, training sessions and marquee speeches — all part of the first major women's convention in the United States in 40 years.

Sanders, who has spoken about her own experiences with discrimination on the campaign trail, led a panel called, "94 percent voted against Trump: following Black women in 2018."

The message was clear: For Democrats and progressives to win future elections, white women must do better.

Fifty-three percent of white women who voted in the 2016 presidential election voted for Donald Trump. Meanwhile, 94 percent of Black women who voted chose Hillary Clinton.

"So many times when I look for sisterhood from white women, I don't find it," said panelist Brittany Packnett, an activist and vice president of National Community Alliances with Teach for America. "It wasn't just missing on Nov. 8."

Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, praised the racial mix of the women who'd opted to attend the panel on Saturday morning. There was a fairly even split between white women and women of color.

But while the mood in the room was warm and enthusiastic, with attendees frequently breaking out in cheers, Campbell argued the white women present couldn't simply pat themselves on the back if they did not vote for President Trump.

"You may not have," she said. "But did your cousin?" Campbell urged them to have those conversations, and to continue having them no matter how uncomfortable they become.

"I thought it was really interesting and informative and I learned so many things that I feel like I can take forward in my own work," Natalie Welland, 25, who had come to the convention from Canada, said after the

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Symone Sanders

Zero support for Black women by the Democratic party

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panel. Welland, who is white, said she appreciated the message that white women do not have to apologize for their privilege, but they must use it.

"It's about, just do the work," she said.

"It was important for me to go to that [panel] because I wanted to make sure that white women understand why we are upset," said Erica Fuller, who is a Black 25-year-old, from Portland, Oregon.

"These are the types of conversations I've been having for years," she continued.

Protesters hold up banners as they march past the Capitol during the march for Racial Justice in Washington, DC, on Sept. 30, 2017.



Andrew Calliero-Reynolds/Via Getty Images

"But one of the things that feels new this year is that because we actually have statistics showing how white women voted for Trump, it's clear that we're not pulling this out of our heads."

Several sessions at the convention took direct aim at the role white women play in propping up white privilege. On Friday, some 200 women took part in a discussion

called "Confronting White Womanhood," in which they were urged to "unpack the ways white women uphold and benefit from white supremacy."

At the panel on Saturday morning, the wide-ranging discussion frequently turned to criticism of the Democratic party, and how it can better support Black women voters and Black women

candidates. Panelists called the party "out of touch" and said it would not be enough to simply replace white male legislators with white women.

"The Democratic party is too male," said Letitia James, public advocate for the City of New York and the first woman of color to hold city-wide office in the city. "It's too pale and too stale."

Barbadian transit workers meet Broward's

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and more. We had a reliable service until around 2013 or 2014," Forde said.

Linton vowed to improve

the service.

"We appreciate the opportunity to showcase BCT operations to the Barbados Transport Authority. They were impressed by how well we've built our transit

system, and admired the technology we use to track our buses, and the maintenance of our vehicles," Walton said. "They expressed an interest in adopting similar technology as they

look to modernize and expand bus service in their country."

BCT runs its bus operations from two separate facilities in Dania Beach and Pompano Beach.

Owners concerned about generator mandate

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A state administrative law judge ruled last month that the timing was impossible for the owners to comply and said the rules should no longer be enforced. The state is appealing that ruling.

Sylvia Williams, who owns her own adult living facility, Sylvia's Retirement Home, LLC, gave glory to God when she received news of the judge's order.

"Keep praying it works!" Williams wrote in an email.

Still, Williams, 72, said she remains frustrated. "We're still not over the bump yet," said Williams. "My head is [swollen] right now, it's too much."

She said she and other ALF administrators have been bogged down in figuring out their emergency plans and going back and forth between local and state agencies to comply with the rules.

"No one has the answers to our questions," Williams said. "We're not even sure if they're going to adhere to their own deadlines."

Miami-area ALF owners said they agreed with the need for generators in case of a weather emergency. But they said they needed more time because of the cost of the adjustments.

Neither the Department of Elder Affairs nor The Agency for Health Administration responded to requests for comment asking whether they would amend the emergency rules.

