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LIBERTY SPLIT?



JANUARY 2015

Liberty Square Rising announced

JULY 2016
Project awarded to Related Urban

MAY 2017

Liberty Square ground breaking



JUNE 2017
Federal Public Housing probe announced



MARCH 2018

Meeting held by Related Urban about Lincoln Gardens

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Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association President Kenneth Kilpatrick wants to sever the redevelopment of Lincoln Gardens from the \$300 million Liberty Square Rising redevelopment project.

He says he is not alone.

Members of the association believe they have been treated like an unwanted child, only remembered when they make a stink.

At issue is the community benefits agreement that was a part of the master plan for developer Related Urban Development Group.

Miami-Dade County Commissioners in July 2016 approved the subsidiary of the Related Group to raze and rebuild Miami-Dade's oldest public housing stock and rebuild already-raised Lincoln Gardens public housing, with added upgrades. In addition, developers offered to rehab units at Annie Coleman #14, a run-down public housing development near to the Lincoln Gardens site. At the lengthy approval hearing, County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson introduced several amendments, including adding liquidated damages and cautioned the developer to get input from Brownsville residents, much like it did with Liberty Square residents through community engagement meetings.

In the initial Request for Application, the county wanted Lincoln Gardens to be built first so that residents from Liberty Square

“The county rolled out a plan that was flawed, the process was terribly flawed and done in bad faith. We deserve better.”

Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association President Kenneth Kilpatrick

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North Corridor uproar

Residents want answers from county about rail

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A discussion to speed up the overdue transit slated for Northwest 27th Avenue sparked an uproar from residents in the community at a town hall meeting on Saturday.

The meeting — presented by State Reps. Cynthia Stafford and Sharon Pritchett — was intended to update residents on a study conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that featured three transit alternatives stretching from Northwest 215th Street to Northwest 38th Street and then from Northwest 27th Avenue onto Florida State Road 112 to the Miami Intermodal Center (near Miami International Airport).

But the majority of the nearly 40 attendees at the meeting wanted to know why the already approved 2007 transit plan wasn't being shown — or even thought about.

The plan known as the Orange Line Phase II project consisted of a 9.2-mile elevated extension of the existing Metrorail along Northwest 27th Avenue.

Now, residents are only being shown what appears to be three possible alternatives for 13 miles that features dedicated bus lanes, a street-level rail or an elevated rail track that would reduce left-hand turns for drivers.

“Why do you want to do that in our neighborhood?” Miami resident Benjamin Essien asked a supervising planner during the presentation. “We want a fast rail, and we want it on the side.”

Mary Alice Brown is a former chair of the



“We have been struggling with the North Corridor for many years in terms of getting it approved.”

Former Miami-Dade Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Liberty City, Overtown eyed for opportunity zones

Residents and business owners have mixed emotions about plan

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A new tax incentive may soon be available to businesses and investors in Overtown and Liberty City, but residents and business owners in the neighborhoods say they have mixed feelings about what it means for the community.

The neighborhoods were selected by Gov. Rick Scott as two of the 68 low-income opportunity zones in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties that were sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury on April 19, where business entities and investors would receive a tax cut.

Lifelong Overtown resident Antwan Ezell said that

he has a few friends with businesses in the neighborhood, and he supports anything that would be beneficial to his community.

But, his only concern is consistency.

“People love to come and say they're going to do this and do that, but sometimes they don't keep their promises — then that can be the downfall,” said Ezell.

Included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that was signed into law by President Donald Trump on Dec. 22, 2017, the Investing in Opportunity Act providing tax incentives for businesses and developers in the targeted areas. If approved by the U.S. Treasury Department, investors can be eligible for capital



Photo courtesy of Mitchell Zachs/Overtown Youth Center

◆ In this April 20 photo, Republican Sens. Tim Scott and Marco Rubio speak to Mourning Family Foundation president Bill Diggs at the Overtown Youth Center. On April 3, Rubio offered Gov. Rick Scott support to help identify and collect input from Florida communities that are eligible to become Qualified Opportunity Zones.

gains tax reductions or exemptions, depending on how long the investment is held.

The Treasury has 30 days to certify each state's recommendations. After the zones are approved, the federal government will begin the process to designate how Opportunity Funds will be regulated.

Sponsors of the bipartisan bill say that Trump's tax cuts could result in jobs and economic development in low-income areas, since the cuts may attract wealthy investors.

Some residents said they are open to opportunities, but they are also wary of possible hidden agendas.

Liberty City resident Shavon Greene said that a tax incentive sounds like a good bonus for some of the

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EDITORIAL

Forced programming for Memorial Day Weekend not the way

It seems as if so many people lost their way when looking at Memorial Day Weekend. The latest plans unveiled by Miami Beach and the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP forgot one key truth: the hundreds of thousands of Black visitors who have been visiting Miami Beach for nearly two decades have free will and make their own choices.

They choose how they want to be entertained, mostly by renting cars and yachts, visiting their favorite dance and drinking spots and hanging out on the beach.

Last year, Miami Beach added the Air and Sea Show to give people alternate entertainment during Memorial Day Weekend. This year, there are plans to add even more programming.

By trying to add programming to make a more classy event, as Miami Beach Commissioner Ricky Arriola said, speaks volumes. It says that Miami Beach will tolerate the Black visitors because they spend hundreds of thousands of dollars over the weekend but that the beach only wants those who want to do family friendly activities. We don't want to have a street party on Miami Beach, he said. Since when did cities start to dictate what type of visitors it would like to stop in?

The programming doesn't fit the profile of the visitors who come over for Memorial Day Weekend. First, the assumption that all Black people like basketball, gospel concerts and barbecue boggles the mind. Don't you think if the visitors were coming for that sort of entertainment the promoters would have already satisfied their desires?

The hubris of these 40-plus-year-old people dreaming up content for people half their age is absurd.

And then to use a panel of the same age-range of people to share their views of Urban Beach Weekend added another layer of preposterousness.

Sharing that white people are culturally intolerant was nothing new. Having a forum that allowed people to voice thinly veiled hate speech under the guise of freedom to share was outrageous. Some of the things said about the visitors, such as, they should "cover themselves up," or "learn how to act," were coded, racist speech. And it went on unchecked. Actually, those who said the most-offensive statements were thanked for sharing.

NAACP, find your way back. Do not be blinded by \$100,000. That money comes at the expense of freedom to speak, freedom to support our visitors.

The conversations about figuring out ways to make the visitors feel more welcomed should continue and are welcomed. But trying to do it by sucking the fun out of the weekend is the wrong way.

CARTOON CORNER



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The legacy of MLK, Black "bank-in"

TERI WILLIAMS, president and COO, OneUnited Bank

The night before Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated - 50 years ago - he delivered his last speech, "I've Seen the Promised Land," in Memphis Tennessee and encouraged the crowd of 2,500 people to strengthen Black institutions including Black banks.

During that same year of 1968, the predecessor of OneUnited Bank, Unity Bank and Trust Co., was founded in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Today, OneUnited has grown to become the largest Black-owned bank and first Black internet bank in the country. Tri-State Bank has also grown over the years as it continues to serve the greater Black community of Memphis, And Mechanic & Farmers of North Carolina, the oldest Black bank, is celebrating its 113th anniversary. In honor of King, and his legacy and visionary leadership, we reflect on his call for a "bank-in" movement as we are inspired by the activism

of millennials and the #BlackBank movement.

Unity Bank was founded 50 years ago when there were 14,000 commercial banks in the U.S. of which only 20 were Black controlled. Established to give equal economic opportunity to the Black residents of Roxbury and Dorchester, Massachusetts, Unity Bank embarked on this journey with the slogan, "The Bank with a Purpose!"

It provided free seminars on consumer education, investments, credit and how banking works.

Unity Bank was conceived by John T. Hayden, a Black graduate of Harvard Business School and organized by the late Donald E. Sneed, chairman and president; Marvin E. Gilmore, vice president; and C. Bernard Fulp, assistant vice president and chief loan officer. Fulp, who previously worked at two large banks in Boston and saw first-hand the discriminatory policies of banks including redlining. Unity Bank was founded to change all of that.

Although progress has been slow, there continues to be hope and opportunity inspired by the #BlackBank and #BuyBlack movements and supported by the internet and advancements in technology. The Black community has begun to focus on King's economic message by recognizing the power of its \$1.2 trillion in annual

spending to build generational wealth. Black banks and credit unions are proud to be at the forefront of this burgeoning understanding of the power of "collective economics."

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Earth Day isn't just for rich, white

JEREMY ORR, Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Chair, NAACP Michigan State Conference

For most of my life, Earth Day has been a stark reminder of yet another American tradition in which the basis was formed without people of color in mind. In 1970, the first Earth Day, like the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act and the founding of the United States Environmental Protection Agency that same year, was held in response to series oil spills throughout the 1960s. Earth Day in particular was prompted by an oil spill off the Pacific coast of Santa Barbara - a predominantly White, affluent beachfront community. To me, Earth Day has been less about promoting the public health and well-being of all individuals through conservation and environmental protection and more about protecting the pristine land owned and occupied by wealthy, White people.

The shift toward intentional inclusion of frontline com-



Ms. U.S. Earth, Jennifer Lovelace, is a special guest at the third Annual Earth Day and Holistic Lifestyle Expo, Downtown Miami, April 28.

munities in the environmental movement over the past few years makes this Earth Day different for me; it will be different, because when I look around the country and see oppressed populations rising up and staking their claim in this movement. One prominent example of this has been the increased national capacity and presence of NAACP's Environmental and Climate Justice Program. That will be evidenced this Earth Day as NAACP chapters around the country are hosting activities to engage communities of color in ways tied to deeper social justice and civil rights efforts that are taking place year-round. Needless to say, you won't just see us planting trees on Earth Day 2018 and going on hiatus until the Earth Day 2019.

As we wrestle with various environmental issues in Michigan, we enter Earth Day with our eyes on the

prize: clean air to breathe and safe water to drink. As local oil refineries, trash incinerators, and corporate and municipal utility companies continue to pollute our air with toxic emissions, the Michigan NAACP continues to challenge coal-based permits to install, permits to increase toxic emissions, and the expansion of facilities who already have unchecked violations. Recently, we also undertook efforts to protect our drinking water sources by providing substantive written public comments on Michigan's proposed revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule, lifting up our most vulnerable communities and calling for the standard to be zero parts per billion, because we know that no level of such a contaminant in our drinking water is safe.

Learn more about the NAACP's environmental justice initiatives at NAACP.org.

White fear is an American problem

RENÉE GRAHAM, The Boston Globe

Driving while Black. Walking while Black. Shopping while Black. Selling CDs while Black. Listening to music in a car while Black. Asking for directions while Black. Sitting in Starbucks while Black.

To be Black is to always be in the wrong place at the wrong time because, in America, there is never a right place for Black people.

Several recent events again drove home that point like a stake through the heart. Two Black men in Philadelphia were arrested at a Starbucks for being two Black men in Starbucks. They hadn't ordered anything and were waiting for a friend. This was enough to make a Starbucks employee call the police.

Not long after several officers arrived, the men were perp-walked off the premises

in handcuffs. Hours later, they were released without charges.

Three years ago, the coffeehouse chain launched its quickly aborted "Race Together" campaign to spark conversations about race. Now it's in the piping-hot center of another debate about racial profiling.

For Black people, this video has been viral forever. This is what we live with every damn day.

This isn't a Starbucks problem. It could have been a fast food restaurant, a mall - or a street in Cambridge. Last Friday police responded to a report of a naked man on Massachusetts Avenue. A video shows Selorm Ohene, a Black 21-year-old Harvard student, being struck several times after he was already pinned to the ground by three Cambridge police officers and an MBTA

transit cop. Cambridge Mayor Marc C. McGovern called the incident "disturbing."

Everything Black people do is weighted by irrational white fear. It's mentally exhausting to always be on guard, even during mundane moments like waiting in a coffee shop - or asking for directions.

Brennan Walker, a 14-year-old Black American, had to

paid to his Rochester Hills, Mich., school after missing the bus. When he got lost on his 4-mile trek, Walker went to a house and knocked on the door, hoping to get directions. The woman who answered accused him of trying to break in - then it got worse. A white man, wielding a shotgun, ran at the teen. His shot missed Walker, who took off as soon as he saw the gun.

After Trayvon Martin was shot to death in 2012, many Black parents had "the talk" with their sons about how to behave around white people, especially cops. I never got a version of that conversation. Still, I always knew not to reach into my bag in a store unless I'm in full view of the cashier or to leave the house without ID.

When you're Black, you just know.

A Norristown jury found comedian Bill Cosby on three counts of aggravated indecent sexual assault. Some legal experts said that Cosby might get another trial.



POOL PHOTO

Bill Cosby to remain on house arrest after verdict last week

Comedian found guilty on all charges, and remains free on \$1 million bail

STACY M. BROWN
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Convicted comedian Bill Cosby will remain on house arrest until he's sentenced this summer following his conviction on three counts of aggravated indecent sexual assault.

Judge Steven T. O'Neill ordered Cosby to get written permission from adult probation officials, if he wants to leave his Philadelphia area home to visit his doctor or to meet with lawyers.

Those are the only movements he's allowed, and they must be within a five-county radius of Montgomery County. Cosby has been fitted with a tracking device, so that court officials can monitor him.

"This was a man who had evaded this moment for far too long," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said after the verdict.

Steele said that Cosby had "shown his true colors," when the legendary actor called the prosecutor an "a-hole" after Steele argued that he should immediately be locked up following the verdict.

O'Neill ruled that Cosby could remain free on the same \$1 million bail he posted when he was arraigned in December of 2015.

"We still believe that Mr. Cosby is innocent of these charges," lead defense attorney Tom Mesereau said. "The fight isn't over."

About an hour after the verdict and before Cosby left the courthouse, several of his defense team members huddled, including attorneys Jaya Gupta and Rachael Robinson, both sobbing.

An emotional Andrew Wyatt, Cosby's chief spokesman, said the trial was reminiscent of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Mississippi African American whose lynching after he was accused of whistling at a White woman, ignited the Civil Rights Movement.

"This became a public lynching," Wyatt said. "What Gloria Allred was able to do, she took a salt and pepper shaker. She [shook] out a lot of salt and sprinkled in a little black pepper and the South came east."

Ebonee Benson, who joined Wyatt on morning television shows after the verdict, said the comparison to Emmett Till is real.

"We can take a look at Emmett Till," she said. "Since when are all women honest?"

Several television analysts questioned the verdict.

Lawyer and famed CNN legal analyst Joey Jackson, who before the verdict said the case should have been declared a mistrial, said after the decision that Cosby's team has "many grounds for appeal." He said he was stunned by the verdict as well as the swiftness in which the jury delivered it.

