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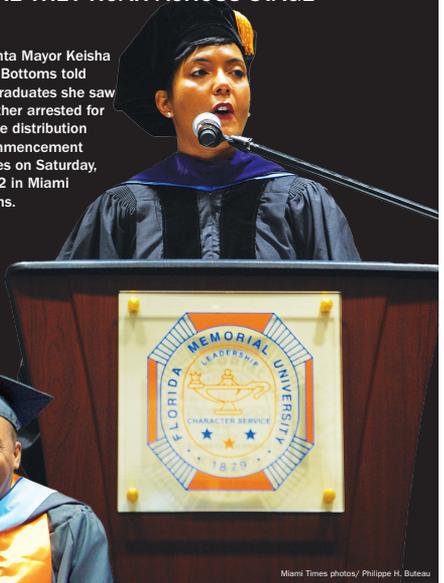
KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS ADDRESSES FMU GRADS BEFORE THEY ROAR ACROSS STAGE

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As Florida Memorial University's spring 2018 graduates prepared to walk across the stage and turn the tassel on a new chapter in their lives, they heard from a mayor who advised them to own their stories and their scars.

Keisha Lance Bottoms, the 60th mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, gave the keynote speech at FMU's 139th graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 12, **SEE FMU 8A**

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms told FMU graduates she saw her father arrested for cocaine distribution at commencement services on Saturday, May 12 in Miami Gardens.



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Tired and afraid of gun violence

Black youth continue to push for more change in their communities

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The last time high school student Jamesha Corker felt safe in her community was when she was 8 years old.

"Although I was living in the projects, it was like, very family-oriented, so if I had a birthday party, I would invite all my friends from the neighborhood, and we see each other as brothers and sisters — we were real close," Corker said. "None of us had to really worry about somebody coming at you by shooting or a fight or anything."

The voices of Miami's inner-city youth swelled during a youth-led town hall held last week to shed light on the violence youth face.

Four students, Jamesha Corker, Jeremiah Johnson, Jonathan Janvier, and Aliyah Blackmon sat on a panel to share their view on violence through a guided discussion at Beyond the March: A Youth-Led Town Hall on Violence. The common thread: The students see too much death, mostly as a result of gun violence.

Jeremiah Johnson, a 16-year-old sophomore at Miami Nor-

“In a Black community, we don't experience gun violence inside the schools. It's outside the school when we're walking home, and we're going to the store.
”

Jonathan Janvier

land Senior High School, said when he thinks about violence, gun violence is the first that comes to mind.

"I know it's all types of violence, but I'm known to gun violence because I know so

many people that have actually gotten killed by a gun personally and friendship, family members and other people that I know," he said May 9 at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. "I just see it on the news where somebody is dead."

Jeremiah traveled to Washington, D.C. with more than 30 inner-city high school students to attend the March For Our Lives rally. During the trip, he said he had the opportunity to hone his speaking skills and gained a pathway to a platform to speak against gun violence.

SEE GUN 8A



An audience member at Beyond the March: A Youth-Led Town Hall on Violence, May 9, at the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

Miami Times photo/Gregory Reed

School district lags on minority bond goals

Administrator says performance has improved and financials are good

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A recent audit of 10 construction projects across Miami-Dade County Public Schools found that the school district did not achieve goals set for minority and women-owned subcontractors.

That conclusion was one of several findings in a recent audit that will be discussed at Wednesday's school board meeting.

The audit is the first that looked at entire projects that were completed under the \$1.2 billion general obligation bond that was approved by voters in 2012. Promises of minority inclusion in contractor and subcontractor participation was a huge selling point to lure Black people to vote for the bond.

Auditors recommended that the district update and enhance its policies and procedures used to execute the



Iraida Mendez-Cartaya

bond program, and also improve documentation and record keeping to verify "final walkthroughs of projects."

The audit focused on work done in the district's Office of School Facilities department. That office oversaw 10 construction projects at nine school sites that were among the first wave of construction in the first year of the bond.

Of the 10 projects, Black participation rate goals fell short at six of the sites. Goals were met at two sites and surpassed at two other sites.

Participation rates were under water at Gloria Floyd and Van E. Blanton Elementary schools, both of which

showed zero percent. In contrast, Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center had a 13 percent participation rate, compared with a goal of 39 percent.