Williams has owned her ALF for 32 years, been through many storms and never had a problem. But the state's rules will have caused her more problems because of how the business of providing care is outlined.

Skilled nursing units, which the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills is, typically provide short-term care and are for people who are not able to be mo-

ved easily. Adult living facilities provide long-term care in the most homelike settings but are not in the residents' homes. Adult day care centers are for people who may not be able to dress themselves or take their own medication, but they can be moved. And adult family care homes provide full-time care for up to five senior citizens who are unrelated to a homeowner but the owner still lives in the residence.

Williams said skilled nursing facilities, which are known as nursing homes, typically receive more money per client. Adult living facilities receive their payment from patients' Social Security income while Medicaid, Medicare and other ALF administrators help pay for service at skilled nursing facilities.

Williams said she got bids from contractors for up to \$17,000 just for a generator, not including the electrician's work. But she doesn't make enough compared to skilled nursing facilities to be able to meet the deadlines in time.

"I get about \$735 per month for each resident and I have about seven," Williams said. "We don't make money like the nursing homes. The large institutions get about \$5,000 per client. The rules are the same but not the pay."

Anthony Richard, an ALF owner for more than 20 years, doesn't have the money to purchase generators and needed more time.

"They should have given us until next hurricane season," Richard said recently at a meeting of about 10 ALF owners in Northeast Dade.

Elaine Bloom, president and CEO of Plaza Health Network, said a majority of their patients are on Medicaid, others are on Medicare, private insurance or pay out-of-pocket. As many as 900 pa-

tients at any given time could be in one of her seven facilities.

Bloom said the requirements for each type of facility makes comparisons difficult. An ALF is required to have a certain number of nursing assistants, but skilled nursing facilities must have many more and maintain a ratio of nurses depending on the number of patients. These include registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants. Bloom

said better staffing is one way of getting higher ratings from state and federal regulators.

"Very often we have to eat the costs," Bloom said. "We spend more on staffing and technology than other facilities."

Plaza Health Network is a non-profit network of skilled nursing facilities and a part of Florida Healthcare Association that represents 500 of the 700 skilled nursing facilities. Bloom said only six of the 700 do not have generators in case of

power outages.

Williams and other assisted living facility owners said the rule to have higher capacity generators is fine, but the enforcement of it wasn't well thought out.

"We didn't have time to adjust," she said.

"There's no way to do this in 60 days," Bloom said. "We would have to put rooms out of use to make the adjustments the state is calling for. A lot of work would have to be done inside of the buildings."

CITY OF MIAMI ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

IFB NO. 717381 US-1 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

CLOSING DATE/TIME: 2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM)

Detailed specifications for this bid is available at the City of Miami, Department of Procurement, website www.miamigov.com/procurement or email Sr. Procurement Contacting Manager Pearl Bethel at pbethel@miamigov.com

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City Manager



CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organization listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 2 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. The Miami Foundation, Inc. as a fiscal agent and on behalf of the Office of New American of Miami-Dade, Inc. (ONA) to help ONA's efforts to assist lawful permanent residents to obtain citizenship, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

- The Miami Foundation, Inc. - Office of New American of Miami-Dade, Inc. to assist lawful permanent residents obtain United States citizenship.

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

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of November 16, 2017 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida.

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

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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

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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, November 16, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose considering the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS (4/5THS) AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, AFTER AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING, RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION AND WRITTEN FINDINGS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-85 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING AS NOT BEING PRACTICABLE OR ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR PURPOSES OF ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$180,000 ("THE GIFT"), \$120,000 IN IN-KIND SERVICES AND \$60,000 IN MONETARY FUNDS FROM THE VAN ALLEN INSTITUTE ("VAI"), A NEW YORK CITY 501(C)(3), NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO BE USED FOR THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF A NEW GENERAL PLAN FOR JOSE MARTI PARK ("THE PARK"), THIS DESIGN PHASE WOULD INVOLVE DEVELOPING A NEW GENERAL PLAN FOR THE PARK, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION INCREASING FLOOD RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SEA LEVEL RISE, UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF LITTLE HAVANA, INCREASING USE RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE PARK, AND CONSIDERING PARKING, TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS ISSUES (THE "PROJECT"), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GIFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND VAI IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS, AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE GIFT AGREEMENT, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR SAID PURPOSE.