"Certainly, the prosecution put up vigorous case ... but I thought the defense did a significant job of discrediting Andrea Constand giving the jury an indication that there was a number of lies she told over a period of time," Jackson said.

Jackson continued: "The first trial took them 52 hours and they were hung. This time it took 15 hours and they convict, so here we go. I think the most significant grounds were the five accusers. In the first trial, there was one and when you have five, they just have such prejudicial value and I think it just overwhelmed the jury. That's probably the biggest point in attempting to get Bill Cosby a new trial."

Jackson called the issue "significant" and one that might allow Cosby, whose facing 30 years in prison, to remain free through the appeal process.

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Joy-Ann Reid says she did not write the latest 'hateful things'

She admits to writings a decade ago and cannot prove she was hacked

CHRISTINA CARON
The New York Times

Joy Reid, the MSNBC host who accused hackers of inserting homophobic posts into her now-defunct blog, said on Saturday that while she continued to deny having written the offensive language, security experts could not conclusively say her blog was breached.

"I genuinely do not believe I wrote those hateful things, because they are completely alien to me," she said on her morning show, "AM Joy." "But I can definitely understand, based on things I have tweeted and have written in the past, why some people don't believe me."

She hired a cybersecurity expert to see if her former blog had been manipulated, she said, but "the reality is, they have not been able to prove it."

The posts containing the offensive language, which Mediate wrote about on last Monday, said that "most straight people cringe at the sight of two men kissing" and that "a lot of heterosexuals, especial-



Joy-Ann Reid

ly men, find the idea of homosexual sex to be ... well ... gross."

They also allegedly showed Reid arguing against legalized gay marriage and criticizing commentators who supported it, including Rachel Maddow, who is now one of Reid's colleagues at MSNBC.

On Saturday morning, Ms. Reid devoted about 30 minutes of her show to the controversy, speaking with a supportive panel of experts who fight for L.G.B.T. rights.

"I have not been exempt from being dumb or cruel or hurtful to the very people I want to advocate for," said Reid, 49. "I own that. I did it. And for that I am truly,

truly sorry."

Most of Reid's guests commended her for recognizing that her words had been hurtful, and redirected the conversation to Washington and the Trump administration's policies.

"The reality is that while we're having conversations about what may or may not have been said 10 years ago, we should be having conversations about what was tweeted 10 seconds ago," said Danielle Moodie-Mills, a public relations executive who hosts "Woke AF" on SiriusXM, the satellite radio provider.

"There are bans that are still up at the Supreme Court right now to keep Muslims out of America," she added, as well as efforts to "kick patriotic trans people out of the military. And that's coming from the Oval Office right now."

Reid's posts emerged on social media via the Twitter user @Jamie_Maz. In December, the same account shared posts in which Reid taunted Charlie Crist, the Democratic former Florida governor, as a closeted gay man whose heterosexual marriage was a front. Late last year, she apologized and Crist responded, "Long forgotten, but thank you, Joy. I appreciate you."

STREET Talk

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How do you think the \$60 million bond is being spent in the city of Miami Gardens?



Melinda Hughes, 42
Miami Gardens

It's not being spent on what it should be used for. And it doesn't even look like \$60 million is being spent on the city. There needs to be more things for these kids to do to ensure they stay out of trouble. Renovating a swimming pool alone is not going to solve that.



Dontrell Whitley, 27
Miami Gardens

We know how it's being spent. They're taking it and funding other things that weren't part of the plan. It's probably being taken by city employees and those at the higher level. You see the same construction sites for the past year. Nothing has really changed.



D.R. Thomas, 46
Miami Gardens

Honestly, I don't see where it is being spent that much. Not enough of the dollars are being put into the community. I wish there was more alternative avenues for the youth. I don't like taking my kids all the way to Davie and Fort Lauderdale to bowl. But hopefully some changes happen in the near future. We have Top Golf, but I would like to see other things in the community like resources for the children and the elderly.



Deidria Davis, 50
Miami

I don't see what the money is being used for as far as the community goes. It seems like apartment buildings and new developments are going up and nothing for the youth. They have no programs in place that will help children before they get in the criminal justice system. Then when they now have a record, it affects their ability to obtain jobs, housing and everything. The focus needs to be on the community as a whole and our future. These kids want to release energy and doing something positive. I lived in the city behind the stadium for years, and I don't see it.



Lawrence Brady, 43
Miami Gardens

I don't think the \$60 million is being spent wisely. They're worrying about the gun violence in the community, but you have to realize these kids have nothing to do. There's no after-school programs really, and if there are, they end at 4 or 5 p.m. There is nothing new being built, nothing being renovated. There's a pool at Brentwood that's been closed down for over five years. And you wonder why there's so much violence. An idle mind leaves idle hands. It's the devil's playground. You can stop a lot of violence with that money. The answer isn't more cops on the street.



Omar Richards, 32
Miami Gardens

\$60 million dollars? To fix up the city? How about they fix that traffic whenever there's a game, preventing me from getting home. What have they done with it? Are the renovated pools even olympic-sized? I live in Miami Gardens, and I see nothing being done for the community. But they tore down Carol Mart. Where am I supposed to get my Dickies from? This is foolishness.

NEWS BRIEFS

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OneUnited Bank savings account giveaway

OneUnited Bank is hosting its "I Got Bank!" Financial Literacy Contest, when 10 children will win a \$1,000 savings account for the best essays and art projects that represent the "I Got Bank!" theme. OneUnited Bank President and Owner Teri Williams, who is also the author of "I Got Bank! What My Granddad Taught Me About Money," will be giving away signed copies of her book. Children between the ages of 8 and 12 are encouraged to read a financial literacy book of their choosing, and either write a 250-word essay or create an art project to show how they would apply what they learned from the book to their daily lives. Submissions must be emailed or postmarked by June 15. The giveaway will come to Miami from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 5 at the Liberty City Branch, 3275 NW 79th St. For more information, visit www.oneunited.com/book.

Miami Dade School Board attempts to increase safety

At the April school board meeting, the Miami-Dade County School Board unanimously approved item H-17, to provide a safe learning environment for students

pitality Institute has opened enrollment for its six-week Guest Service Specialist hospitality training at no cost. The training will consist of work readiness, hands-on hospitality training, and American Hotel & Lodging Education Institute exam certifications. Participants who complete the training will receive job placement assistance. Qualified participants may be eligible to receive a weekly Miami Dade Transit Bus Pass to attend class. Participants must reside in one of Employ Miami-Dade low income ZIP codes. To enroll go to CareerSource South Florida at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center, 750 NW 20th St., fourth floor to register with Alline Culmer 305-372-8304. Enrollment must be completed by Friday, May 4.

Gubernatorial Democratic primary debate slated for June

A gubernatorial debate for the Democratic primary in South Florida will be 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11 at the Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place. Entitled Florida Freedom Forum, it will be hosted by a coalition of groups including Service Employees International Union, Dream Defenders Action Fund, Florida Immigration Coalition (FLIC) Votes and others. All four democratic gubernatorial candidates are confirmed to attend including Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, Chris King, and former mayor of Miami Beach, Philip Levine. The debate will be live-streamed.

and staff. The item allows the school board's superintendent to review current state and school board policies that prohibit employees, except school police, from bringing weapons onto school grounds. The item also requests that the funds received by the school district through the Feis Guardian Program be allocated for training and hiring of additional school resource officers and school safety officers.

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could move there while their units were reconstructed, after which they would be moved back to newly constructed units at Liberty Square.

But Related Urban, after listening to various reasons by Liberty Square residents — from fear of their safety to disrupting schools patterns — submitted a proposal to keep residents at Liberty Square while the complex is under construction. Commissioners approved a plan that Related Urban would build Lincoln Gardens last — giving time for input from the Brownsville community.

But the relationship with Brownsville and Related Urban has been combative from the first community meeting. Still, Edmonson continued to show support for the Brownsville community. In August 2016, she issued a statement, which read: "The

meeting was the first of many between the Brownsville community, the developers and County staff. No plan will be finalized, no vote will go before the County Commission, no construction will begin until the Brownsville community approves. If it takes one meeting or 100, nothing will move until the Brownsville community has had its say because only the people who live in Brownsville know what's right for Brownsville."

Months later and after seven or eight meetings, Brownsville residents, the commissioner and the developer are at odds. Kilpatrick has been vocal about the needs of the community and the 125 members of his association. He said about a dozen or so are active.

"They revised the community benefits agreement," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick wrote on April 26 that "as you examine the amended community benefits agreement you will notice that Brownsville ac-

counts for less than one percent of the resources allocated to the total project."

Kilpatrick wants the Brownsville part of Liberty Square Rising project to be treated the same as the Liberty Square part of the project, that is already undergoing phase I of renovations.

As part of Liberty Square Rising, the developer had proposed to build 105 public housing units and 111 affordable housing units at Lincoln Gardens. The developer said it would spend \$1 million to upgrade Marva Y. Bannerman Park, located at 830 NW 24th Ave. The developer had also allocated \$2 million for the construction of a 5,000 to 10,000-square-foot Alonzo Mourning Brownsville Youth Center within the park.

The agreement was revised September 2016, and Kilpatrick said he found out at a March 2018 community meeting.

Meeting minutes for the March 26 meeting show that a representative from the county's Public Housing and

Community Development Department said that the version of the community benefits agreement that Kilpatrick was referencing "was not the version approved by the Board. The Master Development Agreement and Community Benefits Program that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners was amended to require that the Lincoln Gardens portion of the project be treated as a stand-alone project with separate community engagement."

Kilpatrick was sent the amended agreement the following day, records show.

Edmonson said Kilpatrick disrupted the March 26 meeting at which the developer was supposed to update the community about the Bannerman Park renovations. Now, Kilpatrick says the community benefits agreement he received showed the gutted benefits.

Kilpatrick was so frustrated that on April 23, he sent a letter to Congresswoman

Frederica Wilson asking her to terminate the Master Development Agreement and to have the Lincoln Gardens portion of the development redone through a new RFA.

"We believe that the renewed community engagement and planning process was conducted in bad faith and that the deletion of key benefits to the community were punitively removed in retaliation for participating in protected activity," Kilpatrick wrote to Wilson.

Vice president and principal of RUDG, LLC at The Related Group Inc. Alberto Milo said Tuesday that the community benefits agreement is based on community engagement. "It's all about community engagement," he said. "You know the process."

The process will be reviewed at May 17 meeting with Edmonson, at which she will update the community about the proposal to amend the community benefits agreement.

The three-page unofficial

document said the developer will build 82 public housing units and 134 affordable, workforce and market-rate homeownership units at Lincoln Gardens. The plan includes a 2,500-square-foot community center and a \$1 million contribution for Bannerman Park for upgrades. The agreement calls for a 50 percent participation for small-, minority- and women-owned firms; 20 percent of the construction jobs to residents in the 33142 ZIP code; and 75 percent of the percent jobs to residents of the same ZIP code.

Edmonson contends that Kilpatrick is a troublemaker who is trying to force the developer to do what he wants to benefit people outside of the scope of the project.

Kilpatrick said no such thing. He just wants what is just. He fair for his community.

"The county rolled out a plan that was flawed, the process was terribly flawed and done in bad faith," he said. "We deserve better."

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businesses already in her community, but she is pessimistic about the possibility of gentrification.

"I hope they wouldn't drive us out," she said. "I would hope they make us better because it would be hard for us as minorities to be driven out of our community."

A co-sponsor of the bill, Republican Sen. Tim Scott, said during an April 20 visit to Miami, his goal is to start an economic renaissance in the neighborhoods without gentrification.

The South Carolina sena-

tor said he has accomplished this in his state, and there are similar models throughout the country.

"There is a model called Northside Initiative in South Carolina, where a third of the board of directors of the new development are members of the existing community," he said in the lobby of the Urban League of Greater Miami. "So, if you are looking for ways to make new resources come into a neighborhood that has been distressed and not have gentrification, the key to doing this is to make sure that decision-makers going forward are members of the current or existing community."

Republican Sens. Marco

Rubio and Scott met with leaders and board members of the Overtown Youth Center and the Urban League about their needs and how a capital gain deferral can help them expand the reach of the programs to help more children and families in Overtown, Liberty City and the surrounding areas that they serve.

Sen. Scott said that organizations like The Overtown Youth Center "could see a third cut in their capital gains taxes, so that means they can give another third into the program."

Co-founder of Overtown Youth Center, NBA Hall of Famer Alonzo Mourning said the center currently services

about 500 students ages 2 to 25, but they want to scale up the numbers to 5,000 and open up to children in Liberty City and Brownsville.

The center "recently kicked off its capital campaign" for \$15 million, but in order increase its reach by 10 times more, the center would need to raise \$100 million.

Rubio said that that is the goal of the Trump's tax incentive program, to "bring opportunities," instead of building high-rises.

"We want these to be communities where people can work and live... but ultimately give them the ability to provide for their families," said Rubio.

Sens. Scott and Rubio were

joined at Overtown Youth Center by Miami-Dade County Commission Vice Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson.

Edmonson said she is pleased that Gov. Scott has as identified "opportunity zones" within Overtown. She hopes that "such private investment is realized in this community and that results are tangible and beneficial."

"It's clear that Overtown is on the rise once again, and it is also clear that it can benefit greatly from solid injections of economic funds," said Edmonson in a statement. "I pledge to work together with the federal government and the private sector to encourage and support projects,

which will economically benefit this historic community."

Nicole Gates lives in and has two businesses in Overtown. She said that any financial break for businesses will help them obtain more revenue. However, small business owners may be at a disadvantage since they may not be able to afford an accountant.

Gates said that the incentives are pointless unless information and education about the process are readily available to the businesses.

"What happens a lot of times when there are opportunities in these areas, they will say all these wonderful things are happening, but no one else in the area knows," she said.

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Accomplished attorney to receive award

Miami's Unified Children's Courthouse honors candidate Olanike Adebayo

Miami Times Staff Report

Attorney Olanike "Nike" Adebayo is the 2018's recipient of the John F. Balikes Award from the Unified Children's Courthouse.

Each year, the judges of the Children's Courthouse present the "Wall of Honor" ceremony to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to children in the juvenile justice and child welfare system in Miami-Dade County. They present the John F. Balikes Award at this ceremony,

where they recognize an individual who demonstrates respect and professionalism to the legal profession.

The 2018 ceremony will be held at noon on Friday, May 4 at the Children's Courthouse 155 NW 3rd St.

This year, the judges have chosen Adebayo as an individual who exemplifies these attributes through her 20-year-long legal career. Currently, she is a candidate for Miami-Dade County Court Judge and also works with the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Coun-



Olanike Adebayo

sel, Third District.

Adebayo is a Chicago native. After being accepted to the law school at the Univer-

sity of Miami, she relocated to South Florida. She earned her Juris Doctor, then began her legal career at the Office of the State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit, where she successfully prosecuted and tried a number of felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile and domestic violence cases. Her last noteworthy position at the State Attorney's Office was as the Chief of Litigation in the Juvenile Division.