Other schools included in the review were Biscayne and Hialeah Elementary, Coral Park Senior High, Miami Lakes K-9 and Myrtle Grove K-8 centers and MAST Academy, which had two construction projects.

Office of School Facilities director, Jaime Torrens, said those projects launched during the early stages of the program and that participa-

tion rate goals in 2013 were more "aspirational" in nature because the school board did not have a policy in place.

"These were not mandatory goals," said Torrens. "It was not enforceable."

Torrens said at that time, contractors "told us what they were going to try to do" in terms of bringing in minority and women businesses. He stated that his department did not have an array of minority businesses from which to pull at that time. "We were getting firms registered. We didn't have a

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EDITORIAL

Brownsville residents need assurance about Lincoln Gardens

Soon after the May 2 front-page article entitled "Liberty Spilt" appeared in The Miami Times, residents started to write to the newspaper. The common theme was that it appeared that the Lincoln Gardens part of the project had changed, and they didn't know anything about it.

Indeed the original plan — approved by County Commissioners July 6, 2016 — as they knew it, had changed.

As part of the Liberty Square Rising Project, developers were required to include a plan to redevelop Lincoln Gardens, a 9-acre public housing community, whose 47 four- and five-bedroom apartments were previously demolished. At the onset of plans for Liberty Square, Lincoln Gardens apartments would have been built first and Liberty Square residents transferred there. Outcry from Brownville and Liberty Square residents halted that process. After the County Commissioners voted to accept the plan for Related Urban Development Group to rehab and rebuild Liberty Square Rising, Commissioner Audrey Edmonson asked that Brownsville residents be pulled into the planning process.

That Kenneth Kilpatrick, Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association president, found out March 28 that "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" is concerning.

The developers had met with the community several times. It is unclear why the association was working with an outdated plan for their community.

From the start, Brownsville residents have had an acrimonious relationship with the developers. At a meeting February 2017, Kilpatrick complained that he felt insulted because he was given fliers to hand out, instead of properly noticed meetings as was required.

In June 2017, the developer showed members of the Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association and other stakeholders including residents of Annie Coleman 14 public housing project that it planned to infuse \$1 million into Marva Y. Bannerman Park, located at 830 NW 24th Ave. The renderings showed the Alonzo Mourning Brownsville Youth Center, tennis courts, an upgraded pool and a multipurpose field.

Now, there may yet be another revision to the Lincoln Gardens plan. The County Commission needs to review and approve the changes. On May 17, Edmonson will share more details. But the unofficial changes include the developer building 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.

Unfortunately, Mayor Carlos Gimenez set the tone for how the Lincoln Gardens portion of the project is being handled. By not even adding Lincoln Gardens to the name, Liberty Square Rising, it sent the message that perhaps it wasn't as important as Liberty Square.

And the residents of Brownsville have said and continue to say things are just happening to them. They are hearing about plans for their neighborhood through various sources, other than those who are responsible for them.

The developers pulled out all the stops to win the project, perhaps overpromising and now backpedaling.

Liberty Square Rising is a landmark project that is being watched nationwide. It is supposed to be the hallmark of what government and the private sector can accomplish together. May it not go down in history as a project that was half as glorious as it could have been. Increase communication, notice meetings appropriately, listen to the Brownsville residents and build them a brand new community, like you promised them — and all of Miami-Dade County.

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Discovering the best of Black America

BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS JR., president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA)

There is an old African proverb that says, "What you seek, you will surely find." We live in a world where the news cycle continues to decrease because of innovations in communications technology. Yes, we are living in the fast-paced digital age. The high velocity delivery and transmission of news and information, however, may or may not produce authentic or accurate facts or simply the truth.

Yet, for more than 47 million Black Americans the reality of life's multiple challenges and opportunities are not the primary concerns and focus of what is popularly known as "mainstream media." Thus, the value and mission of the Black Press of America today is more strategically important than ever before for Black Americans and others who embrace the trendsetting cultural, academic, technological and game-changing achievements that are accomplished daily in Black America.

This is why the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is pleased with the continued partnership between the General Motors Chevrolet Division and the NNPA to sponsor the 2018 Discover the Unexpected (DTU) Journalism Scholarship and Fellowship Program. We

are identifying and mentoring the next generation of young, gifted, talented and committed journalists and publishers who will rise to take their rightful place as our future community leaders and business owners.