Inquiries from other potential sources who feel that they might be able to satisfy the City's requirements for this purchase may contact Annie Perez, Procurement Director, in the City of Miami Procurement Department at (305) 416-1909.

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City Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

MDX PROCUREMENT/CONTRACT NO.: ITB-18-04
MDX WORK PROGRAM NOS.: 38234-000, 40944-000, 10821-000
MDX PROJECT/SERVICE TITLE: CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES FOR SIGNAGE/RATIGNY PARKWAY MILLING AND
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This Solicitation is subject to the Cone of Silence in accordance with MDX's Procurement Policy.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time on **November 14, 2017.**

The Deadline for submitting a Bid Package is 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time on **December 12, 2017.**

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Job creation, diversity highlight Messam's address in Miramar

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26. He told the audience how his message would go.

"The format tonight," said Messam, "is to showcase the experiences and accomplishments of the city. We will do department by department. I will do some highlights and we will transition into how we are doing as a community. We will focus on the economic development, business development and quality of life and we will have an opportunity to share some of the initiatives of the mayor's office."

The message also touched on some of the city's challenges and opportunities. Among those, Messam said, were the need to develop the older section of the city and the recent Hurricane Irma debris collection.

He said residents rose to challenges po-

sed by the hurricane, with neighbors helping neighbors. He said the city's Public Works Department cleaned up the excessive amount of debris.

"Almost 200 cubic yards were picked up," said Messam. "There are still cities out there that have mounds of debris. The City of Miramar was able to navigate the challenges."

Regarding opportunities and business development, Messam said the city hoped to lure online retail giant Amazon, which is looking for a second headquarters. He said he was hopeful that the business would choose the city to bring more jobs and employment.

"We are one of the cities of choice," said Messam. "When business come to Broward County, Miramar is one of the first cities you need to look at."

One thing that could work in the city's favor



Miramar Commissioner Maxwell Chambers shares a laugh with David Washington at the recent State of the City address.

is the city's low unemployment rate, which leaders say is a draw for visitors and potential businesses. Another plus, they said is

the trade zone within the Park of Commerce that made it easier for foreign businesses to conduct business. Messam also spoke

about redevelopment efforts within historic Miramar and cultural endeavors that embraced many different cultures, further evidence

of the wide diversity within the community. The mayor lauded the Cultural Center was ideal as a community jewel, along with the Miramar Amphitheatre, which had many shows and hosted Fourth of July and New Year's Eve celebrations.

"We recently had a concert of the Third World Reggae Band," said Messam. "It was a sold out show. We have the honor of them coming back."

Messam also spoke about the cultural diversity that was a

huge part of Miramar, and how the future of the city was dependent on the city's diversity and growing multicultural population, and what that diversity offered to the city. He also spoke about what that population offered to the community.

Messam said he and city commissioners looked forward to a changing and thriving future, and that change was the way of the future. Messam noted that when people refused to change

and adapt, they would likely perish. The only constant was change, he said.

"There is no such thing as staying the same," said Messam. "If you stay the same, you die. We cannot stay the same. We have to continue to dream and dream big. We must work together as a community. The businesses are investing in our community. They are growing and bursting at the seams. We will continue to be a successful city by pushing the envelope."

New on the iPhone X

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make the facial recognition work. As I detailed here, I've found FaceID to be just as fast, secure and reliable as TouchID... in most situations. I still miss the fingerprint sensor when I am:

In bed. When I'm lying down and wearing glasses, it struggles to unlock — likely because the rims obscure my eyes, or I'm holding the phone too close to my face.

At my desk. When I want to unlock the phone quickly, I have to pick it up and look at it. I know, life is hard.

At the cash register. You now have to double-click the side button to initiate Apple Pay, then look at the phone. Placing a finger on the home button was simpler.

But let's talk about the real significance of the improved front-facing camera: extremely detailed selfies and those talking emojis.

Like the dual cameras on the back of the phone, the new front camera array collects depth data used to blur the background around your head, or create dramatic lighting effects on your face. In some cases, it struggled to differentiate my face from the background, but no more than the rear cameras do. See example here.