After eight years of working as an assistant state attorney for Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Adebayo left to become a police legal advisor at the Miami-Dade Police Department. She worked for the Miami-Dade Police Depart-

ment for nearly six years. She later went back to Rundle's office, and was once again working as an assistant state attorney in the Community Outreach Division where she would shift her focus more towards youth. She created the Junior Assistant State Attorney for Miami-Dade high school students. Adebayo left after two years and opened her practice, Olanike Adebayo PA and also serves as a regional counsel helping to keep families together by assisting her clients to obtain and maintain better life skills.

Adebayo is a very active member of her community. She is an active board mem-

ber of Gwendolyn S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association since 2007, co-chair of the Lillie C. Evans Committee and co-chair of the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Picnic Committee. She mentors troubled and "at risk" youth in the community through voluntary programs such as Women of Tomorrow and Lillie C. Evans. She also serves as a judge for the Teen Court program.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from the judiciary at the Children's Courthouse. I am privileged to be held in such regard as stand in service to the children of this community," Adebayo said.

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North Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee. She said she remembers there being money saved for the older project that was supposed to be completed no later than 2011. "But the money has been used up for feasibility studies," she said.

Some of the money Brown referred to came from a half-penny sales tax approved by Miami-Dade County voters in 2002 to expand mass transit.

Calls for comment from representatives at Miami-Dade's Transportation Planning Organization and Public Works Department went unanswered.

"What's going to happen to our final decision? Will it die like the other projects?" she asked. "I would like to know will I in my lifetime



Photo courtesy of Joseph Cray

Miami resident Benjamin Essien speaks up against the alternatives for the Northwest 27th Avenue Corridor.

see a Tri-Rail go down the North Corridor?"

The NW 27th Avenue Corridor is referred to as a "key regional mobility linkage" for access to jobs, the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens and education-

facilities, according to the plan created by the Transportation Planning Organization.

The Transportation Planning Organization will pick one of the alternatives as one of the locally preferred

between December and January 2019.

Miami Gardens resident Francis Ragoog wanted to know why the bus route was even thought of as an alternate means of transport. "Saying we are going to

minimize what we have as roadway with the alternative of 22nd and 17th avenues brings greater concern because that creates more traffic on roads within our community," he said. "The intent is to minimize."

Ragoog added that when he's making trips to downtown Miami, he has to pay \$11.50 if he wants to dodge two-hour traffic.

"Why should I be paying more daily to use the right of way?" he asked. "If we are looking long-term, cost should not necessarily be a factor in doing the right thing."

The reason the plan that the community wants "fell through" was because of funding, said Harold Desdunes, district director of transportation development for FDOT.

Desdunes added that FDOT was asked to look into rapid bus transit, a light rail and a heavy rail for Northwest 27th Avenue. "So

that is why now you have this whole thing evolved where you have all these different alternatives we are looking at right now."

Former Miami-Dade Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson is an active member of the North Corridor Coalition. Ferguson said the community needs to "push the right buttons."

"We have been struggling with the North Corridor for many years in terms of getting it approved," she said.

After funds were collected for the project, residents were told that the money for transit maintenance wasn't there, Ferguson recalled.

"And they tell us all the time that the North Corridor is part of the SMART Plan, but will it come 50 years from now or 50 months from now?" she asked. "We need to focus on the county and local politics to make sure that the county is going to have the funds in place to build this North Corridor."

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Marleine Bastien, executive director of Family Action Network Movement, speaks to media during last week's press conference in front of one of the buildings bought by Thomas Conway, a Miami developer.

PUSHED OUT OF THEIR HOME

LITTLE HAITI BUSINESS OWNERS ARE PUSHING BACK

JANIAH ADAMS
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Marie Janine Desir has been operating Jeannine Variety Store Plus on Northeast 82nd Street and Northeast Second Avenue for 11 years. With no husband, her business is what she uses to support herself and her family. What Desir has established as her livelihood for the past 11 years is facing termination as a new developer orders many businesses to vacate the buildings out of which they operate.

"The owner didn't tell us that he sold the place," Desir said in Creole. "We found out when he brought a piece of paper for us to sign. I refuse to sign. If someone has been renting for 11 years, and you're selling the business, you should have the decency to tell us about it."

Thomas Conway, a Miami real estate developer who has made his name around Miami since 2015, bought two long-standing buildings in Little Haiti earlier this year. The two buildings are home to many businesses operated by Haitian-Americans, including Desir's store. Desir was among Haitian business owners who held a press conference last week to bring awareness to the issue.

At issue: Because everyone isn't being treated the same in the buildings, some business owners feel the new owner is discriminating against them and they are requesting help from elected

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Supporters of Haitian business owners in Little Haiti hold up signs during a press conference last week.



Jeannine Variety Store Plus is one of the businesses that is being asked to exit the building by May 31.

Miami CHESS challenge

Norwood Elementary students master the game

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Meek Foundation starts its business readiness program

Miami Times Staff Report

As part of its workforce development efforts in support of the Carrie Meek International Business Park (CMIIBP) at the Miami-Opa-locka Airport, the Carrie Meek Foundation recently joined with the Miami

who are creating jobs at the CMIIBP and to other employers at locations throughout Miami-Dade County," says Tony E. Crapp Sr., executive director of the Carrie Meek Foundation. "Those who may be interested in attending one of our job readiness workshops should contact



Gregory Reed

The Carrie Meek Foundation offers training at Miami Dade College North Campus to prepare individuals to fill potential jobs at the Carrie Meek International Business Park in Opa-locka.

Dade College North Campus to host the first job readiness training program orientation session.

The foundation's workforce program focuses on preparing individuals for work through pre-employment skills, industry specific training and providing an opportunity to receive training for which industry-recognized national certification is available.

"Our mission for the workforce development program is to provide residents with necessary information and assist them in becoming more marketable to employers

the foundation to pursue the opportunity to be included in this program."

Topics covered by the training program include résumé and job application preparation, interview skills, direction in job seeking, appropriate attire and workplace behavior, among other areas related to job readiness assistance. The Carrie Meek Foundation plans to continue its efforts in job readiness training by providing these sessions to residents of the community. For more information or if interested in attending, please contact the foundation at 786-613-7399.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

DANIELLA PIERRE, affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com

Beep-beep, look it's a house, but no it's a condo for a car

Developers are shifting from homes for people to homes for luxury automobiles

Developers have just lost their minds. Instead of building communities designed for people, now they're using up acres of land to build condo units for darn automobiles.

I could understand developers building these type of luxury getaways if the gap had already been closed on the existing affordable-housing shortages. And I could even understand a little bit more if we had the type of jobs, salaries and disposable income to afford these type of units. But we don't.

Well, the city of Doral seems to think so. In fact, in just a few short weeks, a new four-building luxury

complex will make its debut, but it won't be for people to live in. It will be to "harbor their collections."

I can only imagine what type of "collections" will be stored there. The new luxury establishment has more square footage than your average home, an upscale sanctuary for entertaining, enhanced privacy and air conditioning. Now what Doral really should be concentrating on is finding a way to improve their unending traffic congestion along with establishing attainable affordable housing.

Unfortunately, since our policymakers are being led and fed by developers,

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officials who represent the area.

The Little Haiti Small Business Association of Northeast 82nd Street along with other Haitian small businesses are being represented by lawyers from the Community Justice Project to fight to continue their businesses in Little Haiti. Family Action Network Movement is also showing support of them.

Many of the business owners received a notice of termination of their month-to-month lease on April 1 from Conway. The notice said that tenants had to be out "on or before May 31, 2018." According to Alana Greer, a lawyer with the Community Justice Project, Conway refused payment from many of the tenants. However, some tenants still received another notice on April 4 that demanded payment or threatened possession of the property within three days.

"The landlord refused to accept rental payments before and after the notice," Greer said. "The nonpayment actions were filed in bad faith."

Thomas Conway could not be reached for comment.

The story is different for other businesses operating out of the two buildings. Lucila Garcia owns The Furniture Store and has been operating out of the building since November 2017. She said she hasn't experienced anything the other tenants have.

"I think it was January or February that Thomas Conway bought the building," Garcia said. "He told us that he would be doing some construction later on, but we could stay for at least six months without a problem. We have not suffered any of the things that the other tenants have suffered. We have not been threatened with eviction until [Wednesday] morning. It's just very unfair."

While many Haitian business owners are dissatisfied with the way they have been handled, Rollin Virgile has not had the same experience.

Virgile owns Virgile's Tuxedo & Bridal Shop and has been a tenant in the building for a little more than 30 years. He described Conway as a nice guy, and said he gave him until June to leave the premises.

"When the month came in, I called [Conway] in to pick up the check. He told me 'I know



Outside of Virgile's Tuxedo & Bridal Shop



Many businesses on Northeast 82nd Street and Northeast Second Avenue have to find new places to operate.

it's hard for you, and he didn't take the check. He said they were going to renew the building, so I had to leave by June," Virgile said. "I told him that it's very difficult that when you've been in business for 30 years, it's difficult to find a new location."

Virgile said he can't claim that the actions taken toward the other tenants are discriminatory. He hasn't had the same experience.

"When it comes to me, he didn't say anything very tough," Virgile said. "He just said they were going to renew the building. When he came before, he was a nice guy."

Marleine Bastien, executive director of Family Action Network Movement, reached out to officials such as Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and District 5 Commissioner Keon Hardemon, whose district includes Little Haiti, for support. A meeting has not happened with either of them.

Business owners liken this situation to a broader issue - Haitian Temporary Protected Services. Recently, a lawsuit was filed against the Trump Administration that said the president's TPS decision was made on the basis of discrimination.

"They did not give eviction notices to the white business owners," Desir said. "I need help. This is the only place that I have. I feel that we are facing discrimination and we need help."

CITY OF MIAMI ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

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CLOSING DATE/TIME: 3:00 PM, MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:00 PM)

Detailed specifications for this bid is available at the City of Miami, Department of Procurement Charles Johnson at cjohnson@miamigov.com

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Emilio T. González, Ph. D.
City Manager

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose of waiving the requirements of obtaining sealed bids for the provision of adding ArcGIS Hub to the suite of services of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Information Technology Department (ITD), from Environmental Systems Research Institute Incorporated (ESRI), the sole source provider for ESRI GIS, located at 380 New York Avenue, Redlands, California 92373.

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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk



City of Miami Notice of Solicitation

ITB No.: 17-18-022

Title: Downtown Miami Signage and Wayfinding System
ITB Due Date Monday, May 28, 2018: at 2:00 PM

Voluntary Pre-Bid Conference

City of Miami

444 SW 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor South Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33130
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification:
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:00 PM)

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

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

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Emilio T. González, City Manager

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A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose of waiving the competitive sealed bidding procedures pursuant to Section 255.20(1)(c)(1), Florida Statutes, and all requirements of section 18-89 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida, as amended, for construction services for City facilities extensively damaged by Hurricane Irma, as the damage poses a public safety issue and, in many cases, a loss of revenue to the City.

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A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM at City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose of granting the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF EASEMENT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT WATSON ISLAND, MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT ("WASD") OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN (15) FOOT WIDE BY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) FOOT STRIP UTILITY EASEMENT FOR A PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES, WITH THE RIGHT TO RECONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, CHANGE AND REMOVE ALL OR ANY OF THE FACILITIES WITHIN THE EASEMENT.

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More Black Americans are franchise owners

Fueling growth among small business ownership

JEFFREY MCKINNEY
Black Enterprise

When it comes to opening a business, franchising is a blueprint concept Black Americans use to make money. The number of Black-owned franchises rose briskly to 8% in 2012 from 4.4 percent in 2007, new research provided by the International Franchise Association shows.

Accounting giant PricewaterhouseCoopers teamed with the franchise industry's largest trade group to compile the report.

The findings are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 Survey of Business Owners that included examining the scope of franchise

businesses owned by minorities and females six years ago.

STAGGERING BLACK-OWNED FRANCHISE GROWTH

Another eye-popping statistic revealed that 30.8 percent franchise businesses in 2012 were owned by minorities, up from 20.5 percent in 2007. In contrast, only 18.8 percent of businesses not franchised were owned by minorities in 2012.

When broken down by race, firms run by Blacks had the biggest gain in the percentage of businesses operated as a franchise within the minority, ethnic, and gender groups. Those Black-



The owners of 13 McDonald's franchises. From left to right: Kerri Harper-Howie, Patricia Williams and Nicole Enearu.

owned firms grew to 4.8 percent in 2012, up roughly 66 percent from 2.9 percent in 2007.

"The franchise business model has solidified its place in our economy as a stable job producer and opportunity engine

and is uniquely situated to affect serious change in local communities by encouraging employment for those who need it most," said IFA President & CEO Robert Cresanti. "This report demonstrates how the franchise

business model is working to meet the future challenges of a rapidly growing and diversifying franchise sector with shifting demographics, instituting a way of living that achieves a dream for millions of Americans."

Another set of figures from the U.S. Census Bureau's

Survey of Business Owners revealed astounding growth in Black franchise ownership. That data showed 40,588 businesses were operated as franchises for all or part of their businesses by Blacks in 2012, up from just 15,087 as franchisees run by Blacks in 2007.

The new data is significant because it shows how franchising ownership for Blacks, minorities, and women has evolved and dramatically changed over the years. For years, African Americans have operated and continue to run restaurant and clean-

ing brands. Yet in recent years, Blacks have become owners in a broad spectrum of franchises. They include Always Best Care Senior Services, FastSigns, Handyman Matters, Jazzercise, PostNet, Meineke Car Care Center, and 1-800-Got Junk? to name just a few.

Another factor contributing to a rise in Black franchisees is there are now more than 3,000 franchise concepts offered in the United States, and international companies are steadily launching franchise brands in America, observers say.

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these are the types of developments that are beginning to trend. First, it was Top Golf in Miami Gardens, an attractive entertainment site, which used up a lot of space that really should have gone to housing. Then came the approval for a "Drivers Club" in Miami Gardens. Although Black people are overseeing the development of the project, it's really not being designed for us. The name alone tells you that. And now it's the Collection Suites for cars and a second Top Golf in Doral. I tell you, this isn't the direction we need to be heading in at all, in any of our municipalities.

DEVELOPERS MUST GO!

Now before you go thinking about using your garage for something else besides your vehicle, make sure you have well over \$500,000 to reserve just one of the units at the Collection Suites. While each unit comes with all the fixings, remember it's built for cars and at the rates they are going, certainly not being built for working-class families. The problem with these types

of developments is they don't really solve any of our housing needs. For example, if residents had that type of money to live lavishly, we wouldn't be in the housing predicament that we're in across our entire state. Policy makers keep on doing our communities a disservice when it comes to housing. What I see many of them doing is strategically and willfully allowing developers to build for the people they want to live here and not for the residents who are already here. That's really not fair, and what it does is drive up the housing costs and, in the end, displaces us.

