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## FLORIDA WILL VOTE ON RIGHTS RESTORATION

Petition drive successful; vote comes in November

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Floridians will decide this November on whether formerly convicted felons will automatically regain their voting rights once they've served their sentences.

Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner announced Tuesday morning that the campaign had collected more than the 766,000 valid petition signatures required to put Amendment 4 on the ballot.

The announcement was sweet news for advocates who gathered petition signatures to get the constitutional amendment on the ballot.

The push for signatures was started by the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, founded by Miami native Desmond Meade. Joining that group were the NAACP, American Civil Liberties Union and other civil rights and civil liberties groups around the state.

A similar effort in 2014 failed when the grassroots organizations came up short to get on the 2014 state

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The people of Florida believe in second chances. We are starting to see a shift in how people feel about diversity.

## Jones calls for the end of 'Stand Your Ground'

State representative files repeal of the controversial self-defense law

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The law that allows Floridians to use deadly force in the event that they feel threatened, should be a thing of the past, according to Democratic state Rep. Shevrin Jones.

Jones, of West Park, has filed HB 6073 which repeals the Florida statute most commonly known as the "Stand Your Ground Law."

The law was passed in 2005, but it received national attention after it was used to acquit George Zimmerman in 2013. Zimmerman claimed that he acted in self-defense when he shot and killed 17-year-old Miami Gardens native Trayvon Martin in Sanford. Now Jones said he wants it to be removed because it is being used to justify criminal behavior.

"The stand your ground law has evolved into something

no longer about self-defense but has become a legalized way for bad actors to get away with aggression, mal intent and fatal violence," Jones said in a statement.

The law is based on the castle doctrine or castle exception, which states that if a defendant is in his or her home, the defendant has no duty to retreat, or in simpler terms, find a safer place to be, prior to using deadly force. The word castle referring to the defendant's home.

Before the law was passed Floridians only had no duty to retreat within the home. After the law, all a person had to do is prove that he or she felt threatened by "imminent" danger before using deadly force to defend his or herself.

The controversial self-defense law was written by Sen. Dennis Baxley, a Republican from Central Florida, and was

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**Shevrin Jones**



Marleine Bastien, executive director of Haitian Women of Miami, left, speaks on behalf of Haitian immigrants, far right, at a press conference on Jan. 18.

## Haitian community asks Congress 'to stop' Trump administration policies

Immigrants are at risk of losing TPS, visas

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Responding to yet another roadblock for immigrants by the Trump administration, Haitian Americans appealed to Congress on Monday to ensure Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients are part of a final agreement to provide a permanent

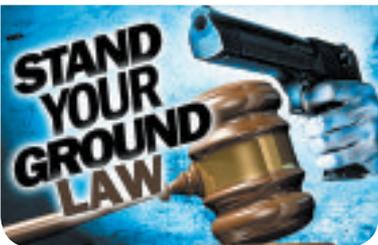
immigration solution for more than a million people, including Dreamers and their families.

"Although Congress is voting to reopen the government, members of Congress should not forget the plight of more than 300,000 TPS holders moving forward - people whose lives have been upended by the Trump administration's decision to cancel the

TPS status that allows them to work, pay taxes, and remain united with their families," said Marleine Bastien, executive director of Fann Ayisyen Nan Miyami (Haitian Women of Miami, FANMI).

"We call on members of Congress to ensure that all TPS holders are afforded a viable and meaningful permanent solution to their immigration status," Bastien said. "Both Democrats and

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## \$100 million affordable housing plan

Russell, Omni CRA green light ambitious goal

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The Omni Community Redevelopment Agency wants to pump \$100 million into affordable housing under a plan that could — if successful — bring homeownership to working-class peo-

ple in a section of Miami where real estate values are at top dollar.

The ambitious goal got the green light from its board members to explore the idea. The CRA board members voted 3-0, with two members absent, to approve a resolution brought by chairman Ken Russell. A separate

resolution involving a Museum Park project also approved 3-0, could add \$28 million toward the \$100 million goal.

The proposal by Russell and CRA executive director Jason Walker establishes "a goal" of allocating \$100 million in tax increment funds that would be earmarked for such housing. The

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## EDITORIAL

### A step in right direction

The announcement that rights restoration supporters succeeded with a petition drive to put a constitutional amendment on Florida's November ballot is welcome news.

Florida's conservative forces in the Legislature and in the executive branches of government have helped deny hundreds of thousands of formerly incarcerated felons the right to vote after they've served their sentence and paid restitution. The impact has negatively impacted millions of men and women. But the toll has been particularly great among Black males, and by extension, Black families.

In 2007, then-Gov. Charlie Crist made it easier for convicted felons to regain their rights. But in 2011, incoming Gov. Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi retightened the process, making some applicants wait at least five years before they could apply. Violent offenders must wait even longer.

Meanwhile, Miamian Desmond Meade began the quest for a constitutional amendment for automatic rights restoration for what he calls "returning citizens." Meade remained focus on his objective and along the way received help from larger organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP to collect signatures for a ballot item.

Their efforts were unsuccessful in making the 2016 November ballot. But two years later, voters will decide. This is a lesson of persistence paying off. A Black man stayed the course to get to this point. He and allies have ways to go. But at least they're in the game.

That is the main thing. We say, congratulations.

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## GOP is 'complicit' in Trump's 'carnage'

JONATHAN CAPEHART, *The Washington Post*

In his inaugural address, President Trump thundered about "this American carnage" laying waste to the nation. One year later, his dystopian description is more apt for his administration. Three hundred and sixty-five days of sustained destruction of every norm and custom that made the United States the envy of the world and its president a global leader who commanded respect.

Last week, a friend of mine from New York marveled in exasperation at Trump's ability to avoid being held accountable for laying waste to everything we thought we knew was acceptable or appropriate or legal. With eyes wide and mouth agape, he said, "He's Teflon!" It was in that moment that I realized that my friend's assessment was off. Trump isn't Teflon. Republicans are complicit. By their silence or active participation, they are allowing an unaccountable Republican president to lay waste to America. This government #TrumpShutdown is simply a new form of their complicity.

Trump doesn't know what he wants on any given policy, yet congressional Republicans thunder that Democrats are to blame for the first government shutdown in four

years. How does that work? Republicans have been in control of the House since 2011. They increased their majority to historic levels in 2015, the same year they took control of the Senate. Now that they have had the White House for a year, they want

people who were brought to this country as children, the president has responded with a scorched-earth ad that is a rolling stew of racism and xenophobia. The command to "stop illegal immigration now" is followed by "Democrats who stand in our way

vile bigotry that sluices from his mouth and Twitter feed.

No one is surprised by this complicity of silence anymore. Just last week, Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.) were complicit in giving the president cover for his racist "shithole countries" insult. Those two walking moral vacuums dutifully marched out to say they didn't hear it. Then White House officials told The Post that Cotton and Perdue privately said they heard "shithouse." A distinction without a difference that simply confirms the walls of the Oval Office echoed with racism from the president of the United States.

After the GOP snatched control of the Senate from Democrats in the 2014 midterm elections, then-incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) was filled with hope. His plan was to show the American people that they were right to entrust the GOP with leadership of both houses of Congress. McConnell said, "I want the American people to be comfortable with the fact that the Republican House and Senate is a responsible, right-of-center, governing majority."

What an epic failure.



President Donald Trump congratulates Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., while House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., watches Dec. 20, 2017.

to pin their inability to actually govern on Democrats? Ch!f, please.

Because Democrats are demanding that Trump address right now the mess he created by rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that protects from deportation law-abiding, vetted young

will be complicit in every murder committed by illegal immigrants." And with that, you know Trump isn't interested in any kind of immigration deal that would garner Democratic votes. More telling is the complicit silence of the Republican Party that lives in fear of Trump and in thrall to those who cheer the

## CARTOON CORNER



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## Our Black colleges in the age of Trump

STANLEY NELSON, *The New York Times*

Last year, when Education Secretary Betsy DeVos cited historically Black colleges (H.B.C.U.s) as emblematic of her "school choice" philosophy, members of my family laughed so hard they cried. Of course, these schools were born of the lack of choice. Yet their achievements, as a group, have been nothing short of astonishing.

My parents, my mother's parents and my wife's father and grandparents were products of H.B.C.U.s — and it was H.B.C.U.s that set out our family on the path to the middle class. His fathers were laborers, but my father became a dentist because of the opportunity he had to attend the H.B.C.U. Howard University. My mother, a graduate of Talladega College, was a librarian; her father graduated from the now-closed H.B.C.U. Walden College and went on to become a lawyer and the business manager for Madam C. J. Walker's company. For hundreds of thousands of other African-American families, H.B.C.U.s were the

only option in higher education for generations. They are the engine that has powered Black progress, from centuries of enslavement to the highest positions in business, government, education, science, technology and entertainment.

The critical but often invisible role of these institutions is what compelled me to capture their history in a documentary film, "Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities," from which this Op-Doc is adapted. The story of H.B.C.U.s is the story of a community that refuses to be denied and of a powerhouse group of institutions that have shaped not only the lives of individual families but also the landscape of the country.

For more than a century, H.B.C.U.s have been central to the social movements that have reshaped American society. It is no accident that major strategies, from the legal challenge to school segregation to the sit-in movement, were incubated at Black col-

leges and universities. These schools were places where students could speak freely about issues affecting the African-American community, debate approaches, and develop the tactics, arguments and political strategies for addressing them. H.B.C.U.s have educated both foot soldiers and architects of past and continuing freedom movements — from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to the Rev. William Barber, from Mary McLeod Bethune to Diane Nash, from Thurgood Mar-

shall to Senator Kamala Harris — many of whom would not have had access to higher education were it not for H.B.C.U.s. Today's H.B.C.U. student activists continue to be at the center of the fight for equality and justice.

The Trump administration's missteps have helped to put H.B.C.U.s in the national spotlight — revealing a national lack of understanding of these schools' history, exposing the difficult position that H.B.C.U. administrators find themselves in, and highlighting the moral leadership exhibited by H.B.C.U. students.

In the current climate, the need for institutions that prioritize a quality educational and social climate for African-Americans is as important as ever. My hope is that these films reaffirm the indisputable relevance of H.B.C.U.s and invite Americans to consider how worse off our country might be without the existence of these institutions and their graduates.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### America, stand up for what's right for everyone

Dear Editor,

As a Haitian-American, I am appalled and offended by the alleged reprehensible term used by the President of the United States to describe Haiti, El Salvador and African countries but sadly enough I'm not surprised. I came to this country almost 50 years ago when segregation was still rampant but I could have never imagined that I would

live to see leaders of this great country of ours, openly revert to bigotry and racism in 2018.

As I pondered the deeper meaning of what's happening in our country today, I had to ask myself what this means for us, individually and collectively. This is forcing us to come to terms with our slavery past and the current incomprehensible fervent desire of some to hate and dehumanize people of a dif-

ferent race. As humans, we don't have a hate or a racist gene but once we dehumanize those who are not like others, we give ourselves permission to denigrate, enslave or kill them. One might ask where do we go from here? I believe that we, individually and collectively, are being called at such a time as this to stand up for what is right and equitable, to stop accepting excuses for mean-spirited,

offensive and demeaning characterization of others, to call out those who would denigrate and dehumanize others who they perceive to be different from them and to make a firm commitment to work with like-minded individuals toward creating a world that works for everyone not just the few.

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LOCAL



## Miami Gardens celebrates ground breaking

Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert and City Council, staff, community partners and residents celebrated the groundbreaking Norwood Park and Pool on Monday, Jan. 22. The park is located at 19401 NW 14 Ave. in Miami Gardens. The renovations to Norwood Park and Pool have been made possible by the city's \$60 million dollar general obligation bond.

## 2018 local legislative proposals

### Liberty City and Overtown are among the list of top priorities

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As the state legislative session enters its third week, local Democrats are at the capital pushing for policy change and funds for community development.

From an industrial park in Liberty City to a youth coalition in Overtown, the representatives have sponsored legislation they believe will leave a lasting impact.

State Rep. Roy Hardemon, District 108, said his top pri-



Sen. Oscar Braynon II

ority for the 2018 session is to secure \$2.5 million in state funding for the Poinciana Industrial Park Intermodal Logistics Center in Liberty City.

"This project would create meaningful jobs for residents

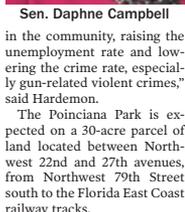


Rep. Sharon Pritchett

community-based youth development programs, affordable housing and more through non-governmental nonprofit organizations.

The initiative was enacted in 2008 and has benefited other disadvantaged areas of the state including Liberty City.

Stafford said she will like to



Sen. Daphne Campbell

in the community, raising the unemployment rate and lowering the crime rate, especially gun-related violent crimes," said Hardemon.

The Poinciana Park is expected on a 30-acre parcel of land located between Northwest 22nd and 27th avenues, from Northwest 79th Street south to the Florida East Coast railway tracks.

Hardemon called it a "gateway for trade and business" and said he believes it will bring jobs in warehousing, transportation and construction.

The location is "prime" for commercial and industrial redevelopment, according to



Rep. Kionne McGhee

duplicate what's being done in Liberty City with the Miami Children's Initiative (MCI), which she said has had been successful.

Stafford said MCI offers support to the children from community leaders and organizations such as school officials, the Circle of Brotherhood and

law enforcement even in an environment that can be troubling at times.

"When the students at Charles Drew took the Florida State Assessment test, one of the children scored 100," she said. "But a day before the test, someone was killed, so they had to go through yellow tape just to get in the school."

Stafford was raised in Liberty City. She said programs like the initiative made a difference in her life and credits them for her accomplishments.

The Children Initiatives bill, HB 447 was filed by Stafford last fall. It received a favorable vote by the Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee on Dec. 7, and is now in the Community Affairs Committee. The bill is also sponsored by Hardemon.

An issue that has been taken up by a Miami activist has also been filed in Tallahassee.

The Restoring of Rights bill, HB 903, was introduced to the house by Democratic Rep. Kimberly Daniels from Jacksonville and Republican Rep. Cord Byrd of Neptune Beach and allows convicted felons, who have served their time, to petition to the county circuit court for the resumption of their civil rights with exception of sexual predators.

Florida law currently automatically strips felons of their civil rights as soon as they are convicted and until they are able to get those rights by a full pardon from the Clemency Board, which could take several years.

Attorney Desmond Meade first started his fight for rights restoration in 2006. He has been pushing for a voter registration amendment for automatic restoration on the ballot since 2014.

The HB 903 does not automatically restore felons' rights, but it makes the restoration process quicker for felons. However, the bill does have nine conditions that must be met including proof that the felon has led a law-abiding life since being released.

HB 903 had its first reading on Jan. 9.

Here's what else is on the bill list for other Miami-Dade Democratic representatives:

- Sen. Oscar Braynon II (District 35); SB 66; adds sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation.
- Sen. Daphne Campbell (District 38); SB 558; requires certain health care facilities to have an operational generator and a supply of fuel, which meet certain criteria by a specified date.
- Rep. Sharon Pritchett (Dis-

trict 102); HB 191; prohibits transfer of certain funds under specified conditions from the State Housing Trust Fund. Hardemon is a co-sponsor of this bill.

- Rep. Barbara Watson (District 107); SB 1374; agreement among the states to elect the president by popular vote.
- Rep. Kionne McGhee (District 117); HB 2837; provides an appropriation for The Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network (FAAHPN).

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### General obligation bond informational session

The city of North Miami will hold a general obligation (GO) bond informational session hosted by Councilman Pelisse Bien-Aime. The city's administration proposes a multi-million dollar GO bond referendum to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation and improvement of several capital improvement projects payable through the full faith credit and ad valorem taxing power of the city. It will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at Griffing Community Center, 12220 Griffing Boulevard, North Miami, FL 33161.

one Miami-Dade County location from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 22 to Jan. 31. They will be located at Home Depot, 11905 SW 152nd St. Miami, FL 33186.

### 5th Annual Black Heritage Festival

Celebrate Black History Month with Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert and County Commissioner Barbara Jordan at the 5th Annual Black Heritage Festival. The festival will commemorate Black History Month through African fashion, musical entertainment and dancers. Other features include face painting, rock climbing, bounce houses, vendors, food trucks and more. The festival will take place at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, 3000 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. For more information or to be a vendor, call 305-474-3011. For sponsorship opportunities, call 305-914-9070.

### FEMA offers tips for hazard-resistant homes

FEMA specialists will be available in certain locations to answer questions and offer tips and techniques for building hazard-resistant homes that will help prevent/reduce damage from future disasters. Most information is geared toward do-it-yourself work and general contractors. Topics will include rebuilding flooded homes, elevating utilities and flood insurance. Free reference booklets with information about protecting a home from flood damage will also be available. More information about protecting property can be found at [www.fema.gov/protect-your-property](http://www.fema.gov/protect-your-property). Specialists will be available in

### Hotel stays extended through Feb. 10

Eligible Hurricane Irma survivors who receive Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) may receive an extension to stay temporarily in hotels while they look for an alternative place to live.

FEMA's TSA, which pays for short-term hotel stays, has extended eligibility from Jan. 7 to Feb. 10.

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## LOCAL

# Man convicted after threatening mosque

Miami faith community reaches out in support, strength and unity

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Gerald Wallace, a 35-year-old security guard from the Miami-area, was sentenced on Wednesday to 12 months and one day in prison after threatening to shoot members of a Miami Gardens masjid.