A n i m o j i s — "animated emojis" — are a fun trick to showcase the impressive face tracking. In Messages, tap the app icon and then the little monkey. Select one of the 12 emojis (unicorn or bust!), hit record and begin talking. The phone maps your voice and facial movements to the character. As goofy as it seems, it could be a sign of the next wave of virtual communication — 3-D FaceTime, anyone?

The iPhone X has nearly the same dual-camera system as the iPhone 8 Plus, and side by side, most shots looked the same. There's one key difference: The X has optical image stabilizers on both the wide-angle and telephoto cameras, while the 8 Plus only has it on the wide. In low

light, when I zoomed in heavily, I could in fact capture slightly sharper shots with the X. Low light shots taken with the X are very good, though Google's new Pixel 2 XL seems to have the edge.

THE BATTERY IN BETWEEN

In my daily use, I could make it from wake-up (7 a.m.) to just about bedtime (11 p.m.) without charging the phone. That's similar to what I get with the iPhone 8 Plus, and far better than the iPhone 7 or 8. With the smaller phones, I often charge at least once midday.

In my more controlled test, which cycles through a series of websites with all screens set at the same measured brightness, the iPhone X lasted nearly nine hours—40 minutes longer than the iPhone 8, but an hour and 20 minutes less than the iPhone 8 Plus.

Like the iPhone 8 models, the X also supports wireless charging. The \$60 Mophie Wireless Charging Base I tested required me to carefully place the iPhone X at its center, and even then, it took an hour to charge from just 20 percent to 40 percent. And at \$1,000, the thing that's billed as "the future of the smartphone" deserves better than the tiny charging cube that has come with every iPhone for the past 10 years. The X feels like a sports car, so why won't Apple give it a fast charger?

In many ways, the iPhone X seems like a bridge between the past and the future. Sure, you have to learn some new tricks, but much of the interaction is still very iPhone-like... for now. The X's faster processor and depth-sensing tech — along with Apple's new augmented-reality initiative and embrace of talking speakers and ever-more-powerful wearables — lay a foundation for bigger changes to come. One day, the iPhone X will feel old, but today, at the risk of sounding like a Hall-mark graduation card, it's the start of something new.

Invitation to Bid New Site Utilities, Earthwork, Asphalt Paving & Site Concrete

W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company and Jackson Health Systems cordially invite subcontractors to complete and submit their bids by Tuesday November 21, 2017 no later than 2pm for the following project:

**Jackson Health System
JHS West Medical Campus**

The Invitation to Bid includes the following packages:

- Site Conditions of the Contract and Specifications – Issued for Construction – May 5, 2017
- Civil Drawings – July 29, 2017
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE) & Responsible Wages – Attached Form A-6, A-14 & A-16

Bid requirements and bid forms, specifications, drawings and other construction documents will be available through www.iSQFT.com. Respond to Jessica Miller at jmiller@wgates.com to get access to bid documents.

All bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to Jackson Memorial Hospital Facilities, Design and Construction Department trailer located at the corner of NW12th Ave. and NW 19th St. Complete address is listed below:

**Jackson Memorial Hospital – FD&C Command Center Trailer 1
Attn: Mike Posey
1811 NW 12th Ave.
Miami FL 33136**

There is a pre-bid walk-thru scheduled for November 9, 2017 at 9am at the project site at 7800 NW 29th St. Doral FL 33122.

Yates is committed to supporting the economic development of certified Miami-Dade county small business enterprise-construction (SBE-C) firms. Miami-Dade County certified SBE-C entities are encouraged to submit a bid package for this and future projects. W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company and associated partners are an equal opportunity employer minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity.

All questions can be directed to Mike Posey at mposey@wgates.com.

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVES COMPENSATION, REMUNERATION OR EXPENSES FOR CONDUCTING LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES BEFORE CITY STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OR THE CITY COMMISSION. A COPY OF THE APPLICABLE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK (MIAMI CITY HALL), LOCATED AT 3500 PAN AMERICAN DRIVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33133.