Seeking out the best of Black America not only in the field of journalism, but also in the overall context of the long-protracted struggle for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment is of the utmost importance. This summer in Georgia, Virginia, New York and in Washington, D.C., six NNPA journalism scholars selected from Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) located across the nation will have the opportunity to work in Black-owned newspapers.

These outstanding NNPA DTU Fellows will also journey together to highlight and file news reports about real-life stories that are occurring in our communities. In the current national media climate where allegations of "fake news" are routinely propagated, we will welcome receipt of the news and inspirations from the writings, videos and social media postings of our young aspiring journalists.

We are also grateful to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) for assisting Chevrolet and the

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NNPA to notify and reach HBCU students attending the 120 HBCUs about the DTU fellowship opportunities. In fact, more than 23,000 online responses were made by students who were interested in the DTU program.

Reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications that were submitted revealed the tremendous academic achievements and commitments of HBCU students who fervently desire to serve the empowerment interests of Black communities via their respective journalism skills and talents. This is itself a good news story.

Too often we only learn or hear about the tragic in-

justices and systematic racial discriminations that are in fact facets of the realities that are all too prevalent in Black America. We need, however, more balance and truth-telling in the media when it comes to the struggles and plight as well as the resilience and transformation of Black America.

For more than 191 years, since the first publication of Freedom Journal in March 1827, the Black Press of America has continued to be on the frontline reporting our triumphs, defeats and our successful resistance to oppression, injustice and inequality. Each generation has a responsibility to help prepare the next generation to take the baton of history and to run to win by breaking and setting new records of achievement and excellence of all fields of endeavor.

Again, we publicly thank General Motors — Chevrolet for enabling the NNPA to award this group of young freedom-fighting scholars to sharpen their pens and commitments to become champions of the freedom and responsibilities of the press. The Black community will benefit. All of America will benefit. The DTU Fellows will seek and they will find. They will also exemplify the good news.

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Don't privatize transit, just pay better

CLARENCE WASHINGTON, president of Transport Workers Union Local 291

Instead of finding a way to properly fund Miami-Dade Transit, Mayor Carlos Gimenez and some county officials are trying to balance the Miami-Dade Transit budget on the backs of the poor.

Miami-Dade Transit bus operator positions offer a path to the middle class. You won't get rich but you can raise a family and retire with dignity. Bus operators make \$23 an hour. Their average income is \$49,000.

But Mayor Gimenez and county officials last year gave 14 MDT routes to a private company, Limousines of South Florida (LSF). They are now proposing to give more work to LSF, which pays from \$11.60 an hour and \$13.60 and to drive a bus or smaller vehicle on the routes. That's \$24,000 to \$28,000 a year.

Those are poverty wages, plain and simple. Why is Miami-Dade creating jobs that ensure our residents struggle? Can't we do better than this?

The household incomes for Latino and Black families lag behind those of whites in Miami-Dade, as they do on the state and national level. Public bus operator jobs have helped Latinos and Black-Americans enter the middle class.

This push to privatize public transit reduces real economic opportunities for county residents and increases income inequality.

Instead of finding a way to properly fund mass transit, Gimenez and some county



officials also avoid cut service. This disproportionately impacts low-income workers and families. They are far more reliant on Metrobus and Metrorail.

Workers making under \$25,000 per year account for 42 percent of the work force, but they comprise over 62 percent of transit commuters.

Have riders received better service with privatization?

No. Privatization has failed to improve service and has fallen well short of the mark.

According to the mayor's own report, dated April 13, 2018, on-time performance has stayed the same at about 76 percent.

Ridership on the routes operated by Limousines of South Florida have continued to decline.

So why is Miami-Dade pushing privatization?

Mayor Gimenez and other officials are unwilling or unable to do the tough work of finding ways to fund this vital, public service. Instead, they cut service and abandon the responsibility to a poverty-wage contractor.

LSF makes profits by paying poverty wages. LSF is part of a conglomerate owned by the Gonzalez family that in the last 10 years has given nearly \$200,000 to the mayor's political campaigns and to those of other county elected officials.

