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## Mayor vetos oversight panel, Jordan blocks

Matter to return to dais April 10 de-

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The restoration of civilian oversight of county government — seriously wounded after a veto by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez — was resurrected by Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

At the Feb. 21 meeting, commissioners were set to vote on an override of

Gimenez's veto of the resolution that would have created the Independent Community Panel, an agency that previously operated as the Independent Review Panel.

The IRP, created in the aftermath of the 1980 McDuffie uprising, was popular in the Black community, as well as with civil rights and civil liberties organizations.

But Jordan was short of the

two-thirds majority of commissioners necessary for an override. With 13 members present she needed nine of 13 members. At best, she may have received eight votes — one short needed.



The back and forth started after the Feb. 6 commission meeting, when

commissioners voted 7-5 to restore funding to its oversight committee — and to authorize a new name. Under the ordinance, \$170,000 to fund the agency would be taken from the Miami-Dade Police Department budget. Those voting no were Commission Chairman Esteban Bovo, Joe Martinez, Rebeca Sosa, Javier Souto and Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

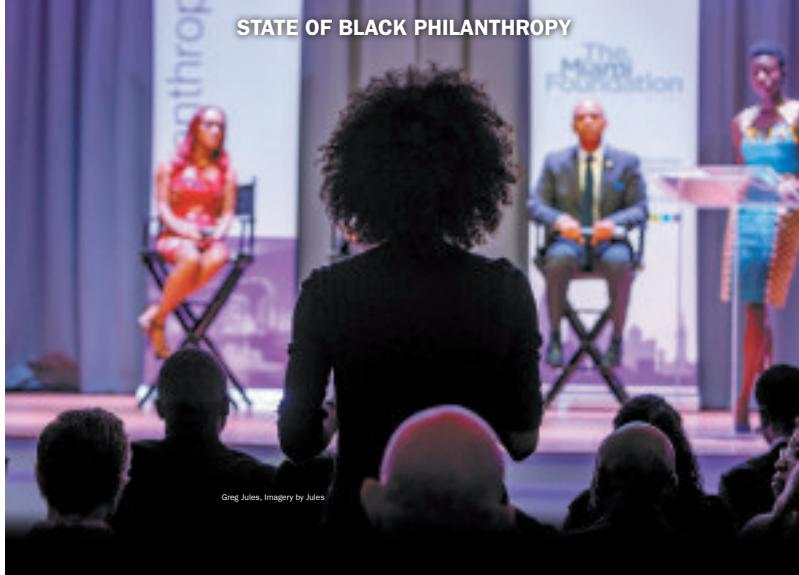
Instead, Jordan made a motion to reconsider her proposal, which pulled

the item off the table from discussion. That motion is rarely used in such a manner. But, Jordan said later, it kept the ICP alive.

"It was a strategic move to avoid having to start all over again with the process," Jordan said, adding she would bring the item back to the full commission on April 10.

In the interim, she will consider suggestions for the ICP structure that Gimenez

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### STATE OF BLACK PHILANTHROPY

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## MAKING A CASE FOR GIVING BLACK

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Special to The Miami Times

Over the past decade or so, Black philanthropy has taken an increasingly more significant role in the global fabric for civic action. According to a 2012 report from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Black people are more inclined to give back: Each year, African American households give away, on average, 25 percent more of their incomes than their white counterparts, whether it's through charitable organizations, individual donations, businesses or social enterprises.

So how are philanthropic organizations using that rising force in addressing systemic issues and how are they creating opportunities within the communities they serve?

These questions were the starting point for Miami Foundation's annual State of Black Philanthropy, held this past Wednesday at the Overtown Arts Performing Center. The event, which

brought together philanthropic leaders, set out to consider local organizations' challenges and how their work can have a more effective, sustained impact.

Moderator Nadege Green, a reporter for WLRN Public Radio, led the discussion with questions ranging from engaging donors from different, local Black communities to the transparency in organizational practices.

Barron Channer, a member of the board of directors of the American Friends of Jamaica, spoke about philanthropy as a heterogeneous sector, going SEE GIVING 5A

Kalyn James (standing) facing Wendy Ellis, Barron Channer and Nadege Green on stage.

## Pierre's seat safe - for now

Court rules in favor of North Miami Beach commissioner

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In addition to battling medical issues for the last several months, North Miami Beach Commissioner Frantz Pierre is in a fight to keep his commission seat.

Due to an illness, Pierre's attorneys say, the commissioner has been attending meetings virtually.

But an attorney's interpretation of the words "attend" and "present" may determine whether Pierre will remain in his seat.

Pierre hasn't been physically in commission chambers but has attended and participated by telephone or video conferencing, which was previously authorized by the city attorney and the commission, according to his complaint.

But according to City Attorney Jose Smith, attending meetings virtually is a violation of the city charter. That finding set in motion the wheels to fill Pierre's seat, which was deemed vacant by a consulting attorney.

North Miami Beach Mayor George Vallejo and Commissioners Barbara Kramer and Anthony F. DeFillipo all asked the city attorney to investigate the issue after a resident question Pierre's absenteeism.

Attorney for Pierre, Benedict Kuehne, said his

According to Kuehne, Pierre believes the attempt to remove him from his seat is a way to silence the only minority member of the commission.

client has attended meetings and has his voting record to prove it.

"Pierre, despite his health issues, continues to fulfill his duties to the benefit of the residents of the city, and he will continue to do so until the end of his term," said Kuehne. Pierre was elected in 2015 to a four-year term.

What's worse, Kuehne's client, the lone Black person on the commission feels like he is being targeted.

One issue is what the word "attend" means. If a commissioner fails to attend meetings for 120 days, his or her seat becomes automatically vacant, according to the city charter.

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## A \$120 million pitch for GO Bond in North Miami

Top dollars allocated for new city hall and expansion of contemporary art museum

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After more than two years of discussions, North Miami City Council members have given the go-ahead to send a \$120 million general obligation bond to residents later this year.

Now, Mayor Smith Joseph and city

officials must sell voters on the idea to finance myriad improvements, including a new municipal complex.

That could prove a hard sell in North Miami, where six years ago voters rejected a smaller bond to expand its Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA).

Approval of such a bond could

mean higher taxes for some residents. Mayor Joseph, the chief proponent of the bond, said he's ready. In an interview, he said it's a matter of educating the public.

"It would be a missed opportunity if we don't repair the infrastructure

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## EDITORIAL

### Inequity noticeable when white kids die

It's been more than two weeks since a young man was screaming to the entire world that he was planning to shoot up a school carried out his threat at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. When he walked away, he left a carnage behind that will haunt the American psyche for years.

But what started as a whisper of how unequal the support system seems to be for Black children and families who are survivors of gun violence has morphed into outright anger on social media. And, rightfully so.

Once again, children have been used as human targets, because cowards see them as defenseless. Children in Black communities have been under this threat from time immemorial. They get shot chasing a ball in front of their homes. They get shot while walking to buy candy at the store. They get shot while they play in the park. They get shot while they play in their living room.

The drive-by and stray bullets sometime injure several children at a time. And while a predominantly Black school or children attending them have not died en masse, the violent deaths of Black school-aged children happen on a regular enough basis that it numbs the mind. If there is outcry about the shooting, after the candlelight vigils, and after county officials throw a few hundred thousand dollars at a study or some after-school programs, it's business as usual.

Black children return to same halls, the same homes and the same streets where the trauma occurred and continue to occur. Long-term mental healthcare and help with healing are rarely if ever a part of the children's future. The national media support is non-existent. To be fair, local media will hold town halls to talk about the violence, but that is usually the extent of the actions when children die in the Black community.

How ironic that the surviving students of Stoneman Douglas took pages from the Black playbook: the marching, the demands for justice, right down to putting their deceased friends' faces on T-shirts, and ran with it. They took pages from the civil rights movement and recreated it. Only, they were not sprayed with water or pepper when they marched to the state house and the White House.

The very actions that Black families have been vilified for doing when there is disruption in our communities were embraced and encouraged by the media and politicians.

So, the Black community should take a page from the playbook of the white children. Black children and their families need to tell the politicians who do not align with their viewpoints that they plan to vote them out of office.

The government has been failing children in Florida and continues to do so. What is different now, what has caught the attention of the national consciousness, is that those hurt by the government's incompetence were children who were low-risk and most likely to succeed based on the fundamental structure of their lives.

Before, the children who the government lost or failed to protect were children of the system, living in foster care or juvenile halls, the children who don't have two-parent households, who don't have tony zip codes like that of Parkland. We already knew the system was inherently racist. What we know now is that the system is classist, too.

### CARTOON CORNER



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### Leaders need to focus on trauma

VALENCIA GUNDER, *Make the Homeless Smile*

In the face of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida we have seen increased media attention and advocacy around gun control and gun violence. Yet suggestions to arm teachers or ban rifles are missing the source of the problem. If we truly want to stop the continued bloodshed from spreading to all communities, we must address the core issue that connects gun violence and school safety — trauma.

Gun violence has been plaguing communities of color for decades. Even after years of organizing, campaigns, community meetings, legislative recommendations and proposals there has been NO Movement to increase the safety in these communities. The failure of public and private institutions to properly respond to community trauma has sown the seeds of this cur-



Rhona Wise—AP/Getty Images

Mourners stand during a candlelight vigil for the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 15.

rent health crisis. The reaction is always the same in tragic events like that of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Elected officials who are far removed from the occurrence make suggestions like arming teachers. I am a firm believer that we need to

address the trauma, which could have prevented the evolution of an individual becoming a shooter and the loss of life. However, it is not too late to do something.

Long term, government and school boards can lead the way, promoting the develop-

ment of peer counseling and before- and after-school programs that address the whole child. Professional development around restorative justice and holistic restorative practices should be provided to not only school employees, but law enforcement and community partners that operate in educational institutions. Amplifying those efforts should be cross-sector partnerships that work together to make access to mental health services free to those who need them. Youth from Liberty City to Parkland, speaking up for justice for their classmates, have given us every reason to make changes in how we provide community safety. We must not waste their inspiration. Thoughts and prayers must be transformed into the laws and programs that will ensure that such widespread violence never happens again.

### America needs stricter gun control

CHARLES BLOW, *The New York Times*

Sure, passage of new regulations would be a welcome change from our political intransigence and lack of response to our ongoing epidemic of gun violence and mass shootings in this country.

But we often talk about The Fix, as if any half-measure that has any chance at all of making it through this group of cowards in Congress would be a magical, one-step remedy. It won't.

There are things that we could do right now that could lessen the lethality of the guns currently available and we could ban some guns — neither of which is likely to happen.

I'm convinced that we must think big and systematically. We must treat gun violence in this country as a public health crisis, because it is.

First, we must repeal the N.R.A.-backed Dickey Amendment, named for the man who sponsored it, former Representative Jay Dickey, an Arkansas Republican. As Sam Roberts wrote last year in *The Times*, the legislation "stripped \$2.6 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — the precise amount budgeted for a study of the health effects of shootings."

This is a ridiculous, disastrous piece of legislation because it chokes off funding for research on this crisis and ways to stem it. We now propose policy prescriptions largely in an information vacuum.

By comparison, The Washington Post sought to provide an estimated cost of Donald Trump's asinine proposal to arm a fifth of all teachers, and

this is what they concluded: "If we assume the cheapest training and the discounted Glock, we're at \$251 million to arm 718,000 teachers. If we instead assume the full-price, more expensive training and the full-price firearm, the tab creeps past \$1 billion."

The essay, co-written by the then-director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, continued: "We were on opposite sides of the heated battle 16 years ago, but we are in strong agreement now that scientific research should be conducted into preventing firearm injuries and that ways to prevent firearm deaths can be found without encroaching on the rights of legitimate gun owners. The same evidence-based approach that is saving millions of lives from

motor-vehicle crashes, as well as from smoking, cancer and H.I.V./AIDS, can help reduce the toll of deaths and injuries from gun violence."

We also must allow the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to track gun sales, and keep the data it collects electronically and also searchable. At present, it is prevented from doing so.

Finally, we need to empower a permanent commission, possibly under the Department of Homeland Security, to bring all the data together, in consultation with law enforcement, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and any other relevant parties, to make ongoing policy and regulatory recommendations to reduce gun violence.

### Slavery continues to be America's burden

ROCHELLE RILEY, *Detroit Free Press Columnist*

Slavery lives.

It is America's burden that, like the building of our country, continues to be borne on the backs of African-Americans more than anyone else.

America has spent more than a century and a half not dealing with the heinous institution that attempted to make beasts of men.

It watched while former slaves and their descendants spent a century and a half seeking permission to be free. Seeking ...

Permission to speak.

Permission to vote.

Permission to work jobs that allow us to use all of our talents.

Permission to dine at public lunch counters.

Permission to provide our children with educations equal to those of their white peers.

Permission to embrace the freedom that the Emancipation Proclamation lied about.

Slavery didn't end. It just changed addresses, moving from plantations into boardrooms, courtrooms, classrooms, newsrooms, hospitals, neighborhoods and cultural institu-



The Institute for Colored Youth (now Cheney University).

tions.

African-Americans have been told to move on, to pretend that there is no lasting impact from slavery, even while we are impacted every day.

Slavery didn't end. It just changed its name, yielding to public lynchings that were celebrated like state fairs, which yielded to the Jim Crow era, which yielded to the Civil Rights era, which yielded to the false nomenclature of a post-racial era, a time and place that doesn't exist, affirmation of the heinousness continues.

As Nikole Hannah-Jones writes brilliantly in the forward to "The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Slavery": "The badge of slavery wasn't our skin. It was the conditions created to demean, degrade, exploit, and control those with our skin. We have never rid ourselves of those badges, not in the 1860s, not in the 1960s, not now."

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Not now.

We are the ones America would rather forget. To erase our history is to push the ugly stain of slavery into the far re-

cesses of history. And the efforts are by any means necessary: over-incarceration, dehumanization, discrimination. And we won't be erased, we must be handled. As Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonid Pitts, Jr. writes, "From slavery to sort of freedom, America's primary goal where people of African descent are concerned has always been painfully apparent: to control an inconvenient population."

We are still carrying the burden. Racism borne of slavery is at the root of so many problems America could solve, if only it would try.

Slavery isn't something to move on from; it is something that must end.