We don't need fancy entertainment and recreation at the expense of housing. Because, after the fun and excitement have ended, we still need a place to live. These are the things that we must bring to the attention of our elected officials and hold them more accountable. We must also call out the developers who come into our communities and build us out. We must tell the developers if what you're trying to build doesn't benefit or improve our entire community, don't even think about getting our support.

Now that you know housing for cars is the new trend, it is

up to us to make certain that our elected officials are not encouraging or endorsing anymore of these type of developments in our communities. If we don't start paying more atten-

tion and demanding more equity when legislation is being sponsored by our local policymakers, we won't be the priority when it comes to housing or anything else.

Are you priced-out of living in South Florida? Let's hear about it! Share your story, experience or solution today. Contact Danielle Pierre to affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.

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Todd B. Hannan
City Clerk

#31265



City of Miami Notice of Solicitation

ITB No.: 17-18-018

Title: Mary Brickell Village Drainage and Roadway Improvements, B-30637 and Southwest 1st Avenue Milling and Resurfacing, B30833

ITB Due Date Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Voluntary Pre-Bid Conference City of Miami

444 SW 2nd Avenue, 8th Floor North Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33130
Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Friday, May 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM)

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

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

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

DP# 29645

Emilio T. González, City Manager

Public Notice

This will confirm that a meeting of the Value Adjustment Board (the "VAB") will be held on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Commission Chambers, 2nd floor, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami**, to consider the following:

- Adoption of Special Magistrate recommendations / written findings to the VAB for the remaining uncertified property assessments (folios) for tax year 2017.
- Final certification of the 2017 property tax rolls (i.e. as to all assessments initially certified on an unadjusted basis on October 25, 2017 and for which VAB hearings were held and Special Magistrates' recommendations submitted prior to May 23, 2018).
- Approve and authorize the publication of 2017 Tax Impact Notice.
- Status report on the procurement of VAB computer system.
- Such other business as may properly come before the Board.

A list maintained by the Property Appraiser of all applicants for exemption who have had their applications for exemption either (a) denied or (b) wholly or partially approved, is available for inspection by the public at the Department of Property Appraisal, Suite 710, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, during regular business hours (i.e. from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. weekdays). The types of exemptions included in the list are: homestead, Sr. Citizen, widower, disability, educational, literary, religious, charitable, governmental, health and care facilities, renewable energy source devices, historic properties, homes for the aged, low-income housing properties, labor organization properties, community centers, and economic development (enterprise zone) properties.

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Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990

Anyone with a disability needing a special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should call (305)375-5641. TDD users may contact us via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. Note: Sign language interpreter services must be requested at least five (5) days prior to an appointment date. Transportation is not provided by the Clerk's office.

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Election Notice

The Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board will convene at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172. The Canvassing Board is convening on these dates for the May 22, 2018 Special Election.

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, 5/9/18 10:00 a.m.	1. Logic and Accuracy Test of the touch screen and optical scan voting systems to be used for vote-by-mail, early voting, and precinct ballots
2:00 p.m.	2. Public inspection of vote-by-mail ballots
Friday, 5/11/18 10:00 a.m. through Tuesday, 5/22/18 to completion	1. Pre-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting systems used for vote-by-mail and provisional ballots 2. Approval to commence vote-by-mail ballot opening, processing, and duplication
Canvassing: 10:00 a.m. to completion	3. Canvassing of presumed invalid vote-by-mail ballots (as needed) 4. Vote-by-mail ballot opening and processing (as needed) 5. Duplication of ballots (as needed)
Friday, 5/18/18 Canvassing: 10:00 a.m. to completion	1. Canvassing of presumed invalid vote-by-mail ballots (as needed)
Tuesday, 5/22/18 Canvassing: 4:00 p.m. to completion	1. Canvassing of presumed invalid vote-by-mail ballots (as needed)
7:00 p.m. to completion	2. Tabulation of results 3. Unofficial Results provided by the Supervisor of Elections
Friday, 5/25/18 Canvassing: 10:00 a.m. to completion	1. Provisional ballots canvassing and processing (as needed) 2. Tabulation of results 3. Certification of Official Results, including provisional ballots 4. Post-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting systems used for vote-by-mail and provisional ballots 5. Race and precinct(s) selection for manual post-election State audit 6. Audit process starts to completion

All proceedings will be open to the public. For a sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 305-499-8405 at least five days in advance. In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person who appeals any decision by the canvassing board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and therefore will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County, Florida

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

Notice of Special Election

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Resolution Number R-290-18, adopted on April 4, 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, notice is hereby given of a Special Election on May 22, 2018, with a Special Run-Off Election, if necessary, on June 19, 2018, to fill the vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners, District 5. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County Commission District 5 shall be entitled to vote for the Commission District 5 vacancy election.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the special election. This special election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of general law relating to special election and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County, Florida

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Civil rights lawyer rises from Peace Corps

Mario Williams: Injustice abroad spurs covet to serve

CURTIS BUNN
Urban News Service

Delma Jackson's New Year's morning started with a shocking photo on her cellphone—an image of a man's beaten, bloodied, swollen face. He was so badly disfigured; she initially could not tell it was her husband.

Her husband, Miguel Jackson, was an inmate at a south Georgia prison when prison guards beat him with a claw hammer in December of 2011, an attack captured on video.

Horried, Delma Jackson called the prison for answers. She got none. She wasn't even sure if her husband was alive or dead.

Delma Jackson paged through the yellow Pages—the thick-book version and the online option—to find a lawyer who would get both justice and answers. Attorney after attorney turned down her case.

"No one would touch it," Delma Jackson said. "I had the photos to show, but no one would help... except Mario."

Mario is Mario Williams, an Atlanta-based civil rights attorney who took a winding road to become one of the nation's foremost legal advocates for those in need. The bulk of his cases focus on civil-rights violations, police misconduct, prisoners' rights and wrongful incarcerations. A tall, jovial Black man who likes horror movies and roller coasters, Williams is the legal advocate of last resort for those too poor or too unconnected to attract a government agency help or a big law firm's backing.



Attorney Mario Williams

The plight of the Central Americans struck a nerve in Williams. That, he said, is when his desire to be a servant got real. He went to Lewis and Clark and earned his law degree.

Williams, now 46, cities New Orleans and three cities in Texas as his hometowns. He graduated from historically Black Morehouse College in Atlanta. Giving up his early career plans to become an environmental attorney, at Morehouse, Williams said he was inspired by his professors and fellow students to consider working in the human rights arena. "Much of the major civil rights events took place right in Atlanta," he said. "Martin Luther King went to Morehouse. It was in the air."

That led him to the Peace Corps—and the experiences that changed his life. In Honduras and other Latin American countries, Williams spent three years helping to bring clean water to some of the world's poorest people by putting his hands to work as much as his mind. He helped build many down-flow gravity water systems and effective filtration tanks in the hills of remote villages.

The systems produced clean, drinkable water. "It was a human rights violation that they did not have potable water," Williams said. "Kids were dying, people were getting sick because of the water. In the U.S., we just turn on the faucet, and we have water ready to drink. We take it for granted. It's not like that in many parts of the world."

passed the Georgia state bar exam, and worked in Santiago, Chile for seven years, where he helped reshape environmental codes.

In Atlanta, he has been named one of the top-rated civil rights attorneys and been selected as one of that city's "Super Lawyers."

But the "Super Lawyer" will take calls and cases from nearly anyone, cases like those of Delma Jackson's husband.

"Mario was right on it," Delma Jack-

son recalled. "We met him on a Monday. Showed him the photos and gave him the background on my husband, and he knew exactly what do, what motions to file. Tuesday, he was down there at the prison. Wednesday, we met with him again."

"That have been so many elements to my husband's case, including being sentenced to 50 years for an armed robbery in 1996 when he was 20 years old. Fifty years. Mario has

been there every step of the way. There are a lot of injustices out there. We need more people like Mario. He's been so committed, it's amazing. He's like family now."

No charges were brought against the prison guards, despite Williams' best efforts. The case is now in summary judgment as Williams continues to seek justice. "One issue I began to have is 'How do you sleep at night?'" he said from his desk at his downtown Atlanta law office.



MIA – Relocation of Triangle Shops and Offices MCC-P-256-C(T)

MCM is soliciting bids for this project under the MCC-8-10 Program at Miami-Dade Aviation Department:

Scope: Construction of interior facility to convert a warehouse to a repair shop for Triangle at Building 701 ground floor.

Packages Bidding: **SBE/Const Trade Set-Aside "A"** Misc. General Work, "B" Drywall, "C" Doors, "D" Paintings, "E" Fire Protection, "F" Plumbing, "G" Electrical.

Pre-bid Conference (Mandatory): Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
Location: MCM 4301 NW 22nd Street, Building 3030, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #1
Sealed Bids Due: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 2:00 PM
Bonding required for bids of \$200,000 or higher

For information, please contact MCM's MIA offices (305)869-4563



MIA – Relocation of AMS Shop and Offices MCC-P-256-C(A)

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Packages Bidding: **SBE/Const Trade Set-Aside "A"** Misc. General Work, "B" Drywall, "C" Painting, "D" Fire Sprinklers, "E" Plumbing, "F" Electrical.

Pre-bid Conference (Mandatory): Thursday, May 31, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
Location: MCM 4301 NW 22nd Street, Building 3030, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #1
Sealed Bids Due: Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 2:00 PM
Bonding required for bids of \$200,000 or higher

For information, please contact MCM's MIA offices (305)869-4563

CITY OF MIAMI ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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IFB NO. 823382 TELECOMMUNICATION WIRING, WIRELESS RADIO AND ANTENNA INSTALLATION SERVICE

CLOSING DATE/TIME: 2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Friday, May 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM)

Detailed specifications for this bid is available at the City of Miami, Department of Procurement Victoria Giraldo at

THIS BID SOLICITATION IS SUBJECT TO THE "CONE OF SILENCE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MIAMI CODE SECTION 18-74 ORDINANCE NO. 12271.



Emilio T. González, Ph. D.
City Manager

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Photos courtesy of Miami Dade County Public County Schools

Kindergartners to 12th graders take part in a district-wide championship event for chess.

Miami CHESS match

Norwood Elementary students master the game another year

Miami Times Staff Report

The top chess teams in Miami-Dade County schools competed in the district championship at Miami Jackson Senior High School on April 14.

Kindergarten to 12th grade students from schools placing in the top five, by category of their respective region's tournaments, made moves towards becoming the best in Miami.

There were 415 students representing 55 schools district-wide, who were eligible to participate in the 2018 Title I District K-12 CHESS Championship.

The matches were separated by grades.

Olympia Heights Elementary School won the K-1 and 2-3 matches, Norwood Elementary School won the 4-5 matches, Rockway Middle School won the 6-8 and South Miami High School won the 9-12.

Last year, the Norwood Elementary team made it to Super-Nationals IV in Nashville, Tennessee after winning local and state titles.

Members of the team also shined at this year's district championship with four of the players placing in the top four in the individual winners' categories.

Norwood's Andrew Jarrett was first in the 4-5 category, followed by his teammate Endrele Thevenin. In the 2-3 category, Norwood's Alias Asse and Trenton Harvey placed second and third.



Students from 55 Miami-Dade County schools compete in a chess tournament at Miami Jackson Senior High School.



Students and adults celebrating their success at the chess tournament.



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Central Base Apron and Utilities Modification and Expansion
PROJECT NO.: W037A

Sealed Bids for the Project designated above will be received for and in behalf of Miami-Dade County, by the Office of the Clerk, in the Stephen F. Clark Center, Suite 17-382, 111 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida, 33128 until 1:00 P.M. **Wednesday, June 6, 2018** or as modified by addendum, at which time all Bids will be taken to auction; to be designated by the Clerk of the Board in said Stephen F. Clark Center, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered. The County reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Bid opening at any time prior to the scheduled opening of Bids. Bidders are invited to be present.

IN GENERAL THE WORK COMPREHENDS: The reconstruction and expansion of the Central Base Apron, located at Miami International Airport, by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, the State.

The work under this contract includes: the demolition and construction of the North Terminal Development (NTD) Gate Area for aircraft parking, the extension of the storm water collection system, filling existing Canal 138, elimination of an existing bridge, demolition and reconstruction of full strength concrete/steel pavement, elimination of underground utilities, installation of new storm water system, installation of new pollution control system, elimination and installation of high mast lighting, reconfiguration of the airfield signage and markings, realignment of the self-storage access road, and construction/installation of aircraft hells to minimize impacts to operations and surrounding lands.

BID DOCUMENTS: The Miami-Dade Aviation Department will make the Bid Documents available, on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**, for inspection by individuals by appointment only on business days during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **AT&TDC, Division of the SBC-Larkin Bldg, 800 Waterford Way, 7th Floor, Miami, FL 33125**. Interested parties are to schedule an appointment to review the Bid Documents through **Angela Lopez, Phone: 305.524.3000, Email: Angela.Lopez@mi-dade.com**. The duration of each appointment will not exceed two (2) hours. However, the Department may schedule additional time slots, just to be consecutive with the original appointment, if available. At the time of the appointment, and prior to any Bid Document review, interested parties will be required to present current, government issued, picture identification (e.g., Driver's License), and a certificate that they are licensed architect, engineer, or architect-engineer as well as a valid Florida Professional Engineer License, and sign and indicate a Confidentiality Affidavit certifying that the company and each authorized employee agree, that in accordance with Florida Statutes § 118.07(1)(b) and one or more of the following Florida Statutes, § 281.381 and § 231.22, to maintain the information contained in the Bid Documents as being exempt from the provisions of Florida Statute § 118.07(1) and § 249.04, Article I of the State Constitution. In addition, interested parties are advised that individuals will be monitored while reviewing these documents. Interested parties may take notes, however, no photographic and/or copying of the documents will be allowed.

The Bid Documents can be purchased at **AT&TDC RRM OFFICE, 7th Floor, 850 Waterford Way, Miami, Florida, 33126** or, as follows:

- Non-refundable Payment of **\$500.00** for each set of Bid Documents
- Refundable Deposit of **\$1,000.00** for each set of Bid Documents

The non-refundable payment shall be by any type of check, or money order, only, and made payable to the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. The refundable deposit shall be by Cashier's or Certified check, only, and made payable to the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. Each individual/State shall furnish a business card, telephone and the business and email address for the purpose of contact during the bidding process. A business card with all of this information will suffice.

Bid Documents may be purchased in person or by mail. To purchase a set of the Bid Documents in person, each purchaser must present a current

- copy of a government issued, picture identification (e.g., Driver's License)
- copy of the architect, engineer, or contractor's qualifications license issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for the Bidder making the purchase
- an original, notarized Confidentiality Affidavit signed by the licensed architect, engineer, or contractor.