Wallace pleaded guilty in October 2017 in the Southern District of Florida to one count of obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs. During the plea hearing, Wallace admitted that he left a voicemail at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami on Feb. 19, 2017. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the message was filled with profanity against Islam, Prophet Muhammad and the Holy Qur'an. Wallace also said on the voicemail, "I'm gonna shoot all y'all," according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

A part-time administrative assistant at the masjid was the first to hear the voicemail, said Abdul Hamid Samra, the imam of the Islamic Center of Greater Miami. The assistant then sent it in an e-mail to the imam and the masjid's board of directors.

"When we heard it, of course, I was very disturbed, and it was very nasty, ugly," Samra said. "Hearing bad words and also threatening, so it's very disturbing."

Khalid Mirza, president of the Muslim Communities Association of South Florida, said those in masjid leadership informed congregants of the voicemail.

"The other people who come to pray, they were concerned," Mirza said. "Especially when we pray five times a day, our first prayer is at sunrise and

it's still dark, and the last prayer is at 9 p.m. and it's dark."

Mirza said several hundred people come to pray during those times, so they began to bring in police security, also during children's Sunday school.

The masjid is not new to this sort of situation. Amid the election of President Donald Trump, a letter was sent to the masjid with derogatory messages, calling Muslims "vile and filthy" and that their "day of reckoning has arrived."

Samra said consequences of these kinds of actions must be accepted.

"It is unfortunate to have somebody to put himself in this situation," he said.

"We're not happy to see people in jail or prosecuted, we want to make sure that he doesn't pose threats to anyone. It's in the message that if anyone tries to do anything, they have to bear the consequences and bear the punishment."

The masjid continues to function as it normally does, except with extra security.

"[Wallace] is convicted and looking at the circumstances and what happened in the country, people are still at the edge," Mirza said.

"We still continue Miami Gardens security on Fridays and Sundays. We live in a friendly neighborhood, and we've been here 30 years, and we've never had problems, but people still feel concerned."

Since the incident, the masjid has received calls, letters and postcards from other members of the faith community.

"We got several calls from our Jewish and Christian community, and we got several letters from local and out of state also," Mirza said. "They called us and let



Muslim men listen to speaker during mosque service.



A derogatory voicemail was left at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami in February.

us know they were here to help us. It was good to know that our friends are standing with us. It was a comforting feeling that we have people who care about us."

Wallace's conviction comes on the heels of a multi-faith gathering put on by the Muslim Communities Association of South

Florida. On Thursday, the masjid will open its doors at 6:15 p.m. for attendees to learn about the Muslim faith

to Haiti and other countries in Africa as "s-thole countries", requesting that the U.S. takes in people from Norway instead.

Bastien reminded the community at the press conference about the time President Trump visited Little Haiti while he was campaigning, saying that he would be Haitians' "best champion."

But instead of being there for Haitians, she said, he insulted the community greatly, she said.

"Is this the way you show that you are our best champion?" Bastien asked. "Since he failed his promise to our community, we are asking Congress to act because tomorrow there will be no time."

The delay of providing instructions, and removing Haitians' eligibility to obtain visas and TPS, indicates that the president is true to his words, according to Randy McGrorty, executive director of the Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami.

"We have to take what he says for face value," McGrorty said. "He wants to take Haitians out and Congress has to stop them."

## TPS

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Republicans need to stand by these families - including 50,000 Haitian nationals and their 27,000 American children - so that any final agreement protects them from deportation and provides a path to citizenship."

The latest roadblock came last week, when the administration announced that it will ban immigrants from certain countries from being eligible for temporary worker visas - and Haitians are included - according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Haiti, along with Belize and Samoa, would be removed from a list of more than 80 countries whose residents could apply for H-2A and H-2B visas, which are arranged for seasonal workers in agricultural, hospitality and other industries. Those visas are one of few options where Haitians can legally enter the United States.

In November 2017, the U.S. government announced a stop to Temporary Protected Status for nearly 60,000 Haitians in July 2019. In September 2017, the Trump administration announced that it planned to get rid of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in March 2018, targeting almost 800,000 people.

Bastien and other immigration advocates held a rally on Jan. 18 to denounce both policy changes.

Farah Larrieux, 39, is a TPS holder and the business owner of Thelar Management Group, a communication company, based in South Florida. She moved to the U.S. from Haiti in 2005 and can recall what it felt like being on the deportation list, she said.

"I was depressed and suicidal," she said. "This is like a replay of what I have been through in the past, but right now it's more challenging. I don't want to think about it."

Larrieux was threatened with deportation from 2007 through 2010. She said it was TPS that helped her rebuild after losing everything, including her marriage.

Haitians were allowed Temporary Protected Status to live and work in the U.S. after a devastating earthquake struck the island in 2010.

But what helped Larrieux rebuild will now become harder to keep after the Trump administration dealt Haitians another blow by delaying the process of re-registering those with TPS, Haitian community leaders say.

As of now, the one thing giving Larrieux hope is seeing Americans' response to President Trump and his actions - including his vulgar comments about Haiti, she added.

"All Americans don't think like Trump," she said. "Donald Trump has unified us more than before."

During an Oval Office meeting discussing immigration deals, President Trump reportedly referred

and observe an evening of Muslim prayer. This event is part of the masjid's My Neighbor's Keeper Multi-faith initiative for Muslims, Evangelical Christians and Jews to create opportunities to develop understanding and harmony between the faiths. Two pastors and two rabbis are listed as speakers at the event.

"These are the kind of things that we would like to have," Samra said. "We need to stand with each other. The event on Thursday is part of building the bridges and being there for each other. When anything not good happens, we need to stand with each other and be there for each other."

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# Nearly 1,000 shot and killed by police in 2017

## The figures are from a nationwide report

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*The Washington Post*

For the third year in a row, police nationwide shot and killed nearly 1,000 people, a grim annual tally that has persisted despite widespread public scrutiny of officers' use of fatal force.

Police fatally shot 987 people last year, or two dozen more than they killed in 2016, according to an ongoing Washington Post database project that tracks the fatal shootings. Since 2015, The Post has logged the details of 2,945 shooting deaths, culled from local news coverage, public records and social-media reports.

While many of the year-to-year patterns remain consistent, the number of unarmed Black males killed in 2017 declined from two years ago. Last year, police killed 19, a figure tracking closely with the 17 killed in 2016. In 2015, police shot and killed 36 unarmed Black males.

Experts said they are uncertain why the annual total shows little fluctuation — the number for 2017 is almost identical to the 995 killed by police in 2015.

Some believe the tally may correspond to the number of times police encounter peo-

ple, an outcome of statistical probability. Other experts are exploring whether the number tracks with overall violence in American society.

"The numbers indicate that this is not a trend, but a robust measure of these shootings," said Geoff Alpert, a criminologist at the University of South Carolina who studies police use of force. "We now have information on almost 3,000 shootings, and we can start looking to provide the public with a better understanding of fatal officer-involved shootings."

National scrutiny of shootings by police began after an unarmed Black teenager from a suburb of St. Louis was fatally shot by a white police officer in August 2014. The death of 18-year-old Michael Brown sparked widespread protests, prompted a White House commission to call for reforms, galvanized the Black Lives Matter movement and led many police agencies across the nation to examine their use of deadly force.

The attention may have helped police reduce the number of unarmed people shot and killed each year, according to interviews with experts and police departments. Officers fatally shot 94 unarmed people in 2015, but that number

has been lower in the past two years, with 51 killed in 2016 and 68 in 2017.

"The national spotlight on this issue has made officers more cautious in unarmed situations," said Chuck Wexler, the executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington-based think tank. Wexler also said the training that his group developed for dozens of departments to de-escalate police encounters with civilians may be having an impact.

"We are giving officers more options like slowing the situation down and using time and distance to gain a tactical advantage," he said.

While the number of Black males — armed and unarmed — who have been killed has fallen, Black males continue to be shot at disproportionately high rates, the data shows.

Black males accounted for 22 percent of all people shot and killed in 2017, yet they are 6 percent of the total population. White males accounted for 44 percent of all fatal police shootings, and Hispanic males accounted for 18 percent.

Other patterns also held steady in 2017, according to The Post database.

Police again most frequently used fatal force after encountering people armed with

This Nov. 25, 2014, file photo, shows demonstrators blocking Public Square in Cleveland, during a protest over the police shooting of 12-year-old Tamir Rice. A decision on whether to charge two white officers in the death of Tamir Rice, one of the higher-profile cases of Black deaths at the hands of officers that have rolled cities nationwide, could come any day. The grand jury making the decision has been meeting since mid-October.

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Los Angeles police officers observe a protest against the Trump administration in Los Angeles on Nov. 4, 2017.

knives or guns, killing 735, a number nearly identical to the 734 armed people killed in 2015. The number was slightly lower in 2016, with 693 killed while armed with either type of weapon.

White males continued to account for the largest group of people killed while armed with guns or knives, at 330 of those killed. Black males armed with guns or knives were fatally shot in 160 cases last year.

Mental health again played an outside role in the shootings: 236 people, or nearly 1 in 4 of those shot, were described as experiencing some form of mental distress at the time of the encounter with police.

In the vast majority of those cases, 88 percent, the deceased person had wielded firearms or other weapons, including a machete, a sledge ax and a pitchfork.

In November, Oklahoma City resident Dustin Pigeon,

29, threatened to set himself ablaze. A police officer shot Pigeon five times after he refused to drop a lighter and lighter fluid, according to prosecutors. In an unusual outcome, prosecutors charged the officer with second-degree murder in the death of Pigeon, saying that Pigeon was unarmed and had posed no threat to the officer.

Mental-health advocates said they have been encouraged by the number of police departments that have created intervention teams to help people in mental distress but were dismayed at the persistence of the number killed.

"We call 911 for other medical emergencies and they bring specially trained medical technicians, but when it's a mental-health crisis, we send the police," said Ron Honberg, a senior policy adviser at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a grass-roots mental health-care advocacy group.

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## Deportation fears have legal immigrants avoiding health care

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
*Kelli Kennedy*

The number of legal immigrants from Latin American nations who access public health services and enroll in federally subsidized insurance plans has dipped substantially since President Donald Trump took office, many of them fearing their information could be used to identify and deport relatives living in the U.S. illegally, according to health advocates across the country.

Trump based his campaign on promises to stop illegal immigration and deport any immigrants in the country ille-

gally, but many legal residents and U.S. citizens are losing their health care as a result, advocates say.

After Trump became president a year ago, "every single day families canceled" their Medicaid plans and "people really didn't access any of our programs," said Daniel Bouton, a director at the Community Council, a Dallas nonprofit that specializes in health care enrollment for low-income families.

The trend stabilized a bit as the year went on, but it remains clear that the increasingly polarized immigration debate is having a chilling effect on Hispanic partici-

ipation in health care programs, particularly during the enrollment season that ended in December.

Bouton's organization has helped a 52-year-old housekeeper from Mexico, a legal resident, sign up for federally subsidized health insurance for two years. But now she's going without, fearing immigration officials will use her enrollment to track down her husband, who is in the country illegally. She's also considering not re-enrolling their children, 15 and 18, in the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, even though they were born in the U.S.

"We're afraid of maybe get-

ting sick or getting into an accident, but the fear of my husband being deported is bigger," the woman, who declined to give her names for fear her husband could be deported, said through a translator in a telephone interview.

Hispanic immigrants are not only declining to sign up for health care under programs that began or expanded under Barack Obama's presidency — they're also not seeking treatment when they're sick, Bouton and others say.

"One social worker said she had a client who was forgoing chemotherapy because she had a child that was not here legally," said Oscar Gomez,

CEO of Health Outreach Partner, a national training and advocacy organization.

My Health LA provides primary care services in Los Angeles County to low-income residents and those who lack the documents to make them eligible for publicly funded health care coverage programs, such as state Medicaid. According to its annual report, 189,410 participants enrolled in the program during Fiscal Year 2017, but 44,252, or about 23 percent, later disenrolled. It's not clear how many of those who dropped out are Hispanic; the report did not describe ethnicity.

Enticing Hispanics to take

advantage of subsidized health care has been a struggle that began long before Trump's presidency.

Hispanics are more than three times as likely to go without health insurance as are their white counterparts, according to a 2015 study by Pew Research Center. Whites represented 63 percent, or 3.8 million, of those who signed up for Affordable Care Act plans last year compared to 15 percent, or just under a million, Hispanics, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The reasons vary, but some have always feared deportation, regardless of who is in office.

## RIGHTS

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wide ballot. Meade hailed the efforts of the organizations and other Floridians who helped achieve the milestone.

"Through the hard work of Florida voters and unwavering dedication of a truly grassroots movement, we have reached a historic milestone and have officially placed the Second Chances Voting Restoration Amendment on the ballot," said Desmond Meade, who also is chair of Floridians for a Fair Democracy and spokesman for Second Chances Florida Campaign.

"Voters took matters in their own hands to ensure that their fellow Floridians, family members, and friends who've made past mistakes, served their time and paid their debts to society are given a second chance and the opportunity to earn back their ability to vote," he said.

Florida Rights Restoration Coalition is an Orlando-area

based nonpartisan organization committed to removing Florida's civil rights ban on convicted felons.

In Miami, members of New Florida Majority cheered when the announcement was made Tuesday morning. Volunteers and staff members of that organization were among the contingent that gathered signatures.

Valencia Gunder, a community activist and staff member, said she was elated at the news.

"Yes, ma'am, we are super excited ... every volunteer that helped assist to canvass and get petition signatures," Gunder said. "Sometimes we get so deep in the work we forget to celebrate when we win. I am overjoyed."

Gunder said she was proud of Floridians who signed petitions. She said the various groups gathered 1.2 million petitions, far surpassing the number needed.

"The people of Florida believe in second chances. We are starting to see a shift in how people feel about diversity," Gunder said. "In this one stance, I believe we



Miami native Desmond Meade, founded the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.

did something historic. It shows [Floridians] in a different light, if just for today. It shows returning citizens in a different light."

The decision is the first step for a campaign Meade has tackled since at least 2006. He cheered the news of the ruling he's long

sought.

"It's already going on now. People had started with anticipation that the Supreme Court was going to issue a favorable ruling," Meade said, just hours after getting the ruling. "My phone is ringing off the hook," he said.

For years, Meade, an attorney, has quietly led a petition drive to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot for automatic restoration.

If the amendment gets the approval of 60 percent of Florida voters, felons would be able to vote after completing their sentences, probation or parole. Individuals who committed murder or sexual offenses would still permanently lose their right to vote.

The stakes are high for the Black community. Florida has a large number of former felons, or returning citizens, who have served their time and yet don't have full rights.

Florida has more than 1.6 million citizens who can't vote because of a prior felony conviction. The state does not offer automatic restoration. Those persons must apply for clemency from Gov. Rick Scott, a process that can take more than a decade. That lengthy process is part of the reason Meade and organizations

such as the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union took up the cause.

Gunder said their campaign moves into a new phase: persuading voters to go to the polls this fall. She said the potential gains should motivate residents.

Florida law currently requires felons to wait at least five years after they've completed parole and paid any fines to be able to apply for the restoration of civil rights. The state has a backlog of clemency applications, which further lengthens the process. Gunder said the wait discouraged many people from even applying.

The successful petition drive gives her hope. Gunder lost her rights following a conviction for writing a bad check around 2010.

"This will give me the opportunity that I never thought I would have again," she said. "The numbers in the old process were very low. Once your rights are taken away you don't look to get them back. This is restoring hope in a lot of people.

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passed in 2005 with a favorable vote from 39 senators including then Sen. Frederica Wilson. She later recanted on the issue after Trayvon's death.

Since the law's passage, the Legislature has made it more difficult for prosecutors to fight a stand-your-ground defense.

Last spring, new legislation was passed that switched the burden of proof from the defendant to the person "seeking to overcome immunity."

Meaning if the victim is still alive, he or she would have to prove without a "reasonable doubt" that it wasn't a case of self-defense.

However, in situations where the victim is deceased, it would be difficult for the prosecutor to argue the case.

In November 2017, the man who shot and killed anti-violence activist Tangelia Sears' son, David Queen, was found not guilty of second-degree murder based on the law's defense.

The defendant, Michael Mason claimed that he shot the unarmed man, Queen in self-defense after an argument in a Tallahassee apart-

ment complex.

Sears has been advocating for over a decade for legislation that would reduce the violence in Miami's Black neighborhoods. She expressed her support for the reversal of stand your ground, but she said that she is not against the Second Amendment or self-defense.

The longtime activist said that the long time with the law is that it is being used to justify murder just based on a "thought."

As the founder of the support group, Miami-Dade Parents of Murdered Kids, Sears said the law is hindering some of the other parents

from even getting arrests in cases involving their children.

After Florida's stand-your-ground law was passed, a total of 33 states have passed similar laws.

Since 2014, the American Bar Association and the United Nations have called on U.S. legislatures to repeal the stand-your-ground defense.

According to a 2015 ABA report, the defense has resulted in racial disparities.

In cases where a victim was white, the suspect claiming self-defense was more likely to get off the hook than when the victim was Black, according to the ABA.