And that will happen only when people, all people, pay attention to how it still operates. It will not end until it is truly over. And African-Americans — all Americans — can finally put the burden down.

Rochelle Riley's book, "The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery," is in bookstores and on amazon.com now.



Matt McClain/Washington Post

From left: Shari Ungar, Melissa Goldsmith and Giuliana Cerbono embrace outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 18, 2018.

# Florida Legislature debates school safety bill

**Robert Runcie says shooter refused mental help**

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP) — Nearly two weeks after a shooting at a high school killed 17 people, the Florida Legislature is debating a school safety bill.

A House committee approved a bill Tuesday that would raise the minimum age to buy rifles from 18 to 21 and creates a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases. The bill would also create a program that allows teachers who receive law enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff's office to carry concealed weapons in the classroom if also approved by the school district.

The 23-6 vote Tuesday followed more than four hours of emotional discussion, including from parents of some of the 17 killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day.

Democratic Rep. Jared Mos-

kowitz, a former Parkland vice mayor, said he didn't like the bill, but still voted for it. He explained, "It doesn't go far enough, and now it goes too far in other areas. But the NRA opposes it and I will not vote with the NRA."

Unlike Monday, when hundreds of sometimes rowdy protesters jammed a Senate meeting to consider a similar bill, Tuesday's proceedings were more orderly. But still, several speakers spoke in favor of the assault weapons ban, including Parkland resident Amber Hersh.

"Our children lost a friend. Our friend lost a daughter. This is your opportunity. The world is watching," she told the committee.

An amendment to ban assault weapons was rejected on an 18-11 vote.

A Senate committee was go-

ing to take up a similar bill later in the day.

As the bill moves through the Legislature, the court case of Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old accused of killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, is underway.

A judge has refused to step aside from the case as requested by his lawyers. Court records show Broward County Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer denied the request Monday.

Cruz's lawyers claimed Scherer has made rulings and comments that indicate favoritism for prosecutors. They said in court papers that Cruz can't get a fair trial, but Scherer disagreed.

Cruz is charged with 17 counts of murder in the Valentine's Day shooting.

A Tuesday morning hearing in the criminal case against

Cruz was canceled after lawyers reached an agreement for prosecutors to get hair samples, fingerprints, DNA and photographs of him.

Students are scheduled to return to school Wednesday, for the first time since the Feb. 14 shooting.

In Mississippi, lawmakers proposed letting teachers and other school employees with special training carry guns onto campus. The Senate Judiciary A Committee on Tuesday amended House Bill 1083, allowing public and private school administrators to establish school safety programs that would allow teachers to carry guns. School employees would have to receive 12 hours of training every two years from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Meanwhile, Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie told the Sun Sentinel that the district's hands were tied by

federal law after Cruz turned 18 and refused to let the school system continue providing him with crucial mental health and other services.

"You can't make someone do something when the law says they have the right to make that determination," Runcie told the newspaper.

Cruz was transferred to a school with programs for emotionally and disabled students when he was in eighth grade but wanted to be mainstreamed back into his home school, Runcie said.

"He often perseveres on the idea that his current school is for students that are 'not smart' and that he can now handle being in 'regular school,'" according to a Broward school system report from June 2015, the end of his ninth-grade year.

Starting in January 2016, Cruz was allowed to spend half his day at the alternative school and half at Stoneman Douglas

to ease him into the less-structured environment.

In August 2016, he started back to Stoneman Douglas, but "the system had deteriorated" by November, Runcie said. That's when Cruz, who had turned 18 in September 2016, refused the mental health services offered by the school. Runcie said Cruz had the support of his mother.

He remained at the school until February 2017, when school officials finally decided to remove him after unspecified behavior issues. He was told his only option was an alternative school.

Runcie said he would like to see the aged raised to 21 for students to be allowed to refuse such services.

"The Legislature has just proposed raising the legal age by which you could purchase firearms to 21. Maybe 21 should also be the age they can refuse services," he told the newspaper.

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# Nigerian army rescues girls after Boko Haram attack

**It is unclear how many still missing**

TheGrio

On Wednesday, the Nigerian military rescued 76 schoolgirls and recovered the bodies of two others after a Boko Haram attack.

According to Reuters, the extremists descended on Dapchi and went directly to the school, where they sent students and teachers running with shots fired. Reports indicated that 91 people were missing after a roll call following the attack.

While Nigerian officials at first denied reports of another kidnapping, the government then went on to release a statement saying that some of the students had been rescued.

A least 13 girls may still be missing, and it is still not clear how the two girls who died were killed.

"Everybody is celebrating their coming with songs and praises to God almighty," said Babagana Umar, whose daughter had disappeared. "The only sad news is that two girls were dead and no explanation."

Afraid to go back to school. While the community celebrates the return of some of the girls, the students are still trying to come to terms with

the aftermath.

Aishatu Abdullahi, who attended the school, said that she escaped and hid in an abandoned house overnight.

"They were shooting guns and everyone was confused. Then we started running all confused," she told reporters. "We saw some people pushing some of the students to enter their vehicles."

"Many of us are traumatized," she added.

The students have reportedly been granted a one-week break after the attack to recover, but many of the girls are still reeling.

"But, in all honesty, I am not willing to come back here because we are scared of what could happen to us in the future," Abdullahi admitted.

As many as 100 of the girls taken from the Chibok school in 2014 remain with the extremist group. A number have escaped, while others were released due to negotiations through the government. According to aid groups, thousands more have been kidnapped, but it is the infamous case of the Chibok schoolgirls that has received the most international attention. That incident sparked a worldwide #BringBackOurGirls movement.



Chibok school girls held in captivity by Boko Haram for three years. More than 80 were freed in May 2017.

## Evangelist Billy Graham gets rare honor in Washington, D.C.

KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is reserving one of the nation's greatest distinctions for the Rev. Billy Graham, selecting him to lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda next Wednesday and Thursday.

America's most famous evangelist died Wednesday at his home in North Carolina at age 99.

The Rotunda has long been considered the most suitable place for the nation to pay final tribute to its most eminent citizens. Among those who have lain in state or in honor in the Rotunda are 12 former presidents, including Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, former military commanders Douglas MacArthur, George Dewey and John Pershing, and civil rights icon Rosa Parks.

The Senate Historical Office explains that there are no hard and fast rules on this, but

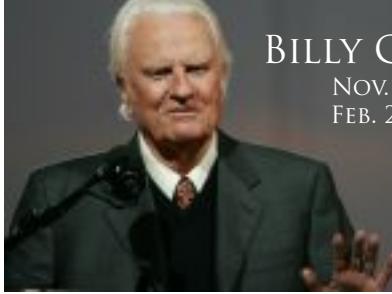
"lying in state" ceremonies are usually reserved for deceased presidents and other elected officials. "Lying in honor" has become the phrase used in recent years to describe ceremonies for those who didn't serve in elected office. Graham is just the fourth to receive that designation. The others are two former U.S. Capitol Police officers who died in the line of duty in 1998 and 2005.

The honor is essentially the same regardless of the language used, but "lying in state" ceremonies are accompanied by full military honors, while "lying in honor" ceremonies may only have a Capitol Police detail.

### Who decides which Americans receive the honor?

Either Congress can pass a resolution or congressional leadership can give the approval after consulting with survivors.

In Graham's case, Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Major-



**BILLY GRAHAM**

NOV. 7, 1918

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rizing the use of the Rotunda for the honor.

### Why Billy Graham gets the honor

Ryan explained in his announcement that Graham for-

mer changed the course of the world's spiritual health. He served as an adviser to 12 consecutive U.S. presidents and reached millions through radio, television and film. Gra-

ham is also a hero to many of the millions of evangelical Christians who associate themselves with conservative policies and the Republican Party.

### Ceremonial ties to Lincoln

A platform hastily constructed to support the casket of Abraham Lincoln while the president's body lay in state has been preserved and is used

to hold the coffins of all those who lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda.

When not in use, the platform, or catafalque, is kept in a specially constructed display area in the Capitol Visitor Center. The catafalque is a simple base of rough pine boards nailed together and covered with black cloth.

Others who have lain in state in the Capitol Rotunda

The list maintained by the Architect of the Capitol includes several members of Congress, beginning with Henry Clay of Kentucky in 1852 and, most recently, Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii in 2012. The non-elected officials who have lain in state include former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and Washington, D.C., planner Pierre L'Enfant. Lawmakers have also chosen to perpetuate the memory of service members who gave their lives in war by honoring unknown soldiers from World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

# VETO

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said he could support. Those include 13 members, one appointed by each county commissioners. He said nothing precluded commissioners from seeing recommendations from community groups or organizations.

Jordan said that suggestion could help her craft an amended proposal "that would make the item more palatable after the mayor gave suggestions on what panel could be."

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, Jordan planned to meet with the presidents of the Miami-Dade NAACP and the ACLU of Greater Miami — the two leading organizations whose members were part of a workgroup that built the structure for the ICP. That group met for eight months and created the report that was the basis for the District 1 commissioner's resolution.

Gimenez's veto on Feb. 17 was a blow to activists and the Black community.

In a statement, Gimenez said he didn't think the ICP does a good enough job of policing its officers.

"I am vetoing this legislation because I am not entirely convinced that there is a need for an Independent Community Panel. The county already has numerous internal mechanisms and external entities that oversee and investigated complaints against any county employee or agency," Gimenez wrote.

The mayor wrote that the Miami-Dade Police Department holds itself accountable through its Professional Compliance Bureau, an investigative unit that reports solely to Police Director Juan Perez. Gimenez also said the

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county has invested \$3 million for body-worn cameras, which he called one of the largest in the United

States.

Jordan said much of the discussion in the local media and the chamber debate focused on civilian oversight of police. That is not the primary function of the ICP, which she said would provide oversight for all county departments. That does not exist, she said.

"It's about county government and services. There's no place for the public to go," Jordan said. "When citizens have a complaint, they need a vehicle to register that complaint."

Ruban Roberts, president of the Miami-Dade

NAACP, said Jordan's deft procedural move gives he and other advocates some breathing room.

"The item lives for another couple of weeks or so. Now we just have to see what the end result will be on April 10," he said.

Meanwhile, he plans to rally community members to call their commissioners to drum up support.

"We'd love for the community to come out. This is about the community having a voice," Roberts said. "It's not just the police, but with any county entity, [residents need to] have a voice."

# GIVING

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beyond just altruism and moral responsibility, and how reaching out to donors requires well-orchestrated efforts. "People can respond in different ways and have different motivations for giving," he said. "In our case, there are people who are legitimately passionate about giving, people who are passionate about Jamaica. And then there

are the strategic people."

He explained: "Organizations must learn to leverage their assets. If you are going to be in the business of doing good things don't let your imagination limit the scope. We are competing against other organizations that are creating substantial appeal by offering donors added-on benefits, such as social value by networking."

"The African-American community isn't being channeled in a way that it can be captured," said Guislain Go-

uraige Jr., board chair for the Ayiti Community Trust. He suggested that charitable organizations find bridges between Black donors and issues that will resonate with them. "We must work in changing the perception of a one-to-one basis to thinking more broadly about the community," he said. "All Black groups can learn from each other."

Dr. Wendy Ellis of Honey Shine, a mentoring program for girls and young women, pointed out that non-profits must be constant as people understand the equitable way,

opportunities for people to see what they are doing and give donors an opportunity to get directly involved. "That way, the real passionate people will come forward," she said.

Accountability and transparency were also discussed in terms of when and how philanthropic capital is directed and what are the results of that management. According to Chamier, organizations need to be honest and practical in making sure that people understand the equitable way,

"have an audit committee if necessary to look at numbers and show how they make sense," he said.

"Community philanthropic organizations are building trust from within," said Gouraige, who's working on an endowment focused on benefiting the people in Haiti. He added that donors must be made aware that some of the financial resources must go toward infrastructure and the organization's staff. "At the end of the day, the success of

an organization is measured by whether it is still around."

In addressing an audience's question on what's being done so that philanthropy is not viewed as a distant process by those with fewer financial resources, Gouraige said that his organization doesn't measure a donor's capacity for giving. "Volunteers can contribute with work, everybody has something to give, whether it is financial capital or not."

"We don't care how much you give," he said. "We just care what you give to."

# PIERRE

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Jean Olin, an outside attorney for the city, reviewed the charter and concluded that Pierre was absent from the meetings. In a Jan. 25 memo, Olin wrote that Pierre has not physically attended a North Miami Beach commission meeting since April 2017 and opined that Pierre's attendance by phone or video did not count as attendance.

"The word 'attend' in Charter section 2.52 sets forth the requirement that a commission member 'be present' at a commission meeting," Olin wrote.

Olin said the word "present," based on Merriam-Webster and dictionary.com, is defined as "being with one or others in the specified place" and as "being in one place and not elsewhere."

Olin said Pierre's seat was vacant and recommended holding a special commission meeting to discuss how to fill the vacancy.

The commission started its search.

Announcements were made on social media and the city spent more than \$3,000 on advertisement for the open position.

A special meeting was scheduled for Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.; 11 applicants sent letters of interest to the city clerk.

But Pierre's attorneys, Kuene and Michael T. Davis, said not so fast.

Kuehne filed an emergency injunction with Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy to re-appoint Pierre to his seat around 2:30 p.m. the day of the special meeting. The judge convened a 4:30 p.m. telephone hearing

The screenshot shows the City of North Miami Beach website. A sidebar on the left lists various links such as Home, News, Home Area Info, Neighborhood Information, Weather, Employment, Home Values, Voting Rights, About NMB, and Bike Map. The main content area displays a banner for "NORTH MIAMI BEACH Florida" with a photo of a beach and buildings. Below the banner, a section titled "Vacant" indicates that Frantz Pierre's seat is vacant, with a note: "Last updated Monday, January 29, 2018." A link to "View Details" is provided.

Frantz Pierre's commission seat is listed as vacant on the City of North Miami Beach's website.

with Pierre's attorneys and the City Attorney Smith.

Kuehne argued that Florida law permits telephone attendance. He pointed to official records of Pierre's voting. He said Pierre received no advanced warning that attending by telephone would not count.

"Had Commissioner Pierre been informed that his telephonic attendance did not comport with the requirements of the City Charter, he would have physically appeared at a sufficient number of commission meetings," the attorney wrote.