Anyone who drives should be fuming. Without better mass transit, the horrendous traffic situation will only get worse. That's hard to imagine but it's true. Miami-Dade has to stop abandoning its responsibility to fund and manage a robust Metrobus and Metrorail system.

The privatization of Miami-Dade Transit bus route has not come close to achieving the savings the county predicted. County officials have lowered expected savings by 53 percent in less than 12 months.

Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works Director Alice Bravo predicted contracting the 14 routes would save the county \$6.4 million annually in a May 2017 presentation.

Now, Gimenez, in this April report, has reduced the projected savings by more than half — down to \$3 million annually.

But even those figures seem inflated. Privatization of public bus service is bad policy. It's nothing more than a race to the bottom. It's not good for residents or riders.

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Republican and Democratic candidates for Congressional District 27 share a moment with organizers in Richmond Heights. Qualified candidates who attended were Elizabeth Adadi (R), Kristen Rosen Gonzalez (D), Matt Haggman (D), Michael A. Hepburn (D), Mayra Joli (NPA), Michael Ohevizion (R) and David Richardson (D). They addressed residents concerns on affordable housing, gun control, children and youth and economic development at Second Baptist Church.

Putting candidates, constituents together

Organizations sponsor early forum in Congressional District 27 race

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The Florida political primaries are still a ways off, but candidates vying to replace Ileana Ros-Lehtinen aren't wasting any time meeting voters. And some eager voters are raring to hear what they have to say.

Six men and women looking to succeed Ros-Lehtinen in Florida's 27th Congressional District recently attended a prayer breakfast and forum at Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights. They got a chance to speak on the issues to the South Dade community members from Richmond Heights, Perrine and Goulds.

The race has attracted a plethora of candidates, both veteran and newcomers. By the May 4 closing date, 15 people qualified to run. The crowded field includes nine Republicans, five Democrats and one independent.

The name grabbers are Donna Shalala, former University of Miami president, state Rep. David Richardson, Miami-Dade Commissioner Bruno Barreiro and Miami Beach Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez. Shalala, Richardson and Gonzalez are Democrats, while Barreiro is a Republican.

Other hopefuls on the Democratic side are Matt Haggman and Michael Hepburn. The Republican challengers are Elizabeth Adadi, Angie Chirino, Stephen

“When we look at 2016 election, there was a sense that folks tried to engage the Black community late in the process. We want to make sure we were getting people enough time to get involved.”

Sharon Coleman
Second Baptist Church Community Development Corp.

Marks, Michael Ohevizion, Maria Peiro, Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera, Maria Elvira Salazar and Gina Sosa. Mayra Joli is running with no party affiliation.

The seven candidates who attended addressed residents' concerns in four areas: affordable housing, gun control, children and youth and economic development. Among them were Adadi, Rosen Gonzalez, Haggman, Hepburn, Joli, Ohevizion, and David Richardson.

The forum was sponsored by Second Baptist Church Community Development Corp. and New Florida Majority. Sharon Coleman, a spokeswoman with the CDC, said organizers wanted to connect the candidates and constituents earlier in the process.

“When we look at 2016 election, there was a sense that folks tried to engage the Black community late in the process. We want to make sure we were getting people enough time to get involved.”

SEE FORUM 8A

WORD

ON THE STREET

The blatant disrespect to Audrey Edmonson

A few weeks ago I received photos of the lifeless bodies of Rickey Dixon and Kinson Green right after they were shot and killed. These two young men, just like many before them, deserved every right to live full and prosperous lives. Instead they were cut down by the gang violence that is crippling the Model City area.

Model City is comprised of two main areas. They are Liberty City and Brownsville, home to another housing project called Annie Coleman, which is in Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmondson's District 3. The boundaries are from Northwest Sixth Court to Northwest 19th Avenue from Northwest 40th to Northwest 71st streets. What is happening and has happened in the Liberty Square housing project (Pork 'n Beans) could not and would not go on in any other County Commission district.

Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department and its director Michael Liu who oversees this entity needs to be thoroughly investigated and removed. There is something wrong when you refuse to do the right thing by public housing residents and Liu refuses to do the right thing by continuing to follow the orders of the mayor's office, which has not been beneficial to the Model City community.

The commissioner had the backing of a powerful little known group called Overall Tenant Advisory Council (OTAC) and it's president, Diana Strozier-Bryant.