A 2016 Texas Southern University study found that Florida cases with white victims were 13 percent more likely to end with a conviction than Blacks, but it also found that white defendants had a higher percentage of guilty outcomes when compared to minorities, 32 percent vs. 29 percent.

However, a year before Zimmerman used the self-defense immunity, it did not hold up in court for Marissa Alexander of Jacksonville.

Alexander was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2012 for firing a warning shot to ward off her reportedly abusive husband in their home.

Alexander was released in January 2017 after a national campaign of support.

Rep. Jones also stated that stand your ground has led to an increase in homicides and firearm-related homicides in the state.

Data from a 2016 report published in the Journal of American Medical Association found that Florida's monthly homicide rate increased by 24 percent and its firearm-related homicides by about 32 percent since the bill was passed in 2005.

Jones's HB 6073 to reverse stand your ground is in the Criminal Justice Subcommittee as of Jan.12.

## PLAN

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funds would be used over the remaining life of the CRA - if it is extended until 2045.

Some of those funds would benefit Overtown. A tiny section of that historic neighborhood is located in the Omni boundary, although not in Russell's district.

The Omni CRA has been heavily criticized for entertainment funding projects that attract tourists to places such as Adrienne Arsht Center, Museum Park, a film studio and the PortMiami Tunnel project.

Miami-Dade Commissioner Audrey Edmonson has been extremely critical of Omni CRA for not creating affordable housing. She said entertainment venues are fine but aren't enough.

"Omni ... just can't continue to spend its funds on the clubs and studios. Even though it creates jobs, they also need to create affordable housing," said Edmonson.

Russell has acknowledged that the agency did not focus on projects that historically fall under the purview of a CRA — the elimination of slum and blight and assist with affordable housing for low and moderate-income families. The high-price projects were approved by his predecessor. Since coming into office, he said, the CRA has designated at least a portion of its tax increment financing budget to such projects.

At the Jan. 17 meeting, Russell offered a companion resolution to remove the CRA from current or future obligation to fund from the Museum Park, which he estimates would save \$28 million. That sale would free up more than a quarter of the amount needed for the housing projects.

CRA members Keon Hardemon and Wilfredo "Willy" Rort voted in favor, along with Russell. The two other members, Joe Carollo and Manolo Reyes, were absent. The

CRA board also discussed selling a movie studio owned by the city.

A sale of the studio would be straightforward. But any defunding or divestment of Museum Park would have to go before Miami-Dade County Commission. Russell said he's ready to negotiate with the county counterparts. He said he doesn't expect a legal challenge.

"I've been trying to do this for eight months to a year," Russell said. The city also would have to get an extension on the life of the CRA, which currently is scheduled to expire in 2030.

However, Russell said, "it can be done with or without extension. There's a solid plan."

The proposal sounds aspirational. But Russell and CRA executive director Jason Walker said they have a plan to get more than half of the \$100 million. The CRA was awarded a \$25 million bank loan against future tax increment funds that come into the area. Coupled with the return

of the funds from Museum Park, that would bring the amount available for housing to \$53 million.

"That would leave us with \$47 million remaining of the goal," Walker said, who added that the project is doable.

"This area needs workforce housing," Walker said. He noted that working professionals have been priced out of the area, where condos start a \$400,000.

The CRA is kicking around ideas to offer developers some tax money toward their building if they set aside a percentage of units for workforce housing, Walker said. The additional funds also would allow the CRA to do the same in Overtown, or help existing owners with rehabbing their homes.

Omni CRA has already started rehabbing townhouses at St. John Villas near Dorsey Library, using existing funds. Walker said the \$100 million plan would allow more.

"We can go into Overtown and buy land," Walker said. "We can build in Overtown."



Jason Walker



Ken Russell

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**Vivian Oludun is a marketing consultant and owner of vivianoludun.com. She also is the founder of the Flourish Media Conference.**



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## A market for women

**Conference seeks to help females of color build their business brand**

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Diverse women are grossly under-represented in business development and access to business funding. The organizer of the second annual Flourish Media Conference (FMC), in partnership with Florida International University (FIU), hopes to close that gap and address the issues of income inequality, education and innovation as it relates to women of color business owners.



**Monet Oliver**

The Flourish Media Conference will take place Feb. 16 and 17 at FIU's South Campus - Graham Center, 11200 SW 8th St.

The conference attracts business women across sec-

tors and provides an open and supportive platform for sharing, learning, as well as making valuable connections. This two-day meeting is filled with interactive workshops and panel discussions.

Keynote speakers include radio personality Felisha Monet of WEDR-99 JAMZ and Talia Oliver, editor of The Shade Room, credited with changing the landscape of journalism for its ability to draw in eight million social



**My advice for aspiring young women entrepreneurs is to start today! You don't need to know everything in the beginning."**

followers and reach 94 million viewers.

The founder of the conference is Vivian Oludun, a marketing consultant and owner of vivianoludun.com, a boutique marketing firm that works with companies representing multi-billion dollar brands.

Oludun recently shared her thoughts with *The Miami Times* about women of color in business, and how she

**SEE BRAND 8B**

## Miami among finalists for Amazon headquarters

**The retail company has narrowed down its search for second office**

**JOSEPH PISANI**  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon narrowed its search for a second headquarters city Thursday to 20 locations, concentrated mostly in the East and the Midwest. Toronto made the list as well, as the company kept its international options open.

The online retailing giant said that after sorting through 238 proposals, the potential locations still include tech-

strong places such as Boston and New York. Other contenders: Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Indianapolis; Columbus, Ohio; and Los Angeles, the only West Coast city to make the list.

Among those that didn't make the cut were Detroit, a disappointment for those excited about progress since the city came out of bankruptcy, and Memphis, Tennessee, where Mayor Jim Strickland said the city gave it its "best shot."

"Getting from 238 to 20 was very tough," said Holly Sullivan, who oversees Amazon's public policy. "All the proposals showed tremendous enthusiasm and creativity."

The Seattle-based company's announcement last fall that it was looking for a second home touched off a fierce competition among states and cities looking to lure Amazon and its promise of 50,000 jobs and construction spending of more than \$5 billion.

Both Texas and Pennsylvania had two cities that made the cut: Austin and Dallas, **SEE MIAMI 8B**



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hopes the conference will help them grow their brand.

**Question:** What essential start-up or entrepreneurial philosophies do you have adhered to or believe in?

**Answer:** I tell myself and other aspiring entrepreneurs that our dreams are our responsibilities. It is up to me to show up for my business every day. It is up to me to help other people see the vision. It is not up to me to have all the answers, lol. Look for help and ask for support when you need it. Growth happens in collaboration.

**Q:** What advice do you have for aspiring young

women entrepreneurs?

**A:** My advice for aspiring young women entrepreneurs is to start today! You don't need to know everything in the beginning. Being a business owner is a learning experience. You will never stop learning new ways to improve your journey. Don't let "analysis paralysis" keep you from becoming that go-to woman-leader in your industry.

**Q:** How do you maintain a work-life balance?

**A:** I have an amazing support system at home. My loved ones are a demanding bunch, and they don't hesitate to let me know when it's time to unplug and be with them. It is helpful that I am also an early riser. Most days, I am awake by 5:30 a.m. I like to get

the heavy lifting in my business done by 10:30 a.m. It's much easier to relax in the afternoon and evenings when I know urgent items are under control.

**Q:** After all this success, what do you struggle with now?

**A:** My primary concern is quality, automation, and replication. I believe to sustain a successful business over time, that business needs to have a quality product. As a marketing consultant, my products are my clients. Their success is my success. As they grow, there are more demands on my team. I want every client that I work with to thrive. I am actively looking for ways to bring on new talent and automate what we do so well that more



Photo courtesy of Vivian Oludun

**Vivian Oludun will greet attendees of the Flourish Media Conference Feb. 16 and 17 in the Graham Center at the FIU South Campus, 11200 SW 8 St.**

small businesses have a roadmap to follow. That's why I am very excited about our partnership with OWLMO, a tech tool every attendee will get free access to at the conference.

**Q:** Why do you think it's so important to attend a conference like Flourish Media Conference?

**A:** Miami was just named one of the best places for entrepreneurship, but South Florida is still one of the areas with the most significant wage gap for women. Women receive a pathetic portion of business investments for startups. VIP attendees have the opportunity to pitch their businesses "Shark Tank" style to willing funders. This isn't a competition; this is a true opportuni-

ty to hear feedback from investors in real-time. Maxime Tuchman, CEO and Co-Founder of Caribu, Inc is moderating a panel, "Injecting Tech Into Your Business."

**Q:** Do you have any advice on making successful connections at the Flourish Media Conference?

**A:** My advice is to come with an open mind and business cards. 78 women attended the Flourish Media Conference last year. Many of those ladies are currently doing business with each other today. Lyanis Diaz, CEO of Majority Marketplace, and a graduate of StartUP FIU & WIN Lab will be on location in the Flourish Lounge exposing attendees to local women-owned brands.

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and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In the South, Miami and Atlanta are being considered.

Officials in cities that made the shortlist took the opportunity to further tout their cities, with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney noting "all that Philadelphia has to offer" and officials in Allegheny County, including Pittsburgh's Mayor William Peduto, citing the region's "world-class talent pool" and other advantages.

The other contend-

ers: Denver; Montgomery County, Maryland; Nashville, Tennessee; Newark, New Jersey; Northern Virginia; and Raleigh, North Carolina. Amazon said it will make a final selection sometime this year.

"It's a long list, for a shortlist," said Jed Kolko, chief economist at job site Indeed.

He said Amazon may use the list to pit the locations against each other and get better tax breaks or incentives. Two metro areas, New York and Washington, have more than one location that made the list, increasing competition there, he said.

"It's hard to say whether all these places are in play or Amazon wanted to encourage continued competition," Kolko said.

Amazon did not immediately respond to a request for comment about whether locations would be able to change their proposals or offer better incentives, but said in a statement that it would "work with each of the candidate locations to dive deeper into their proposals."

State and local governments played up the amenities they think make their locations the best choice for Amazon's second headquarter-

transit; and be able to expand the headquarters to as much as 8 million square feet in the next decade.

Some states didn't work: Tucson, Arizona, which sent a 21-foot cactus to Seattle, did not make the list. Neither did Birmingham, Alabama, which installed giant replicas of Amazon's Dash buttons.

The company had stipulated that it wanted to be near a metropolitan area with more than 1 million people; be able to attract top technical talent; be within 45 minutes of an international airport; have direct access to mass

transit; and be able to expand the headquarters to as much as 8 million square feet in the next decade.

But Amazon also made it very clear it wanted tax breaks, grants and any other incentives.

Some state and local governments have made public the details of the financial incentives they are dangling. Boston's offer includes \$75 million for affordable housing for Amazon employees and others. Before he left office Tuesday, Republican Gov. Chris Christie approved a measure to allow New Jersey to offer

up to \$5 billion to Amazon. Newark also proposes to give Amazon \$2 billion in tax breaks.

But many of the state and local governments competing for the headquarters have refused to disclose the tax breaks or other financial incentives they offered. Of the 20 finalists, 13, including New York, Chicago and Miami, declined requests from The Associated Press to release their applications.

Several said they don't want their competitors to know what they're offering, a stance that open-government advocates criticized.

Amazon plans to re-

main in its sprawling Seattl headquarters, and the second home base will be "a full equal" to it, founder and CEO Jeff Bezos had said.

The extra space will help the rapidly growing company, which had nearly 542,000 employees at the end of September, a 77 percent jump from the year before. Some of that growth came from Amazon's nearly \$14 billion acquisition last year of natural foods grocer Whole Foods and its 89,000 employees.

Associated Press writer Josh Cornfield in Philadelphia contributed to this report.

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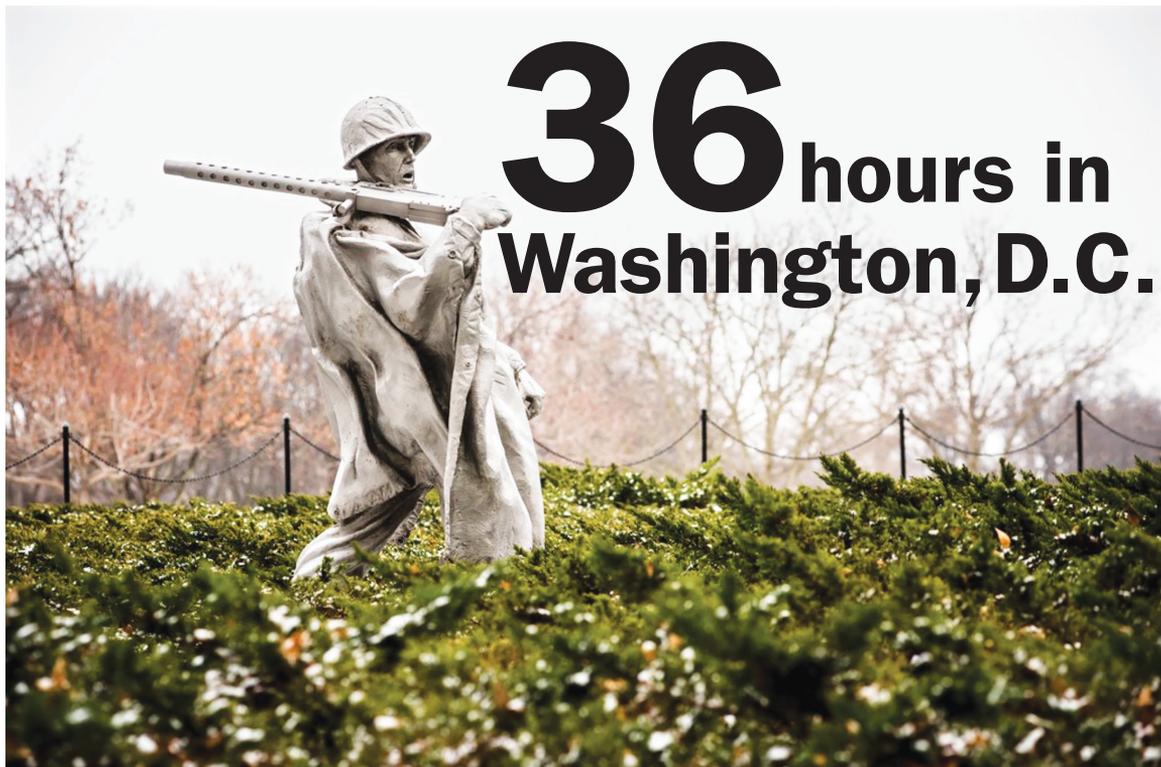
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## 36 hours in Washington, D.C.

ROBERT DRAPER  
*The New York Times*

Those who visit the nation's capital for the first time in a decade or so are in for a pleasant surprise. No longer does the city derisively dubbed "the swamp" by its Inhabitant-In-Chief have the starchy, insular appearance of a white male fiefdom. Overlooking (if one can) the federal government's maladroitness, as a destination, Washington today possesses a dynamism that, along with its fabled history, qualifies it as a great American city. It's now entirely possible to spend a couple of memorable days here without once eating a New York strip steak or darkening a marble corridor. Check those boxes on your first visit, then come back for This Town's revelations.

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### FRIDAY 3 P.M. HISTORY OF STRUGGLE

Since its opening in September 2016, the city's hottest draw has been the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History & Culture on the National Mall. The museum's immense collection is well worth the long lines. The artifacts — including Nat Turner's Bible, Louis Armstrong's trumpet and the first edition of Booker T. Washington's 1907 book "The Negro in Business" — are themselves impressive. But the three-tiered layout lends the feeling of a journey, by turns painful and triumphant. The path ends with a moving video collection of contemporary African Americans reflecting on their life experiences (free admission; walk-up tickets are available on weekdays starting at 1 p.m.).

### 6:30 P.M. LAID-BACK DELICIOUSNESS

The galloping culinary scene in Washington coincides with the regrettable trend of no-reservations restaurant policies. But Himitsu, arguably the city's most creative dining spot, makes the ordeal relatively stress-free. Give the host your name and cell number, then amble down the street to one of the many Petworth neighborhood



(top) The Korean War Veterans Memorial, on the western flank of the National Mall.

(above) The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture is a popular draw.

(left) The wagyu steak and eggs at Himitsu, arguably the city's most creative dining spot.



waystations (such as Ruta del Vino and Hank's Cocktail Bar), and enjoy a glass or two until a text message informs you that your table awaits at the tiny Japanese-inflected creation of the chef Kevin Tien. His ever-rotating menu includes shareable and uniformly delectable plates of raw seafood, roasted soy chicken and Asian-spiced vegetables. In suitable

weather, the streetside tables maximize Himitsu's chill, not-your-grandfather's-Washington vibe. If you're solo, you could do worse than to snack away at the bar while trying wines from countries as far-flung as Bolivia and Georgia. (Dinner for two without wine, about \$100.)

### 10 P.M. NIGHTCAPPING WITH THE DEMIMONDE

The "No Clowns" sign on the door hints at the stodge-free ethos of Showtime Lounge, a miniature and easily overlooked cash-only pub in the unprepossessing neighborhood of Bloomingdale. Step inside and you're under the city's floorboards: framed images of Humphrey Bogart and spaghetti Western stars on the walls, foreign-language songs from the speakers and

a beguiling cast of locals not likely to be found on a CNN panel. Beers on tap. Utz potato chips for food. For the butt-end of the evening, Showtime is an optimal closer.