Judge Murphy ruled in Pierre's favor.

The city is prohibited from naming a replacement commissioner until further notice from the court. The parties must contact the court this week to schedule a hearing.

It was not the first time that a North Miami Beach-appointed official was removed

due to absence.

According to an email obtained by the Miami Times, a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, Hector Marrero, was removed after missing meetings.

Pierre's attorneys may seek further action against the city if they seek to continue to pursue his removal.

Still recovering from his illness, Pierre made a statement through his attorneys. "I have prevented the city from engaging in an illegal act. I will continue to serve my community as its elect-

ed commissioner, and will work to see the interest of the public through the expiration of my term...." wrote Pierre. "The will of the people must prevail."

According to Kuehne, Pierre believes the attempt to remove him from his seat is a way to silence him as the only minority member of the commission.

"He [Pierre] plans to investigate what motivated the city attorney to engage in this illegal conduct, and he plans to make public all of his findings," said Kuehne.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

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## Billboard truck attacks

### Mayor Gimenez

A mobile billboard blasting Mayor Carlos Gimenez as "Clueless Carlos" is on the traffic-clogged streets of Miami-Dade. The billboard truck is part of a six-figure campaign by Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 291 and the International Transport Workers Union. TWU is demanding a fair contract and respect from Gimenez, who has called Miami-Dade Transit workers lazy and has tried to blame them for unreliable and inadequate service, according to the TWU. The union is also demanding Gimenez and other elected officials properly fund Metrombus, Metrorail and Metromover.

## 2018 Financial Fitness Workshop

The city of North Miami will host a financial fitness workshop from 6 - 8 p.m. every Wednesday from Feb. 28 to April 11. The workshops are free and participants will learn how to become financially independent and build wealth. North Miami residents will also receive housing counseling and learn about foreclosure prevention. Learning materials and refreshments will be provided. The workshops will be at the North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 St. For more information, contact Marie-Francine Jean-Pharuns, at 305-959-9824.

## NMB Bike 305

The city of North Miami Beach brings residents "Ciclovía," a fun and healthy way to explore the beauty of South Florida by bicycle. Ciclovía, a Spanish word for bikeway, will take place from 1 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 at North Miami Beach City Hall, 17011 NE 19th Ave., with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Free Bike

Rodeo sessions will be available for children. The event will feature health information booths, vendors, giveaways, healthy food and much more. For more information, please call (305) 948-2957. Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike305-ciclovia-tickets-41890977040>.

## Waffle House Job Fair

Waffle House, the American restaurant chain that has become a regional cultural icon, is hosting a job fair in Miami Gardens in preparation for the launch of its new Miami Gardens location. Manager and associate positions are available. The job fair will take place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on March 6 at Miami Gardens City Hall courtyard, 18605 NW 27th Ave. For more information, contact public affairs at 305-914-9070.

## QCT Miami Black Heritage Tour

The Queen City Tours Miami Black Heritage Tour will take participants across Miami to places that hold rich Black history. The first segment debuted on Tuesday, Feb. 27 and will be available for free via the "izi.TRAVEL CMS" app for Android, iPhone and tablets.

The full GPS-guided tour, once complete, will include five segments that cover Downtown/Overtown/Wynwood, Brickell/Coconut Grove, Brownsville/Liberty City, Opa-Locka/Miami Gardens, and Lemon City/Little Haiti/North Biscayne Blvd. Each segment will include text, voice, pictures, and in some instances videos shot on the route, making it an interactive experience that allows the user to start and stop the tour at anytime, rewind, skip or fast forward through sites and/or segments. For more information, visit [queencitytours.com](http://queencitytours.com).

The advertisement shows a family in a living room. A man and a woman are sitting on a couch, looking at a tablet. A young girl is lying on a sofa, also using a tablet. A young boy is sitting in a chair, looking at a smartphone. In the foreground, there is a television displaying a racing game, a laptop, a smartphone, and a tablet. A small icon for Xfinity is visible in the bottom right corner.

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# History IN THE Making

Black man chairs Arsh Center's Trust

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**My view of a performing arts center is you can have every segment of the community, [which] should be able to come for things that appeal to them in this wonderful environment we have there.**

JANIAH ADAMS  
*jadams@miamitimesonline.com*

From participating in his middle school band, to advocating for equal rights, to making financial transactions on Wall Street, Ira D. Hall has lived an eventful life. This 73-year-old's latest maneuver came recently, as he became the first Black man to be the chair of the Adrienne Arsht Center's Performing Arts Center Trust (PACT).

Hall has been a member of PACT since 2013.

"My view of a performing arts center is you can have every segment of the community, [which] should be able to come for things that appeal to them in this wonderful environment we have there," Hall said. "So it's an ongoing process to make sure we offer things for every part of the community."

He said as the new chair, he wants to continue to do things the trust has been doing.

"I want to maintain and increase our focus on diversity and staffing, programming and more increasing our outreach into the community," Hall said. "It's nothing drastic, we already do a good job in all of these things."

Hall's upbringing and skill set carries over into his new position as PACT's chair. He grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where his family was heavily inclined to the arts. By the time he was in elementary school, he was playing in the school band. Hall leveled up when he got to middle and high school — he started his very own musical group, sang in the school's singing group and played the saxophone in the school's band.

After graduating high school, Hall went on to Stanford University to study electrical engineering, then worked at Hewlett-Packard (HP), an information technology company. However, after two years, Hall immediately took a leave of absence due to the assassination of Dr. Martin

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Ira D. Hall with his daughter, Alicia Hall Moran, at an Arsht Center event.

Courtesy of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts



## Cop career fair attracts large crowd

Black unemployment, community policing both tackled at FMU job fair

PHILIPPE H. BUTEAU  
*Special to The Miami Times*

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies descended upon Florida Memorial University for the second year in a row to help black people police their own communities.

The Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Career Fair took place at FMU, a historically Black university, on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 1 to 7 p.m. In attendance were

criminal justice majors from the university, city of Miami Police, Miami-Dade Police, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The career fair has been held on the third Thursday in February since 2017, and will again in 2019, according to Stephen Hunter Johnson, chairperson of the county's Black Affairs Advisory Board.

Johnson said the career fair grew out of a concern for po-



Philippe H. Butea/Miami Times photo  
Queenisha Crichlow, a psychology major, talks to Miami-Dade Corrections officers about how her major could apply to their branch of law enforcement.

licing, particularly in Black communities.

"It started with a conversation with all the chiefs," said Johnson, who is also president of 100 Black Men of South Florida. "What could we do to address how Black communities are policed?"

"We're on the sidelines as a community," Johnson said, "when in fact every group has a role to play — the pastors and Black Lives Matter."

He said his group's role is not to be in front of the TV cameras but to plan what to do "after we're mad."

Johnson said the use-of-

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

DANIELLA PIERRE

**Housing Trust Fund appoints new chair; board needs to act**

The board responsible for evaluating our all of Miami-Dade County's housing needs, creating a housing

supply that is reflective of a wide range of family incomes in the community and disbursing funds to develop-

ers to build affordable units just appointed a new chairwoman. Shekeria Brown, the current executive director of South Florida Community Development Coalition and former vice chair of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, will now serve as its newest chair. The 13-member board has been around since 2007 and the members all directly report to our County Commissioners. If they reported to the community, I believe they would be a bit more



Pierre

summary of the study along with recommendations to Commissioners. And once it's submitted to them, there's multiple processes before the board's recommendations can even be heard, let alone implemented. It's no wonder why the housing shortage continues.

**BOARD MEMBERS MUST DO MORE**  
The 13 members who are on the board are from various organizations and advocacy groups including Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, mortgage underwriters for lenders and investors. Now it's hard for me to believe

that with those members' expertise, along with all the extensive housing data they already have, we need more studies and stalling. Perhaps the solution is adding lay residents to the board, and implementing oversight and requirements that call for more than just housing reports.

Although the board still needs a dedicated source of perpetual funding, as of January 2018, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund has more than \$2 million in the account that ought to be put to use now. But instead, the members of the board are focused on conducting

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# SBA appoints new regional administrator

**Ashley Daniel Bell oversees Florida Alabama, Georgia and other states**

*Miami Times Staff Report*

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) appointed Ashley Daniel Bell, as Regional Administrator for SBA Region IV, which covers Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, according to an announcement on Feb. 20.



Ashley Daniel Bell

Bell comes from Gainesville, Georgia and brings with him a facet of experience.

Bell a seasoned entrepreneur, having opened the doors to his first business while he was still in law school at 22 in the heart of Gainesville's Black community. His first step out of the entrepreneurial arena was when he was first appointed by President

Donald Trump to join his Administration immediately after the election.

He is an entrepreneur at heart and understands firsthand the challenges and successes small business owners face.

A lawyer by trade, Bell began his career as a public defender, and went on to become a trial attorney and co-founder of the law firm Bell & Washington LLP, based in Atlanta, Georgia.

He has recently been rec-

ognized as one of the 2016 "Top 40 Young Lawyers" by the American Bar Association. Most recently, Bell was recently appointed by the President of the United States to serve as Associate Director of Peace Corps, providing coordination and support for the Peace Corps external engagement with other agencies and partners, the media and Congress.

Prior to this, Bell served as Special Assistant in the Public Affairs Bureau of the

United States Department of State. Leading up to the 2016 election, Ashley was a Senior Strategist and National Director of African American Engagement at the Republican National Committee, and created and implemented a strategic initiatives communications plan and media buy to engage minority communities.

He was one of four national spokespersons for the RNC and was a key

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## CHAIR

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yet another housing market survey. This really shouldn't be a priority especially since a multitude of surveys have already been conducted and thoroughly reviewed. What we need are solutions

and innovative strategies to eliminate the lack of affordable and available housing in the country.

Hopefully, with the new chairwoman things will improve. From what I know of Brown, she seems to want to make a real difference in our housing market, and she is very knowl-

edgeable of the type of housing that we really need in our community.

Now that she's in a more influential role on the board, I'm relying on her to execute a comprehensive and strategic housing plan that will strengthen our housing market and make it more accessible.

### IT'S TIME TO BUILD WHAT WE CAN AFFORD

If you're beyond frustrated like I am with the sluggish solutions to the housing crisis, then you should attend the upcoming Developers' Roundtable Discussion happening during working hours on Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Overtown

Transit Village, in the Training Room, on the second floor. Your presence at this meeting is very important because you'll get a chance to meet the developers vying to build here, get a chance to give input on what our housing needs are and, if nothing else, you'll get to see who's responsible for

things not happening as they should when it comes to our housing needs. Basically, your presence there puts the board as well as the developers on notice that the community is watching. Perhaps it won't be "business as usual"

if we are there. The board is supposed to be working for us anyway, not the developers. When they see us at the meeting, we show them that our housing needs in this community matters.

Are you priced

out of living in South Florida? Interested in joining a local housing board or committee? Let's hear about it! Share your story, interest or solution today. Contact Danielle Pierre to affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.

## FAIR

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force discussion was done in the background two years ago along with the conversation to get the career fair off the ground.

"We need more Black police chiefs," Johnson said. "How do we get Black chiefs without Black police officers?"

And in addressing how Black communities are policed, the fair also tackles the problem of chronic Black unemployment.

### JOB REQUIREMENTS

"Policing has some of the best jobs you could have without a college degree," Johnson said.

Miami-Dade Police, city of Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Pinecrest, Hollywood and even the FBI had openings. City of Miami Police had no open police positions but does have a need in the Information Technology department.

The agencies have different but similar requirements to be a police officer. FDLE, Miami Beach and the FBI require a bachelor's degree but the other agencies do not.

The agencies without the bachelor's degree requirement were hiring for certified and non-certified officers. Certified officers' academy training is paid for by a police department. Pinecrest pays for academy training and requires a physical agility test and an associate's degree, which is obtained by completing 60 college credits. Hollywood Police requires applicants be 21 years of age and have a high school diploma.



Philippe H. Butera/Miami Times photo

Firefighter Carlton Hunter talks about the finer points of Miami-Dade Fire Res-

cue to Leo McCray.

According to Miami Police Officer Toraino Hardnett, all law enforcement in Miami-Dade County used to use Miami Dade College as their police academy. But with the hiring of non-certified individuals, attending MDC is no longer mandatory.

FDLE, the standard-setter for all law enforcement agencies in the state, requires prospective police officers to take 17 core courses and a state exam that are offered at MDC, according to Sgt. Betty Alexandre of Miami-Dade Police Personnel Management Bureau.

MDPD has its own training academy that includes the 17 courses and the state exam that together take about nine months to complete.

BETTER POLICING

Ripoll O'Connor, a senior criminal justice major, is positioning himself to work in law enforcement. He's set to graduate in May 2018 and was at the career fair to be another member of his family with a job in law enforcement.

"As a young kid I always wanted to be a police officer," O'Connor said. "It's a childhood dream."

O'Connor said he was a police explorer when he was younger and though he grew up in Homestead, he wants to venture out on his own and join a different city's police department. He wants to rise up the ranks to sergeant up to police chief.

O'Connor agrees there's a bad perception of policing within Black communities and blames that on bad people.

"It's the individual not the whole profession," he said.

"There are bad teachers and bad politicians, too."

He said a way for individual police

officers to counteract that is to go to the community they protect and interact with the people.

"Play ball with them," he said. "Get on a first-name basis with the community. Make them see you, that you're there for them, to serve them."



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Todd B. Hannon

City Clerk

### CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 8, 2018 to authorize a 4/5ths bid waiver for the maintenance and beautification of Martin Luther King Boulevard ("Services") for the period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

This action is being considered pursuant to City Code Section 18-85. The recommendation and finding to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in this Code Section, which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as public records from the City of Miami. The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 8, 2018 to be held at 9:00 a.m. at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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

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

### CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organization listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 4 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. The Miami Foundation, Inc. for the Elderly Assistance Relief Fund will provide emergency assistance funds for applicants who are 65 years of age or older, living at or below the low-income limits, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

\* The Miami Foundation, Inc. – Elderly Assistance Relief Fund

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

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as public records from the City of Miami. The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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### Request for Proposal For Auditing Services for Neighbors and Neighbors Association, Inc. and the Black Economic Development Coalition, Inc., d/b/a TOOLS FOR CHANGE

PLEASE ALL TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (SEOPW CRA) is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., at Camillus House, 1603 N.W. 7th Avenue, Building B, Miami Florida 33136.