AT THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M., IN ITS CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 3500 PAN AMERICAN DRIVE, THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM RELATED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENTS, ACCEPTING THE PLAT ENTITLED "NYAF NORTH", A REPLAT IN THE CITY OF MIAMI, SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE PLAT AND STREET COMMITTEE AND THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN CITY CODE SECTION 55-8, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATIONS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF NE 2 AVENUE, FROM NE 22 STREET TO NE 23 STREET, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PLAT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDATION OF SAID PLAT IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Copies of the proposed Resolution are available for review at the Public Works Department, Survey and Land Records Section of the Construction Division, located at 444 SW 2nd Avenue, 4th Floor, during regular working hours. Phone 305-416-1232.

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

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



Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

#29078

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organization listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 2 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. Musical, Inc. provides a music instruction to children of all ages, including three orchestra levels, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

- Musical, Inc. – after school music program at Frances Tucker Elementary School.

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

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of November 16, 2017 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida.

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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

#29075

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, November 16, 2017, at 9:00 A.M., at City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose of granting the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS (4/5THS) AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, AFTER AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING, RATIFYING, APPROVING, AND CONFIRMING THE FINDINGS, UNDERTAKINGS, AND DETERMINATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND THE NECESSARY CITY DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF UPGRADING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S ("CITY") ETHERNET CAPACITY AND SERVICES AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY AN AFFIRMATIVE FOUR-FIFTHS (4/5THS) VOTE, AFTER A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-85(A) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND RENEW, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD AND EXPAND NECESSARY SERVICES UNDER AN THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR METRO ETHERNET SERVICES ("AT&T METRO ETHERNET AGREEMENT") BY AN ADDENDUM THERETO ("ADDENDUM") INCREASING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT CAPACITY BY AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$168,000.00, THEREBY INCREASING THE TOTAL ANNUAL CONTRACT CAPACITY FROM AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$432,000.00 TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.00, TO ALIGN WITH HISTORICAL USAGE AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE UPGRADED CAPACITY AND RELATED EXPENDITURES, AS STATED HEREIN FOR ETHERNET SERVICES CITYWIDE PURSUANT TO THE AT&T METRO ETHERNET AGREEMENT, ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF FUNDS, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND BUDGETARY APPROVAL AT THE TIME OF NEED; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW, EXTEND, MODIFY, OR AMEND, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, THE AT&T METRO ETHERNET AGREEMENT AND THE ADDENDUM FOR THE SAME NOT TO EXCEED CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD.

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

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GROW YOUR BUSINESS
The Miami Times
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Postal Service eyes next-day service

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

As consumers demand ever-quicker and convenient package delivery, the U.S. Postal Service wants to boost its business this holiday season by offering what few e-commerce retailers can provide: cheap next-day service with packages delivered Sundays to your home.

Retail giant Walmart says it is considering the Sunday option, which could reshape packages shipping trips to the mall.

The program, available in 20 major U.S. cities, allows consumers to place online orders with participating retailers before a cutoff time Saturday, the Postal Service said. Postal carriers pick up merchandise from local stores for delivery the following day, similar to Sunday package deliveries in now handles almost exclusively for online leader Amazon in much of the U.S.

The Postal Service hasn't disclosed which stores may sign onto the new pilot program, launched in advance of retailers' most competitive time of the year.

"It's one of the ideas Walmart is looking at," company spokesman Ravi Jariwala told The Associated Press, citing the big-box chain's recent focus on getting goods to shoppers' front doors quickly. In recent months, Walmart has announced added shipping options to better compete with Amazon, from acquiring a same-day delivery service in New York to testing drop-offs of packages by Uber drivers and Walmart employees.

Best Buy and Target, which recently added speedier holiday shipping options, declined to comment on the program.

The next-day weekend service is part of the Postal Service's aggressive push into the parcel business at a time when its more lucrative first-class mail is declining in the digital age. With Amazon continuing to raise the bar of "free shipping" conveniences, from one- or two-day package arrivals to keyless-in-home delivery via couriers, the financially beleaguered post office is billing itself as the trusted, low-cost carrier already serving every U.S. household.