### SATURDAY 9 A.M. UPMARKET MORNING

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# Shaquille O'Neal is the new 'CFO' of Carnival

Miami Times Staff Report

NBA Hall of Famer and TNT commentator Shaquille O'Neal — also known as "Shaq" — announced on Jan. 11 that he has been given a new title, the "CFO" of Carnival Cruise Line.

The announcement was made with a tongue-in-cheek video that features O'Neal and Carnival President Christine Duffy. CFO stands for "Chief Fun Officer," personifying the cruise line's newest brand campaign.

"Choose Fun." As the newly appointed "CFO," O'Neal has partnered with the cruise line, lending his fun, larger-than-life personality and playful spirit to inspire America to choose Carnival.

In the first piece of advertising that introduces O'Neal as Carnival's Chief Fun Officer, he takes viewers on a whirlwind 30-second tour of Carnival Vista as he enjoys the ship's many attractions and experiences, including SkyRide, Havana pool, Cloud 9 Spa, a burger at Guy Fieri's Burger Joint and, of course, the basketball court.

"We are very excited to have Shaq as part of the Carnival team! He will serve as a great partner ensuring everyone knows all about our one-of-a-kind brand of fun," said Duffy. "We're confident that his embodiment of our brand values will inspire America to Choose Fun and discover the authentic, participatory and social atmosphere that Carnival offers."

"In today's world, it's more important than ever to choose fun, especially when everyone is busy with work, family and life in general," said O'Neal. "So, I'm honored to be appointed the Chief Fun Officer at Carnival — a company that lives and breathes fun."

Former NBA player is Carnival's Chief Fun Officer

Carnival Cruise Line, which departs from Miami, has appointed Shaquille O'Neal, also known as "Shaq" as the company's new "CFO," Chief Fun Officer.

## Sports tech veteran leads NBC Sports Network

Damon Phillips, formerly of ESPN named branch general manager

SELENA HILL  
Black Enterprise

NBC Sports Regional Networks has appointed Damon Phillips as the new general manager of NBC Sports Washington.

The sports media veteran previously worked at ESPN in various executive level roles for the last 10 years. Most recently, he served as

ESPN's vice technical president, product management.

"I took this role because I wanted to be a part of something special, and I truly believe we have the opportunity to create the regional sports network of the future with NBC Sports Washington," Phillips told Black Enterprise in an email.

The announcement was made by Ted Griggs, the

president and group and strategic production and programming leader at NBC Sports Regional Networks.

"Damon has a deep understanding of the sports business and a strong background across all media platforms," said Griggs in a press release. "His expertise and strong leadership qualities make him the perfect leader to advance our growth in this important market."



Damon Phillips

With his new position, Phillips will oversee the network, which is the official broadcaster for the NHL's Washington Capitals, NBA's Washington Wizards, NFL's Washington Redskins, and ACC. He will also serve as the network's liaison with Monumental Sports Network to help identify business opportunities to grow both networks and work in unison. He will re-

port directly to Griggs.

During his time as VP of technical product management, Phillips provided strategic counsel to company leaders on ways to leverage technology to enhance content, operations and monetization efforts. He also played a significant role in building ESPN's live video streaming mobile coverage and tech devices while serving as VP of ESPN3 and WatchESPN.

"He was a driving force behind ESPN's first direct-to-consumer video

product during the Cricket World Cup as VP of digital direct to consumer services," reads the release.

In addition to working for ESPN, Phillips has over 20 years of experience working with sports programming, operation and marketing. He has held roles at USA Football, DIRECTV, Disney Regional Entertainment and the NBA. He earned a bachelors degree from Stanford University on a football scholarship and graduated with honors.

## D.C.

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now Union Market in the city's northeastern quadrant has become Washington's swankiest and most-trafficked indoor market. Though the 22,000-square-foot space hosts several restaurants, some excellent specialty vendors and a seasonal farmers' market, it achieves peak appeal during weekend breakfast hours. That's when mostly young and affluent locals gather at tables over the freshly prepared goods of (among others) DC Empanadas, Panorama Bakery and Peregrine Espresso, while others avail themselves of the city's best fresh seafood and meat grocers. After becoming properly caffeinated, stretch your legs and search for take-home items like imported spices and high-end cutlery.

### 11 A.M. CELEBRATING WOMEN ARTISTS

Though the sumptuous and expansive National Museum of Women in the Arts was opened in 1987, the world's only major space dedicated to the work of female artists has never received the touristic attention it deserves. The museum's recent special exhibits include abstract works by female African-American artists and a Mexico City-based artist's use of a clothesline to depict instances of violence against women. Its permanent collection features work from around the globe, as well as revered American artists like the celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz and the im-

pressionist painter Ellen Day Hale. On the mezzanine level, a quiet and lovely cafe is one of the city's best refuges (admission for adults, \$10).

### 1 P.M. WINERY IN THE CAPITAL CITY

One of the fastest-growing neighborhoods is the 42-acre stretch along the Anacostia River known as the Yards. Though it teems with barhopping millennials, the area hasn't been regarded as a fine-dining destination. That may change with the recent opening of the District Winery — which, as its name suggests, makes more than a dozen wines on-site, using grapes harvested from Virginia, California and New York. The wines, crafted by the Brooklyn Winery veteran Conor McCormack, are uniformly excellent (particularly the zinfandel and cabernet franc). You can tour the winery, try each selection at the tasting bar and buy bottles to take home. Best of all, enjoy exquisite pairings of the wine with New American cuisine at the casually elegant in-house restaurant Ana, overlooking the river. (Winery tour and tasting, \$35. Lunch for two without wine, about \$80.)

### 4 P.M. FORGOTTEN WARRIORS

A trip to the nation's capital wouldn't feel complete without at least a glancing view of its many war monuments. The most underappreciated one is today — thanks to President Trump's ongoing war of insults with the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un — perhaps the most topical: the Korean War Veterans Memorial,



The bar and dining area of Ana, the elegant in-house restaurant at the District Winery.

on the western flank of the National Mall, in the shadows of the much-visited Lincoln Memorial. Dedicated in 1995, its evocative centerpiece consists of 19 stainless steel statues of American soldiers trudging through heavy brush with grim and hyper-alert expressions. In subtle acknowledgment of that war's vague objectives and not-altogether-satisfying outcome, the etched tribute notes that the soldiers "answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

### 5:30 P.M. ROOFTOP REFRESHMENTS

Few buildings in Washington are wrapped up in the city's political intrigue as much as the Watergate, a complex of condominiums and hotel rooms on the banks of the Potomac River. Though the botched burglary in 1972 that metastasized into the toppling of the Nixon presidency began in what the hotel now bills as "Scandal Room 214," today there's an addi-

tional reason to visit: the Watergate's Top of the Gate outdoor bar, which opened this past summer and offers the best 360-degree, cocktail-laden views of the city. There is even a small ice-skating rink (with artificial ice) nestled beside the bar. If the weather turns foul, repair to the amply stocked whiskey bar on the lobby level.

### 7:30 P.M. RIVERSIDE SEAFOOD

Washington's newest development to the southwest, the Wharf, is still a work in progress and for the moment retains the half-populated and over-polished facade of the waterfront town in "The Truman Show." Already, however, it features one of Washington's culinary stars: Del Mar de Fabio Trabocchi, the brainchild of Fabio Trabocchi, whose Italian restaurant in Georgetown, Fiola Mare, has supplanted Cafe Milano as the city's reigning celebrity magnet. Mr. Trabocchi's Spanish and seafood-centric restaurant opened its doors in

October and has instantly become a Michelin star-worthy enterprise. In studied contrast to hip newcomers like Himitsu, Del Mar's cavernous and fish-sculpture-bedecked interior is designed to dazzle the eyes. But as with all of Mr. Trabocchi's restaurants, the food still counts most here. From the mango-colored gazpacho to the velvety Iberian ham to the selection of standout paellas, Del Mar is the only reason anyone needs to visit the Wharf — though likely there'll be more in the coming months. (Dinner for two without wine is about \$140.)

### 10 P.M. COZY CODA

Yet another fast-developing Washington neighborhood is Brookland, dominated by Catholic University and the majestic Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. The city's newest high-quality restaurant, Primrose, opened here just after Thanksgiving. Though the casual, if gorgeously appointed, French bistro serves on-target country staples like coq au vin and boeuf Bourguignon until 11 on weekend nights, Primrose is also ideally suited for nightcaps. Sitting at the bar among a diverse neighborhood crowd with one of the restaurant's 15 wines by the glass (all from France or Virginia — several of the latter being made by the co-owner Sebastian Zutan) to accompany stout cheeses and rillettes de lapin, you would have no reason to suspect that you're in anybody's idea of a swamp, much less a drain-worthy one.

## SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. DISTRICT DIM SUM

Among northwest Washington's many high-activity neighborhoods — Logan Circle, Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan — the Shaw district is the latest to be lit up with clever dining spots. One of Shaw's newest and best is Tiger Fork, a temple of Hong Kong cuisine situated in an alleyway. The eclectically red-and-bamboo Chinese interior (designed by Lauren Winter, who also fashioned Primrose) is smile-eliciting, much like its weekend "Dim Sum and Then Some" menu. Hong Kong-style French toast, Chinese bacon and creamed tofu are among the Sunday hang-over remedies, best teamed with a proscio and passion fruit liqueur-based drink known here as Bad Girl Mimi. (Brunch for two without drinks is about \$70.)

## LODGING

The Ritz Carlton, Georgetown (3100 South Street NW) is sequestered on a quiet locale previously occupied by the city's garbage incinerator. This chic 86-room hotel is the chain's smallest and feels more like an elite Alverton nook than a hub of ever-bustling Georgetown. Doubles from about \$475 a night. The Watergate Hotel (2650 Virginia Avenue NW). The iconic site of the break-in that set off America's greatest political scandal (so far, at least) underwent a sweeping makeover in 2017 and is now a sleek neighborhood in the Potomac River and the Kennedy Center. Doubles begin at \$232 a night.



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## Facebook adds first Black executive board member

Former American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault is company's choice

**JONATHAN VARIAN**  
*Fortune.com*

Former American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault has joined Facebook's board, the first Black to do so.

The social network's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, announced the board appointment on Jan. 18 and said he had been "trying to recruit Ken for years."



Facebook's headquarters in Silicon Valley.



Chenault

nies as "a real problem" that is "embarrassing for corporate America."

In October, Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg told the Congressional Black Caucus that the social network was looking to add a Black board member. The caucus has criticized Facebook and other technology giants for failing to fix the lack of diversity in Silicon Valley, where minorities and women are under-represented, especially in high-paying roles and executive leadership positions.

Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson also criticized Facebook in June during a shareholder meeting for failing to add any Blacks, Asians, or Latinos to its board.

"Ken and I have had dinners discussing our mission and strategy for years, and he has already helped me think through some of the bigger issues I'm hoping we take on this year," Zuckerberg said.

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Notice is hereby given that bids will be received on **Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 2:00pm** by Jackson Health System (for Skanska USA Building) at the following independent Jackson Memorial Hospital project:

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All bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to Jackson Memorial Hospital Facilities, Design and Construction Department trailer located at the corner of NW 12th Ave and NW 19th St. Complete address is listed below:

**Jackson Memorial Hospital  
Facilities, Design and Construction Department  
Attn: Arnaldo Rodriguez  
1611 NW 12th Ave  
Miami, FL 33136**

There is a pre-bid walk-through scheduled on **January 23rd at 1:00pm**. Bid requirements and bid forms, specifications, drawings and other construction documents will be available on [www.skanska.com/notifications](http://www.skanska.com/notifications). Bid packages include demolition, fireproofing, doors, frames, and hardware, acoustical ceilings, drywall and framing systems, paints and coatings, resilient flooring, toilet accessories, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical.

Skanska is committed to supporting the economic development of Miami-Dade County small businesses through the SBE – C program. Miami-Dade County certified "small" business entities are encouraged to submit bid proposals. All subs interested in bidding this project will need to have gone through Skanska's prequalification process. It can be initiated at <https://apps.skanska.com/prequalinquiry/>.

All questions can be directed to Bob Nidzorski at [bob.nidzorski@skanska.com](mailto:bob.nidzorski@skanska.com).

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**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 **January 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at the Arcola Lakes Library located at 8240 NW 7th Avenue, Miami Florida 33150.

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

## Public Hearing Date

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO FY 2013-2017 ACTION PLANS, AND CORRESPONDING FY 2013-17 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS (HOME)**

The Housing and Social Services Committee (HSSC) will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**, at the next regularly scheduled HSSC meeting if not approved. Due to lack of quorum or delayed Substantive, the item will be considered for final action by the Board of County Commissioners (BOC), at the meeting on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**, or at a meeting as determined by the BOC Chair. Both meetings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Chamber located on the second level of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 711 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33138.

The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Substantial Amendments to the FY 2013-2017 Action Plans, and Corresponding FY 2013-17 Consolidated Plan. Include the following:

- CDBG Reapportionment and Reallocation Amount up to \$1,500,000.00
- HOME Reapportionment and Reallocation Amount up to \$11,800,000.00

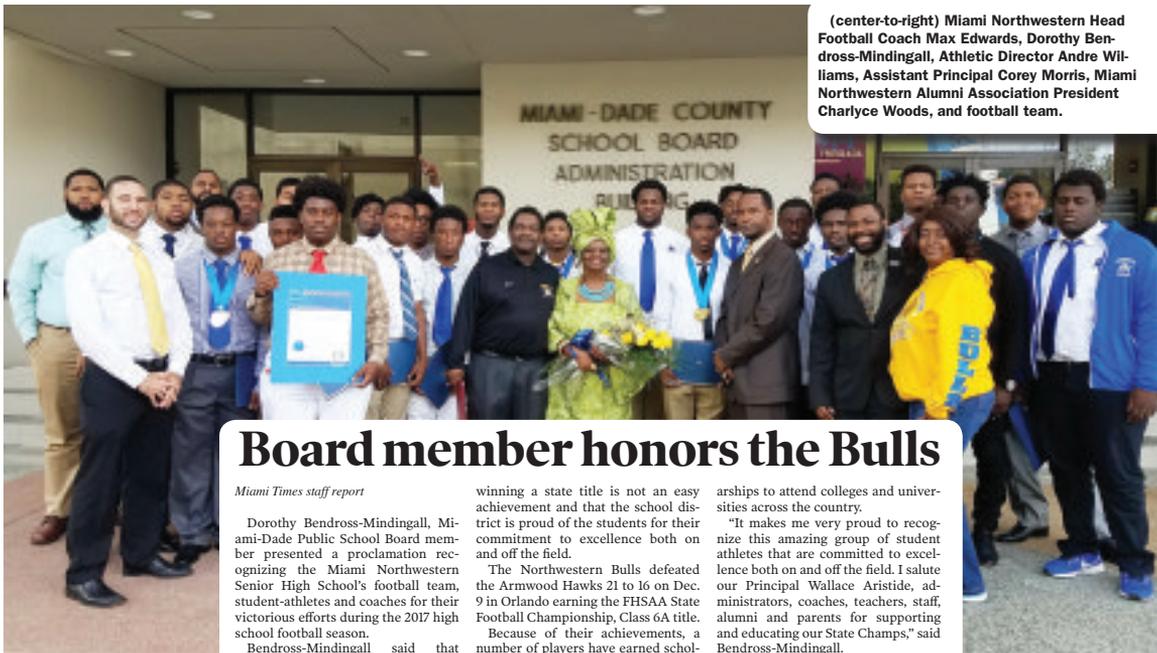
The public is invited to attend and comment. Comments may also be submitted in writing until **Monday, February 26, 2018** to the attention of Mr. Genevieve Brown, Director of Public Hearing and Community Development (PHCS), 711 NW 1st Street, 12th Floor, Miami, Florida 33138 or via email [CommunityDevelopmentServices@miamidadecounty.gov](mailto:CommunityDevelopmentServices@miamidadecounty.gov).

A copy of the proposed Substantial Amendments will be available for review online at <http://www.miamidadecounty.gov/booc/> and at the Miami-Dade Department of Public Hearing and Community Development (PHCS) located at 711 NW 1st Street, 12th Floor, Miami, FL 33138.

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# BLACK LIVES MATTER



(center-to-right) Miami Northwestern Head Football Coach Max Edwards, Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Athletic Director Andre Williams, Assistant Principal Corey Morris, Miami Northwestern Alumni Association President Charlyce Woods, and football team.

## Board member honors the Bulls

Miami Times staff report

Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Miami-Dade Public School Board member presented a proclamation recognizing the Miami Northwestern Senior High School's football team, student-athletes and coaches for their victorious efforts during the 2017 high school football season.

Bendross-Mindingall said that

winning a state title is not an easy achievement and that the school district is proud of the students for their commitment to excellence both on and off the field.

The Northwestern Bulls defeated the Armwood Hawks 21 to 16 on Dec. 9 in Orlando earning the FHSAA State Football Championship, Class 6A title.

Because of their achievements, a number of players have earned schol-

arships to attend colleges and universities across the country.

"It makes me very proud to recognize this amazing group of student athletes that are committed to excellence both on and off the field. I salute our Principal Wallace Aristide, administrators, coaches, teachers, staff, alumni and parents for supporting and educating our State Champs," said Bendross-Mindingall.