All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information please contact the SEOPW CRA office at (305) 679-6800.

#29128 Cornelius Shiver, Executive Director

Southeast Overtown/Park West

Community Redevelopment Agency

Request for Proposal  
For Auditing Services for  
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and the Black Economic Development Coalition,  
Inc., d/b/a TOOLS FOR CHANGE

Neighbors and Neighbors Association, Inc. (NANA) and the Black Economic Development Coalition, Inc. d/b/a Tools for Change are seeking an audit firm to provide an audit of their financial records for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Request for Proposal for Audit and Tax Services will be available on March 02, 2018, at 5120 N.W. 24TH Avenue, Miami, Florida 33142. All proposals that are submitted must follow the Request for Proposal – Audit and Tax Services format. All submissions are due by March 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at 5120 N.W. 24th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33142.

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### SAND AND SURF FROM ANGUILLA TO JAMAICA

MELANIE REFFES  
*Special to USA TODAY*

Even if you've been there and done that, chilling on a Caribbean beach never gets old. Whether you like snorkeling, swimming and sunbathing, people-watching on party beaches or the sand-less-traveled, our island-by-island guide can help you find the best sandy swaths under the sun.

#### ANGUILLA

It's the calm long after last year's storms on every one of Anguilla's 33 stunning beaches that from more than 12 miles of shoreline. On a typical sunny day, Meads Bay on the northwest coast is camera-ready at sunset and where you'll find the swanky Four Seasons Resort and Residences, reopening on March 23. "On first glance, Meads Bay looks like a quiet beach with water a million shades of blue

that glisten in the sun," says Nori Evoy, surfer and founder of the popular website [anguilla-beaches.com](http://anguilla-beaches.com), "but the waves can get wild with swells up to 8 feet high which makes it the best beach on the island for surfers."

Shoal Bay East is popular with day-trippers who park their towels on the 2-mile strip and then make a beeline to Gwen's Reggae Grill for a cheeseburger in paradise. Maundays Bay never gets crowded, apart from die-hard swimmers and romance walkers who enjoy the mile-long stretch in front of the elegant Belmond Cap Juluca, slated to open in November.

A breezy beach on the south coast, Rendezvous Bay hosts some of the best dunes on the island, beach bars like Garvey's and SunShine Shack, and the top-drawer CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa. At the far western end, Merrywing Bay is the capital of calm fronting The

Reef by Cuisinart, reopening on April 1. Breezes Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner on the beach. For your own secluded swath, head to Savannah Bay where you'll find Junk's Hole on the calmer side of the bay. Powdery sand and barely a soul in sight makes the east end beach a must-go for privacy-seekers craving solitude in the sun. "Island recovery has been nothing short of remarkable," says tourism minister Cardigan Connor.

"Some of our beaches have grown post-hurricanes and all of them are open and better than ever."

#### PUERTO RICO

A beach-lover's favorite with no passport needed to arrive on the island, most of Puerto Rico's beaches are open, including all of the sandy slivers in San Juan and Condado, the stylish tree-lined suburb just over the bridge from Old San Juan. "Our main task after the

hurricane was to clean up the debris and fallen palm trees," said Carla Campos, executive director, Puerto Rico Tourism Company (PRTC). "The few beaches not yet open will be ready for sun-seekers by the end of March."

In the metro area, Isla Verde is the most popular beach area, with many hotels dotting the shoreline and plenty of water sports in the surf. Ten minutes from baggage claim to the beach, the sandy strands are surprisingly uncrowded apart from the weekends, when locals take to early morning jogs.

Closer to Isla Verde and 30 minutes from San Juan, La Posita is a long family-friendly beach on the Atlantic coast with a rock wall that creates a shallow natural pool. For the active crowd, there's a biking trail from Isla Verde and for those who like to eat local, vendors across the street serve up hefty portions

**SEE BEST 10B**

# HALL

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Luther King Jr. at that point, Hall's life would take a turn toward public service.

"After Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, I took a leave of absence from a corporate job and became the founding executive director of an organization that worked on finding solutions to racial discrimination and socio-economic discrimination," Hall said.

Hall continued his activism for six years, advocating for issues such as the lack of housing, employment and created housing for people with low to moderate income. He also helped businesses that were owned by minorities and created employment programs.

Hall went back to Stanford to get his master's degree, then was recruited by investment banks. He worked at Wall Street for a decade and went to IBM where he climbed the chain and became an executive.

During his corporate years, the arts never left Hall. While he lived in New York and Connecticut, he continued to be involved with music and other art forms. He came to Miami when he retired 12 years ago.



We want to enhance the sense of well-being to a wide variety of people who come into our doors.



Ira Hall

One thing Hall is very proud of about the Arsh Center is its involvement with education. He has plans to develop youth programs. "We have a program that we develop for fifth-graders and this year we expanded that to seventh-graders in addition to fifth-graders and we will get deeply engaged in what we will do with the ninth-graders," Hall said. "We want to lay out what our objectives would be and how we would go about it."

Hall said he wants to con-

tinue the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) program with seventh-graders. He described the educational side of the Arsh Center as "activism within our walls."

With a life filled with the arts and public service, Hall wants the Arsh Center to be a place where everyone from the community can enjoy what appeals to them.

"We want to enhance the sense of well-being to a wide variety of people who come into our doors," Hall said.

# SBA

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surrogate for the Trump Campaign. A former Hall County Commissioner elected at the young age of 27, Bell was one of the youngest commissioners ever elected in the State of Georgia, representing the third fastest growing metropolitan area in America.

He has founded organi-



Linda McMahon

small business community," SBA Administrator Linda McMahon said. "He will be a strong voice for small business owners, and I look forward to working with him to help more entrepreneurs across Region IV."

Bell is a graduate of Valdosta State University. He obtained his law degree from Louisiana State University, and he was a 21st Century Leadership Fellow at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Bell also has an honorary doctorate in Intercultural & Urban Studies from LightHouse College.

As Region IV Administrator, Bell will oversee SBA programs, offices and operations across the Southeast. He started with the SBA February 20, 2018.

# BEST

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an entry fee — \$5 per person and \$2 per car — you'll find amenities like lounge chairs, a restaurant, paddle boats, kayaks and snorkeling gear to rent.

## NEVIS

The best beaches on the sister island across the channel from St. Kitts are on the northern and western shores. Three miles long and covering the distance between the capital city of Charlestown and the Sea Bridge Ferry Dock, Pinney's is the one you see in the travel brochures. The beguiling blue-water beach on the Caribbean Sea side is carpeted in sand the color of saffron and a sandy stroll from the island's luxe resorts like Four Seasons Resort Nevis and Paradise Beach Nevis.

## JAMAICA

On the south coast away from the big resorts in Montego Bay, Treasure Beach is a collection of smaller spots with names like Jack Sprat and Calabash Bay that are more popular with sun-seekers, al fresco massages, hair-braiders and vendors hawking everything from cold drinks and jerk chicken to reggae CDs, Bob Marley keychains and snorkel gear. Another good-time beach

Sandals Grande  
Antigua Resort  
& Spa

is Doctor's Cave in Montego Bay, where you'll find plenty of family-friendly conveniences like beach umbrellas, boat tours, showers and a seaside food court. Laughing Waters in Ocho Rios is the beach made famous in the first James Bond thriller Dr. No and the hands-down go-to for shallow water, rock pools and waving palms.

## TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Grace Bay Beach lives up to the hype. Twelve miles of beach perfection on the eastern crook of Providenciales (or Provo), Grace Bay

is the Louloutin of beaches and the recipient of umpteen "best beach" awards. Breathtaking from end to end with soft ashen sand and wide-open Tiffany blue waters, the busiest beach on the island is also the backyard of a slew of resorts and Blanchard's Beach Shack, where you can rent a beach chair. Part of the Princess Alexandra National Park, nature-friendly

water sports like sailing and snorkeling are popular, while water skis and jet skis are strictly off-limits. To see the most dramatic underwater life, snorkeling best at Smith's Reef and Bright Reef.

## BIRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Most of the beaches are open after post-storm cleanups. Named for the sugar mills that

used to be there,

Cane Garden Bay is where surfers rule the waves, paddle-boards work the smooth water and everyone else claims their spot in the sun. On the northwest shore of Tortola, the largest of the BVI's, the busiest and biggest beach on the island is a long curved bay that rates high with swimmers, windsurfers, paddle-boards and everyone else who covets the local vibe. Much quieter on the western tip, Smuggler's Cove, once frequented by pirates, is still without too many tourists but with plenty of white sand and palm trees that keep a beat with the trade winds. Sunsets are spellbinding. On the north side of Tortola, Apple Bay has some of the best surf in the BVI's.

## ANTIGUA

Dickenson Bay on the north coast is the island's most popular beach, where a slew of hotels, water sports kiosks and watering holes keep the stretch busy even on a cloudy day. To the south, Runaway Bay is a much quieter wide strip of powdery sand and just as nice for an afternoon siesta or a day with the kids. Busy on the weekends and when a cruise ship is in port, Pigeon Point at Falmouth Harbour is the main attraction on the south coast. On the southwest corner, a trio of sandy stretches — Frigate's Bay, Darkwood Beach and Crab Hill Bay — come with white sand, small hotels and groovy beach bars where liming with the locals is the real deal.



## Public Hearing

### 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, March 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., or the next regularly scheduled HSSC meeting if not approved, due to lack of quorum or otherwise. Subsequently, the items will be considered for final action by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). At the meeting on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., or at a meeting as determined by the BOCC chair. Both meetings will be held inside Board of County Commissioners Chambers located on the second level of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33126.

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.

- CDBG Receipts and Reallocation Amount: up to \$1,113,850.46
- HOME Receipts and Reallocation Amount: up to \$5,984.09

The public is invited to attend comment. Comments may be submitted in writing until Monday, March 26, 2018 in the office of Mr. Clarence Brown, Division Director of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD), 707 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor, Miami, Florida 33126 or via e-mail: [CommunityDevelopment@miamicounty.us](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@miamicounty.us).

A copy of the proposed substantive amendments will be available for review online at <http://www.miamicounty.us/gov/phcd/>, and at the Miami-Dade Department of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) located at 707 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor, Miami, FL 33126.

PHCD does not discriminate based on race, sex, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, age, pregnancy or familial status in the access or admissions to, or enjoyment in housing programs or activities. If you need a sign language interpreter or materials in accessible format for this point, call (305) 468-2188 at least five days in advance. TDD/TTY users may contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 850-8777.

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## Black dollars matter: Consumers have power

Spending power has reached \$1.2 trillion

**SAMARA LYNN**  
Blackenterprise.com

Black consumers currently wield unprecedented power over brands, according to a new report from Nielsen.

The seismic shift in how important Black dollars have become is credited to social media and the vocal and luminous online entity known as Black Twitter. More Black consumers are demanding products and marketing that embrace diversity without pandering and that are culturally relevant.

The report reveals that Black spending power has reached \$1.2 trillion. In some markets, Black consumers have a considerable spending

power by such calls, especially when they suddenly spot a deposit from the U.S. Treasury in their account.

"It's jarring when somebody calls you and they know your bank account," Garcia said.

The IRS is set to begin issuing tax refunds as of Feb. 27 for many early filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Additional Child Tax Credit.

So the ID thieves who filed fake returns claiming those credits will be looking to collect soon — if they used your bank account for direct deposit earlier.

Now, the crooks who file fake tax returns to steal refund cash could be giving the IRS your bank account information for direct deposit of fraudulent refunds.

As part of the crackdown on tax-related ID fraud, the IRS has been taking extra steps to avoid depositing refunds onto suspicious prepaid cards. That's why the scam could involve a new twist.

After the money hits your account, a con artist might pose as a debt collection official working behalf of the IRS. The crook might say the refund was deposited in error and they ask the taxpayer to forward the money to their collection agency.

could be caught off guard by from the IRS and threatens the person with an arrest warrant unless refund money is turned over. Some calls talk about "blacklisting" the Social Security number of the real taxpayer — if the taxpayer doesn't follow the appropriate steps to return the refund cash.

Don't do it.

"This isn't your refund," Garcia said. "You're the victim of tax fraud. But don't complicate things by not returning that money to the IRS — not the scammers."

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Contact your bank. Don't plan to spend the money. Follow the proper steps to return the fraudulent refund to the IRS.

Some consumers have reported that their bank accounts ended up being frozen as banks try to deal with this odd criminal twist. Your account could have to be closed to prevent fraudsters from gaining access.

The IRS said taxpayers who receive an erroneous refund should contact the Automated Clearing House department of

their bank. The bank would return the erroneous refund directly to the IRS.

The taxpayer should contact the IRS at 800-829-1040 for an individual file or 800-829-4933 for a business.

You're going to want to file a Form I-4039, Identity Theft Affidavit when you file your own tax return to indicate that you were a victim of a tax preparer data breach. Once a victimized taxpayer tries to file his or her own return electronically, they may fear that their tax return will be rejected because a 2017 return bearing their Social Security number has already been filed.

Tax fraud remains a threat, even though the IRS said the number of tax returns with confirmed identity theft declined by 32 percent to 597,000 in 2017, compared with 883,000 returns in 2016.

A spokesperson from Intuit, the maker of TurboTax, said its fraud detection program includes providing suspicious activity reports to the IRS and validating Internet Protocol addresses to block high-risk transactions from suspect geographies.

## Tax refund before you even file? It's a scam

Bank accounts flooded with money, targeted by scammers, IRS warns

**SUSAN TOMPOR**

Detroit Free Press

Wait, what? You didn't file your income tax return yet but somehow, somehow you spotted a bunch of money in your bank account from a refund?

Seriously? Believe it or not, criminals are using real bank accounts as a fast-spreading scam that could gain more traction as we move into prime refund season, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

"It's super-sophisticated," said Luis Garcia, a spokesperson for the IRS in Detroit.

"If you haven't filed your taxes — especially if you're not expecting a refund — and money shows up in your account, don't touch it."

Last summer, the IRS reported that cybercriminals had been targeting tax professionals. According to the IRS, there were 177 tax professionals or firms that reported data thefts involving client information relating to thousands of tax filers.