Confidentiality Affidavits may be obtained in advance by obtaining from <http://www.enr.com-amer.com/bids.asp>. Bid Documents may also be purchased by mail by sending a copy of the requisite identification, license, original notarized Confidentiality Affidavit, contact information, and checks along with a FedEx or UPS billing account number to the place of purchase indicated above.

All Bid Documents, including any copies made, shall be returned to the source location where they were purchased. All Bidders that do not return the Bid Documents will be deemed to have forfeited their deposit. Those Bidders that purchase Bid Documents, but elect not to participate in the bidding process are also required to return all copies of the Bid Documents to the location of purchase. Failure to return the Bid Documents and copies made to the location of purchase within five (5) working days after the Bid Date shall be reported to a Law Enforcement Investigating Authority and will forfeit the deposit. Furthermore, Bidders that fail to return Bid Documents shall not be allowed to participate in future Confidentiality solicitations until such time that they have taken corrective actions that are satisfactory to Miami-Dade County. The purchaser of the Bid Documents shall be required to certify that they have returned all original Bid Documents plus any copies and they have not retained any copies.

All bids must be submitted as set forth in the Bid Documents. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informality and irregularities, and to re-advertise the project. The County, by choosing to exercise its right of rejection, does so without the imposition of any liability against the County by any and all Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The Miami-Dade Aviation Department will hold a Pre-Bid Conference, on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** at Miami International Airport, Building 5A, South Hall, in Conference Room 5A for all interested parties. Attendance will be limited to two (2) representatives per firm. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For sign language, interpreter services, and/or other accommodations, other special accommodations, or airport-related ADA concerns, please contact the MDAQ Office of ADA Coordination at (305) 478-7024.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM:
 Participation Goal for the Project is: **34% DBE/3%**

COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PROGRAM
 The Community Workforce Goal for this Project is: **5%**

BID GUARANTEE: Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid in a money order payable to the instructions to Bidders. No Bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of Bids for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informality and irregularities, to reject all bids, or to re-advertise for Bids.

BID IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS REGARDING ETHICS:

- The U.S. Department of Labor wage rates.
- The Provisions in reference to the timetable for minority and female employment participation, expressed as a percentage, for the Contractor's aggregate work force in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, as follows:

Timetable	Goal for minority Participation for each trade in Miami-Dade County	Goals for female Participation for each trade
From 05/1/18 Until further notice	30.5%	8.5%

As used in this Notice, and in the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Miami-Dade County, Florida. These goals are applicable to all Contractor's sub-contractor work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area.

- The "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "General Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" as set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.2(a), and its efforts to meet the goals established for the geographic area where the Contract resulting from this solicitation is to be performed. The Contractor shall monitor employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the Contract and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of a minority or female employee or trainee from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the Contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within ten (10) working days of award of any contract or subcontract in excess of \$2,000,000 an year for all construction work under the Contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address and telephone number of the Subcontractor, employer identification number of the Subcontractor, estimated dollar amount of the subcontract, estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract, and the geographic area in which the Contract is to be performed.

- It is the policy of the County that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as defined in 48 CFR Part 20 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts whenever the work under the Contract is located in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1(1)(g), a "Code of Silence" is imposed upon PFPs, PPOs or bids after advertisement and terminates at the time the County Mayor issues a written recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners or a Notice of Contract Award/Recommendation, whichever comes first. The Code of Silence prohibits communications regarding PFPs, PPOs or bids between potential vendors, service providers, bidders, lobbyists, or consultants and the County's professional staff, including but not limited to the County Mayor and the County Mayor's staff. A Code of Silence is also imposed between the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs and any member of the County's professional staff. The provisions of Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1(3) do not apply to oral communications of pre-bid conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, oral communications with the Contracting Office, as established by the Miami-Dade County Small Business Development (SBC), or division of the Internal Services Regulatory and Economic Resources Department in writing of any time unless specifically prohibited by the applicable PFP, PPO or bid document. Bidders or preparers must file a copy of any written communication with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. The County shall respond in writing and file a copy with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request.
- In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violation of Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1(1)(g) by any bidder or preparer shall render any PFP award, PPO award, or bid award voidable. Any person having personal knowledge of a violation of this Ordinance shall report such violation to the State Attorney and/or may file a complaint with the Ethics Commission. Bidders or Preparers should reference the actual Ordinance for further clarification.
- The County shall not be responsible for any modifications or alterations made to the Bid Documents or to the Contract Documents other than those made by Addendum, Change Order, or Work Order. Any purchase of partial sets of documents shall be at the purchaser's risk.
- Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1(3), a Bidder shall have on file, prior to contract award a duly executed Affidavit of Vendor Affidavits with the Miami-Dade County Procurement Division (formerly known as Department of Procurement Management (DPM)), to be maintained with the bidder's vendor's registration file. The Bidder is responsible for obtaining the Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits by downloading from the Miami-Dade County Procurement Division website at www.miamidade.gov or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, Florida 33128, (305) 251-6177.
- Sustainability/LEED Certification: This project: is is not to be LEED certified.

For legal advice, call us at <http://legalservices.miamidade.gov>

RASPBERRY PEACH LEMONADE

This raspberry peach lemonade will have you dreaming of a warm summer breeze! Fresh, bright, and deliciously sweet, it's the perfect summer drink!



Just look at that perfect summery color! The secret is in the simplicity. No complicated ingredients here folks... just five easy ingredients is all you need! Don't worry if you can't find fresh peaches... frozen ones work just fine too (just thaw them first). In a pinch, you could even use a premade lemonade and you would cut your required ingredients down to two, plus water!

So this summer, or any time really, give your taste buds a treat and whip up this easy peach raspberry lemonade! Fun to make, even more fun to drink!

INGREDIENTS

RASPBERRY PEACH PUREE:

4 fresh peaches, pitted, then diced into large chunks
1 cup fresh raspberries

1 1/4 cups water

SIMPLE SYRUP:

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup water

LEMONADE:

7 cups cold water
1 1/4 cups fresh lemon juice (from about 4 lemons)
Ice cubes

Additional raspberries, for garnish; optional additional peach slices, for garnish; and/or optional mint sprigs, for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Add diced peaches, raspberries and water to a food processor or blender and process until pureed.

Place a sieve over a large mixing bowl and pour peach raspberry puree

into the sieve. Use the back of a large spoon to push the puree around so the liquid falls through the sieve and seeds/skin stay inside the sieve.

Discard seeds/skin from the sieve and set mixing bowl with liquid in it aside.

Add granulated sugar and 1/2 cup water to a small saucepan and heat over MED heat until sugar dissolves into the water, stirring occasionally. Boil about 3 minutes until liquid has become syrupy. Set aside to cool slightly.

Add 7 cups water, lemon juice and ice cubes to a large pitcher. Stir to combine.

Pour in cooled simple syrup and peach raspberry liquid. Stir to combine again.

Store covered in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve chilled with garnishes, if desired.

FIZZY FENNEL

INGREDIENTS

4-5 cucumber chunks
4-5 basil leaves
2 bar spoons of fennel seeds
20 ml lime juice
Tonic water
cucumber slice and basil leaf, for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Muddle cucumber chunks and fennel seeds together.

Add basil leaves and lime juice.

Shake all the ingredients and then strain into a Collins glass.

Top up with tonic water, garnish with cucumber slice and basil leaf and serve.



THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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April showered us with many activities and May is blooming with more. Histories and legacies continue on the journey. Who among you readers thinks of May and remembers the May Day activities held in local schools? Some more history from our journey.

The Debutante Cotillion by definition, "is a formal ball in which young ladies are presented to society" originating in France in the 18th century. This formal affair provides a venue for young ladies to dance and make a formal "bow," proclaiming her entrance into soci-



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the highest ideals of the sorority, exhibiting scholastic excellence and elegance. Beta Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority began presenting young ladies years ago as "Miss Zeta Cinderella" and has since changed to presenting young ladies as "Zeta Debutantes." This year's theme, "Pearls on the Necklace of Life," was inspired by an original poem of female empowerment and strength written by **Alberta Godfrey**, a member of Beta Tau Zeta Chapter. The debutantes creatively presented the poem through an interpretive dance arranged by

ramar. Charter members of the chapter include: **Todra Anderson-Rhodes, Paula Anderson-Worts, Eunicia Baker, Tonya Baker-Turner, Patricia Barry, Nadine Baxter-Atkins, Sabrina Bouie-Floyd, Tiffany Britton, Misty Brown, Sebrina Burkes-Taylor, LaTric Campfield-Brown, Tekeia Clark, Kayasa Cobb, Camille Coke, Gwen Coverson, Shauna Davis, Tanaya Davis, Brandace Dean, Suzanne Dotson, Renee Edwards-Wheeler, Jessica Garrett-Modkins, Tonjeria Hammond, Shaakira Harse**



Godfrey

presents scholarships to some of our very outstanding graduating seniors in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system. This Sunday, the tradition continues at the Doubletree Grand Hotel Biscayne Bay. The following scholarships will be awarded at the scholarship banquet: **Dr. Tee S. Greer Memorial Scholarship, Taueheeda Huggins, Booker T. Washington Senior High School, Ayana Reid, Booker T. Washington Senior High School and Elyzer St. Hilaire, Miami Jackson Senior High School; Tyra Hayes, Miami Springs Senior**

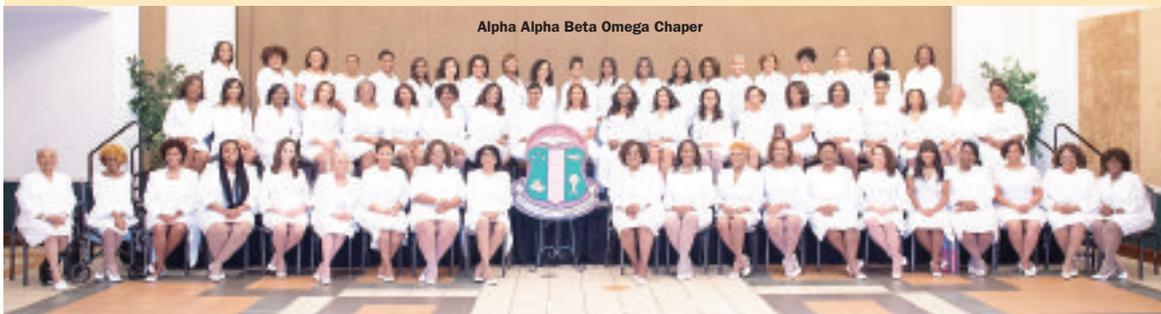


2018 Zeta Debutantes

Kiyah Adams, Miami Norland Senior High School; Fletcher Paschal Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Eric Baugh, Coral Reef Senior High School; Agenoria S. Paschal Memorial Scholarship, Sommore Robinson, School for Advanced Studies, Homestead; Miami Federal Credit Union Nelson Jenkins Scholarship, Deneisha Dickinson, Miami Carol City Senior High School; Covenant Brothers Scholarship, Kahli Davis, Coral Reef Senior High School; Jack and Jill Agenoria

High School; Marva Fussell Butler Education Scholarship, Isis Nelson, American Senior High School. Officers and members of this historic organization are: Ron Butler, president; Fletcher Paschal III, vice president; Malcolm Jones Sr., recording secretary; Mario Lavette, treasurer; Delvin Thomas, financial secretary; Reverend Harvey Lockhart, Chaplain; N. Patrick Range, historian. The membership includes: Lawrence Adams, Kenan Lawhorne, Bradford Brown,

Alpha Alpha Beta Omega Chapter



ety. This beautiful tradition has been continued over the years by several community societies and organizations throughout the United States. The Beta Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., under the leadership of **Lois Lee**, presented 10 high school senior girls to society during its annual Zeta Debutante Cotillion held at the Aqua Reception Hall on Sunday, April 22. The young ladies presented were: **Daphney Cooper** of Miami Springs Senior High - escorted by **Leon Slaughter; Markeythia Cox** of Miami Northwestern Senior High - escorted by **Demetrius Kingcade; Joy'Dn Dukes-Johnson** of Booker T. Washington Senior High - escorted by **Iyon Williams; Laneisha Hayes** of Mater Academy - escorted by **Justin Hill; Jayla Hill** of Miramar Senior High - escorted by **Yanni Celestin; Kendra Metellus** of Dr. Michael Krop Senior High - escorted by **Allen Metellus Jr.; Jayla Ramsey** of Coral Reef Senior High - escorted by **Cameron McGehee; Imani Sebastian** of American Senior High - escorted by **Alvin Wallace Jr.; Johnia White** of Miami Senior High - escorted by **Jaramya Ingram; Princess Wise** of Miami Palmetto Senior High - escorted by **Michéalangelo Wise Jr.** These young ladies, either members of Beta Tau Zeta Chapter's youth auxiliary or members of the community, embody

renowned choreographer and Cotillion Chairlady, **Willys Ann Gaines**. The evening culminated with the presentation of \$20,500 in scholarships, the highest of which, the **Eugenia B. Thomas Scholarship**, was awarded to Zeta Debutante **Jayla Ramsey**, in the amount of \$4,000. Congratulations are also in order for Zeta Debutante **Jayla Hill** who was crowned "2018 Zeta Debutante of the Year." Her court included **Joy'Dn Dukes** and **Jayla Ramsey**. Fort Lauderdale saw a huge, wonderful, exciting pink and green salute and explosion as more than 5000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and their guests visited the area April 25 to 29 for the 2018 South Atlantic Regional Conference held at the Broward Convention Center. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest sorority for college-educated Black women. The South Atlantic Region, comprised of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, has the largest AKA membership. Members of the sorority "Anchored their Pearls and Cruised into Sisterhood" under the leadership of outgoing South Atlantic Regional Director **Sharon Brown Harriott**. *Sorors were seen all over the town doing many sisterhood activities after the meetings and workshops. The region welcomed the newest chapter, Alpha Beta Omega, which was chartered last month in the City of Mi-*

Hawkins, Patricia Harper-Garrett, Nina Boone Grinoin, Billye Ivy, Bloneva Jones, Carol Lawrence, Cheryl Larkin, Christina Lloyd, Saskia Madison, Aisha Mannings, Angela Sands Messam, Renee D. McCleod, Kelli Patterson, Alycia Petteway, Anita Petteway-Tyler, E. Renee Posey, Terri Prestage-White, Tammy Reed, Cheryl Rhoden, Keenya Robertson, Alesia Robinson, Melanye Shinhoster, Rosa Roberts Simmons, Angelica Spicer, Gina Spicer, Stephanie Small-Diaz, Katie B. Turner, Stephanie van Vark, Paula Verreen-Harris, Tianna Ward, Kha White, Ruthie White, Lakesha Wilson-Rochelle and Linda Williams-Scott. Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter, one of the local chapters, chartered 78 years ago, was well-represented with their Passports of Service proudly worn by some of their past chapter presidents who looked beautiful. On Sunday, members of St. Augustine University attended a "Tea" hosted by **Angelia Brown** at St. Joseph's Church in Boynton Beach, with proceeds to benefit this historically black college or university. Angelita is the 2018 Alumni Queen. The King of Clubs of Greater Miami, one of Miami's oldest civic clubs, organized on Monday, November 20, 1930. Every year, the organization

High School will be awarded the **King of Clubs Presidential Scholarship**. **Dr. Rozalyn Hester Paschal Memorial Scholarship, Lamyra Thompson, Miami Jackson Senior High School; Lenora Paschal-Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Hall Braynon, William H. Turner Technical Senior High School; Lenora P. Johnson Foundation Scholarship,**

Paschal Scholarship, Tiana Downer, Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School; M. Athalie Range Memorial Scholarship, Yelin Montes, Miami Jackson Senior High School; James Fayson Sr. Scholarship, Jalani Scott, Booker T. Washington Senior High School; Arthur Woodard Memorial Scholarship Anwar Taylor, William H. Turner Technical Senior

Astrid Mack, Lenere Dawkins, James Maull, Nelson Jenkins, Michael Smith Sr., Larry Johnson and Marc St Fort. "The moving finger writes and having writ, moves on ..." So very true as we are informed, entertained, and inspired. Moving as we journey with Love, Prayers, Song, Dance and Laughter in the Whirl. Blessings to all.