Photo Credit: District 2 Staff

# Another ring for the Patriots?

THE TEAM WILL SQUARE OFF AGAINST THE EAGLES IN SUPER BOWL 52

### ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

Tom Brady and the New England Patriots are going back to the Super Bowl in search of a sixth title.

They'll face a Philadelphia Eagles team looking for their first Lombardi Trophy. Brady led the Patriots (15-3) back from a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Jacksonville Jaguars 24-20 in the AFC championship game Sunday.

Starting his 36th playoff game, Brady shook off an injury to his right hand and the loss of top target Rob Gronkowski to rally the Patriots to their record 10th Super Bowl appearance.

The Patriots will try to match the Pittsburgh Steelers' six Super Bowl trophies when they face the Eagles (15-3) on Feb. 4 in Minneapolis.

Nick Foles, the backup QB who was thrust into the starting role when Carson Wentz blew out his left

knee last month, led the Philadelphia to a 38-7 rout of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game.

Foles threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns, showing poise and moxie in going 26 for 33.

The Vikings were hoping to become the first NFL team to serve as host to a Super Bowl in its own stadium, but they followed up their "Minneapolis Miracle" with a "Flop in Philly."

So, they'll clear out their lockers long before the Eagles and Patriots and their fans take over U.S. Bank Stadium for Super Bowl 52 in two weeks.

Odds makers like the chances of Brady winning a sixth Super Bowl ring, making the Patriots nearly a touchdown favorite to beat the Eagles.

The Patriots and Eagles, who last won an NFL title in 1960, several years before the first Super Bowl,



**It's pretty amazing," Brady said. "Just to be on a team that wins these kinds of games, it's just a great accomplishment."**

met in the Super Bowl after the 2004 season with the Patriots prevailing 24-21.

Hours after Brady's game-winning 4-yard TD pass to Danny Amendola with 2:48 remaining in Foxborough, the Eagles won for the fourth time in five tries under Foles.

It started out ominously, however. The Vikings celebrated Kyle Rudolph's 25-yard touchdown catch from Case Keenum on their opening drive by mimicking the Olympic sport of curling for their TD celebration.

It was the Eagles who had all the fun after that.

Patrick Robinson's spectacular 50-yard interception return got Philadelphia started. Then Foles and his offense tore up the league's stingiest scoring defense, with long TD throws to Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith. LeGarrette Blount had an 11-yard scoring run when things were decided in the first half, and the Ea-

gles were headed to an NFL title game the Vikings (14-4) hoped to be in at their own stadium.

"You know everyone was against us," Foles said. "Coming out here and stick together and (we) come away with an amazing victory against a great team." Blake Bortles and the stingy Jaguars (12-7) led New England 20-10 early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold against the defending champions.

The NFL's second-ranked defense kept Brady and the Patriots at bay for most of the game, but lost linebacker Myles Jack and defensive tackle Marcell Dareus on consecutive plays on New England's winning drive.

It was New England's 13th win in 14 games since their 2-2 start. Their only stumble since September was a 27-20 loss at the Dolphins on Dec. 11.

Brady, wearing a black bandage on his right hand after needing

stitches to close a cut that happened on a play during practice earlier in the week, showed no signs of being hampered.

And, with the game — and the season — possibly on the line, the Patriots star came up big again.

"I've had a lot worse," Brady said. "I didn't know that on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday was a little scary. Then I started getting some confidence and today we did just enough to win."

Brady finished 26 of 38 for 290 yards and two touchdowns to Amendola.

It's the eighth Super Bowl appearance for Brady and coach Bill Belichick, who have won five times — including last year's 34-28 overtime rally against the Falcons.

"It's pretty amazing," Brady said. "Just to be on a team that wins these kinds of games, it's just a great accomplishment."



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## A SLAVE'S TALE FROM THE

# GRAVE

**New book and festival to honor iconic author Zora Neale Hurston**

*Miami Times Staff Report*

As throngs of people around the world make the annual pilgrimage to Central Florida to celebrate author Zora Neale Hurston's festival, even larger numbers of book lovers await a new novel published more than 50 years after her death.

According to publisher HarperCollins, the new book is titled "Barracoon: A Tale of the Last Slave." It is a never-before-published work from Hurston, the author of the American classic, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." Hurston died January 1960 in nearby Fort Pierce.

"Barracoon: A Tale of the Last Slave" illuminates the horror and injustices of slavery as it tells the true story of the last known survivor of the Atlantic slave trade — illegally smuggled from Africa on the last "Black Cargo" ship to arrive in the United States.

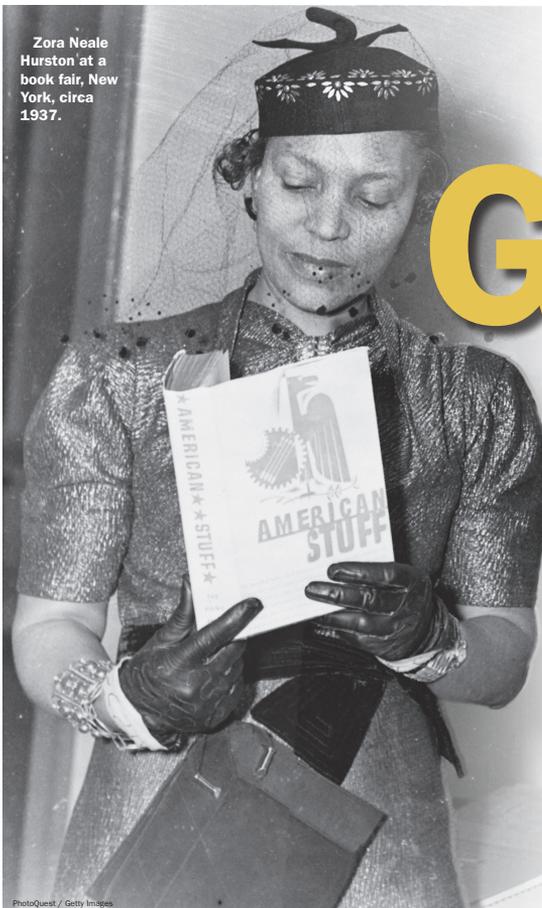
In 1927, Hurston went to Plateau, Alabama, just outside Mobile, to interview 86-year-old Cudjo Lewis. Of the millions of men, women and children transported from Africa to America as slaves, Cudjo was then the only person alive to tell the story of this integral part of the nation's history. Hurston recorded Lewis' firsthand account of the raid that led to his capture and bondage 50 years after the Atlantic slave trade was outlawed in the United States.

In 1931, Hurston returned to Plateau, the African-centric community three miles from Mobile founded by Cudjo and other former slaves from his ship. Spending more than three months there, she talked in depth with Cudjo about the details of his life. During those weeks, the young writer and the elderly formerly enslaved man ate peaches and watermelon that grew in the backyard and talked about Cudjo's past — memories from his childhood in Africa, the horrors of being captured and held in a barracoon for selection by American slavers, the harrowing experience of the Middle Passage packed with more than 100 other souls aboard the Clotilda, and the years he spent in slavery

until the end of the Civil War.

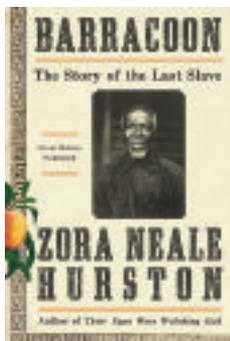
Based on those interviews, featuring Cudjo's unique vernacular, and written from Hurston's perspective with the compassion and singular style that have made her one of the preeminent American authors of the 20th Century, Barracoon brilliantly illuminates the tragedy of slavery and one life forever defined by it. The publisher notes that the book offers "insight into the pernicious

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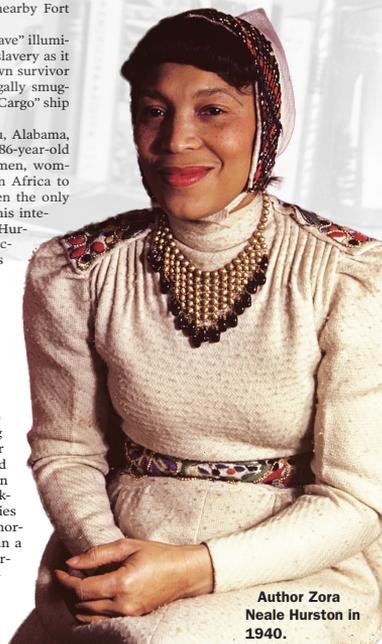


Zora Neale Hurston at a book fair, New York, circa 1937.

PhotoQuest / Getty Images



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Author Zora Neale Hurston in 1940.

## An author's 'sighted eyes'

**Film explores the life of Lorraine Hansberry**

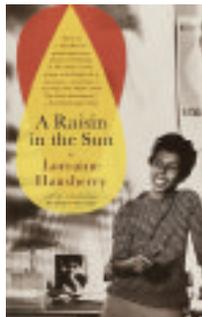
*PBS American Masters*

On March 11, 1959, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" opened on Broadway and changed the face of American theater forever. As the first-ever Black woman to author a play performed on Broadway, she did not shy away from richly drawn characters and unprecedented subject matter. The play attracted record crowds and earned the coveted top prize from the New York Drama Critics' Circle. While the play is seen as

a groundbreaking work of art, the timely story of Hansberry's life is far less known.

Launching American Masters Season 32, the new documentary "American Masters - Lorraine Hansberry: Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart" is the first in-depth presentation of Hansberry's complex life, using her personal papers and archives, including home movies and rare photos, as source material. The film explores the influences that shaped Hansberry's

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Barris' show "black-ish" was the night's big winner. The ABC hit was named best comedy series and took acting honors for stars Ross and Anderson.

Filmmaker Ava DuVernay wins Entertainer of the Year at NAACP Image Awards 2018.

# Ava DuVernay and 'black-ish' wins big at the NAACP Awards

## THE IMAGE CEREMONY FOCUSED ON BLACK CIVIL INVOLVEMENT

SANDY COHEN  
time.com

A jubilant Ava DuVernay was named entertainer of the year at a NAACP Image Awards ceremony that focused on the Black community's power to create change.

DuVernay lauded other Black artists from the stage as she accepted her award last Monday night, naming writers and directors such as Shonda Rhimes, Gina Prince-Bythewood, Kenya Barris and "Black Panther" Ryan Coogler.

"This is our time," DuVernay said. "We can say we were here when all this gorgeous art was happening, and that we supported it — that we lifted each other up; that we did as Dr. King said we would do: Live the dream. We're the dream."

Anthony Anderson hosted the ceremony at the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, California, on what would have been Martin Luther King Jr.'s 89th birthday. While his politically tinged monologue poked fun at the presidential administration and Omarosa Manigault, others used their time onstage to encourage more civic involvement and the fight for social justice.

Producer Will Packer took a dig at President Donald Trump's recent comments about immigration as the producer accepted an award for "Girls Trip," which won for outstanding film.

"Sisters, especially the ones from Haiti and Africa, we love you as your brothers," he said.

Kerry Washington, Tracee Ellis Ross, Laverne Cox, Jurnee Smollet-Bell, Lena Waithe and Angela Robinson set the tone for the evening when they emerged on stage holding hands to dramatically issue a get-out-the-vote call.

The six women declared support for the Time's Up initiative to stop sexual harassment and gender discrimination and urged viewers to speak up at the polls as well.

"The midterms are a perfect moment for us to use our voices," Robinson said. "If we can take back a Senate seat in Alabama, then we have the ability to shift the imbalance of power," Smollet-Bell said.

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and Anderson.

"It's an extraordinary thing to be able to show what a beautiful Black family looks like on television," Ross said as the cast accepted the comedy series honor.

"Power" was named best drama series, and star Omari Hardwick won for dramatic actor.

Other winners included "Gifted" actress Octavia Spencer and "Empire" star Taraji P. Henson, who were both absent, and Daniel Kaluuya, who won for his leading role in "Get Out."

The British actor was clearly delighted at his victory.

"I don't think you're allowed to beat Denzel Washington in acting competitions," said Kaluuya, who bested Washington for the prize. The 28-year-old actor thanked his mom and "Get Out" writer-director Jordan Peele.

"So many people didn't believe in me, and you did, and you made all of us feel included," Kaluuya said. "Thank you so much for letting us be seen."

NAACP president Derrick Johnson asked viewers to text in their pledge to vote in 2018 before presenting the President's Award to Danny Glover.

Glover was recognized for his professional and philanthropic contributions, particularly his work with the United Nations and his advocacy for labor unions.

Glover spoke specifically of a Nissan plant in Canton, Mississippi, where 80 percent of employees are Black, that has yet to organize.

"Civil rights and labor rights have always been one and the same," he said.

The special awards provided some of the night's most poignant moments.

Halle Berry talked about the significance of presenting the NAACP Image Awards on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

"We need to take heed to his eloquent words: 'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter,'" she said. "Today is an affirmation that we will never ever, ever, ever be silent again."

**Daniel Kaluuya accepts the Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture award for "Get Out" onstage during the 49th NAACP Image Awards.**



# OBAMA'S FINAL YEAR IN THE WHITE HOUSE

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN  
*Washington Post*

Set during the last 12 months of Barack Obama's presidency, and centering on the day-to-day business of the administration's foreign policy team — Secretary of State John F. Kerry, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power, national security adviser Susan E. Rice and her deputy, Ben Rhodes — "The Final Year" is, on one level, a countdown clock to what some might characterize as Armageddon. It features fly-on-the-wall footage of White House staffers and officials, most of whom remain in denial, for much of the film, about Donald Trump's electability. (It was Power, a producer on Greg Barker's 2009 film, "Sergio," who provided entree to the inner workings of the White House.)

One especially telling scene, about three-quarters of the way through, focuses on Rhodes, who, a few hours after Trump has won, tries to share his feelings on camera. For what seems like an eternity, in the dim light of a gray

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**JAN. 5, 2016**  
"With sunlight streaming through a window in the Green Room, President Obama listens to his introduction by Mark Barden, whose 7-year-old son Daniel was killed during the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Later, as he made remarks in the East Room, he began to cry as he recalled the day of the shootings; he called it the worst day of his Presidency."



NOV. 24, 2016

"President Obama leads a prayer before hosting Thanksgiving dinner for family and friends on the State Floor of the White House."



OCT. 14, 2016

"My favorite months in the Oval Office are late fall to early winter when occasionally the afternoon light will be at just the right angle to create some interesting backlight if the President is working at the Resolute Desk."



FEB. 18, 2016

"President Obama watches the First Lady dance with 106-year-old Virginia McLaurin in the Blue Room of the White House prior to a reception celebrating African American History Month."



AUG. 4, 2016

"With some staff watching in the background, President Obama blows out candles after the Vice President surprised him with some birthday cupcakes."



MARCH 20, 2016

"'I love that picture,' the President said to me when he saw this one hanging on the walls of the West Wing. Truth be told, he says that about every picture that features Malia or Sasha. The President and Malia were sharing a laugh as Malia interpreted in Spanish for a restaurateur in Havana, Cuba."



JUNE 21, 2016

"For eight years, President Obama has visited wounded warriors on a regular basis at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Here he participates in a box jump with Navy Lt. Cmdr. John 'Jae' Terry."



SEPT. 7, 2016

"The President sips from a coconut during his visit in Luang Prabang, Laos. This was just after it was chopped open, splattering pieces of coconut on his shirt."



APRIL 22, 2016

"I was under strict instructions not to exit the helicopter as Queen Elizabeth approached upon the President and First Lady's arrival. So I positioned myself near the cockpit to make this photograph. It's kind of a disjointed composition but I thought it showed what the scene is like to be welcomed by the Queen at Windsor Castle."

Official White House Photos by Pete Souza



JUNE 22, 2016

Official White House Photos by Amanda Lucidon

"A nice moment captured by Amanda Lucidon as the First Lady interacted with, left to right, Emma Belle Gaskins, Jill McCormick, Zoe Abigail Rogers and Avery Parlier during 'Cosmopolitan Couch Talk' in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House."

# OBAMA

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dawn, the speechwriter and professional communicator opens and closes his mouth — a fish out of water — but few actual words come out.

Rhodes is a lot more articulate these days. The 40-year-old former foreign-policy wonk, who has continued to work for Obama since leaving the White House — all while tinkering on his memoir and contributing to podcasts such as "Pod Save America" for Crooked Media — sat down recently for a joint interview with "The Final Year" director Barker. According to Rhodes, he remembers vividly what was going through his head — or, rather, not going through it.

"Anything I would have said then would have been an inadequate rationalization to make myself feel better," he explains. "Donald Trump is so much the antithesis to a certain ethos: an ethos of inclusion and progress, of trying to be our better selves. ... I just knew, in that moment, that all these things that I worked so hard on and cared so much about were endangered, and some of them were going to be undone.

"It felt like I had just run a marathon, and that —" Rhodes pauses here, once again struck mute, before adding, "I don't even know how to complete that analogy."

After a moment, he adjusts his figure of speech: "President Obama often talks about the 'relay race' of regime change, and handing off the baton, which he does in the film. But — and maybe this is a better analogy than my first one — there I was, a runner staggering across the finish line and trying to get things in a better place — to get a relationship with Cuba, to get a Paris [climate] agreement — and then you want to hand off the baton, but there is no hand reaching back to take it."