### HOW DO THE CROOKS THEN GET THE CASH?

One scheme includes an automated call that claims that you're a willing participant in tax fraud and demands that you return the money. Of course, if you follow their directions, you're handing the money over to the crooks.

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## Black souls on ice



Panthers hosts Black History events in honor of the first Black hockey player

Miami Times Staff Report

Exactly 60 years ago on Feb. 22, Willie O'Ree took to the ice as the first Black NHL player.

In celebration of O'Ree's legacy, the Florida Panthers hosted two events before their game on Thursday at the BB&T Center.

Around 250 children watched portions of the movie "Soul on Ice," a 2016 documentary film on the history of Black players in ice hockey and the Coloured Hockey League.

Kwame Mason, the director of the movie, spoke to the children prior to the game about inclusion in the sport.

The Coloured Hockey League was an all-Black league, which was founded in Canada in 1895, 63 years before O'Ree took to the ice for the NHL in the United States.

Referred to as the "Jackie Robinson of ice hockey," O'Ree was also from Canada. He had a successful career with the Boston Bruins despite being 95 percent blind in his right eye.

O'Ree dealt with racial backlash as he remained the only Black player until 1974 when another Canadian-native, Mike Marson, was drafted by the Washington Capitals.

Centuries later, little progress has been made, according to Washington Capitals' Devante Smith-Pelly, another Canadian transfer.

Fans were ejected from a Capitals-Blackhawks game for chanting, "basketball, basketball, basketball" as Smith-Pelly played his first game on Feb. 18.

However, Panthers Alumnus Peter Worrell told the children that "anyone can play hockey."

Worrell, also Canadian, played for the Panthers from 1997 to 2003. The Florida Panthers team currently has about six Black players.

That same night, the team hosted a Black Heritage Night reception at the Chairman's Club at BB&T Center prior to the game with Black Broward Elected Officials (BCEO).

The event supported the work of BCEO, the United Negro College Fund and several local not-for-profits.

National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman, Panthers Owner and Governor Vincent Viola, U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings and Broward District 9 Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness all spoke at the reception.

**Alcee Hastings:** U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings speaks at the Black Heritage Night reception at BB&T Center in Sunrise on Feb. 22.

(above) Black Broward Elected Officials including, Broward District 9 Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness, far left, and Dania Beach Mayor Tamara James, far right, at the Black Heritage Night reception at BB&T Center in Sunrise on Feb. 22.

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Tschabalala Self stands in front of her painting at the Art + Soul Celebration of the PAMM Fund for African American Art.

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### The funds raised at the museum's Art + Soul fifth anniversary celebration

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Nearly 350 guests attended a reception at Pérez Art Museum Miami in honor of Black art.

PAMM's Art + Soul was the fifth annual fundraising event for the museum's collection of work by African descent.

Alberto Ibargüen, president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, said the foundation would match every dollar raised in an effort to support the growth of the collection.

"We are thrilled to see how this fund has evolved and grown over the past five years. By offering a match, we're supporting the Miami community in building a collection of great art by African-American artists that will inspire and connect us all," said Ibargüen.

The fund was established in

2013 with the donation of \$1 million by Jorge M. Pérez and the Knight Foundation, to purchase contemporary art by Black artists for the museum's permanent collection.

The museum has invested in pieces by Al Loving, Faith Ringgold and Xavieria Simmons. They also acquired objects by artists such as Leonardo Drew, Sam Gilliam, Rashid Johnson, Lorna Simpson, James Van Der Zee, Carrie Mae Weems, among others.

According to PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans, the event started off with contributions of \$150,000. However, by the end of the night, more than \$250,000 was raised towards the match — more than \$500,000 in total.

Sirmans also revealed the fund's newest possession, a painting by Tschabalala Self.

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Singer TXS performing at the Art + Soul Celebration of the PAMM Fund for African American

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## Sweet Butter event offers taste of south

Dinner show aims to bring back 'originality'

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The pop-up restaurant with entertainment whose 11 editions sold out in 2017 is returning.

Sweet Butter Dinner Show touches down on March 2 and 3.

Now, the CEO of Juanita's Kitchen and Sweet Butter Hospitality Group wants to excite the taste buds and expand the cooking styles of locals by sharing what she knows.

"Our roots are organic,"

scent and flavor.

"The mixture and diversity of the food is what matters," she said. "Soul food isn't wrapped around basics."

The chef said she discovered this when she went on a tour to different cities, including her grandparents' hometowns before starting pop-up restaurants in 2016.

One of the areas she visited that has a huge influence on her style of cooking is the Geechee and Gullah Islands of the Carolinas. The area stretches from North Carolina to Jacksonville, where food such as okra and gold rice were farmed, she said. The rice originated from Africa.

To go an extra mile in educating attendees, Ran-



Gumbo, one of the Carolina's staple dishes that features Carolina gold rice will be on the menu at the March 2 and 3 Sweet Butter dinner shows.

she said. "I would like for southern food to be as represented as French food and other dishes in America."

Randolph is no stranger to crafting some of America's most-southern dishes from scratch.

In fact, Randolph, 34, has been in the kitchen since 5 years old. And her cooking skills perfected as she learned from her grandparents with roots deep in southern Georgia and the Carolinas how to make house favorites — shrimp and grits and baked macaroni with seven cheeses — the "original way."

The menu at the dinner event varies, with dishes such as gumbo and Carolina gold rice, which Randolph compares to jasmine rice because of its distinct

dolph will hit on important topics, one of them being about seasoning. On her educational tour, the chef discovered that seasonings with MSG such as "Accent" were never part of the African-American culture and should be thrown away.

"Slaves came and brought a new culture of food here," she said. "We are taking attendees out on this journey and stretching out Black History Month, giving us the 31 days we deserve."

There are four shows with a Juke Joint theme taking place this weekend at Overtown Performing Arts Center, 1074 Northwest Third Ave.

For more information and tickets, visit [sweetbuttermiami.com](http://sweetbuttermiami.com).



Attendees at one of Sweet Butter's 11 dinner shows in 2017 enjoy southern cuisines and a live performance on Black History.

# Curtis Mayfield, the voice of victory

In 1968, singer sang for civil rights, love, Black pride, accomplishments

**AFI-ODELLA SCRUGGS**  
Special to USA TODAY

In March 1968, Washington Post reporter Ivan Brandon got a tip: Howard University students were about to occupy the school's Administration Building. If he got there fast, he could report the story from inside its corridors.

Roughly 1,200 students filled the building, and about 2,500 rallied outside. The protesters had four demands: more courses on African-American history and culture; disciplinary charges dropped against a group who had disrupted the school's Charter Day; the establishment of a judicial process; and the resignation of university president James Nabrit. When the negotiations dragged and students' morale flagged, protesters turned on a song,

Keep on Pushing.

I've got to keep on pushing (mmmm-hmm), I can't stop now.

Move up a little higher, Some way, somehow.

After winning on two of the four demands, the protesters declared victory.

"When the negotiations were finally over and the kids were cleaning up the building, they were blasting 'We're a Winner,'" Brandon says.

We're a winner, and never let anybody say.

Boy, you can't make it, 'cause a feeble mind is in your way.

Both songs were written by Curtis Mayfield, who began as a gospel singer as a youngster in Chicago and grew to become one of the country's

most successful R&B producers, composers and performers.

Mayfield launched his professional career in 1958, as a 16-year-old background singer for The Roosters. The five-member group would become The Impressions, known for silky love songs and fronted by vocalist Jerry Butler. When Butler left the group after its first big hit, "For Your Precious Love," the group continued as a trio. In 1961, they had their own big hit, "Gypsy Woman." From then on, Mayfield was the group's chief songwriter. He left The Impressions for a solo career in 1970.

Mayfield died in 1999. He had been paralyzed from the neck down for about a decade after lighting equipment fell on him at a concert in Brooklyn, but he continued to compose and sing.

His successes are legendary. The Impressions' version of "Amen" was featured in the "Lilies of the Field," the movie that won Sidney Poitier an Oscar in 1964. In 1970, he wrote the soundtrack for "Super Fly," another cultural milestone. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame both as a member of The Impressions and as a solo artist. Shortly before his death, he learned he'd be inducted into BMI's Songwriter Hall of Fame.

It was "We're a Winner," with its unapologetic celebration of Black achievement and culture, that cemented Mayfield's status as the musical spokesman for the younger wing of the civil rights movement.

The song wasn't a one-off. Mayfield had been weaving messages of Black empowerment into his songs for years. But "We're a Winner" differed from the subtle messages of earlier hits like the love song "I'm So Proud of You" or the quasi-gospel tone of "People Get Ready." "In We're a Winner," Mayfield openly celebrates Black pride and accomplishment with lines like "We're living proof to all alert, That we're two from the good black earth."

"He felt like he was contrib-

uting. He would see and hear people singing his songs while protesting. He was keenly aware of that."

The song was released in late 1967. By the time of the Howard University protests, it was No. 1 on Billboard's R&B chart and No. 14 on the pop chart. Nevertheless, its lyrics got the song banned on several radio stations, including pop powerhouse WLS in Mayfield's hometown of Chicago.

"I think the reaction to the song was shock. Curtis had been such a voice for harmony and reconciliation," says

He felt like he was contributing. He would see and hear people singing his songs while protesting. He was keenly aware of that.

eling Soul," was published in 2016.

But, he adds, his father was awake to events around him. "He felt like he was contributing. He would see and hear people singing his songs while protesting. He was keenly aware of that."

By the time Curtis Mayfield wrote "We're A Winner," he'd heard chants of "Black Power" drown out choruses of "We Shall Overcome." He saw the failure of Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1966 fair housing campaign in Chicago. He listened as musical peers like Aretha Franklin and James Brown became more outspoken, Werner says, and "breathed it in."

Those influences showed up both lyrically and musically.

Mayfield didn't have a formal music education, so he worked closely with Pate when it came to arrangements. The luscious strings found in most of The Impressions' songs never left. Toward the end of the '60s, though, Mayfield's songs lost some of the softness found in the earlier hits and took on a rhythmic, funkier edge, Werner says.

"That's the big message of '68. Compared to James Brown, (Mayfield) may have sounded a little soft," Werner says. "But if you compare those songs to 'Keep on Pushing,' or 'Woman's Got Soul,' you have a heavier emphasis on the rhythm."

Werner is convinced that if Mayfield were still alive he would be a bridge between communities that are profoundly divided. He definitely would have responded to the political and social winds now buffeting the country.



Curtis Mayfield

Craig Werner, an Afro-American studies professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of Higher Ground: Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and Curtis Mayfield and the Rise and Fall of American Soul.

"I think that a lot of ... white listeners were taken aback by what they felt was an aggressive tone."

The original lyrics were even more blunt. In the 2008 documentary "Movin' On Up," Impressions member Sam Gooden said Mayfield had written lyrics like "The Black boy done dried his eyes" and "There'll be no more Uncle Tom, at least that blessed day has come." But he softened the lyrics at the urging of musical arranger Johnny Pate.

Mayfield's son Todd says his father wasn't "overly political." "He didn't participate in marches and things like that. I never knew him to vote," says Todd Mayfield, whose biography of father, "A Trav-

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## Black chefs dish out cuisine at SOBEWFF

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Several Black chefs and a few restaurants took part in the renowned South Beach Wine & Food Festival this year.

Thousands of festival goers got to indulge on samples from local restaurants Jackson Soul Food and Chef Creole and local chef, Chad Cherry.

Hosted by the Food Network and the Cooking Channel, more than 50,000 foodies, wine connoisseurs and tourists attended the four-day festival, which features more than 80 restaurants and chefs from all over the world. The festival is held annually to raise money for the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University. Before this year's festival, the school

had received \$26 million from the event.

Jackson Soul Food provided soul food bites in Saturday's Goya Foods' Grand Tasting Village. It was the restaurant's second year participating in the festival.

The tasting menu included: grilled chicken bites and meatballs with signature red glaze and barbecue sauces, pigeon peas and rice, macaroni and cheese and banana pudding topped with a vanilla wafer for dessert.

The restaurant's executive chef, Richard Hutchinson, prepared 1,000 samples for the staff to serve.

Chef and president of Refresh Live, Cherry served more than 3,000 samples from his booth at the SOBEWFF.

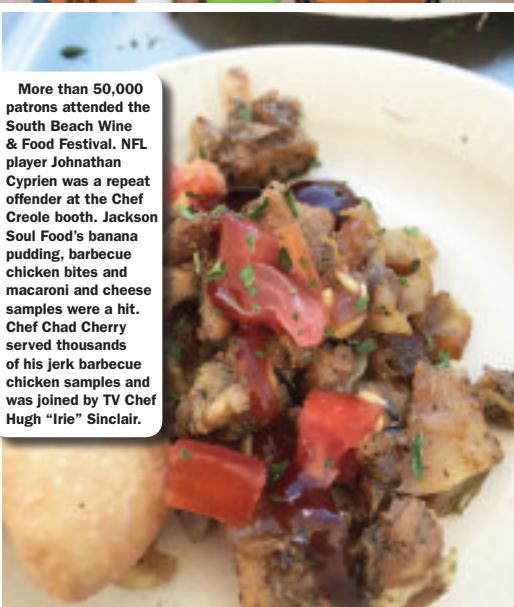
Cherry prepared what he called the perfect blend of Caribbean and American food. He gave the patrons samples of jerk barbecue chicken, white rice, cabbage and a fried cornmeal-and-flour cake-like starch called festival.

Chef Creole was the only Caribbean chef selected to participate in this year's Bacardi presents Walshy Fire's Rum and Beach Party. This Bacardi event is a fan favorite, and Chef "Ken" Sejour did not disappoint.

He served more than 1,800 hungry patrons a Haitian delicacy, mushroom rice with a Chef Creole twist, jambalaya with shrimp, chicken and sausage.

Other local Black restaurants and chefs also participated in the festival including, Empty Table and Chef Hugh "Irie" Sinclair.

More than 50,000 patrons attended the South Beach Wine & Food Festival. NFL player Johnathan Cyprien was a repeat offender at the Chef Creole booth. Jackson Soul Food's banana pudding, barbecue chicken bites and macaroni and cheese samples were a hit. Chef Chad Cherry served thousands of his jerk barbecue chicken samples and was joined by TV Chef Hugh "Irie" Sinclair.