'Chicago' musical stages in Miami

The multiple Tony- and Grammy-winning musical "Chicago" is set to perform May 8-13 at the Ziff Ballet Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center. Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, "Chicago" is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Daniels

ripped from today's tabloids. Tickets are available through the Arsht Center Box Office in person at 1300 Bis-

cayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132, by calling 305-949-6722, or online at arshcenter.org. Ticket prices start at \$29.

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BOOK REVIEW

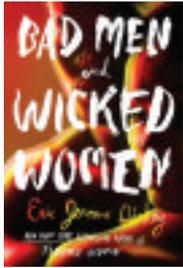
'Bad Men and Wicked Women' is a juicy read

Dickey's new novel does it again, he gives those larger-than-life scenarios

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Blood is thicker than water. That's what they say; your relationship with family – blood – is stronger than any connection you'll have with someone unrelated. Blood is thicker than water – except, perhaps, as in the new novel "Bad Men and Wicked Women" by Eric Jerome Dickey, when the blood shed is your own. Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money. But that's how much Ken Swift's estranged daughter, Margaux, suddenly demanded of him. She claimed that it

was payback for all the years he was absent. She said it was a small price to pay for abandoning her. And then, just in case he had no plans to give her the cash, she uttered a name that he never wanted to hear again. It was a name that went far into his history, one that tied him to his boss, San Bernardino, who told Swift what to do and where to be. San Bernardino was why Swift put Margaux off; he had business to take care of on the swanky side of town. Richard Garrett owed somebody some money that he wasn't paying, and Swift and his best friend, Joe Ellis, were told to take care of



Eric Jerome Dickey

the problem. But a quick visit to Garrett's mansion opened a world of issues that Swift didn't need. Joe Ellis, an "instigator" and woman-magnet, flirted with Garrett's wife, which spun Garrett into a rage. Though

Garrett promised to have the money to San Bernardino by that night, Ken Swift sensed that that wasn't the last they'd see of him. It wasn't as if Swift couldn't use more money himself. Without that fifty grand,

Margaux was threatening to take the secret name to the police. Margaux's mother was back in the States from Africa, and Swift realized that he was still in love with Jimi Lee. All this made him forget his girlfriend's birthday, and Rachel Redman was threatening to return to her Russian lover. Swift was up to his neck in women with problems – a neck that was stuck far enough out to be vulnerable to attack ... One strong indicator of a good book is how eager you are to return it. "Bad Men and Wicked Women" surely fills that bill. Don't expect that feeling immediately, though. Dickey takes his time getting to the point here; there's plenty of fluff-dialogue in this tale that doesn't do much

but fill pages, and some that screams "TMI [too much information]." We don't, for instance, need several pages on one character's intestinal problems. What we do need is action, and it arrives in a page-turning fury that handily douses the superfluousness that precedes it. Its presence is like getting your back scratched: it puts you in a mood and you don't want it to end. Indeed, larger-than-life scenarios are near-hallmarks in a Dickey novel, and nobody does them better. Yes, there's trash, flash and violence in this book but you shouldn't be surprised. You wouldn't want it any other way, in fact, because "Bad Men and Wicked Women" is thick with thrills.

The Temptations find magic in modern covers

New album, 'All the Time,' is the soulful group's first in eight years

MARK KENNEDY
NewsOK

Every music star covers The Temptations at some point. So what happens when this legendary group does its own covers? The answer is something very special when the Motown icons get their hands on songs by Sam Smith, Bruno Mars, John Mayer, Maxwell, Ed Sheeran, Michael Jackson and The Weeknd. Some covers might even be better than the originals. The rhythm and blues pio-

neers who gave us "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" and "Get Ready" are respectful of each tune they handle on the 10-track "All the Time" but still infuse their own gospel-tinged sound and distinct soulful harmonies. "Still Feel Like Your Man" is stripped of Mayer's sharp guitar work in favor of strings and new R&B clothes. Unbelievably, Smith's astonishing vocals on "Stay With Me" are matched in a white-hot cover (could it be that, maybe, you're not that special, Mr. Smith?). A fantastic reworking of



Jay Gilbert

Iconic rhythm and blues group The Temptations are making musical covers of new hits by artists such as The Weeknd, Bruno Mars and Ed Sheeran.

neers who gave us "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" and "Get Ready" are respectful of each tune they handle on the 10-track "All the Time" but still infuse their own gospel-tinged sound and distinct soulful harmonies. The group transforms the Weeknd's cool, piano-and-strings ballad "Earned It" into a throbbing, steamy soul number, complete with organ and fuzzy guitar. They open up Maxwell's fluttering, slow-burning "Pretty Wings" and give it a fuller orchestral sound. Perhaps the only misstep is their cover of Michael Jackson's "Remember the Time," which is overly processed and heavy.

TWERK

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1980s, called bouncing. Miami has its own history in twerking, dating back to the era of "booty-shaking" music. In the late '80s and early '90s, Miami rap group 2 Live Crew pushed the envelope with songs like "Get It Girl" and "Pop That Coochie." The group has been credited with starting the Miami bass (booty bass) dance movement.

However, variations of rump-shaking have been around decades before that.

Dance has always been a consistent cultural ritual in Africa dating back to pre-colonization. Moves from twerking can be seen in the maiden dance (nkwa umu-Agbogho) of the Igbo people of Nigeria and other traditional African dances. Due to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, these rituals, although now diluted, have traveled with the pockets of African Diaspora throughout the Northern and Western Hemisphere.

Before twerking became a trend in the U.S., the Caribbean and Latin countries have been "wining," "wuking up" and "jucking" in street parades (carnival) and parties for centuries.

As a Miami native, Johnson grew up with the music of Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell and the late Albert "DJ Uncle Al" Moss, and she would often attend the Pac Jam reunions, named after a teen club, which was the headquarters for the Miami bass movement in the '80s and '90s.

The club was known for being jammed with teenagers from Liberty City, Overtown and other surrounding neighborhoods, hence the name.

But Oliver, the instructor for Johnson's twerk party, did not play the obvious Pac Jam songs.

The instructor said that



Miami Times photo/Nyamekye Daniel

Three women sport fishnets and shorts at a twerk party, North Miami Beach, which also included a chair routine.

twerking also keeps him in shape as he showed the group his well-defined abdomen. Oliver co-owns Star Gravity Dance with his dancing partner, Kiesha Lightsey. There, they teach a variety of dance classes including private classes for weddings and Sweet Sixteens. He hosted his first twerk party in December with a group of women ranging from 40 to 60 years old. He plans to start hosting private in-home sessions for clients this weekend.

Oliver taught the group of women the basics of twerking to hip-hop and rhythm and blues songs currently on the Billboard 100. He added in some songs from Beyoncé and rapper Juvenile.

While each participant supported themselves with a chair in front of them, Oliver taught them how to balance their bodies.

"We are going to start by shaking the right leg, then the left, then both of them together," said Oliver, in a dim dance studio with colorful flashing lights.

Johnson and some her friends came dressed in fishnet stockings, most of them in short-shorts. They sipped on vodka and Moscato to work up the courage to shake

their butts. Johnson wore a bodysuit with words "Bad Ass" printed on it with her fishnets.

Alcohol is not the usual drink of choice during a workout, but Johnson wanted to party.

"It's a lot of fun, but it's a workout," said Oliver. "But the end of the class, I'm out of breath, and the women are out of breath."

A person can burn 210 to 260 calories (depending on their weight) with just 30 minutes of high-impact aerobics, and burn 180 to 266 by dancing fast, according to a report by Harvard Medical School.

Dancing gives results and reward without the punish-

ment of other workouts, according to Oliver, who has been dancing for 15 years.

In addition to learning booty-shaking moves at the parties, Oliver also added a chair-dancing routine, which he said is "a way for women to spice it up in the bedroom." Johnson said that she already knew how to twerk before she signed up for the party, but she agrees that the style of dance makes women feel more confident about their sexuality.

"Twerking makes women feel sexy, makes women feel more motivated by themselves and motivated to want to do something sexy with their significant other," she said.

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LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

■ **The M Ensemble Company**
8 p.m. on Thursdays – Saturdays until May 6 The M Ensemble will showcase “God’s Trombones;” The Sandrell Rivers Theater at Audrey M. Edmondson Transit Village, 6101 NW 7th Ave.; Info: Call 786-320-5986 or 305-200-5043; Tickets may also be purchased on-line at www.themensemble.com.

■ **The City of North Miami Beach**

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on May 12 the city is hosting a hurricane expo to provide residents with evacuation plans, preparedness tips and emergency information needed to prepare for a hurricane; City Hall entrance, 17011 NE 19th Ave.; Info: Call 305-957-3629

■ **Haitian Church of the Brethren**

10 a.m. on May 18 there will be a march for equality in

support of those who may be affected by TPS and DACA, starting at 520 NW 103rd St.; Info: Call 786-615-2328

■ **The City of Miramar**

5 – 10 p.m. on May 19 there will be a celebration for Miramar’s 63rd birthday. Miramar Day will feature live entertainment, a kid’s zone, a parade with Junkanoo and international vendors serving food and souvenirs; the free event takes place at the Amphitheater at Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Pkwy.; Info: Call 954-602-3178

■ **Miami-Dade Parks**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on May 20 there will be the 10th annual “Summer Safety Splash,” hosted by Miami-Dade Parks and the trauma services department at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital; the free event will provide beachgoers with resources on swimming lessons, water and child safety; it takes place at Haulover

Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave.; Info: Call 305-947-3525

■ **Liberty Square Project Friends & Family**

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on June 2 there will be an annual picnic at Arcola Park, 1680 NW 87th St.; Info: Call 305-333-8539 or 305-696-1819

SCHOOL MEETINGS:

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1968**

2 p.m. every fourth Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-218-6171

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1973**

4 p.m. every third Sunday; location TBA; Info: Call 786-877-1176 or email mcsougns@aol.com

■ **Miami Jackson Class of 1968**

6 p.m. every second Monday to plan 50th reunion on June 14-18; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-336-7663

■ **Miami Carol City Class of 1968**

4 p.m. every fourth Sunday to plan 50th reunion on Sept. 14-16; location TBA; Info: Call 305-494-6265

■ **George Washington Carver High School Class of 1966**

Noon every second Saturday; 1234 NW 79th St.; Info: Call 305-300-7630

■ **Northwestern Class of 1962**

3 p.m. every second Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-681-3330

■ **Booker T. Washington Class of 1967**

4 – 6 p.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-333-7128

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1961**

Noon every second Tuesday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-696-1154

■ **Miami Jackson Class of 1971**

2:30 p.m. every first Saturday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-285-2533

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1959**

10:30 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-897-2646

■ **Booker T. Washington Class of 1959**

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on May 8; Jackson’s Soul Food, 950 NW 3rd Ave.; Info:

Call 305-989-0994

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS:

■ **The Citizen Advisory Committee**

7 p.m. every second Thursday to discuss general community issues; Northside Police Station; 799 NW 81st St.; Info: Call 786-512-3641

■ **Women on the Move, Inc.**

2 p.m. every fourth Saturday for women 55 and older; Location: TBA; Info: Call 305-934-5122

■ **The Miami Central High Alumni Association**

7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday; Miami Central Senior High School library, 1781 NW 95th St.; Info: Call 305-370-4825

■ **The George Washington Carver Alumni Association**

12:30 p.m. every third Wednesday; Community Center in Coconut Grove, 220 Florida Ave. (near US1); Info: Call 954-248-6946

■ **The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University**

6:30 p.m. every second Thursday; Omega Center, 15600 NW 42nd Ave.

■ **Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-**

Dade Chapter

9 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-336-4287

■ **The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association**

9:30 a.m. every third Saturday; North Shore Medical Center, 100 NW 95th St., Room C; Info: Call 786-356-4412

■ **Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.**

10 a.m. every second Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-439-5426.

CLASSES:

■ **Women in Transition of South Florida**

Class: Free computer lessons for women; time, date and location TBA; Info: Call 786-477-8548

■ **Inner City Children’s Touring Dance**

Class: Free introductory classical ballet workshops for girls ages 6-8 and 9-12; Time and date TBA; 1350 N.W. 50th Street; Info: Call 305-758-1577 or visit www.childrendance.net

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The Black fashion icons you should know

These big names are contributing to expanding minority representation in the international style industry

JULIAN RANDALL, *Texas Tech University*



J. BOLIN

The Dallas-based celebrity stylist J. Bolin is arguably one of the most celebrated ones in the fashion industry, whose the majority of clientele are movers and shakers in DFW area.

Many of the red carpet and award show looks that you see on the magazine are styled by J. Bolin. More specifically, artists such as Tasha Cobbs, LaToya Luckett and many other celebrities seek Bolin for most, if not all, of their fashion advice.



IRGIL ABLÖH

Recently appointed by Louis Vuitton and Moët Hennessy) as men’s artistic director, Virgil Abloh is definitely a trailblazer in the fashion industry. His engineering background and obsession with architecture have greatly influenced his creative approach to constructing garments and running a business.

Abloh, in addition to being the head designer for a French fashion house, is the founder of the American-based streetwear brand Off-White.



SHIONA TURINI

Shiona Turini is by far one of the most active, approachable and accessible faces in the fashion industry. Born in Bermuda, she continues to carry a sense of humility that has greatly contributed to her rapid rise in the realm of high fashion.