The expanded Sunday delivery is aimed at consumers like Susan Dennis, 68, of Seattle. Weary of weekend trips to the mall where she often ends up stuck in traffic or waiting too long in line, the retiree says she buys online whenever possible and isn't wedded to just Amazon, if the product quality is good and the delivery "fast and inexpensive."

"More Sunday deliv-

ries would be one of the sweetest deals ever — give me the URL and I will buy whatever," Dennis said.

Bolstered by e-commerce growth and its Sunday operations, the Postal Service will reach new highs this year in holiday package delivery, with nearly 850 million U.S. parcels delivered from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, according to figures compiled by industry tracker ShipMatrix Inc. for the AP. That 13 percent increase from 2016 would exceed the single-digit percentage growth for UPS and FedEx, putting the post office on track to capture 45.6% market share in peak holiday deliveries, ShipMatrix said.

The post office's growth is due in large part to its established network in the "last

mile," the final and usually the most expensive stretch of a package's journey to a customer's door. UPS and FedEx already subcontract a chunk of their last-mile deliveries to the post office. Due to slower growth this holiday season, the two private carriers are expected to drop in market share, to 31.3 percent and 17.8 percent, respectively, according to the ShipMatrix analysis.

UPS, in a dig at the post office's financial woes, says it is focused on profitable growth and less concerned about expanding market share, "especially if it were to involve loss-making service expansions." FedEx said it had no comment on market share and would boost operations during the holiday season to meet cus-

tomers needs.

Courier services, such as Uber and Deliv, are expected to rise, delivering about 5.2 percent of the peak holiday packages.

MIAMI DADE COUNTY

General Meeting

N.W. 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency

The N.W. 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will conduct a general meeting on November 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Aroca Lakes Library located at 8240 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

If you have questions or need additional information please call (305) 375-5143. For sign language interpreter services, call (305) 375-5143, at least five (5) business days in advance.

For legal ads online, go to <http://legalsads.miamidade.gov>

CITY OF MIAMI

City of Miami Notice of Solicitation

ITB No.: 17-18-004

Title: Restoration of Lifesheet Properties
ITB Due Date Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 2:00 PM

Voluntary Pre-Bid Conference
City of Miami
444 SW 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor South Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33130
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification:
Friday, December 1, 2017 at 5:00 PM)

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

For additional information, please contact Anthony Rolle at Arolle@miamigov.com or 305-416-1914 or visit our Procurement Opportunities webpage at <http://www.miamigov.com/MiamiCapitalNewBidsandProposals.html>

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

DP# 29635 Daniel J. Alfonso, City Manager

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday November 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM, to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organizations listed below through the Social Services Gap Program Fund, Account No. 00001.910101.882000, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

Agencies	Social Service Gap Allocation for FY 2017-18
Allapattah Community Action, Inc.	\$155,184.00
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami/Sagrada Familia Child Care Center	\$6,352.00
Centro Mater Child Care Services, Inc.	\$30,670.00
Curley's House of Style, Inc.	\$41,176.00
De Hostos Senior Center, Inc.	\$102,969.00
Fann Aiyisen Nan Miyami/Haitian Woman of Miami, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Fifty-Five Years & Up, Inc.	\$9,830.00
Josefa Perez de Castano Kidney Foundation, Inc.	\$607.00
Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc.	\$117,038.00
St. Alban's Day Nursery, Inc.	\$2,590.00
Southwest Social Services Program, Inc.	\$56,906.00
Sunshine for All, Inc.	\$65,592.00
The Association for Development of the Exceptional, Inc.	\$18,264.00
The Sundari Foundation, Inc.	\$30,674.00
Multi-Ethnic Youth Group Association, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Total Allocation:	\$682,852.00

Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Nancy Romani, Assistant to the Director for the Department of Community & Economic Development, at (305) 416-1770.

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended ("City Code"). The recommendations and finding to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in City Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

#29080

Public Notice

2017 TAX ROLL OPEN FOR COLLECTION

Due to Hurricane Irma, Governor Rick Scott signed Executive Order 17-235. Pursuant to the authority granted in Executive Order 17-235, The Florida Department of Revenue, on September 6, 2017 issued an Emergency Order implementing provisions of the Executive Order 17-235. The Order, and its subsequent amendments, suspended compliance deadlines and authorized extensions in the budget approval process, and setting of millages and special assessment rates by local taxing authorities.