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## BOOK REVIEW =

**The power of Black Ink**

Book gives history of literary legends

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Read this.

And that. Read what's next to it, what's above it and the next page. Read it, because words soar. Read it because you can. As you'll see in "Black Ink," edited by Stephanie Stokes Oliver, it wasn't always so.

For 200 years of this country's history, it was illegal for a person with Black skin to read. Also illegal was writing in words that made sense; slaves who defied the law faced severe punishment, as did their teachers. Because of that the story of "full literacy among African Americans has yet to be documented," says Oliver, and this book helps "fill that void."

When Frederick Douglass was a young man, for instance, he was owned by a "kind and tender-hearted woman" who taught him to read. Before he fully understood the process, however, she turned "evil," but Douglass was undaunted. Seeing that which was started as a means to a better future, he used "various stratagems" and found unaware "poor white children" who helped him fill in the blanks.

Books helped Ta-Nehisi Coates to learn who he was, while Booker T. Washington saw a schoolroom as "paradise."

Zora Neale Hurston once claimed that she was "supposed to write about the race problem" - problem was,



Stephanie Stokes Oliver

cares."

By virtue of reading this far here, you know you're a reader. But what kind of meaning does the written word hold?

For the 27 Black writers included in "Black Ink," words are everything.

Beginning with slavery still fresh and wrapping up with a former President's thoughts, Stephanie Stokes Oliver pulls together Black literary giants who seem to make literacy something that should be in bold neon letters.

Indeed, the essays you'll find in here will make bookworms want to stand up and cheer. Reading is a superpower, in Solomon Northup's essay; and an old friend, with Roxane Gay. Words feel playful, with Colson Whitehead; and like precious gems with Maya Angelou.

This is one of those books that you can browse, flip through, and consume at leisure, with essays of varied lengths and interests. If you are a reader or a writer, or both, "Black Ink" will be a delight.

that wasn't her interest.

As one of the best students in his eighth grade class, Malcolm X dreamed of being a lawyer until a teacher put him down with words meant to be realistic? Instead, it lit a fire in young X's spirit and drove him to be successful.

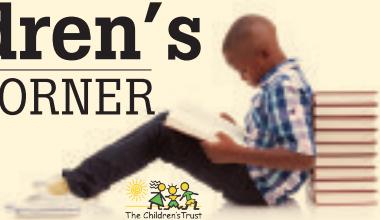
Maya Angelou was produced to read by a neighbor who gave Angelou a voice.

Toni Morrison looks at writing, in part, as "...and reverence and reverence and mystery and magic."

Stately Carmichael was a bookworm (and was teased mercilessly for it). Jamaica Kincaid bemoans the loss of a library in her hometown (since reconstructed).

As a girl, Terry McMillan never even considered that Black people could write books.

And, on the subject of diversity in children's literature, Walter Dean Myers says "In the middle of the night, I ask myself if anyone really

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The Children's Trust

**Tale of American street**

A coming of age novel that removes cultural barriers and bad stereotypes



Ibi Zobi

your aunt demands you only speak English, and where girls wear extensions all the way down to their legs. But Detroit is also a place where her cousins become her sisters, where she goes through new experiences, and where the likable best friend of suspected drug dealer has everyone calling her Fabulous instead of Fabiola. She has to navigate through both the good and the bad in order to get her manman back. But what price will she have to pay?

Readers will go through several emotions when reading this novel. There's that gooey feel of a new teenage romance, the sadness of broken ties, and the anger that comes with having to fight in order to survive.

Although parents should use caution if allowing their children to read this book due to language and other elements, readers will be immersed into a novel that's both tragic and heartwarming.

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# LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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

■ The 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 Northwest 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 of 1966 meets the 2nd Saturday each month at 1234 N.W. 79th St. at 12 p.m. Call 305-300-7630.

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

■ 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

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



## 'BLACK PANTHER' soundtrack debuts at No. 1

KENDRICK LAMAR-CRAFTED ALBUM CAPTURED THE THRONE ON BILLBOARD

*msn.com*

"Black Panther: The Album" holds the throne on Billboard's 200 chart, debuting with 154,000 equivalent album units (meaning streaming and digital included) earned in the week ending Feb. 15, according to Nielsen Music. Of that sum, 52,000 are in traditional album sales.

The set, which features music from and inspired by the blockbuster Marvel Studios film "Black Panther," garners the biggest week for a soundtrack — in terms of total units earned — in a year-and-a-half, reports Billboard. The last soundtrack to score a larger week was "Suicide Squad: The Album," which bowed atop the Aug. 27, 2016-dated list with 182,000 units earned.

Released on Feb. 9 through Top Dawg/Aftermath/Interscope Records, "Black Panther: The Album" includes a number of songs by Kendrick Lamar, who curated and produced the hip-hop-heavy album with Top Dawg Entertainment's founder/CEO Anthony "Top Dawg" Tiffith.

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The set also includes tracks from The Weeknd, SZA, Khalid and James Blake, among others. The album is the fifth No. 1 for Top Dawg, following a trio of leaders from Lamar ("DAMN.," untitled unnamed, and "To Pimp a Butterfly") and ScHoolboy Q's "Oxymoron."

The Billboard 200 chart ranks the most popular albums of the week in the U.S. based on multi-metric consumption, which includes traditional album sales, track equivalent albums (TEA) and streaming equivalent albums (SEA).

"Black Panther" is the second soundtrack to reach No. 1 on the Billboard 200 in 2018, following "The Greatest Showman," which spent two weeks atop the list (dated Jan. 13 and 20).

The 14-track "Black Panther" album's debut is powered mostly by streams, as the set collected 93,000 streaming equivalent album units. (The remainder of its bow came from traditional album sales: 52,000; and track equivalent al-

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bum units: 9,000.) It's not unusual to see such a large streaming number for "Black Panther: The Album," as hip-hop albums tend to perform well on streaming services.

"Black Panther: The Album's" 93,000 SEA unit launch equates to 138.9 million on-demand audio streams for the album's songs in the week ending Feb. 15. That's the largest streaming week ever for a soundtrack, surging past the 40.4 million on-demand audio streams "The Greatest Showman" collected in the week ending Jan. 25.

Of "Black Panther: The Album's" 14 songs, three are heard in the "Black Panther" film. According to Top Dawg and Walt Disney Studios (Marvel's parent company), this is the first time in Marvel Cinematic Universe history that Marvel Studios has integrated multiple original recordings specifically for a film. (The Marvel Cinematic Universe includes 18 films that have been released thus far, stretching back to Iron Man in 2008.)

## 'Black Panther' actress hopes Shuri inspires

Letitia Wright wants more girls to pursue STEM

TARYN FINLEY

HuffPost

All hail Princess Shuri! Shuri is a gift.

The younger sister to T'Challa (aka the Black Panther) is an Afrofuturistic engineer who can build technologically advanced societies and fully heal spinal bullet wounds in less than 24 hours. She's the most intelligent person in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and leads Wakanda, the most advanced society in the universe. She also happens to be a 16-year-old unapologetically Black princess who isn't afraid to tell a white man, "Don't scare me like that colonizer."

Letitia Wright, who plays everyone's new favorite Disney princess in her breakout "Black Panther" role, told HuffPost how much it meant to both her and the film's audiences for director Ryan Coogler and writer Joe Robert Cole to write Shuri as a multidimensional character.

"[Shuri] shows that when you have people coming together to just take time to make characters well-rounded, well-thought-out, not one way, amazing things like that happen," the Guyanese actress told HuffPost. "Having a character arc and journey is



Letitia Wright

refreshing, so it's good writing . . . Now there's a breakthrough of [audiences] seeing people [they] relate to and that's refreshing."

Shuri lit up the screen with her carefree demeanor and unfiltered words each time she graced a scene. Her youthfulness was refreshing, yet her wisdom and courage shine through in the film as she guides Martin Freeman's Everett Ross through an aerial battle while physically taking on another fight of her own.

Wright said even she was surprised at the boldness of Blackness and the motherland shown on-screen. But from comic book pages to the

MCU, the marriage of positive images of Africans with technology in "Black Panther" is important for fans to see, she said.

"Even reflecting on it now, I can see little glimpses of when they go down to the Great Mound and go down to Shuri's lab how beautiful that is. Just seeing that there's young kids in Shuri's lab, teenagers and people coming together to create technology. That's beautiful," she said.

"All together, it means a lot to see the continent in that way and see the motherland in that way 'cause it's such a beautiful place."

The actress also said she

hopes young girls will unlock their potential when watching Shuri, especially when it comes to STEM, where women of color made up less than 10 percent of working scientists and engineers in the U.S. in 2015.

"I hope it inspires them and I hope it does [so] positively. I hope it sparks the next person," Wright told HuffPost.

This isn't the last fans will see of Shuri. The princess of Wakanda will also have a "cool little part" in "Avengers: Infinity War," premiering in May. And, fingers crossed, maybe fans will get to see Shuri as the Black Panther in 2019.



# NoMi showcases Black history

**Honors and concert close out a month-long list of activities**

*Miami Times Staff Report*

North Miami wrapped up its Black History Month Celebration last weekend with its Annual Music in the Plaza on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Chubbe Rock hosted this year's concert, which featured live performances by Karyn White, Evelyn "Champagne" King and Dru Hill.

Friday evening, the city presented several residents with awards at its Evening of Honors event at the Joe Celestin Center.

At this year's dinner, hosted by television personality Donovan Campbell, honors were given to *Miami Times* Editor Emeritus Garth C. Reeves Sr.; *Miami Herald* Columnist, Bea Hines; Ted Lucas, president and CEO of Slip-N-Slide Records; John Yearwood, president and CEO of Yearwood Media; and Ian Lewis, president and CEO of Circle House Studio. The evening began with an African-American art showcase presented by MUCE305.



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**Guest with Chire Regans, & Tarell Alvin McCraney at the Art + Soul Celebration of the PAMM Fund for African American Art**

## PAMM

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Self is 26-year-old Harlem native whose work celebrates the Black female body in contemporary culture. Known for her collage and assemblage paintings, Self's work examines femininity, race and gender.

PAMM's selection, "Chopped Cheese," explores self-identity and gentrification by focusing specifically on bodegas — small storefronts that serve as landmarks in the Black and Latinx communities. They were once solely run by people of color, according to Self.

"As a painter, I have often been concerned with fantasy and the reimagining of my own memories, feelings and sentiments," said Self. "In my bodega, in their store, they're grounded in a familiar location of my youth, a nostalgic environment from my past..."

"The stores are still there," Self continued. "But many of the people are not. The community has shifted, changed

and part of it has been erased."

The piece is a side view of a dark-skinned, curvaceous young woman with straight black hair eating a sandwich in front of the deli counter of a bodega. Her eyes are focused in the direction of the spectator. She is surrounded by shelves of Goya cans and Boar's Head products in the deli.

University of Miami professor Donette Francis is a Brooklyn native, who said the piece took her right back to her life in her old neighborhood.

"I think if you are from New York, you would know the different iconographies that you are seeing: the hair, the Goya Products, how the food is laid out, and the aesthetic of this Black woman that we are seeing in front of us," she said. "There is a way that she is ample. Her vision is like she is looking at you. She has her own aesthetics by celebrating her own version of Black femininity."

Self said that her art comes from a sincere place. As a Black woman, she can only see life from her personal perspective.

"Chopped Cheese" will be

part of the current presentation of the museum's permanent collection called "Within in Genres," which will be on display through August and is rotated each year.

Black art historian and artist David C. Driskill also spoke at the event.

Driskill is best known for his 1976 traveling exhibit, "Two Centuries of Black American Art," which showcased the work of Black artists, who often lacked a platform to exhibit their work due to racial division.

The historian thanked the audience and the museum for celebrating Black Art.

"Thank you, ladies and gentleman, for coming out this evening to support what I consider to be one of the highlights of American culture, the notion of inclusion of African-American art in the canon of American Art," he said. "Something that we should have never had to think twice about. But because of the social circumstance, we have always had to prove to we were worthy of inclusion in what should be our American right."

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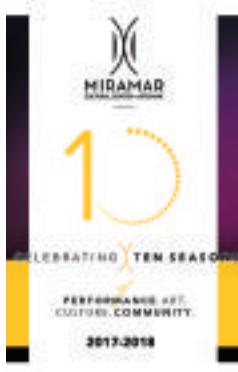
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## PREPARING YOUTH FOR JOB MARKET

COALITION HOPES TO TRANSFORM THEIR IMAGE

Miami Times Staff Report

The unemployment rate for young workers remains more than double the national average. For youth, failure to gain an early foothold in the labor market can translate to a lifetime of lower earnings, family and community instability, and a host of other challenges.

The Overtown Children and Youth Coalition, which supporters say is a backbone organization in the community, will hold a Work Readiness Fair workshop geared toward preparing teens and young adults for the job market.

OCYC is comprised of non-profits and residents in the community focused on assisting children and youth in

Overtown. The Work Readiness Fair will be held 10 a.m. March 3 at the Overtown Youth Center, 450 NW 14th St.

The workshop will provide resume review and critiques, mock interviews, professional dress and image advice, financial literacy education, and soft skills training.

The fair, which is targeting youth between the ages of 14 to 21 living in Overtown and its neighboring communities, will offer youth general employability skills through a series of mini-workshops. The current agenda includes resume

critiques, mock interviews, refining your professional image, soft skills, workplace etiquette and financial education.

The Fair is a collaborative



Students from Overtown Children Youth Coalition who make up their Youth Commissioners are being trained in leadership and social change to help improve their neighborhood.

OCYC will assist several organizations that are joining together in creating a community-based event that helps to develop and refine the professional image of the youth within the community.

effort with many of OCYC's coalition members and partners, including Overtown Youth Center, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Girl Power, Florida International University Education Effect, Southeast Overtown/ Park West Community Redevelopment Agency, YWCA, South Florida Cares introducing Star Buck, Children's Bereavement Center, Ventura Café, Urgent Inc., Suited for Success/ Dress for Success, Touching Miami with Love, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Urban Philanthropists, Overtown Optimist Club, and Knowledge of Careers.

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## Vet facility in Liberty City to fill a service gap

PHILIPPE H. BUTEAU  
*Special to The Miami Times*

After someone gave Mia Davis a dog, she and her Maltese named Sugar have lived in Liberty City together since 2008. It's a 25-minute bus ride for Davis, not including the wait for the bus, to take Sugar to Camillus House, at 1603 NW Seventh Ave., for vet services.