According to Barker, 55, Power has an even more apt metaphor. For the former ambassador, "The Final Year" is like a horror film in slow motion. Opening with an optimism that gradually erodes in the face of their mounting dread, it tells a story whose ending we know too well, but we still have to sit through.

Barker says he isn't in-



DEC. 27, 2016

Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

"President Obama and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan toss flowers at the wishing well after laying a wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor."



JULY 25, 2016

"Armanil Chisholm, 3, reacts as the President greets him in the Cross Hall of the White House. Armanil was with his grandmother, Tameca Brown, after the President had taken a group photo with wounded warriors and their families."

terested in making anyone suffer, although he admits that some audiences at early screenings were "totally depressed" by the time the closing credits rolled. But Barker compares the foregone conclusion of "The Final Year" to the unhappy ending of another movie he calls equally "wrenching" yet worthwhile.

"Is 'Titanic' an uplifting film?" he asks.

As with a fiction film, Barker thinks of his protagonists less as documentary subjects than as characters, in this case in something he calls a "band movie" — a tale of a metaphorical musical group, with Obama as the frontman and Rhodes as the self-effacing songwriter. (Presumably, Kerry, Power and Rice are

the world's nerdiest backing musicians.) "This is a group of people who have been together for almost a decade, gathering around a lead singer," Barker says. "But the band is breaking up. They're doing their final album."

The theme of this story — and not mere reportage — gives "The Final Year" a weirdly meta quality, part of the documentary deals with the controversy that arose after a May, 2016, profile in the *New York Times* that characterized Rhodes, who once dreamed of writing fiction, as using his skills to create an "echo chamber" — one in which he spun fictions, not facts, about, say, the nuclear agreement with Iran, to a gullible press.

# TALE

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legacy that continues to haunt us all, Black and white, this poignant and powerful work is an invaluable contribution to our shared history and culture."

The festival takes place in Eatonville, Hurston's hometown.

Organizers say African-American arts, music, dance, culture and more come together during the weekend of Jan. 26 to 28 during the annual ZORA! Festival, a world-renowned celebra-

tion in Central Florida's historic town of Eatonville.

The festival also celebrates the life of Hurston and her published works. The festival regularly attracts more than 125,000 attendees. Festival weekend highlights include an evening affair with Grammy Award-winning music producer, artist and cultural commentator, David Banner, an outdoor arts festival honoring African-American heritage, live funk and Motown music and a line dance showcase.

For more information about the festival visit [www.zorafestival.org](http://www.zorafestival.org).



Large crowds attend the 26th annual Zora Neale Hurston arts festival in Eatonville, Fla. on Saturday, January 31, 2015.



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# LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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

■ **The George Washington Carver Alumni Association** meets the 3rd Wednesday each month at 4 p.m. in Rm. 6 at George Washington Carver. Call 954-248-6946.

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

■ **The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University**, meets the 2nd 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/ Broward Alumni Association** monthly meetings are held at North Shore Medical Center, Room C each 3rd Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. Call 786-356-4412

■ **The Miami Jackson Class of 1968** meets every second Monday at the VFW located at 11911 West Dixie Highway and is planning for their 50th Reunion June 14-18, 2018. Call 305-336-7663.

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

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

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

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

■ **The Surviving Twin Network** welcomes the support of twins or siblings, who have experienced such loss, to share with others, as a source of comfort. Call 305-504-4936.

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

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

■ **Booker T Washington Class of 1967** meets every third Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the African Heritage Culture Arts Cen-

ter 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.childrensdance.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 Denry's in Miami Gardens.

■ **The Miami Jackson Class of 1971** meets at 2:30 p.m. every first Saturday at Gwen Cherry Park NFL / YET meeting area. Call 786-285-2533.

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

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

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

■ **The North Dade/ Miami Carol City H.S., Class of 1967** invites you to join them aboard the Carnival Conquest Sept. 24-30, as they celebrate their 50th Class Reunion. Call 305-336-6293 or 305-333-7613.

■ **The Booker T. Washington Class of 1959** meets every first Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral Buffet. Call 305-989-0994

■ **Adult West African Senegal Slave Departure Tour** will be June 10-22, 2018. Interested persons are invited to join. Call 305-332-6365.

■ **The Alpha Gamma Beta Sorority, Inc.** invites the public to attend its Annual Founder's Day Observance Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 11, 4:00pm- to 8:00pm at Nikki's on The Green Orangebrook Golf & Country Club. Call 305-898-1701.

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

# Frederick Douglass comes alive

The book 'Facing Frederick' tells anti-slavery activities of his lifetime

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You're not backing down. There's a line in the sand and nobody's crossing it on your watch. When something isn't right, and you can fix it, you're going to defend it, too, even if it costs you. As you'll see in "Facing Frederick" by Tonya Bolden, if you lived in the mid-1800s, you'd be in good company.

Though he really didn't like to talk about it much, Frederick Douglass had been through things that were unimaginable. From the moment he was born into slavery, he was taken from his mother, who died when Douglass was small. At age 6, his owner removed him from his grandparents' farm to a plantation house; there, he slept on the floor of a closet. He was hired out to a slave master who beat him for no reason at all, and he worked as a shipbuilder before escaping from bondage.

Douglass didn't like to talk about his life - but he had to. As a young man, he gained

recognition as an orator and newspaper publisher, but people thought he was a "fake." He grew awfully sick of that, and so he wrote a book, to great acclaim, though doing so was dangerous: Douglass used several aliases in his anti-slavery activism, and his book finally laid bare the whole truth. Finding safety in Great Britain, he became a celebrity there and met some men who further influenced his life and his work.

Following his time in Great Britain, he returned to America and started an anti-slavery newspaper with donations he'd received while overseas. The paper faltered later because Douglass "miscalculated," but that setback didn't cause him to lose sight of his goal; in fact, it strengthened his anti-slavery ideas. He and his family became conductors on the Underground Railroad, moving people up through New England into Canada.

"With the outbreak of the Civil War," says Bolden, "Frederick's hopes soared."

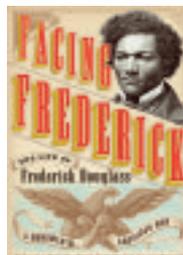


Tonya Bolden

But he still wasn't happy: Black soldiers weren't allowed to do their part in the War, and Douglass wanted that changed. Finally, on Aug. 10, 1863, he went to the White House. The man who was once a little boy who slept on the floor of a closet had an appointment with President Lincoln.

Filled with excerpts from diaries, newspaper articles, bits of speeches and reproductions of photographs, "Facing Frederick" is a great book with a powerful story.

Getting the full extent from it, I think, will depend on the age of its reader. Because it wouldn't be



the same biography without dates and accounts of Douglass' travels and actions, there's a lot in here, and this book can be hard-to-follow. Older kids on a 10-to-14-year-old spectrum shouldn't have any problem with it; it's lively enough between the dates-and-facts to keep that age group's attention. Kids on the younger side may struggle with too many facts.

Even so, let them try. "Facing Frederick," published in honor of the 200th anniversary of Douglass' birthday, is a big story that's too important to miss. They may not be able to put it down.

# Lupita Nyong'o to publish a children's book on 'colorism'

'Sulwe' is a picture book about the beauty of darker skin in society

JOCELYN MCCLURG  
USA Today

Oscar-winning actress writing a children's picture book about "colorism," a term for favorable treatment given to people with lighter skin, based on her own childhood.

The book, "Sulwe," is due in January 2019, according to the publisher, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. Nyong'o, who grew up in Kenya, won an Academy Award for best supporting actress for her role in the 2013 film "12 Years a Slave."

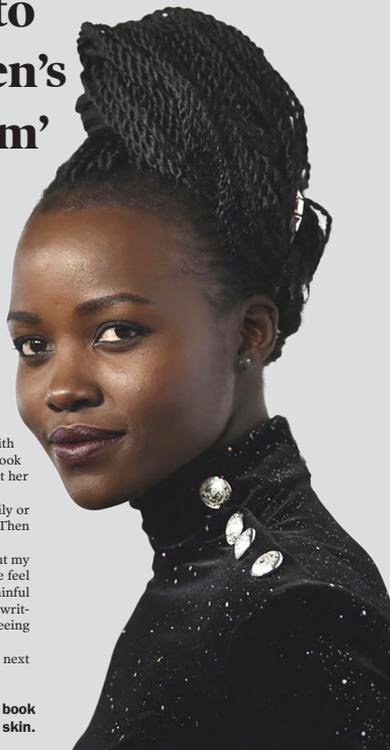
Sulwe is a 5-year-old girl from Kenya coming to terms with her dark skin. Nyong'o, 34, said in a statement that the book would draw on her own experiences of being "taunted" about her skin.

In her debut book, Sulwe is darker than anyone in her family or her class, and is determined to find a way to lighten her skin. Then her mother shows her where her beauty lies.

"As a child, much like Sulwe, I was teased and taunted about my night-shaded skin," Nyong'o said in a statement. "It made me feel unbeautiful, unaccepted and impacted my confidence. It is painful to see that the preference for light skin prevails. My goal in writing Sulwe is to provide young children with a path towards seeing their own beauty, regardless of what society tells them."

Nyong'o appears in Marvel's Black Panther, due in theaters next month.

Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o children's book "Sulwe" seeks to destigmatize darker skin.



# Fantasy novel has Black teen protagonist

'Juniper Leaves' tells the powerful story of a nerdy #MagicalBlackGirl

JAMES MICHAEL NICHOLS  
Huffington Post

The author behind a new book telling the story of a queer, magical Black teen who goes on an adventure to save the world hopes their work will encourage young people who don't often see themselves represented in literature.

Trans essayist, humorist and author Jaz Joyner's "Juniper Leaves: The Otherworldly Tale of a Lonesome Magical Girl" offers an under-told story of Black queerness in the world of young adult books. It provides, in Joyner's words, a "universally relatable" character for anyone who has ever felt inadequate or unworthy of being uplifted.

In the book, 15-year-old Ju-



Jaz Joyner's coming-of-age novel tells the story of a magical Black girl.

self-discovery.

"I want people who read 'Juniper Leaves' to finish the book and be inspired by Juniper not only because she's a #MagicalBlackGirl,

but because she represents so many of us who feel like we're not good enough," Joyner told HuffPost. "I want readers to leave understanding better how relatable a story lead by a Black queer protagonist can be. There's this idea that Black stories can't be relatable to the masses. You see it all the time with TV execs being surprised Black-led TV shows and movies do so well — and that's bullshit. I want to be a part of that shift."

"If 'Juniper Leaves' inspires even one teen to work in STEM, or get hype about science, or read more fantasy stories starring POC protagonist, or even just see themselves in a better light, then I will die happy," they added.

# THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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Every day of our lives we live and make history. One month in February is not sufficient. We have so much history and memories that have shaped our community. Our connections are a like a pattern woven into our lives. Nothing, nothing is insignificant.

The ladies of Just Us held their first meeting of this new year at Coopers Hawk Restaurant and Winery located in Doral at City Place. Hostess **Camille Carroll - Perry** decorated the tables with clocks to remind members that countdown time to the 50th anniversary was getting closer. Just Us was founded in 1970 and celebrates 48 years of friendship, and members are making preparations for 2010. Members acknowledged December birthdays: **Camille and Vennnda-Rei**, and **Annie Milbry**; and January birthdays, **Patsy Graham** and **Audrey Edmonson**.

Club Founders were: **Juanita Johnson Miller, Carolyn Smith Blake, Camille Carroll-Perry, Regina Jollivette Frazier,**



**Carroll-Perry**

**Barbara Carnegie Harris.** The name Just Us came from Camille, whose mother was member of a club with the same name in her native New Orleans. And now, almost 50

years later, we are together, friends, who've shared the journey. Members who enjoyed the meeting sharing together were: **Carolyn Blake, Lois Lee, Luretha Lucky, Darlene Hargrove, Althea Coleman, Emma Burnside, Juanita Miller, Patsy Graham, Regina Frazier, Lavonne Moore, Dalia Wimberly, Cecelia Hunter, and Shirley Archie. Nothing, nothing is insignificant**

Over 75 women and men came out for the Episcopal Church Women Holiday Party held at the Church of the Transfiguration. These parties are renown for the cuisine and numerous liquid refreshments, and the fun of dancing, singing and laughing. Keeping connections and making connections with each other. Parishes represented included **St. Agnes** in Overtown, **St.**

**Kevin** in Opa-locka, **St. Paul** in Little Haiti, **St. Bernard** in North Miami Beach, Church of the Resurrection in Biscayne Park and **Todos Los Santos** in South Dade. Having fun before the season of Lent begins.

For 60 years, the Church of the Incarnation has hosted its Mardi Gras dance, and many of you joined them as they celebrated with the sights, sounds and tastes of the Bahamas. **Frank Hall** sent me the news to share with the community to save the date. Mardi Gras will be held this year at the 901 event and Conference Center (Grace Union Methodist Church in Miami Gardens) on Friday, February 9. As usual the dance is BYOB and tickets are \$25. Entertainment will include DJ **Reggie Reg**, and performances by the Bahamian Junkanoo Shakers. **Olga Van Beverholt** does a very artistic presentation each Sunday leading up to Mardi Gras with her original 'Get Your Tickets' song. The annual Mardi Gras dance generally occurs before the



**Dulaney**

Lenten season begins. In the Christian calendar, Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter which is treated as a period of reflection and a time for fasting from food and festivities.

It symbolizes the days which lead up to Jesus' crucifixion and subsequent resurrection when Christ spent 40 days and nights alone in the desert.

Every year Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and this year it falls on February 14. Lent finishes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday and so this year the end of Lent falls on Saturday March 31. Some cities famous for Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday)celebrations include Rio de Janeiro; Barranquilla, Colombia; George Town, Cayman Islands; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Quebec City, Quebec, Canada; and Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, Mobile and New Orleans reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season.

Another Save the Date for

you comes from **St. Anne's Church** in Hallandale which will present it's first annual Black History Month African Caribbean Festival on February 17. The very unique festival will include music and Caribbean food, entertainment, numerous children's activities food trucks, and vendors showcasing clothing and jewelry.

**Fuzion Promotions** is a promotional company that caters to the practical and spiritual development of young adults for the betterment of the Kingdom of God.

That is real good news as young adults are, encouraged to be involved in the community. An upcoming event on January 26 is ONE VOICE: A Heart's Cry, which will be a prayer and worship initiative uniting God's Kingdom held at Trinity Church in Miami Gardens. This exciting event will feature **Geoffrey Golden, Todd Delaney, Timeless Brad and Clinton K. Powell.** A VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will start 8 p.m.

I am probably one of those last minute persons to the world of social media.



**Golden**

I have no twitter account, neither do I have an Instagram connection. However, I find Facebook informative in many areas. My classmate **Dwight Williams** and I get to share memories, music, noteworthy news and more on Facebook, connecting with other classmates. Many of us remember words of advice like 'Watch your words, watch what you say.' Today with social media we must add, 'Watch what you write, others read your words, make sure they are positive, inspiring. Share cautiously.'

When you read my next column, the month of January will be ending. As I've written earlier, each day and each month we are living and writing our Black History, and during the month of February we focus more to share our history. Remembering, recognizing celebrating the lives of those contributions made by Blacks. Looking forward to more sharing with you. Until next week:

*While you live, love; While you breathe, sing, While you walk, dance, While you work, share, While you see, dream. Let's stay connected as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh, Dance and Sing in the Whirl. Blessings*



**Powell**

## PLAY

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childhood, future art and activism. The documentary is available to stream t via pbs.org/americanmasters and PBS apps.

Filmmaker and Peabody Award-winner Tracy Heath-

er Strain (Unnatural Causes, I'll Make Me a World, American Experience: Building the Alaska Highway) crafts the story of one woman who believed, like many of her generation, that words could change society. Family, friends and colleagues, including Sidney Poitier, Ruby Dee, Harry Belafonte, her sister Mammie Hansber-

ry, Lloyd Richards, Amiri Baraka and Louis Gossett Jr., share their personal memories of Hansberry, offering an intimate look at a woman who was, as Poitier says in the film, "reaching into the essence of who we were, who we are, and where we came from."

Narrated by acclaimed actress LaTanya Richardson

Jackson (The Fighting Temptations, A Raisin in the Sun) and featuring the voice of Tony Award-winning actress Anika Noni Rose (A Raisin in the Sun, Dreamgirls) as Hansberry, the documentary portrays the writer's lifetime commitment to fighting injustice and how she found her way to art — the theater — as her medium for

activism at a crucial time for black civil rights. American Masters — Lorraine Hansberry: Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart also explores her concealed identity as a lesbian and the themes of sexual orientation and societal norms in her works. The film title comes from Hansberry's view that "one cannot live with sighted eyes and feeling

heart and not know or react to the miseries which afflict this world."

This documentary is part of American Masters' year-long Inspiring Woman online campaign which includes podcasts, a web series now streaming on pbs.org/inspiringwoman, YouTube and Facebook, and story submissions.



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# HELPING KIDS WITH GRIEF

Camp Kangaroo helps young people cope with death and losses



Kamari Whitlow, 12, enjoys kayaking in Biscayne Bay.

**MARGARITA SWEETING**  
*Special to the Miami Times*

It's a sunny 78 degrees on the beach where Shannon Pierre is enjoying an employee barbecue. Then, amidst the burgers and fun, her son Ethan Pierre, 5, remembered his father, Bered Pierre, who was killed by a stray bullet while sitting in his delivery van in 2016.