She has established herself as a leading expert in the fashion industry by working as a senior editor, director, stylist and consultant for a number of prestigious brands and publications.



EDWARD ENNINFUL

The Ghana-native designer Edward Enninful immigrated to Ladbroke Grove, London with his parents and siblings. Much of his creative inspiration and desire to enter the fashion world stemmed from his childhood watching his mother work as a seamstress.

Like many other successful fashion powerhouses, he saw this early exposure to fashion as a sign that he, too, should pursue a similar field. However, Enninful did not pursue fashion in the same way his mother did, diversifying his work into a number of fashion-related areas.



ELAINE WELTEROTH

Elaine Welteroth, known for her huge Afro and outspokenness, is one of the most socially and politically active fashion professionals. Although she recently stepped down, Elaine is the first and youngest Black woman to sit at the helm of a “Vogue” publication.

Prior to her appointment as editor-in-chief at “Teen Vogue,” Welteroth served as a beauty director and senior editor at the magazine for many years. During her tenure at “Conde Nast,” Welteroth worked to ensure the visibility of Black and brown faces in the magazine.



ANDRÉ LEON TALLEY

Despite his age, André Leon Talley, until recently, was the most influential person of color in the fashion industry. His positions with Andy Warhol, Diana Vreeland and Anna Wintour have given him the platform to shape the scope of the fashion industry in numerous ways.

Moreover, he’s established himself as an arbiter of taste, allowing him to serve as a style consultant to a number of celebrities and supermodels. He has broken the glass ceiling as an Black American creative director at American “Vogue.”

Marlon Wayans discusses political correctness

The “Woke-ish” comedian: In this world some topics are controversial

JOSHUA DAVID
Ebony

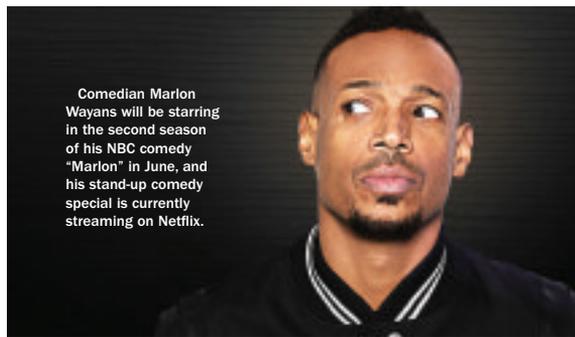
Marlon Wayans is best known for his role in films including “Scary Movie,” “White Chicks,” “A Haunted House” and decades more of comedies that have proved the Wayans family knows exactly what their audience wants to see. Known for his brutal yet hilarious no-filter jokes on social media, Wayans breaks it all down for *Ebony*.

“Marlon just got picked up for season two on NBC. How does it feel to have that platform and being able to reframe that role?”

It’s always good to get a pickup! You work hard, bust your behind, take your truth, pain and make people laugh with it. I’m glad that the au-

dience received it as much as they did, and as religiously as they watched the show, we literally gained viewers over the summer, which is unheard of. I think the beauty of the show is that it’s a different kind of television dad, family and situation. We are all used to a married couple, but to see a divorce couple trying to figure out ways to stay and keep the family together. Divorce is the backdrop, love is in the foreground, and that’s what the show’s about. It’s one of those things that I’m proud to present not only to the audiences but to the people and especially our people. Sometimes we have broken families; what’s important is how to keep your family together even though it’s broken.

How important is it to



Comedian Marlon Wayans will be starring in the second season of his NBC comedy “Marlon” in June, and his stand-up comedy special is currently streaming on Netflix.

showcase Black love to the viewers?

I think it’s extremely important for us to showcase all that we do. Black people, we haven’t been known to get the most opportunity. But what’s

beautiful about that is that we’ve been known to create these opportunities, and one day those opportunities are going to come our way. And so it’s good for us to show all the different complexions that

we are. I think to myself Black is still human, we have all the complexities that any other race does, and it’s good that we can now showcase this. It’s good that there’s not just one Black show on TV, there’s my

show, “black-ish,” “Power” and so many more that are going to pop up because we have stories to tell.

Define woke-ish for us?

“Woke” is someone is somebody that is aware of all that’s going on with the world and all the things that we as a people fight for. “Ish” is kind of like, I see it, I understand it. Here’s what’s funny about it and whether you agree or not doesn’t agree, I’m talking about real issues from a comedic perspective because the whole point of all this is to create laughter. Laughter is the thing that bonds us. When I do a joke that makes everybody laugh, for a minute all the world’s problems go away. They’ll laugh in unison. That emotion is healing, and when they leave my show, they feel better. I hope when they watch this special, they feel better because I am dealing with all these things that I’m talking about.

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The Reverend Father Denrick E. Rolle leads the congregation at Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown on April 29. The formalities at the church were traditional except for a special visit from a rabbi and the counsel general of Israel.

Miami Times photos/Carol Porter

INTERFAITH

Jewish and Black people worshipped together Sunday at St. Agnes Episcopal in Overtown

CAROL PORTER
Miami Times Contributor

The church service on Sunday, April 29, at the Historic St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown was all about building bridges, as a representative of the counsel general of Israel to Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Puerto Rico, and a rabbi from nearby Broward County reached out to members of the longtime congregation with a message of unity and togetherness.

Consul General Lior Haiat and Rabbi Hector Epelbaum spoke to members of the congregation about "Tikkun Olam," a Hebrew phrase meaning repairing the world, the longtime relationship of Jews and Blacks in the

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YOUNG TALENT BIG DREAMS

WINNERS INSPIRE OTHERS

Special to The Miami Times

After three months of rehearsals across Miami-Dade County, two 14-year-old girls took top prizes in the Young Talent Big Dreams competition.

Norland Middle School student Ta'Keria Tanner, also known as Queen K, became the first rapper to win in a vocal category since the competition began eight years ago. She took the audience by storm, jumping off the stage and rapping up and down the aisles with her original lyrics.

"With all the killing that's going on, I think I can get my voice out with the music that I write to keep kids motivated to stay off the streets, get into schools, get into their books and get their heads in

the game," says Queen K. "I want to promote positive reinforcement and positive vibes around the world."

Holy Cross Lutheran School student Tameka Dolisca won in the spoken word category with a poem about her struggle with perfection in an imperfect world. Tameka has a portfolio of poetry, short stories and even a novel under her belt. She is currently working on a screenplay and strives to be a professional writer.

"One day I started writing everything down, and it just became my life. I love it. That's how I understand myself and how I understand other people," says Tameka.

Young Talent Big Dreams is run by Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre and sponsored by The Children's Trust.

Norland Middle School student Ta'Keria Tanner, also known as Queen K, became the first rapper to win in a vocal category of the Young Talent Big Dreams competition.



Photos courtesy of Gregory Reed



Photos courtesy of The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society

FIT TO WALK? WALK FOR KIDS

WITH CHILDHOOD OBESITY HIGHER IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, JAMES WILSON BRIDGES MEDICAL SOCIETY LOOKS TO LOWER NUMBER

The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society has been hosting the Walk a Mile with a Child event for 11 years in Overtown. The organization's goal is to bring awareness to childhood obesity.

CAROLYN GUNISS
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The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society has been combating childhood obesity with its annual Walk a Mile with a Child event for 11 iterations.

This year's walk will be in Overtown, a community whose health disparities have caught the attention of city officials and other health professionals.

Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Neil Shiver said Overtown shows higher health

disparities than those in other communities in Miami-Dade.

"Statistics show that Overtown is amongst the highest in infant mortality, diseases and deaths from drug overdoses," Shiver said. "Events like Walk a Mile with a Child, that bring the community out to educate and promote health and wellness and provide free health screenings, are critical to reducing the disparities and improving the quality of life for residents in Overtown."

The national numbers illuminate the problem: One in 3 children in the United States are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids

at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society Walk a Mile with a Child event will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, in Historic Overtown's Gibson Park. Walkers will go north to Northwest 14th Avenue, then they will make a right, all the while learning about historic places in Overtown from architect, Neil Hall. Registration begins at 8 p.m.

Each year, the James Wilson Bridges Medical Society gives

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“
We want to focus on the need for improving the gap in health and fitness disparities in Miami between the communities.”
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Dr. Anthony Hall, president of the James Wilson Bridges Medical Society



Medical personnel take part in the Walk a Mile with a Child event.

Review: Walkfit Platinum Orthotic Arch Supports

DR. LAWRENCE Z. HUPPIN
Podiatrist, Foot and Ankle
Center of Washington

I was sitting around on a Sunday morning with the TV on in the background when an infomercial came on for Walkfit Platinum Orthotic Arch Supports

I decided to order a pair and give you my review.

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT WALKFIT?

These arch supports are almost indestructible and will last for a long time.

They have a well placed metatarsal pad and can be quite helpful for people with ball of foot pain.

Walkfit arch supports are fairly priced at about \$20. These are essentially the exact same devices sold by Good Feet, Neo Vita and Ideal Feet stores for, literally, hundreds of dollars more. If you are thinking of trying arch supports from these stores, avoid getting ripped off and try the Walkfit instead. In the Walkfit vs. Alzner or Walkfit vs. Good Feet debate, Walkfit wins hands down. Same thing

- a LOT less money. The information in the infomercial about how these are the same arch supports at less cost is absolutely true.

WHAT IS NOT SO GOOD ABOUT WALKFIT?

Walkfit arch supports provide limited support of the mid portion of the arch. A number of studies show that to treat plantar fasciitis, heel pain, heel spurs and big toe joint problems (such as bunions), arch supports should conform tightly to the arch of the foot to provide the best

relief for these conditions. So for those problems, the Walkfit is not the best choice of prefabricated arch supports. We usually recommend PowerStep ProTech Orthotics for those conditions as they have a higher arch that more effectively decreases force on these structures.

Although the metatarsal pad on them can help with ball of foot pain, there have been many studies showing that a metatarsal pad works best in combination with a higher arched arch support and these really have a pret-

ty low arch. So, although they might help with ball of foot pain, there are better over the counter (OTC) arch supports on the market at about the same cost.

They advertise that Walkfit Platinum arch supports will align the spine and help with back, hip and pelvic pain. This really isn't supported by any research. Most research indicates it takes much more support than provided by the Walkfit to accomplish this. In fact, to really make a difference you would likely need a custom orthotic. On the other

hand, it may help a few people with mild back problems and they are cheap.

The infomercial is, well, really stupid. But I guess that is the nature of infomercials. The test where they push you without the arch support and then push you with the arch support and show how much more stable you are is simply a sales game. The only reason that people feel that they are more stable is because they are aware that someone is going to shove them. They play the same silly games in

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Kauna Bitrus escaped Boko Haram four years ago only to be retraumatized in the U.S.

Shoshanna White/The Wall Street Journal

The American ordeal of the BOKO HARAM SCHOOLGIRLS

Having escaped to the U.S., a group of Nigerian students ended up finding themselves trapped all over again

DREW HINSHAW
Wall Street Journal

Four years ago, on a truck barreling toward the forest hideout of Boko Haram, teenager Kauna Bitrus made a desperate move to avoid the fate of the more than 200 other schoolgirls abducted from Chibok, Nigeria, that day.

She jumped. When Kauna landed, months later, in the pine-shaded town of Grundy, Va., she was

among the lucky few Chibok students awarded full scholarships and sanctuary at Christian academies in rural America.

But here too, Bitrus and six of her classmates found themselves hostage to forces they couldn't control. Thrust into the media spotlight by a prominent Nigerian human-rights lawyer, they say they were forced to relive their trauma to raise money and further political agendas in Washington.

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civil rights movement, and also about Israel's 70th birthday and how they wanted members of all faiths to take part in Israel's future by traveling to that country and sharing in her legacy.

The service was followed by the traditional blessings in Hebrew and also all kinds of foods eaten by Jews af-

commonality that Jews and Christians share in Easter and in the Passover holidays. Rolle said together, all faiths must serve to make the world a better place and what good was it to have thriving church members in a community who did not look out for their brothers and sisters who needed help.

"The worst thing is to do is to have people who are thriving within the church and synagogue who do nothing about repairing the world,"



Rabbi Hector Epelbaum, of Temple Beth Israel in Sunrise, speaks to the congregation at Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown on April 29 as part of an interfaith service between Black Christians and Jewish leaders.

ter their service at the synagogue, including falafel, hummus, pita and other foods.

The Reverend Father Derrick E. Rolle leads the congregation in the historic Overtown church.

During his sermon and in comments after the service, Reverend Rolle spoke of the

said Rolle. "They are empty vessels. There is no place for that kind of thinking."

Rabbi Epelbaum, of Temple Beth Israel in Sunrise, spoke of both holidays, Easter and Passover, in his remarks to the congregation, and also spoke of the need for people to reconnect with each other,



Candles are being lead away from the altar at Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown on April 29 during an interfaith service.

and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Epelbaum also spoke of the need for people to detach themselves from their smartphones, their computers and other technological devices and begin to interact more with their fellow human beings. He said that those technological devices could be considered forms of slavery. He also said that more people needed to express passion and love to each other. Like Rolle, he said, that more people needed to love their neighbors as themselves. "To say I love you," said

Epelbaum, "and I would like to worship God with my heart and love your neighbor as yourself. That is the teaching I wanted to share with you today."

Consul General Haiat spoke of the common threads that tied Judaism and Christianity together, speaking of the common faith and morals, and the same Biblical book that tied the faiths together. Haiat also spoke of the happy occasion of the recent 70th anniversary of the founding of Israel, a year of Jubilee. Haiat spoke of his "mission" as a counsel general to seek



Miami Times photos/Carol Porter

The Reverend Father Derrick E. Rolle prepares Holy Communion at the April 29 service for the congregation at Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown.

building bridges between different communities and different faiths, and he considered the visit on Sunday another facet of his job. Haiat spoke of Israel as "the land of miracles," and how he wanted children and people of all faiths to share in the joy of that miracle by visiting the Holy Land together. Haiat said that Israel began in 1948 as a land of immigrants who came from poverty and that their descendants had turned the country into a land who wanted to share their gifts with the world. Haiat also noted that Israel was doing its part in "Tikkun Olam," or repairing the world.

"We lead the world in so many things: education and science and technology," said Haiat.

Following the service, the three men commented about the need for the common-

ity and togetherness shared by the two faiths. Haiat spoke of the civil rights movement, and how both Blacks and Jews were a strong part of it. Haiat said that any kind of racism can be changed by education and by introducing "the other" to people who did not know who "the other was."

"Once you know people you cannot hate them," he said.

Haiat also said Miami used to be a very racist place, and spoke of the clubs and other places where Jews and Blacks were not welcome. Temple Beth Shalom, in Miami Beach, was built on property, which once housed a club that would not welcome either Jews or Blacks. The fact that a temple now stands there

"it's a symbol of victory," said Haiat. "We all share in the pain and in the victory."