Davis said pet lovers in Liberty City really need a veterinary clinic.

"I take Sugar to Camillus House, but their pet services are offered once per month on Thursdays, and I only found out about them six months ago," Davis said.

Davis is allowed to take Sugar on the bus with her. But



From left: Miami-Dade Animal Services Director Alex Muñoz, County Commissioner Sally Heyman, County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, County Commission Vice Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson, ASPCA President and CEO Matt Bershadker, and County Deputy Mayor Alina Tejeda-Hudak break ground on the ASPCA Community Veterinary Clinic.

Photo courtesy of Miami-Dade County

between the month-long wait for her trip to Camillus, Davis looks up information online for what to do when Sugar gets sick.

Davis' ordeal is one of the reasons why Miami-Dade County and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have formed a partnership for the construction and operation of a Community Veterinary Clinic in Liberty City.

The facility, which will be located at 1320 NW 62nd St., is expected to offer services in early 2019.

"There's a veterinary desert right here," Mayor Carlos Gimenez said at the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Feb. 25.

The facility will provide

partially and fully subsidized services to Miami-Dade County residents and their pets. Services will include spay/neuter surgeries, and preventive and basic veterinary care. Miami-Dade and the ASPCA will split construction costs down the middle and the ASPCA will operate the facility for at least 10 years, according to Alex Muñoz, director of MDC Animal Services.

Muñoz said despite Liberty City being where the most stray dogs are taken in, there are no vet services in the area at all. The closest vet facilities are on Biscayne Boulevard to the east, the other off the Miami River on the south and in Hialeah on the west.

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# No need to question God after tragedy

## HOLD ONTO FAITH, LOCAL PASTORS SAY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL MASSACRE KILLS 17 IN BROWARD COUNTY

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Even a sinner like me can give his testimony of how God miraculously saved him from certain death. I readily testify, I am here today by the grace of God.

But sadly, emboldened unbelievers now ask, "Then where was your God, on Feb. 14? Why was God not in Parkland, when 19-year-old gunman, Nikolas Cruz, walked into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, killing 17 children and adults, leaving an additional 17 victims injured from the stampede and impact of an AR-15 high-powered assault rifle? Where was the God that you boast so boldly about on that day?"

These are the questions we hear, and can even expect to hear, when we see such evil heartlessly devour innocence. Even those who believe will question, how could this have happened? And what do we say to the families left decimated, to those who survived the carnage, and even a community itself, shaken to the core?

What words of reassurance can we speak to a parent who just lost a child, or a wife or child who just lost a husband or father? Is this the time to read aloud from a book written long ago years ago? Is this the time to say, "Hold on to your faith, keep believing in God, and guardian angels," when no one came to save their loved ones? What good is having faith?

"If we could make sense of everything then there would be no need for faith," said Pastor Charles Dinkins of the Hosanna Community Baptist Church in Liberty City. "So even in the midst of difficult times, FAITH IS NOW!"

The punishment for senselessly taking the lives of such innocent youth is much greater than can be a system of justice administered by man, assures T. Walker, a long-time child advocate for Miami's

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It's best to tie a rock around your neck and cast into the sea if you harm one [innocent child]. Has God forgotten what He said? I think not. So then where is the mercy and comfort for those slain children and their parents?

River of Life Inc. Quoting Matthew 18:6, Walker said, "It's best to tie a rock around your neck and cast into the sea if you harm one [innocent child]. Has God forgotten what He said? I think not. So then where is the mercy and comfort for those slain children and their parents?"

Walker then pointed to Ecclesiastes 8:11, which reads: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hearts of men are fully set to do evil." But rest assured, there will be justice paid for such acts of cruelty.

Dinkins added, "The world we live in on Earth is cursed, as a result of Adam's sin. Faith is an action word, that is prompted by the Word of God. The Word of God states the promises of God." Dinkins advises how having faith in God, even in the midst of such heart-breaking tragedy, becomes easier when your faith is in God, who has all things under control. When we lack understanding, there is still God, who has our best interest at heart.

To the sudden families who have lost their loved ones, it's hard to listen to speeches on brighter days to come, when all they really want is the return of the loved ones they lost. But even at this time, while the wounds are still raw, even now, in the face of such heartbreaking tragedy, pastors and churches throughout the country implore you to let not your faith waver. Scripture tells us that the Lord causes His sun to shine on the evil and on the good (Matthew 5:45), all while warning us all that bad people will have their day. But in faith, Scripture reassures us that the victory of the evil has already been swalloped up and defeated.

In the case of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, unfortunately we live in a world filled with monsters, and sadly, sometimes, these monsters will show themselves.

# FAITH CALENDAR

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■ The Golden Bells announce their spring radio anniversary on March 3 at New Beginning Baptist Church. Call 786-251-2878.

■ Adams Tabernacle of Faith AME Church will host its first Mind, Body and Spirit Health Fair on March 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 305-803-7493.

■ 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.

■ Northside SDA Church invites you to a Community Health Fair on Sat. March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 305-613-0994.

■ 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.

■ Women in Transition of South Florida have started Spring computer classes. Call 786-541-8548.

## CHURCH Listings

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"Access to vet services is very difficult here," Muñoz said. "And the new facility will provide a resource that doesn't exist here at all."

Once it's up and running the ASPCA also plans to hire from the nearby community, according to Matt Bershadker, president and CEO of the ASPCA. The ASPCA, an organization focused on animal welfare, plans to hire vets, licensed veterinary technicians, animal care technicians and other administrative staff.

Bershadker said sometimes challenges about caring to animals in the home are related to poverty.

"It's not a matter of a lack of desire," Bershadker said to *The Miami Times*. "It's people who are devoid of the resources to properly provide love and care to their pets."

The veterinary clinic is a safety-net program, Bershadker said, and a part of the ASPCA's national strategy to provide accessible animal welfare.

The goal is to provide resources to individuals to keep animals out of a shelter.

"The safest place for an animal is in a home," Bershadker said. "If we know that separating people from families is bad then we feel the same is true for removing a pet from a home."

"It's crazy to take an animal out of a home because the home can't afford to spay and neuter their pets," he said.

He said two benefits of having a dog or cat in the home, which is true for 67 percent of



**Miami-Dade County Commission Vice Chairwoman-and Audrey Edmonson speaks at the groundbreaking event for the ASPCA Community Veterinary Clinic in Liberty City on Feb. 25.**

Bershadker said as a result of the ASPCA's work in New York, the New York Police Department is more able to discern animals who are suffering as a result of poverty versus cruelty.

"It's crazy to take an animal out of a home because the home can't afford to spay and neuter their pets," he said.

He said two benefits of having a dog or cat in the home, which is true for 67 percent of

U.S. households, are that petting animals lowers the heart rate and children grow up with higher levels of empathy.

Lucille Childress, a nurse assistant, said the veterinary clinic will be a wonderful thing for Liberty City.

"I've worked with patients where pet therapy has played a positive role," she said. "And for the kids, pet ownership could teach them responsibility."

■ Northside SDA Church will hold a food giveaway on Mar. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 786-362-1804.

■ The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center invites you every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Gospel Kickback entertainment and fine dining. Call 305-224-1890.

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

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

■ First Haitian Church of

New Beginning Church Women's Department provides community feedings. Call 305-413-3779.

■ 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.*



## ASTHMA attacks declining among U.S. kids

MUCH MORE WORK IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE PROGRESS MADE FOR CHILDREN

CDC

Children with asthma in the U.S. are having fewer asthma attacks, missed school days, and visits to the hospital, according to a new Vital Signs report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A recent report shows that the percentage of children with asthma who experienced one or more asthma attacks in the preceding 12 months declined from 2001 (61.7 percent) to 2016 (53.7 percent). Even so, approximately half of children with asthma had one or more asthma attacks in 2016.

"We are making progress -

**"Asthma attacks can be terrifying for children and their families."**



but healthcare providers, parents, caregivers, and schools can do more to help children avoid asthma attacks," said CDC Acting Director Anne Schuchat, M.D. "Asthma attacks can be terrifying for children and their families. Over the past decade, we've identified asthma management actions that work - not alone but in combination. Now we need to scale up these efforts nationwide."

Asthma is the most common chronic lung disease of childhood, affecting approximately 6 million children in the United States. Although asthma cannot be cured, asthma symptoms can usually be

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## Can gene therapy fight the AIDS virus?



Researchers think they can improve HIV treatment by doctoring and editing DNA to keep the virus in check

**MARILYN MARCHIONE**  
*The Associated Press*

For more than a decade, the strongest AIDS drugs could not fully control Matt Chappell's HIV infection. Now his body controls it by itself, and researchers are trying to perfect the gene editing that made this possible.

Scientists removed some of his blood cells, disabled a gene to help them resist HIV, and returned these "edited" cells to him in 2014. So far, it has given the San Francisco man the next best thing to a cure.

"I've been off medications for three and a half years," he said. He even was able to keep the virus in check despite cancer treatments last year that taxed his immune system.

Chappell was lucky, though. Only a few of the 100 others in those experiments were able to stay off HIV drugs for a couple years; the rest still need medicines to keep HIV suppressed.

Now researchers think they can improve the treatment and are trying again to tackle HIV by doctoring DNA. New studies to test these tweaked approaches in people are getting underway.

"Gene therapy techniques have advanced greatly," said Dr. Otto Yang of the UCLA AIDS Institute, one place working on this. "A lot of people are thinking it's the right time to go back."

They include Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is funding some of the new studies. He doesn't think the technique will become common because millions of people do well on existing treatments.

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# Students walk out of schools

**'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH,' BROWARD STUDENTS CHANT AS THOUSANDS ACROSS SOUTH FLORIDA**

ARIC CHOKEY  
*Sun Sentinel*

Thousands of students from about 50 schools across South Florida mounted demonstrations and protests Wednesday — one week after the Parkland school shooting — calling for laws to be changed to curb gun violence.

It marked the second day of the students' walkouts.

Perhaps the largest crowd came Wednesday afternoon when teens from various schools all converged on Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, where authorities say Nikolas Cruz shot and killed 17 people. The demonstrators' long lines snaked for several city blocks, visible through the aerial images captured by news helicopters. Drivers passing by honked their horns in support.

They chanted, "Enough is enough!" and "How many more?"

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., was outside Marjory Stoneman praising students. "You all are so strong and you are so articulate," Nelson told the students as they nodded. "Keep that message going on, because if you don't, it'll get swallowed up into the same ol' same ol', just like it's been."

Upon arriving at the school, some gathered at the same intersection where Marjory Stoneman students had fled to safety a week

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Keep that message going on, because if you don't, it'll get swallowed up into the same ol' same ol', just like it's been.



Many of the protests were accompanied by chants of "Never again," which has been a rallying cry since the Florida shooting.

before. Others were lined along the school fence, crying as they looked at memorials of the slain students.

Janya Gray, a sophomore at Coral Glades High School, walked for an hour and a half with her friend, Nia Lewis, to get to Stoneman Douglas. The walk was "terrible" and the two were sore, but Gray said she wanted to make sure the students' voices were heard.

"I'm not going to just sit and post on social media, so we got up and actually did something," Gray said.

Alexis Rosamond, a senior at Coral Springs High School, sat with her shoes off, resting in front of Stoneman Douglas after walking more than 5 miles from her school Wednesday.

Rosamond waved a sign that read "Seventeen Valentines won't be read" in reference to the 17 killed. The sign featured a large photo of Meadow Pollack, one of the victims who Rosamond said was her best friend.

"She's the main reason why I'm here," Rosamond said as she looked at Pol-

lack's photo. "She's my whole heart."

The Broward Sheriff's Office and Coral Springs police, as well as paramedics, made sure the students were OK, either guiding traffic or handing out water to keep them hydrated.

Elsewhere, Coral Springs High students formed a giant heart in a field as they held signs.

Cypress Bay High in Weston held a large demonstration on campus, as some held signs, including one that read, "I am her to learn," Clark said.

not to hide."

Gabriell Gloria, a freshman at Monarch High School in Coconut Creek, said most students at his school had left the building about noon.

The demonstrations are expected to last for several days.

On Tuesday, West Boca High students walked more than 12 miles to reach Marjory Stoneman. West Boca High's Principal Craig Sommer in a statement said that while the walkout wasn't a planned activity, the administration recognized students "are grieving and the decision not to return to class is a reflection of their grief and frustration with the senseless loss of life."

Asked whether the students face any penalty for the walkouts, a Palm Beach County school district spokesman didn't say earlier this week. In Broward County, any violations of the student code of conduct will be handled by individual schools, the school district has said.

The district encourages peaceful and lawful protest only, according to Tracy Clark, spokeswoman for Broward County public schools. "In the event that students walk out or gather, school principals have been informed to direct and remain with students in a designated walkout area, so that supervision is in place," Clark said.

## Washington Post columnist lectures at FAU

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Eugene Robinson spoke to an audience of students, faculty and residents at Florida Atlantic University on Feb. 22. The Washington Post opinion writer gave a lecture on "Covering the Presidency in the Modern Media Age." In addition to his column, Robinson is an associate editor and a regular contributor to MSNBC and NBC's "Meet the Press." He is also a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the NABJ Hall of Fame.



Carol Porter for the Miami Times

# Young hospital patients receive special surprise

## Turner Construction builds wagons and then fills them with teddy bears

Special to The Miami Times

Turner Construction partnered with Jackson Health Foundation and Holtz Children's Hospital to make a special delivery on Jan. 10. Turner employees built toy wagons filled with 100 teddy bears and other stuffed animals for patients at the hospital. The special delivery brought smiles to the faces of children receiving care at Holtz Children's Hospital.

"Giving back through community service in the communities that we live and work in is what we do at Turner Construction Company," said Andy Hernandez, business development manager at Turner. "We built 100 bears

when Turner's Community & Citizenship and Employee Resource Groups came to South Florida in August from all over the nation for their annual National Meeting. In January, we had all of Turner's senior leadership from across the nation here in Miami for their annual meeting. Over 200 officers of the company, including our President Peter Davoren, participated in five community service team building projects throughout South Florida. I served as the team leader for the Build-a-Wagon group where we built toy wagons and filled them with toys and the bears. We are happy to be able to donate these items to Jackson Health System's Holtz

Children's Hospital."