Local taxing authorities have exercised the use of the Executive Order's extension to conduct hearings and approve their respective budgets, millage rates and special assessments for ad valorem and non-ad valorem assessments. These authorized extensions have resulted in delays in the calculation and preparation of the annual tax notices which are normally mailed by the Tax Collector on or before November 1st.

Florida Statute 197.162 requires that the maximum 4% early payment discount period be extended 30 days from the mailing of the original tax notice. The 30-day maximum 4% discount period will run from November 14 through December 13, 2017. The December 3% discount will apply from December 14 through December 31, 2017. Thereafter, the normal discounts and delinquency provided under Florida Statute 197.162 will resume (i.e., 2% in January, 1% in February, 0% in March). The last day to pay property taxes and assessments before becoming delinquent is March 31, 2018, with any unpaid taxes and assessments becoming delinquent on April 1, 2018.

The 2017 Tax Roll of Miami-Dade County is now open for collection. Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property taxes as assessed from January 1 through December 31 becomes payable on November 14.

Early Payment Discounts:

4% if paid November 14 through December 13, 2017 (Extension due to Hurricane Irma)
3% if paid December 14 through December 31, 2017
2% if paid by January 31, 2018
1% if paid by February 28, 2018

Discounts are not available if payment is made in March

Property taxes become delinquent on April 1, 2018

Failure to pay property taxes will result in additional interest, fees, and penalties and could result in loss of property.

To view the amount due and/or make a payment log onto www.miamidade.gov

When the discount period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, payment must be made in person to the Tax Collector's Office by the next business day. Payments can be made:

- Online by check or credit card at www.miamidade.gov (Accounts with delinquent taxes, confidential or bankrupt status cannot be paid online)
- By mail - discounts on current taxes are determined by postmark.
- In person at our office:

Miami-Dade Tax Collector's Office
200 NW 2nd Avenue, 1st floor
Miami, FL 33128
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding legal holidays)

Make checks payable to Miami-Dade County Tax Collector. Payment must be in U.S. funds drawn from a U.S. bank.

For additional information please call 305-270-4916 or visit www.miamidade.gov/taxcollector

Marcus Saiz de la Mora, Tax Collector
Miami-Dade County

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BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME REVEALS CLASS OF 2018



**HAROLD
CARMICHAEL**
Southern University



**RAYMOND
CHESTER**
Morgan State
University



**THOMAS
"HOLLYWOOD"
HENDERSON**
Langston University



**LEO "LINCOLN
LOCOMOTIVE"
LEWIS**
Lincoln University



**GREG
LLOYD**
Fort Valley State
University



**EVERSON
WALLS**
Grambling State
University



**COACH BILL
HAYES**
Winston-Salem State
North Carolina A&T

POOL OF SEVEN FINALISTS, THREE SUPER BOWL RINGS AND 18 PRO BOWL PICKS

Byblackcollegefootballhof.org

Seven finalists were revealed today as the newest members of the Black College Football Hall of Fame.

"This class represents three Super Bowl rings, 18 Pro Bowl selections and several Black College Football championships," said BCFHOF Co-Founder and 2011 Inductee Doug Williams. "Take a look at what they've done off the field as well, and each has earned this incredible honor."

The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) announced its Class of 2018 today. Seven inductees were selected from a list of 25 Finalists who had been determined earlier by the BCFHOF Selection Committee.

The Class of 2018 includes Harold Carmichael (Southern), Raymond Chester (Morgan State), Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson (Langston University), Leo "Lincoln Locomotive" Lewis (Lincoln), Greg Lloyd (Fort Valley State), Everson Walls (Grambling State) as player inductees and Coach Bill Hayes (Winston-Salem State and North Carolina A&T).

Votes were tallied from the 12-member Selection Committee, comprised of prominent journalists, commentators and historians, as well as former NFL General Managers and executives, and from previous BCFHOF inductees to determine the 2018 Inductees.