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

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

BAPTIST

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

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

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

NON DENOMINATION

Lively Stone Church of Miami
Pastor David Dorisicar
8025 NW Miami Court 754-400-0899

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

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

The Kingdom Agenda Worship Center
Prophess Felicia Hamilton-Parramore
630 Sharar Avenue • 954-707-3274

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

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

PENTECOSTAL

New Faith Deliverance Center COGIC
Pastor Dr. Willie Gaines
3257 NW 7th Avenue Circle • 305-335-4398

New Life Christian Center

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ at Coconut Grove
Minister William D. Maddox
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Pastor Leonard Shaw
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FAITH CALENDAR

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Metropolitan A.M.E. Church

The community is invited to a Mother's Day concert, featuring Alice Day, 5 p.m. on May 6; 1778 NW 69th St.; Call 786-277-4150 for more details.

Ann Abraham Ministries, Inc.
Two nights of spiritual

awakening, 7:30 p.m. on May 11—May 12; Deep Calleth to Deep Rock Ministries, 451 SE 8th St.; Call 305-441-8492 for more details.

St. Mary First Missionary Baptist Church of West Grove

The community is invited to the ministry's 2nd annual Mother's Day Memorial

service; 11 a.m. on May 13; 136 Frow Ave.; Call 305-775-5750 for more details.

Greater New Bethel Baptist Church

Provides behavioral health, intervention and treatment services for Black men at risk for HIV or substance abuse disorders. Call 305-627-0396 for more details.

Sistah to Sistah Connection

Women's empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. - noon every second and fourth Saturday; Parkway Professional Building in Miramar. Call 954-260-9348 for more details.

The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center

Gospel Kickback with entertainment and fine dining; noon - 6 p.m. every Sunday. Call 305-224-1890 for more details.

Metropolitan A.M.E. Church

Food and clothing giveaway every second

Saturday. Call 786-277-4150 for more details.

Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Food and clothing distribution; 4 p.m. every Wednesday. Call 786-541-3687 for more details.

First Haitian Church of God

Food drive; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. Call 786-362-1804 for more details.

New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry

Self-improvement and soul free mind, body and soul self-improvement and Zumba fitness classes. Call 305-691-0018 for more details.

Florida Independent Restoration Ministries

Prayer for families dealing with drugs and alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayer line, ext. 104.

Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church

Bereavement sharing groups; 3 to 4 p.m. every second Sunday. Call 305-634-2993 for more details.

MEC Ministries

Provides healing services; 7:30 p.m. every fourth Friday. Call 305-693-1534 for more details.

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

Hose team adds Miami sailor to a USS vessel

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 2nd Class Emmanuel Gedeon, from Miami, instructs hose teams to advance on a simulated aircraft fire during flight deck drills aboard the Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interests of its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kenneth Abbate

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away \$10,000. In 2017, with the FIU Foundation for STEM Saturday received \$5,000 and the other \$5,000 went toward scholarships and summer internships. Since the event began, Walk a Mile with a Child has given away roughly \$110,000.

Booker T. Washington High School Band and Cheerleaders will lead the walk. Dr. Nelson Adams of Nelson L. Adams & Associates PA is the Honorary Grand Marshal and founder of the walk in Overtown. The narrative of the walk will bring awareness and help educate the community about what they can do to stay healthy and fit. "We want to focus on the need for improving the gap in health and fitness disparities in Miami between the communities," said Dr. Anthony Hall, president of the James Wilson Bridges Medical Society. "Fitness month for Miami-Dade means that fitness is coming to



Photos courtesy of The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society

Children and adults take part in the Walk a Mile with a Child event in Overtown Park.

The society has several partners in presenting the walkathon: Sunshine Health and Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Re-development Agency and the James Sistrunk Medical Society are among them.

The James Wilson Bridges Medical Society is a local affiliate of the National Medical Association, which was

formed in 1895 as the result of discrimination against Black physicians. Its mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle for Black Americans; eliminate health disparities; and protect physicians underrepresented in medicine. The society encourages families to make small changes, like taking a walk after dinner or going for a bike ride.

Chris Paterson, CEO of

Sunshine Health, is concerned about the health of children, too.

"With childhood obesity rates increasing, it's important to educate young people of the critical roles that diet and exercise play in health," said Paterson. "Sunshine Health is proud to support Walk a Mile with a Child to inspire families and children to lead healthy, active lives."

GIRLS

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Eventually, they passed word in secret to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with an urgent plea: We are Chibok students, held captive again. Get us out of here.

By now, the story of the schoolgirls abducted by the Islamist insurgency in Northern Nigeria on April 14, 2014, has passed into the realm of legend. Millions of people, Michelle Obama and Pope Francis among them, joined the #BringBackOurGirls cause. There are still 112 missing.

Meanwhile, a dozen young Nigerians found themselves in small-town America, shadowed by the celebrity of a night they wanted only to forget.

The experience of the Chibok students who made it to the U.S., never fully reported, featured a former White House adviser, evangelical lobby groups and a cowboy hat-wearing congresswoman. Along the way, say many of

those involved, the truth of what really happened became embellished as they fell into the custody of a local sponsor, Emmanuel Ogebe, a Nigerian human-rights lawyer and authority on what he termed a "Christian genocide" in his home country. The young women say he told them they could be shipped back there—and harmed—if they didn't do what he said.

"There were too many lies," says Bitrus, who shuttled through schools in Virginia, Oregon and the Bronx before settling in a snow-covered New England town. "It's like we were prisoners again."

The Walk Street Journal heard from several of the Chibok students in America, as well as their teachers, counselors and families, along with officials from the DHS and the FBI. The Journal reviewed two reports written by the American schools they attended, as well as two undisclosed Nigerian government investigations that allege Ogebe and his Nigerian associates fraudulently exploited the ex-hostages for tens of thousands of dollars.

FIT

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the Good Feet and Neo Vita stores.

The advertising makes these seem like the perfect arch support for everyone. The fact is, there is no perfect arch support for everyone. One brand may work better

for your feet, another brand will be better for mine.

Overall Recommendations on Walkfit Arch Supports:

Fairly priced, moderately effective OTC arch support.

Probably work best for people with ball of foot pain (but still not the best support for those people).

Not so effective for those with heel pain, big toe joint pain or back pain.

For those conditions we recommend an orthotic with a higher arch that has more potential to reduce abnormal force on those tissues. A good choice is the FootChair Podiatrist Designed Orthotic. FootChair has a more supportive arch and the ability to add pads under the cover to increase the arch height for a very customized fit that offers maximum support.

Walkfit orthotics are a particularly good deal when they are compared to arch supports from Good Feet or Ideal Feet stores. Along with purchasing the Walkfit orthotics, we have had many opportunities to evaluate Good Feet arch supports that our patients have brought into our clinic. In our opinion, from close evaluation of both Walkfit and Good Feet

arch supports, these are essentially the same shoe inserts at less than a tenth of the cost. While we feel that neither Walkfit or Good Feet are particularly good OTC orthotics compared to others on the market, at least Walkfit are fairly priced. Our opinion is that Good Feet arch supports are obscenely over-priced.

Since they are inexpen-

sive, it probably can't hurt to try Walkfit although, again, there are better supports at about the same cost. If they don't work, see a podiatrist for a professional evaluation. A good podiatrist can help guide you to the best OTC arch support for your foot type or, if you have more severe biomechanical problems, provide you with custom orthotic devices.

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Liberty City Church of Christ
Services
Sunday Morning 8 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
Tue. Bible Class 8:30 p.m.
Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.
Evangelist Eric W. Doss
1263 N.W. 67th Street
305-836-4855

New Vision For Christ Ministries
Services
Early Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Michael D. Screen
13650 N.E. 10th Avenue
305-899-7224

Brownsville Church of Christ
Services
Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.
Min. Harrell L. 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 a.m.
Website: cmcnc.org
Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson
2330 N.W. 93rd Street
305-836-0942

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
Services
Sunday 7:30 and 11 a.m.
Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivory, Pastor
1470 N.W. 87th Street
305-691-8861

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

Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Services
Early Worship 7 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
NBC 10:05 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 12 a.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) 6:45p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.
1 (800) 254-ANBC
305-685-3700
Fax: 305-685-0705
www.newbirthbaptistsm.org
Bishop Victor T. Curry, D.Min., D.D. Senior Pastor/Teacher
2300 N.W. 135th Street

Pembroke Park Church of Christ
Services
SUNDAY Bible Study 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
TUESDAY Bible Study 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
www.PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com
954-962-9327
3707 S.W. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33023

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. 2:6:30 p.m.
Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins
2171 N.W. 56th Street
305-637-4404

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Wright and Young

PATRICIA BILAMS, 61, cook, died April 26. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at House of God Miracle Temple Church.



DEBRA SMITH, 64, administrative assistant, died April 27. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.



VELMA JOHNSON, 83, LPN, died April 28. Service 11 a.m., Monday, May 7 at Mt. Pisga Seventh Day Adventist Church.



CLARA BURROUGHS MARTIN, 66, a retired asst. director of personnel, died April 30 at home. She leaves her loving sisters, Sharon Nelms and Velderine (Faye) Alvarez; a host of family members to cherish her loving memories. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Immanuel Temple.



LOUISE CHEEKS JEFFERSON, 88, domestic, died April 28. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



Richardson

WILLIE GUYTON DOLLAR, 60, retired fire fighter, died April 24 at Adventura Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church.



FLOYD WILLIAMS, JR., 59, longshoreman, died April 16 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.



CHARLES BENNETT, 65, laborer, died April 21 at Mercy Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Friday at Refuge Church.



Paradise

JULIA RIVERS BENTLEY, 78, died April 26 at Jackson South Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Friday at Christ Episcopal Church.



ELIZABETH WRIGHT, 74, died April 26 at Baptist Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Morning Star Baptist Church.



IRIS SYLVESTE, 49, died April 20 at Jackson Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.



Samuel - South Carolina

LEROY MCDONALD, 69, sanitation truck driver, died April 27 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Range

JESSIE GRAY REPRESS, 77, retired licensed practical nurse for Jackson Memorial Hospital died April 25. Survivors include her sons, Alvin Repress (Cynthia), Darryl Repress (Donnis), Michael A. Repress (Veronica) and Stephen Rodgers (Treska); sister, Ruby D. Wilson; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and a host of many other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-7 p.m., today in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Thursday in the chapel.



MINISTER LAFLURE THOMAS ROLLE, 92, retired RN Nurse/Educator for Miami Dade County Public Schools, died April 19. Survivors include her sons, Nathaniel H. Thomas (Floria) and Richard L. Thomas (Rose); seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, friends and The Bethel Apostolic Temple Church family. Viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at Bethel Apostolic Temple. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at the church.



COSONGIE SOLOMON MOORE, 51, accountant IV, for Miami Dade County died April 24. Survivors include her husband, Algernon J. Moore; daughters, Queen Tiye V. Moore, Queen Dahia S. Moore, Queen Maatkara N. Moore, and Queen Candace A. Moore; son, Marcus A. Jackson; sisters-in-law, Rachel Moore and Joanna Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Street Community Baptist Church.



RAYMOND L. STREET, 75, retired bus driver for Miami Dade Transit, died April 14. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Street; sons, Kevin Street (Felecia) and Tracey Street (Tina); daughter, Yvette Asiedu (Felix); brother, Johnny Walton; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Services were held.



Hadley Davis MLK

HORACE DELOACH, 84, retired roofer, died April 28 at Miami VA. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church.



MOSES LEE SPANN, 64, retired, died April 29 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



HENRY LEWIS BROWN, 55, food transporter, died April 24 at home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Grace

EVA DURR BOOZE, 85, homemaker, died April 23. Service 11 a.m., Friday at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church.



Hadley Davis

Miami Gardens
HELENA DELOS STENNETT, 63, accountant, died April 19 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Harvest Fire Worship Center.



ALVETA ROBINSON WATTS, 87, nurse, died April 25 at Promise Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



EDDIE BURKE, 86, janitor, died April 27 at Glades West Rehab and Nursing Center. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at The Church of the Open Doors.



MARTHA THOMPSON BROWN, 97, nursing assistant, died April 28 at Adventura Hospital. Service 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses.



ANTHONY AVERY BARROW, 42, construction worker, died April 23 at home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Gregg L. Mason

ALTHAMEASE ROBINSON CHISOLM, 83, retired environmental worker, Jackson Memorial Hospital, died April 19. Service 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel. Interment: Caballero Rivero Dade North.



TIMOTHY ALLEN, 69, retired carpenter, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, died April 25. Survived by his five children: Valencia A. Gabriel (widowed), Nicole A. Wright, Nishika D. Allen Jones (Eddie), Cashania M. Allen-Lopez (Ashley) and Timothy M. Allen; grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother and sisters; and a host of other relatives. Viewing 5-8 p.m., today. Service 10 a.m., Thursday at Trinity CME Church, 511 NW 4 Street, Miami, FL. Interment: South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.



Range Coconut Grove

MYRTICE WILCHER, 95, domestic, died April 25 at Harmony Healthcare Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

CLIFFORD REAVES, died April 28. Arrangements are incomplete.



LEROY MCDONALD, died April 27. Arrangements are incomplete.

NAOMI SHARP, died April 30. Arrangements are incomplete.

Trinity

THOMAS FINNIE, 74, mechanic, died April 29 at Jackson Main. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday May 8 at Greater New Bethel Of Liberty City.



BARBARA MONTILLA, 60, homemaker, died April 30 at home. Service 6 p.m., Friday in the chapel.

Eric S. George

STEVEN BRINSON, died April 25. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Friendship Baptist Church Hallandale.



Eternal Rest

KALON RANDOLPH, 49, funeral attendant, died April 26 in Orlando, FL. Arrangements are incomplete.



MA Hall

BELINDA MOFFETT, 23, student, died April 28. Arrangements are incomplete.

SHONNA COOPER, 62, operator, died April 12. Services were held.

ANDRE JOSEPH, 73, construction worker, died April 14. Services were held.

INEZ JOHNSON, 75, farmer, died April 29. Final rites in South Carolina.

Eric L. Wilson

FRED BARNEY II, 42, construction worker, died April 28 in Atlanta, GA. Service: 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



JUANITA ROBERSON
04/30/1929 - 04/02/2015

From your children, Nita, Debra, Thomas, Harold, Debra, Paulette and Terrell.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



OSSIE HYMAN, JR.
02/06/1964 - 05/04/2011

It's been seven years. Love, your family.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



DEACON ERNEST LECOUNTE
06/27/1938 - 05/01/2011

Gone but not forgotten. From your wife, children and grandchildren.

Death Notice



LOUISE CHEEKS JEFFERSON, 88, domestic, died April 28. Viewing Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Wright and Young Funeral Home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Services are entrusted to Wright and Young Funeral Home.

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