Holtz Children's Hospital is one of the largest children's hospitals in the southeast United States. Located at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, the hospital is recognized worldwide for its outstanding team of pediatric specialists experienced in treating children with all types of needs — from routine care to life-saving procedures.

"We are thrilled to partner with Turner Construction for this donation," said Jackson Health Foundation President and CEO Keith R. Tribble. "Donations like these give comfort and support to the young patients who are there to receive medical care. We thank for their donation and look forward to the company's continued support in the future."



Turner Construction Company employees delivered handmade wagons to Holtz Children's Hospital.

# AIDS

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But he says it could help those who can't easily control the virus, and should be pursued because it holds potential for a cure.

"They're very bold, innovative techniques, mostly to try and cure people," he said. "It's worth trying because the science is there."

### ONE MAN'S CURE GAVE HOPE

Only one person is known to have been cured of HIV infection, a man who had a cell transplant a decade ago from a donor with natural immunity to the virus. The donor lacked a common gene that makes an entryway HIV uses to infect T cells, immune system soldiers in the blood.

The transplant gave the recipient that protection, but procedures like that are too risky and impractical for wide use. Scientists have been trying to find a way to create similar immunity by altering

**You've never known they were sick even though the virus could still be detected, Riley said. "At some point you're going to have confidence that it's not going to come back.**

some of a patient's own cells. They use a gene editing tool called zinc finger nucleases, which cut DNA at a precise spot to disable the HIV entryway gene.

The California company that makes the editing tool, Sangamo Therapeutics, sponsored the initial studies.

"It worked," said Sangamo's president, Dr. Randy Macrae. But it didn't work quite well enough: The altered T cells were outnumbered by T cells that were not altered and

could still be infected.

Now, Dr. John Zaia at City of Hope, a research center in Duarte, California, is trying the approach with a twist. He's using blood stem cells — parent cells that produce many others. Once a stem cell is altered the benefit should multiply and last longer, Zaia said.

### THE SILVER LINING

Though the initial gene editing experiments were disappointing, there was a silver lining. Patients in those studies had a big drop in the number of cells where HIV lurked in a dormant state — the so-called reservoir of silent disease.

At Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Dr. Rafick-Peter Sekaly is trying to capitalize on that drop. His study will try the same gene editing — disabling the gene that makes the HIV entryway — while keeping patients on strong antiviral medicines for at least a year before discontinuing them.

"As long as we're not able to get rid of this reservoir, we'll

never be able to stop treatment," he explained.

The hope is that the medicines plus the altered cells will knock down the virus and reduce the reservoir to a point where the body can control any residual disease by itself, as Chappell seems to be doing.

### PROTECT AND ATTACK

University of Pennsylvania scientists are trying a two-part approach: Besides knocking out the gene for the HIV entryway, they're adding a gene to help T cells recognize and kill HIV. This second part is called CAR-T therapy, a treatment approved last year for treating cancer.

The new study's leader, scientist James Riley, is encouraged that some patients at Penn who were in the early studies kept HIV suppressed for nearly a year without drugs.

"You'd never know they were sick even though the virus could still be detected," Riley said. "At some point you're going to have confidence that it's not going to come back."

### Other study findings:

- Asthma hospitalizations for children with asthma declined from 9.6 percent in 2003 to only 4.7 percent in 2013.

- The percentage of children who reported asthma-related missed school days also was lower in 2013 than in 2003.

- More children with asthma are getting asthma action plans and being taught how to recognize the signs and symptoms of an asthma attack and how to respond quickly.

- Despite this progress, 1 in 6 children with asthma still ends up in the emergency department and about 1 in 20 is hospitalized each year.

Asthma attacks in children: How can doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers help?

No single strategy is the magic bullet that prevents asthma attacks. But recent evidence from small CDC-funded projects show that a combination of actions can be highly effective:

- Work with children and parents to determine the severity of each child's asthma, to develop an action plan for each child, and to share the plan with families, schools, and others.

- Teach children and parents how to manage asthma by using control and rescue medicine properly and avoiding asthma trig-

gers such as tobacco smoke, mold, pet dander, and outdoor air pollution.

- Work with community health workers, pharmacists, and other community providers to help ensure that children with asthma receive the services they need.

### CDC'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL ASTHMA

CDC launched the National Asthma Control Program in 1999. Its mission: helping people with asthma breathe easier. The program currently funds partners in 24 states and one territory to use data, science, communication, and evaluation to reach this goal.

# ASTHMA

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controlled by avoiding or reducing exposure to asthma triggers (allergens and irritants) and by following recommendations for appropriate medical care.

The report shows that some children are more likely to have asthma than others, including boys, children ages 5-17 years, non-Hispanic Black children, children of Puerto Rican descent, and children from low-income families. In 2016, asthma attacks were most common among the youngest children, 4 years old and under.

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Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.

Evangelist Eric W. Doss

1263 N.W. 67th Street  
305-836-4555

**New Vision For Christ Ministries**

Services  
Early Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Ron Michael D. Screen

13650 N.E. 10th Avenue  
305-899-7224

**Brownsville Church of Christ**

Services  
Lord Day School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Thus. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.

Min. Marcell L. Henton

4561 N.W. 33rd Court  
305-634-4850

**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.  
Website: cmbc.org

Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

2330 N.W. 93rd Street  
305-836-0942

**St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

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

Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivory, Pastor

1470 N.W. 87th Street  
305-691-8861

**Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

Services  
Early Worship 7 a.m.  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
MEC 10:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 1 p.m.  
Mission and Bible

Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.

5946 N.W. 12th Avenue  
305-751-9323

**New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International**

Services  
Sunday Worship 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.

Minister Victor T. Curry, D.M., D.O., Senior Pastor/Teacher

2300 N.W. 135th Street

**Pembroke Park Church of Christ**

SUNDAY  
Bible Study  
Morning Worship  
Evening Worship  
6 p.m.

TUESDAY  
Bible Study  
Wednesday  
6 p.m.

10 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

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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

**Hosanna Community Baptist Church**

Services  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Mon.-Fri. 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins

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

# Obituaries

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**Richardson**  
**JOSEPHINE P. MOSS**, 87, homemaker, died February 15 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at The Historic Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



**JILL FORD**, 62, domestic, died February 23 at North Shore Medical Center. Private service will be held.



**JACQUELINE PAXTON**, 68, supervisor, died February 23 at Crystal Bay Nursing Home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.



**Hadley Davis Miami Gardens**  
**BETTE LOUISE WILLIAMS**, 88, retired, died February 22 at Grand Court Lakes, NH. Service 1 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



**RALIEGH SCOTT**, 70, director of logistics of U.S. Air Force, died February 20 at Broward Health North. Viewing 3-7:45 p.m. at Upper Room Ministries. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.



**ANDREW NICKSON**, 70, retired, died February 22. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**Grace**  
**JAMES EDD SUMMERSSETT aka WAM BAM**, 87, pool hall manager, died February 19. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3 in the chapel.



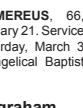
**SAMUEL DANIELS**, 78, english teacher, died February 22. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Wednesday at Grace Funeral Home. Final rites entrusted to Watts Funeral Home, Uniondale, GA.



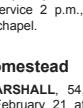
**RONALD EPHORD aka TONY**, 53, maintenance worker, died February 16 at Jackson Memorial in Tuskegee, AL. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Christian Fellowship Worship Center.



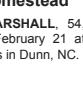
**ILIOEMENE MEREUS**, 66, CNA, died February 21. Service 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 3 at Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church.



**Nakia Ingraham**  
**MARIE DIOGENE**, 90, SMETech, died February 21. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**Range Homestead**  
**WILLIAM MARSHALL**, 54, Laborer, died February 21 at home. Final rites in Dunn, NC.



**Wright and Young**  
**ISADORA PRICE ROWE**, 85, nurse, died February 22. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



**KATRINA GINNIE**, 48, died February 21. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Calvary Holiness Church.



**LEON C. DAYS, SR.**, 89, retired mechanic, died February 26 at home. Loving husband to Mattie Days for 69 years. Loving father, grandfather and brother.



Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 6 at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church.

**Manker**

**DARRIN TYREL CLEMONS**, 19, student, died February 24 at Jackson North Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**LEVI FORTE, JR.**, 77, bellman, died February 18, at home. Service 3 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**Hadley Davis MLK**

**JUDE ONYEGUBLAM OSUJI, JR.**, 28, leasing manager, died February 13 in Gainesville, FL. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Baptist Church.



**Paradise**

**ROSA M. CARTER**, 79, died February 23. Public viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday, March 2 at Paradise Memorial Funeral Home, 14545 Carver Drive, Richmond Heights, FL. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, March 3 in the chapel.



**M.A. Hall**

**MONIQUA KIRKLAND**, 45, security officer, died February 23. Arrangements are incomplete.



**Eric S. George**

**DANIEL JONES**, died February 19. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hallandale.



**Arcelays**

**VINNIE-REE ADAMS**, 82, retired seamstress, transitioned from earth to glory, February 23 at home. Crematory service have already been done.



**Range Coconut Grove**

**SHERRY A. FLETCHER AKA "SHERRY C H E R R Y"**, 69, health care provider, died February 21 at North Shore Hospital and Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Community Bible Baptist Church.



**Range**  
**VINCENT E.R. LEE**, 52, kitchen designer, died February 22 at Westside Regional Hospital. Survivors include his daughter, Kristyn Lee; sons, Vincent J. Lee, Justin T. Lee, and Cameron J. Lee; brothers, John Lee and Jason Lee; uncle, N. Patrick Range, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-7 p.m., Thursday in the chapel, Omega Services for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity begin at 6:30 p.m. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Kolonia Worship Center.

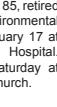


**FLOYD EDGEcombe**, 88, retired painter for Miami-Dade County Public School System died February 23 at Pinecrest Rehabilitation Center. Survivors include his son, Phil K. Edgecombe; granddaughter, Nicole Edgecombe; grandson, Phil Edgecombe II of New York, NY; brother, Verinald Edgecombe (Mary); and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-7 p.m., Monday in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Tuesday at Bethany SDA Church.



**RONALD**

**RICHARDSON**, 67, retired mail handler, U.S. Postal Service, died February 17. Viewing 6-8 p.m., Friday at Bible Baptist Church, 9801 NW 24 Avenue, Miami, FL. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church. Interment: Caballero Rivero Southern.



**AMOS BUSH, JR.**, 85, retired supervisor of environmental services, died February 17 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at St. James A.M.E. Church.



**ELLIS MOORE**

## Herschel Leemon Haynes community activist died



ecutive Director of PULSE and others were very instrumental in getting deplorable conditions corrected at Alapattah Middle School in the late 90's.

The two of them were often seen downtown fighting for causes that affect residents in the inner city. Herschel was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the United States Army Reserve.

He leaves to cherish his memory, sisters: Thessalonia H. Tinsley and Moselle H.B. Rackard; brother: Leroy (Madelyn); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Siblings preceding Herschel in death are Lillie Mae Canty, Arstrell and Eva Mae Postell.

Herschel Leemon Haynes, 81 was born in Laurens County, Georgia to the late Susie Anna and Oscar Haynes; he grew up in Dublin, Georgia. Haynes died of lung cancer on Feb. 23, 2018 in Seasons Hospice at the Miami Jewish Health Center.

His viewing and Memory Service will be held on Friday, March 2nd at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4300 NW 12th Avenue at 7:00 p.m., the funeral will be held at New Covenant on Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00 in the morning.

The burial will take place on Monday, March 5th at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 N. State Road 7, Lake Worth, FL 33449. Herschel was an active

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



## Black Press pays tribute to Lerone Bennett Jr.

**STACY M. BROWN**  
NNPA Contributor

Perhaps no other voice — or pen — captured the real life of Africans and Blacks like Lerone Bennett Jr., the former editor of EBONY and Jet magazines who died on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the age of 89.

Chicago Sun-Times reported that, Bennett suffered from vascular dementia.

Among his many hard-hitting and compelling works was the exposé, "Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America," in which Bennett traces Black history from its origins in western Africa, through the transatlantic journey and slavery, the Reconstruction period, the Jim Crow era, and the Civil Rights Movement.

The book was later re-issued five more times and ultimately included life in the 1990s.

Bennett would go on to pen at least 10 books, including the eye-opening, 2000 book titled "Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream," which, for some, shattered centuries-old myths about America's 16th president's involvement in the freedom of slaves.

A description of the book on Amazon.com said: "Beginning with the argument that the Emancipation Proclamation did not actually free African American slaves, this dissenting view of Lincoln's greatness surveys the president's policies, speeches, and private utterances and concludes that he had little real interest in abolition."

Pointing to Lincoln's support for the fugitive slave laws, his friendship with

"Smart man and great author. His book [about Lincoln] changed my life," said comedian Simbad. "Before the Mayflower" educated me about the need to research our true history."

Others too expressed their sadness and profound gratitude for Bennett.

"I am personally saddened by the death of Lerone Bennett Jr. We have lost another great journalist who will be sorely missed," said Dorothy R. Leavell, the chairman of the NNPA and editor and publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago, Illinois and Gary, Indiana. "We knew him as the conscience and voice of EBONY and Jet magazines and through the many books he published. The world is richer, because of his work here on Earth and we are grateful for his many contributions."

Bennett counted as an elegant scholar and freedom fighter who used the power of his pen to awaken millions of people to the true history of African people in America and throughout the world, said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

"Bennett's journalistic genius will be missed, but his contributions to documenting the struggles and triumphs of Black men, women and children will continue to be cherished by generations far into the future," Chavis said.

"The NNPA salutes the living legacy of Lerone Bennett Jr. with a commitment to pick up his pen and put it into the hands of today's freedom fighting publishers, editors and journalists."

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Love you, your family.

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**CYNTHIA WILLIAMS**  
03/04/1962 - 05/09/2017

Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. If I could say this to you face to face, Happy Birthday and I love you.

Your daughter, CiCi.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**BRENDA J. DANIELS**  
02/09/1957 - 03/03/2016

Deeply loved.

Deeply missed.

Love always, your family.

### Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



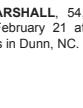
**EMILY ANDERSON**  
03/01/1969 - 08/02/2009

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