The Class of 2018 will be honored at the Ninth Annual Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Presented by the Atlanta Falcons on February 10, 2018. The Induction Ceremony takes place at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia.

The inductees will also be recognized on ESPN at the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta on December 16th.

CLASS OF 2018

HAROLD CARMICHAEL (Player)

Wide Receiver; Southern University (1967-1970); Began collegiate career as a walk-on; Member of the

SWAC Hall of Fame; Selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in 7th round of the 1971 NFL Draft; Eagles (1971-1983); Dallas Cowboys (1984); 14 seasons; Four-time Pro Bowl Selection; NFL receptions leader (1973); NFL 1970s All-Decade Team; Retired as the Eagles' all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards, receiving touchdowns and total touchdowns (79); Born on September 22, 1949 in Jacksonville, Florida.

RAYMOND CHESTER (Player)

Tight End; Morgan State University (1966-1969); Member of Morgan State's 1968 undefeated team, scoring the Bears' only touchdown in their historic victory over Grambling at Yankee Stadium; Member of 1970 College All-Star team; Selected by the Oakland Raiders with the 24th overall pick in the 1970 NFL Draft; Raiders (1970-1972; 1978-1981); Baltimore Colts (1973-1977); NFL Rookie of the Year (1970); Four-time Pro Bowl Selection; Super Bowl Champion (1980); Born on June 28, 1948 in Cambridge, Maryland.

THOMAS "HOLLYWOOD" HENDERSON (Player)

Linebacker; Langston University (1971-1974); Started collegiate career as a walk-on; Led Langston to 11-2 record and NAIA playoff berth in 1973; Two-time NAIA All-American; Southwest District Defensive Player of the Year (1974); Selected by the Dallas Cowboys with the 18th overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft; Cowboys (1975-1979); Also played for the San Francisco 49ers, Houston Oilers and Miami Dolphins; seven seasons; NFL Pro Bowl selection (1978); Super Bowl Champion (1977); Born on March 1, 1953 in Austin, Texas.

LEO "LINCOLN LOCOMOTIVE" LEWIS (Player)

Running Back; Lincoln University (1951-1954); Started every game and led the Blue Tigers to undefeated seasons in 1952 and 1953;

Still Lincoln's all-time career leader in 4,457 rushing yards and 64 touchdowns; Selected by the Baltimore Colts in the 1955 NFL Draft, but elected to play in the Canadian Football League; Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1955-1966); 12 seasons; Six-time All-Pro selection; Canadian Football Hall of Fame; College Football Hall of Fame; Born February 4, 1933 in Des Moines, Iowa; Died August 30, 2013.

GREG LLOYD (Player)

Linebacker; Fort Valley State University (1984-1987); Three-time All-SIAC selection; As a senior, was selected as the SIAC Player of the year; First Team SBN All-American; Selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 6th Round of the 1988 NFL Draft; Steelers (1988-1997); Carolina Panthers (1998); 11 seasons; Five Pro Bowl selections; Three-time All-Pro (1993-1995); Two-time Steelers Team MVP; Member of the Steelers All-Time Team; Born May 26, 1965 in Miami, Florida.

EVERSON WALLS (Player)

Defensive Back; Grambling State University (1977-1980); Named to Kodak 1-AA All-American Team and Black College All-American Team; Led nation with 11 interceptions as a senior; Signed by the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 1981; Cowboys (1981-1989); New York Giants (1990-1992); Cleveland Browns (1992-1993); 14 seasons; Four Pro Bowl selections; First Team All-Pro (1983); Led the NFL in interceptions three seasons; Super Bowl Champion (1990); SWAC Hall of Fame inductee; Born December 28, 1959 in Dallas, Texas.

BILL HAYES (Coach)

Winston-Salem State University (1976-1987), North Carolina A&T University (1988-2002); Won four CIAA titles at Winston-Salem State; Ranked as the #1 team in Division II after consecutive undefeated regular seasons; As head coach of the Aggies, Hayes won

three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) titles and made two Division I-AA playoff appearances; 1988 National Coach of the Year; Retired with a record of 195-104-2; All-time winningest football coach at both schools; Born June 1, 1943 in Durham, North Carolina.

ABOUT THE BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

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