"I'm here, and he comes and tells me he remembers being here with his dad. It was a significant loss for him, and that was at 3," said Shannon, a Mi-

ramar resident.

Dealing with his grief is why Shannon took him and his brother, Bered, 7, to Camp Kangaroo, a two-day grieving camp for children ages 3 to 18. Sponsored by Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Southern Florida (SHPC), the day camp is designed to help children deal with the grieving process.

"The whole point of the camp is to foster a sense of community and friendship between these children with similar experiences and losses, so no one feels they have

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The camp did a lot for me. They told me it's OK to cry. That's a lot because I don't like crying in front of people.

La-princia

to go through the grief journey alone," said Joe Goelz, director of SHPC.

This is the third time Shan-

non took her sons to the camp because she wants them to learn more coping skills and find ways to answer questions they can't find answers to.

"They saw him that morning then not again until the funeral. They had a lot of questions," said Shannon. "They always felt it was so unfair."

During the camp, held at the Shake-A-Leg facility on Biscayne Bay, children are engaged in activities such as painting and kayaking, but they also get to share their stories with other children

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Ethan Pierre, 5, participates in a camp activity.

## Poor People's Campaign exhibit opens at Black History Museum in D.C.

**JERMAINE HOUSE**  
*NNPR*

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture commemorates the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s final human rights crusade in a new exhibition on the "Poor People's

Campaign," a multicultural coalition that began in 1968 to end poverty. The exhibition, "City of Hope: Resurrection City & the 1968 Poor People's Campaign," features rare archival film and new oral histories with people who helped organize the campaign including Marian Wright Edelman and

SEE MUSEUM 8D

—Phot by Laura Jones, 1968





Bered Pierre, 7, writes in a journal during his visit at Camp Kangaroo.

## GRIEF

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and learn different ways to communicate their feelings. Jamari and Kemari Whitlow, 12, and their sister, La-princia Brown, 11, lost their mom in 2014 and have attended the camp twice. They live in Miami with their grandmother, Sheryl Jones.

"The camp did a lot for me. They told me it's OK to cry. That's a lot because I don't like crying in front of people. Then, when we draw and stuff, like I did a before and after poster with my mom. It helps me remember that she's still in my heart. She'll never go away," said La-princia.

"It helped me to let go of all the bad things in me and keep the good things, the good feelings. I also beat on these drums," said Kemari, which helped him to release anger. The drumming was just one part of the therapy the camp offered not only to the participants but also to the parents.

"We worked with a mu-

sic therapist, and we used the drums to express anger, and how we felt. It was such a relief. Music is very powerful because it uplifts the spirit," said Shannon. "They also helped us to understand that we needed to deal with these feelings. They said if we didn't deal with these feelings now, they would just come up again in the future."

Furthermore, the campers realized that they weren't alone. Even though they have been to the camp more than once, each time they learn more and grow more.

"We did have some repeat campers from last year, and it was incredible to see the growth and healing," said Goelz. "Many of these campers still need support; grief work takes time and can often be a long process. But through this painstaking work, most campers are also able to give wisdom and tips to other children who are still in the beginning stages of the process. Every child who comes back has an opportunity to share what they've learned over the past year with new campers."

Camp organizers said sharing with others is an integral part of the healing process.

"These kids will share how they've never had the opportunity to talk to someone who has gone through the same thing. About 80 percent of the kids that come to us lost someone in a violent death. When they share, they realize they're not alone, they're not the only one," said Gisele Crowe, executive director of the Seasons Hospice Foundation, the non-profit that pays for the camp, adding that the kids benefit from the camp because "they learn ways to recognize what grief is. They understand why they're not sleeping. Or, 'oh, I'm being mean to mom because I miss dad.'"

SHPC is in 19 states and has been running Camp Kangaroo since 2012. The camps, however, are only sponsored in areas where there is a specific need. According to Crowe, the organization looks at school and doctor referrals to determine the need and all campers attend the camps free of charge.

## CHURCH Listings

### CATHOLIC

**Holy Redeemer Catholic Church**  
Rev. Alexander Ekechukwu, CSSp  
1301 NW 71 Street • 305-691-1701

### BAPTIST

**New Philadelphia Baptist Church**  
Pastor Rickie K. Robinson Sr.  
1113 NW 79th Street • 305-505-0400

**Greater Harvest Baptist Church**  
Rev. Kenneth McGee  
2310 NW 58th Street • 786-717-5818

### MISSIONARY BAPTIST

**New Christ Tabernacle Church**  
Rev. Harold Harsh  
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578

**Walking in Christ M.B. Church**  
Rev. Larry Robbins, Sr.  
3530 NW 214th Street • 305-430-0443

**New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**  
Elder William Walker  
5895 NW 23rd Avenue • 305-635-3866

**New Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church**  
Rev. Harold Marsh  
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578

**Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
Elder Johnnie Robinson  
1395 NW 69th Street • 305-835-8316

**New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**  
Rev. Bernard E. Lang, Pastor/Teacher  
7103 NW 22 Avenue • 954-433-2028

### NON DENOMINATION

**Lively Stone Church of Miami**  
Pastor David Doriscar  
8025 NW Miami Ct 754-400-0899

**Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church**  
Rev. Van Gaskins, Jr., Pastor/Teacher  
7510 NW 15th Avenue • 305-418-0012

**True Faith Missionary Baptist Church**  
Pastor John M. Fair  
1890 NW 47th Terrace • 786-262-6841

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL Metropolitan A.M.E. Church**  
Rev. Michael H. Clark, Jr., Senior Pastor  
1778 NW 69th Street • 305-696-4201

**New Resurrection Community Church**  
Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Tate  
2167 NW 64th Street • 305-342-7426

### PENTECOSTAL

**New Faith Deliverance Center COGIC**  
Pastor Dr. Willie Gaines  
3257 NW 7th Avenue Circle • 305-335-4389

### New Life Christian Center

Rev. Bruce Payne  
5726 Washington Street • 786-536-9039

### MORAVIAN CHURCH

**New Hope Moravian Church**  
Pastor Gregorio Moody  
6001 SW 127th Avenue • 305-273-4047

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ at Coconut Grove**  
Minister William D. Maddox  
3345 Douglas Road • 305-448-0504

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Revival Tabernacle Assembly of God**  
Pastor Leonard Shaw  
2085 NW 97th Street • 305-693-1356



The National Museum of African American History and Culture recently opened the "City of Hope" exhibition to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Poor People's Campaign."

## MUSEUM

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Andrew Young.

It also features wooden tent panels, lapel buttons, placards and murals created by and used by some of the nearly 8,000 people who occupied the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for nearly six weeks to call the nation's attention to the crippling effects of poverty for minorities, children and the elderly.

The museum's exhibition is housed in its gallery at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History as a partner to the exhibition, "American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith," which explores the history of citizen participation, debate and compromise from the nation's formation to today.

Launching its celebration of King's birthday, the museum, hosted a media briefing and guided tours of the new exhibition bringing in people who played key roles in building and documenting Resurrection City.

"With new and recently discovered film and audio footage, images and objects, this exhibition provides a rare look inside the 1968 Poor People's Campaign and commemorates the legacy of Dr. King's final campaign

for economic justice," said Lonnie G. Bunch III, founding director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"This exhibition reminds us that despite the unprecedented economic growth in America over the past five decades, there are still many Americans living below the poverty line. Although the Poor People's Campaign did not achieve its goal of eradicating poverty, it spawned a multiethnic and interracial movement for economic fairness whose belief in helping America live up to its ideals still inspires to this day. The stories of those who sacrificed so much are found in 'City of Hope: Resurrection City and the Poor People's Campaign.'"

Original sound recordings of musical performances and conversations among campaign participants have been provided by the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The recordings, along with never-seen film produced by the Hearst Corp., show how people lived during the six-week occupation at Resurrection City. Among the film highlights is footage of people traveling in a caravan of mule-drawn wagons from Marks, Miss., to Memphis, Tenn., for King's memorial service and then on to Wash-

ington to participate in the Poor People's Campaign.

Background on Poor People's Campaign and Resurrection City

In the 1950s, as the United States emerged as a global model of wealth and democracy, an estimated 25 million Americans lived in poverty. From the elderly and underemployed to children and persons with disabilities, poverty affected people of every race, age, and religion. In response, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, led by King and Ralph David Abernathy, organized the Poor People's Campaign as a national human rights issue.

As a multiethnic movement that included African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, Asians and poor whites from Appalachia and rural communities, the six-week, live-in demonstration in Washington attracted protestors nationwide. The campaign leaders presented demands to Congress, including jobs, living wages and access to land, capital and health care. It was the first large-scale, nationally organized demonstration after King's death. The campaign, the final vision of King's life, has come to be known as his most ambitious dream.

## Mt. Tabor Baptist Church celebrates 117 years

Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Rev. Wendell H. Paris, Jr., Senior Pastor, located at 10500 NW 7 Avenue, Miami, Florida will celebrate 117 years of service to the community with an anniversary agenda beginning Friday, February 2 at 7 p.m. The concert, "Exultation: A Gospel Music

Worship Experience." An anniversary cook-out will follow on Saturday, February 10 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the church for all to enjoy.

On Sunday, February 11 at 10 a.m. a worship service will conclude the occasion. The speaker for the worship service will be Reverend Dr. Da-

mone Paul Johnson, Pastor of Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church of Albany, New York.

The entire community is invited to share in the anniversary activities.

For further information please call the church at 305-756-2583 or 2584.

## FAITH CALENDAR

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■ **Greater New Bethel Baptist Annex Bldg.**, 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. 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 786-541-3887.

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

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

■ **New Miami Super Choir** invites interested persons to audition. Call Dr. Tony Siders, 786-530-2825.

■ **Florida Independent Restoration Ministries (FIRM)** offers family assistance with drugs and

alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayer line, ext. 104.

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

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

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

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

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

## THE CURRENT STATE OF HIV AMONG **BLACKS**

Doctors say new treatments help stabilize those who are positive

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Blacks account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnoses, those living with HIV and those ever diagnosed with AIDS, compared to other races or ethnicities, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2015, African-Americans accounted for 45 percent of HIV diagnoses, though they comprise 12 percent of the U.S. population.

Miami-Dade has the highest rate of new HIV diagnoses in the nation, at a rate of 51.2 per 100,000 individuals.

In 2015, there were 1,368 reported diagnoses of HIV in Miami.

Current data has not been compiled as yet.

Blackdoctors.org sat down with Dr. Patrice Marshall and Dr. Eugene Paul Sr. to talk about HIV and its current state. While finding the epidemic is continuing to grow within the Afri-

can-American community, they were also able to get insight on how the HIV treatments have evolved.

Anyone who is sexually active can be infected if they are having unprotected sex.

In last 20 years, unfortunately, the epidemic of HIV has actually grown.

In some Southern states, people living with diagnosed HIV are three times as likely to die as those living with HIV in some other states.

In all communities, lack of awareness of HIV status contributes to HIV risk. People who do not know they have HIV cannot take advantage of HIV care and treatment and may unknowingly pass HIV to others.

**DR. EUGENE PAUL SR., MD**

I think the solution to the epidemic, we already have the tools and one of the main tools is what we refer to as treatment prevention. If we get everyone

**SEE HIV 11D**

## Hospitals plan to produce generic drugs in bid

Four groups are teaming together for FDA approval to launch nonprofit company to manufacture medicine

**MELANIE EVANS**  
*The Wall Street Journal*

Four major U.S. hospital systems are planning to launch a nonprofit company to produce generic drugs, in what they called a bid to fix a market where soaring prices and shortages have hampered medical care.

The nonprofit systems — Intermountain Healthcare, Ascension, SSM Health and Trinity Health — said their firm will seek Food and Drug Administration approval to manufacture and market generic drugs.

The company may seek its own FDA approvals or buy FDA approvals from other companies, according to

Utah-based Intermountain. The new company likely will contract with existing manufacturers to produce the drugs, Intermountain said.

The hospitals said they would prioritize production of generic drugs for which the market lacks competition, though they declined to specify which drugs they would produce first.

"We have no designs on being a major pharmaceutical power," Intermountain President and Chief Executive Marc Harrison said. "This is a very specific problem we're seeking to solve with a very specific solution," he added.

The new company will "provide an alternative to sole-sourced, overpriced, in-

short-supply medications," Dr. Harrison said.

Prices for some generic drugs have soared where competition is scarce. A lack of manufacturing capacity has also caused shortages of some vital generic drugs in recent years, including painkillers, cancer drugs and saline.

The problem has complicated hospitals' efforts to control rapidly rising drug spending.

The new nonprofit would set its own prices, a complicated and potentially fraught exercise in an environment where drug pricing is under intense scrutiny. The new nonprofit drug company will "understand our production costs really well" and

**SEE DRUGS 11D**



Photo: Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

A technician sorts pills at a pharmacy in Edmond, Okla. In a bid to improve medical care, four major U.S. hospital systems are planning to form a new company to manufacture and market generic drugs.

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# POVERTY SEGREGATION

## persist in U.S. schools

Report says most children of color will end up in underfunded schools

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Too often, low-income, Black and Latino students end up in schools with crumbling walls, old textbooks and unqualified teachers, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The commission said inequities are caused by the fact that schools are most funded with state and local tax dollars. More than 92 percent of funding comes from nonfederal sources, according to the Education Department.

The resulting imbalance renders "the education available to millions of American public school students profoundly unequal," the commission said.

For instance, the authors said, 33 percent of high

schools with high Black and Latino enrollment offer calculus, compared with 56 percent of high schools with low Black and Latino student populations. Nationwide, 48 percent of schools offer the rigorous math course.

On average, school districts spend around \$11,000 per student each year, but the highest-poverty districts receive an average of \$1,200 less per child than the least-poor districts, while districts serving the largest numbers of minority students get about \$2,000 less than those serving the fewest students of color, according to the study.

The authors called on Congress to create incentives for states to adopt equitable funding systems, to ensure adequate

**SEE POVERTY 11D**



## FAMU vice president George Cotton resigns

His departure comes a month after he says others conspired to fire him

**BYRON DOBSON**  
*Tallahassee Democrat*

George Cotton, Florida A&M University's vice president of university advancement, resigned on Jan. 5.

Cotton's departure comes a month after he filed a stinging formal complaint against newly named FAMU President Larry Robinson and three members of the board of trustees charging them with conspiring to get him fired.

He began work Jan. 15 as

senior vice president for development at the Charles H. Wright African American History Museum in Detroit.

Robinson has appointed Shawnta Friday-Stroud, dean of the School of Business and Industry, as interim vice president of university advancement.

Friday-Stroud has served as SBI dean since February 2010. She also served as one of the co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Workgroup that helped develop the university's five-year strategic plan,



**George Cotton, vice president for university advancement at Florida A&M University.**



**Shawnta Friday-Stroud, FAMU interim VP of University Advancement**

serve in this capacity." Robinson said Friday. "She knows firsthand the importance of the FAMU Foundation's fundraising mission and has

extensive relationships with corporate and individual donors."

The university is immediately launching a search to fill the position.

Cotton also served as executive director of the FAMU Foundation. Its board members were notified earlier Thursday of Cotton's departure and Friday-Stroud's appointment.

Hudson Nwakanma, who chairs SBI's Department of Management and Marketing, will serve as SBI's interim dean during the transition.

Nwakanma's appointment means six of the 14 dean posts at FAMU are headed

by interims.

On Dec. 1, Cotton filed a complaint with the FAMU's Office of Audit and Compliance, charging Robinson and FAMU trustees Kelvin Lawson, Thomas Dortch Jr. and Robert Woody with conspiring to fire him from the post he's held since April 2015.

Cotton had come under fire from FAMU's Board of Trustees eager to boost annual giving. Cotton countered cotton those charges, saying he has increased annual fundraising from \$3 million to \$8.5 million during his tenure.

In his December complaint, Cotton also alleged

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# Pastor OF THE WEEK



Pastor Alphonso Jackson Jr.

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## Alphonso Jackson Jr. upholds family tradition of pastoring

Pastor follows father, grandfather, uncle in ministry

**GREGORY W. WRIGHT**  
Special to the Miami Times

Take Pastor Alphonso Jackson Jr. for example, who is the senior pastor and teacher at Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Miami's Browns-

ville area. Born and raised in Coconut Grove, Jackson is the son, grandson, nephew and even the cousin of a minister.

"Pastors run all through-

out our family," he said.

But what led him to the ministry?

"When I was a kid, I'd always admired my father," he said. "While other kids wanted to be doctors or athletes, I wanted to be like my dad, and wanted to be a preacher. When I got older, I kind of changed my taste a little bit," not towards his father, but about going into the ministry. "And I said no, I will do something else. But while a freshman student at Bethune-Cookman University, the Lord gave me a strong impression that I just could not shake. [The Lord] said it was time for me to start preaching."

"I told my dad about it, and he said, 'Go back to sleep, and let me know what He says again.' I did, and a couple of days later, I said, 'Dad listen man, I can't shake this.' And that's where my journey began."

Returning home from college, Jackson worked as a youth pastor under his father at Second Baptist Church, then later as his assistant.

In 2013, the young minister Jackson received a call from his father, asking him if he would go to Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. "He asked me just to fill in, because they had been without a minister for some time. We had such a great time," Jackson said.

In April 2014, the congregation went through the necessary process to make Alphonso Jackson, Jr. the permanent pastor.

Since that time, Greater New Macedonia has been very community focused according known as, "The Church of Love." The church has been busy spreading goodwill to the surrounding community.

Greater New Macedonia has a food and clothing ministry and also works closely with Lorah Park Elementary and some of the other schools in the area, finding ways to touch the community in greater ways in love and service. Besides his pastoral duties, Jackson is heavily involved in the planning and coordination

of The One Conference, a gathering intended to bring South Florida's young pastors ministry leaders together to connect with one another and sharpen their ministry tools. "We have great pastors that are coming in," said Pastor Jackson. The conference will be from Jan. 25 to 27. The website is oneconfmiami.org

With a warm heart and open arms, Jackson invites everyone to stop by and worship.

"We invite everybody who is looking for love, to come to the church of love. We are a church that's big on family, big on Biblical teaching and preaching and Christian development, and if there is anybody that would like to just come and connect with us, we invite you every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. We have high service, great worship, great music, relevant word, powerful atmosphere and sincere genuine fellowship. So, we invite everyone to come and check us out here at Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church."

## Ordination service at Antioch

Ordination service into the gospel ministry for Minister Walter Preston and Minister Timothy Reid on Sunday, January 28 at Antioch Baptist Church 10 a.m. Worship Service, 2799 NW 46 St., Miami.

Rev. Larrie Lovett is the pastor.



Minister Walter Preston

## New Mt. Calvary M.B. Church honors Pastor Emeritus Jones

The members of New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, located at 7103 NW 22 Avenue, cordially invite you to a special program honoring Pastor Emeritus Albert Jones. This event takes place Sunday, January 28 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Tracy L. McCloud, D.Min., senior pastor of Peace Missionary Baptist Church. Other Churches will be participating in this special occasion. Rev. Jones served as senior pastor of New Mt Calvary for 29 years.



Pastor Emeritus Albert and Sister Doreatha Jones

The Rev. Bernard E. Lang is the current senior pastor.

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## HIV

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caused as viral suppression is the key and of course, being retained in treatment is essential because if you don't stay in treatment those positive advantages of the antiretrovirals will not be realized and maintained and then hopefully when the cure is available soon we will be able to cure folks and it will be like any other STD, we identify it and we treat it and you move on

**DR. PATRICE MARSHALL, MD**

The importance of getting into treatment early is that a lot of folks who are diagnosed are often lost to follow-up or they don't remain compliant with treatment and so getting folks tested and started on medication immediately does two things: 1) it prevents the future spread and 2) also it mitigates any disease worsening of conditions because they're not treated.

## FAMU

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Robinson and Dortch defamed and slandered him in a conversation picked up on an open mic following the Nov. 29 meeting of the trustees Direct Service Organization committee meeting.

Dortch chairs the committee, which oversees the FAMU Foundation directed by Cotton.

Cotton said he was told the trustee described him to Robinson on the open mic as "all fair and talk" and that he doesn't produce. Robinson then allegedly spoke of his plans to terminate Cotton once he became president, he said.

The Tallahassee Democrat

obtained a copy of the audio through a public records request. There's no indication of a private conversation between Dortch and Robinson during or after meetings of the DSO Committee or the Athletics Committee, which immediately followed.

Cotton says he did not hear the comments carried on WANN, the campus radio station, but in a separate letter to Robinson, says his cellphone and email system "was flooded with messages and alerts" to a conversation between Robinson and Dortch "making disparaging comments about me and my character."

He also alleged chairman Lawson, Woody and Dortch conspired to get him fired because he has refused their requests to help friends or

associates of the three men get contracts or jobs with the university.

While, Lawson and Robinson have not addressed the allegations, Dortch and Woody issued strong denials.

Cotton has retained Tallahassee attorney Jack McLean and said Friday he plans to vigorously defend the merits of his complaint.

"We will be filing a lawsuit," Cotton said.

Cotton, 59, said he has had no communication with Robinson or trustees since he took action. Robinson met with the foundation staff on Friday at its Tennessee Street office.

"My assumption is they are being as careful as they can in how they deal with me and what they say," Cotton said.

Cotton said he was not looking to leave FAMU, but inquired about the Detroit position when it became apparent months ago that his support among some trustees was waning.

He said he has kept copies of emails and personal notes of interactions with trustees that support his charges.

"I don't make baseless allegations," he said. "I have been in this industry too long. When you feel things are improper, you document it."

McLean said Robinson has been notified of Cotton's efforts to pursue the case. It also has been forwarded to the Florida Commission on Human Relations, a routine step in the process before a discrimination lawsuit is filed.

## POVERTY

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for students with disabilities and to increase federal funding to supplement local dollars for school districts that are underfunded.

"The reality is that the United States does not offer the educational opportunity that is consistent with our ideals," commission chair Catherine Lhamon told the AP. "That's appalling and it's dangerous and all of us need for it to change."

Education Department spokeswoman Liz Hill said

the commission's findings underscore the need for reform. Promoting charter schools, voucher programs and other forms of school choice are key goals of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

"This is further proof that too many children, simply because of where they live, are forced to attend schools that do not provide an equitable education," Hill said in a statement. "Secretary DeVos has made clear her mission is to ensure every child has the opportunity to attend a school that offers an excellent education that meets their individual needs."

Whether channeling more

money to schools in under-served communities will help improve the quality of education is a subject of academic debate.

"Money matters. If you don't have it, you cannot spend it," said Bruce Baker, a professor of education at Rutgers University. Baker said that states should do a better job in raising education funding and in equalizing spending among school districts. He also called for a greater federal role in making sure that less affluent states that need additional education funding get it.

"Having federal money can help states that cannot help

themselves and federal pressure can encourage states to do the right thing, to raise enough resources and put them where they are needed."

But Eric Hanushek, a fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, disagrees.

"Money is not the secret recipe," Hanushek said. "How much is spent on schools is not as important as how the money is spent." For instance, he said, simply increasing the salaries of all teachers in a high-need school district won't have as much of an impact as identifying high-performing teachers and increasing their salaries.

## DRUGS

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won't have to return equity to shareholders, as investor-owned companies do, said

Dan Liljenquist, vice president of the enterprise initiative office at Intermountain.

Generic drugs account for 85 percent of drugs administered in Intermountain's hospitals and outpatient clinics, he said. They account for one-

third of the cost, he added.

Hundreds of hospitals owned by Intermountain and its partners will be possible customers for the new drug company, but it will be open to others, Mr. Liljenquist said. "The power of this idea is we

very much intend to make a market for these drugs."

The FDA has announced in recent months that it would seek to review drugs for marketing approval more rapidly, in an apparent effort to address high prices.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Apostolic Revival Center**

**Services**  
Wed. Intercessory Prayer 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sun.-Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Tues. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

  
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**Liberty City Church of Christ**

**Services**  
Sunday Morning 8 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
Tue. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.  
Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.

  
Evangelist Eric W. Doss

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**New Vision For Christ Ministries**

**Services**  
Early Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 8 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

  
Rev. Michael D. Screen

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**Brownsville Church of Christ**

**Services**  
Lord Day Sunday School 9-9:50am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 5 p.m.  
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm  
Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.

  
Min. Harrell L. Hernton

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**93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church**

**Services**  
7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Evening Worship  
1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

  
Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

2330 N.W. 93rd Street  
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**St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

**Services**  
Sunday 7:30 and 11 a.m.  
Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

  
Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivey, Pastor

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

**Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

**Services**  
Early Worship 7 a.m.  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
NBC 10:05 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 4 p.m.  
Mission and Bible

  
Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.

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WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. Bible Study  
THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

  
Minister Kevin D. Jones, Sr.

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**Hosanna Community Baptist Church**

**Services**  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
Youth Ministry  
Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3 p.m.

  
Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins

2171 N.W. 56th Street  
305-637-4404

### Grace

**ANTHONY GILL HARVEY**, 62, correction officer, died January 12. Services were held.



### BIRTHA LEE WALKER

retired environmental services supervisor, 90, died January 20. Public viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at St. John A.M.E. Church. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.



### Richardson

**MIRLANDE THENOR**, 55, school bus operator, died January 12 at Memorial Regional Hospital. Service 9 a.m., Saturday at Shalom Community Church.



### DEACON AUBREY HOPKINS

63, accountant, died January 20 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



### Gregg L. Mason

**REV. DR. WINSTON W. RUDOLPH, SR.**, 68, minister, died January 16. Survivors include: Jolonda Rudolph, Rudolph Jr. (Tangayika), Erica Rudolph-Cushnie (Alvin), Toussaint Crawford (Rimple), Channing Mathews and Jaelynn Hall brothers, Alfred Rudolph, Sr. (Jean) and Charles Griffin; grandchildren and other relatives. Services were held.



### LUCY C. LIGHTNER

80, retired custodian, died January 22 at Vista Hospice Care. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Baptist Church.



### Hadley Davis

#### Miami Gardens

**ROSE LEE TAYLOR CLEARE**, 75, house wife, died January 18 at Kindred Hospital Coral Gables. Services were held.



### NATHANIEL WILLIAMS

61, mason, died January 17 at home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



### ANTONIO MIRANDA, SR.

61, laborer, died September 24, 2017. Services were held.

### Range Grove

**EFREM Z. HOSKIN**, 57, auto mechanic, died January 17 at home. Service 2:30 p.m., Saturday at St. James Baptist Church.



### JAMES F. BROWN

39, construction worker, died January 12. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at St. Matthew Community Baptist Church.



### Mortuary Group

**HOWARD WATTS**, 78, United States Postal Service truck driver, died January 21 at Miami V.A. Medical Center. Viewing 3-8 p.m., Friday at Manker Funeral Home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Dade Memorial Park.



### EUGENE JAUDON

70, died January 15 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Viewing 4 p.m., Friday at his residence, 1155 NW 2nd Ave.. Flower deliveries to be sent to his residence anytime Friday. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Corinth Baptist Church.



### Eternal Rest

**OLLIE COLEMAN**, 68, environmental specialist, died January 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Peace Missionary Baptist Church.



### JANET ROBINSON

55, domestic engineer, died January 16. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



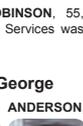
### Trinity

**TOWANDA PAGE POWELL**, 42, died January 13 at Sinai Plaza Nursing Home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



### PATRICIA ROBINSON

55, died January 7. Services was held.



### Eris S. George

**DAVID LEE ANDERSON**, died January 22. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Macedonia Baptist Church.



### BABY MADISON LYRIC HARPER

died January 13. Services were held.



### Mitchell

**LONNIE G. WOODS**, 73, retired, died January 17 at home. Viewing 3-6 p.m., today at Mitchell Funeral Home. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Hollywood.



### Phinazee & Sons - GA

**ALVIN CARTER**, 84, retired bus driver, died January 18 at VA Medical Center, Washington, DC. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Pine Hill Baptist Church, GA.



### Hadley Davis MLK

**LEDARRIS WALKER**, 29, correctional officer, died January 16 at Florida Hospital. Memorial service 11 a.m., Saturday at Revival Tabernacle Assembly of God.



### Royal

**WILLIE LEWIS ANDERSON**, 77, died December 29, 2017 at home. Services were held.

### Wright and Young

**BARBARA YANES**, 55, died January 13. Service 11:30 a.m., Saturday at Greater Holy Cross Church.



### ETHEL GREEN

89, domestic, died January 18. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Greater Love Baptist Church.



### LARRY BOYD

63, died December 6. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.



### REGINALD JONES, II

37, laborer, died January 18 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Antioch Baptist Church of Miami Gardens.



### CLAUDE L. GRATE

55, air condition refrigeration, died January 20. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at House of God Miracle Revival Church.



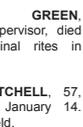
### JULIUS WINN

30, team leader, died January 14. Services were held.



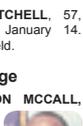
### CHARLOTTE GREEN

79, dispatch supervisor, died January 16. Final rites in Louisiana.



### AURORA MITCHELL

57, treasurer, died January 14. Services were held.



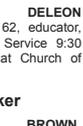
### Range

**KEVIN LARON MCCALL, SR.**, 53, retired custodian for Veterans Hospital, died January 18. Services were held.



### KENNETH DELEON WALKER, JR.

62, educator, died January 21. Service 9:30 a.m., Saturday at Church of The Incarnation.



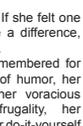
### Manker

**GLADYS J. BROWN**, 83, business woman, died January 22 at home. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 30 at Catholic Church Visitation of BVM.



### Riyadh-Ui-Jannah

**AUNDRELLA HAMED**, 69, died January 12. Aundrella lived a life of service, volunteering her time and money, as well as walking for different causes. If she felt one step could make a difference, she would take it. She will be remembered for her zany sense of humor, her deep laughter, her voracious appetite, her frugality, her strong will and her do-it-yourself attitude. Services were held.



Obituaries are due  
4:30 p.m., Tuesday  
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## Hugh Masekela, 78, father of South African jazz, dies

SCOTT NEUMAN  
NPR

Hugh Masekela, the legendary South African jazz musician who recorded more than 40 solo albums and collaborated with artists ranging from Harry Belafonte to Paul Simon, has died at 78 after a protracted battle with prostate cancer, his family announced Tuesday.

"[Our] hearts beat with profound loss," the Masekela family said in a statement. "Hugh's global and activist contribution



### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**KENNETH B. MCCOY, JR.**  
"SCOOT"  
02/14/1991 - 01/24/2015

Although it's been three years, our love for you remains strong. Love always, your Family.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**DEACON ROBERT HINES, SR.**  
10/02/1920 - 01/21/1987

Deeply Loved. Deeply missed. Love, Your Family.

### Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



**THERA SMITH MAYO**  
01/28/1944 - 01/04/2010

MOM, this is your month. We think about you all of the time but this is the month we celebrate you.

Our family is so thankful for the lessons and love you brought to all of us.

We still hear your voice and know what you would expect and we continue to work to deliver. We love and miss you, but most importantly we celebrate you.

You may be gone but you will never be forgotten.

The Mayo and Smith families: Albert, husband; Annie Mae Smith, mother; children: Felicia (Forrest), Antoinette (Walter), Eric (Tracy) and Alonzo; grandchildren: Wesley, Kendall, Cori, Eryn and Madison; family pets: Bonzy and Mieke.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**JOHN L. CRAWFORD**  
07/20/1938 - 01/26/2017

One year has passed since you left us. We miss and love you always.

Your siblings, Patricia, Walter Jr. and Gregory

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**LAWRENCE MOSS**  
09/26/1929 - 01/26/2008

Our love, our life together will be with us always. You are greatly missed, but not forgotten. We love you.

Your loving family, wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**JOHN "JERRY" MILLER**  
09/03/1935 - 01/29/2015

Loving Husband, Dad, and Granddad.

We are thankful that you belonged to us and will cherish your memory forever. Love, Your Family.

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and participation in the areas of music, theatre, and the arts in general is contained in the minds and memory of millions across 6 continents ..."

The trumpeter, composer, flugelhorn player, bandleader, singer and political activist, was born in Witbank, South Africa, on April 4, 1939. He was given his first trumpet by anti-apartheid crusader Father Trevor Huddleston at age 14.

"I was always in trouble with the authorities in school," he told NPR in 2004.

He had been inspired by the Kirk Douglas film Young Man with a Horn. Huddleston, hoping to steer him away from delinquency, asked what it was that would make Masekela happy. "I said, 'Father, if you can get me a trumpet I won't bother anybody anymore.'"

Masekela soon became part of the Huddleston Jazz Band. By the mid-1950s, he joined the Alfred Herbert's African Jazz Revue and began creating his signature "Afro-Jazz" sound.

In 1960, at the age of 21, as he was coming under pressure from authorities for his anti-apartheid activities, he decided to leave his home country for England.

Once in London, his then-girlfriend and future wife, singer Miriam Makeba, encouraged him to come to the U.S., where she had arrived the previous year.

"We'd always dreamt of coming to the States, but she came a year earlier and blew the States away," he told NPR.

"So she said, 'Hey, you got to come, forget about London, this is the place to be.' And, she was on a first name basis with everybody. Then she and Harry Belafonte gave me a scholarship to Manhattan School of Music. I also had to work part-time in Harry Belafonte's music publishing, because they ain't going to give you no money," Masekela said.

In addition to Belafonte, he also worked with legends Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis. Along with Miriam, they all encouraged him to develop his own style.

"[They] said, 'Listen, if you're going to play jazz, you're just going to be a statistic like all of us. Why don't you infuse some of the stuff from your home into your music, and then maybe you'll come up with something that will interest everybody and that we can learn from.' And I guess I came up with some kind of a hybrid," Masekela told NPR.

In 1962, he released his first album, "Trumpet Africaine". Makeba and Masekela wed in 1964, but their marriage lasted a scant two years. Even so, the two remained friends.

In 1967, the year of his hit "Up, Up and Away," he also performed alongside Janis Joplin, Otis Redding, Ravi Shankar, The Who and Jimi Hendrix at the Monterey Pop Festival. A year later, he performed on "Grazing in the Grass," which hit U.S. charts and went on to become a global hit.

In 1977, Masekela's Soweto Blues, about the anti-apartheid Soweto uprising, was recorded by Makeba, and it reached an international audience.

He penned the anti-apartheid anthem "Bring Home Nelson Mandela" in 1986 and returned to his native South Africa following Mandela's release.