The Overall Tenant Advisory Council is the voice of all public housing residents, but the organization's recommendation for Atlantic Pacific to redevelopment Liberty Square Rising largely was ignored by the powers that be because of money, promises and ineffective leadership.

There is no way on God's green earth that Mayor Carlos Gimenez would have overextended his hand in Commissioners Pepe Diaz, Rebecca Sosa, Joe Martinez's districts without some form of political repercussion. The mayor divided and conquered Edmondson's district using tactics from Willie Lynch's book entitled, "The Making of a Slave," by making promises to individuals, churches and nonprofit organizations. The using of these pawns disguised as kings, rooks, bishops, knights and queens and getting them to go along with Related Urban Development Group over Edmondson's preferred choice Atlantic Pacific has many now with blood on their hands.

The sad part about this is that Related Urban hired as a consultant former Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones who used to oversee a portion of this district.

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School board to decide on chief auditor Wednesday

No Black finalists on the list for vote

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Miami-Dade County school board members will select a chief auditor Wednesday, ending a process that caused some angst in the Black community.

The board will vote whether to choose one of three finalists for the key position. Missing from the list of finalists: Trevor Williams, the current deputy chief auditor and Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, the interim audit director.

The three finalists include two current employees in the audit department: Maria T.

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We screened the applications, scored them based upon their responses to the questions and their qualifications overall.”

Vice Chairman
Chris Norwood



Perla Hantman

critical role in the selection of an outside auditor and over the staff that conducts internal audits. That person is in charge of the Office of Management and Compliance Audits, which provides analyses, appraisals and recommendations.

Gallon and community members were concerned that Carvalho overstepped his bounds by questioning the Audit and Budget Committee members on the selection of the interim position.

Those concerns led Gallon to sponsor an item that amends a policy that requires the advisory committee to consult with the superintendent in the selection of the interim chief auditor.

The board gave tentative approval to Gallon's proposal in March. A final vote will be taken in June.

This time, Gallon said, he was pleased with the screening process.

“I'm extremely satisfied with not only the pool of candidates but the process that has been implemented through the advisory committee,” Gallon said. The Audit and Budget committee is comprised of community stakeholders appointed by school board members who are experts in their respective fields.

“They brought back three strong, qualified and highly capable candidates to the board to consider,” Gallon said.

Hartman said she met with the school board attorney, who assured her that the board followed the outlined process “the right way.”

“The three [finalists] interviewed well. I think I've done my due diligence,” Hantman said.

Perla Hantman said she was surprised that neither Williams nor Mendez-Cartaya applied for the position.

“I'm perplexed by it. They were finalists for the first time. I was surprised when I heard from HR that neither one would apply,” Hantman said.

Each board member met with the three finalists for one-on-one interviews.

At its Feb. 21 meeting, members voted 5-2 to appoint Iraida Mendez-Cartaya — Carvalho's ally — as interim chief auditor over Trevor Williams, the current assistant chief auditor. Williams is Black.

Board members Steve Gallon and Dorothy Bendros-Mindingall, the two Black board members, voted for Williams.

The members who voted for Mendez-Cartaya were Hantman, Mari Tere Rojas, Marta Perez, Lubby Navarro and Martin Karp.

That vote ignored the wishes of the outgoing chief auditor, Jose Montes de Oca. In a Jan. 24 exit letter, de Oca recommended that Williams assume the position of interim chief auditor and that he “be strongly considered as a candidate” for the regular position.

The chief auditor plays a



Steve Gallon III

Gonzalez and Jon Goodman; and one outside candidate, Alina Garcia, a former chief auditor with Ocean Bank.

Those three names were forwarded to board members by the district's Audit and Budget Committee, which oversees a major portion of the selection process.

Vice Chairman Chris Norwood said the human resources department forwarded application packets from eight individuals who met the minimum requirements for the position. The committee ranked the packets and selected four people who were interviewed and questioned.

“We screened the applications, scored them based upon their responses to the questions and their qualifications overall,” Norwood said. The committee sent the names of the top three to the school board.

School Board chairwoman

An officer faces charges in connection with teen's death

A 17-year-old juvenile inmate was beaten and killed while detained

Miami Times Staff Report

Juvenile detention officer, Antwan Lenard Johnson, faces federal charges arising from his role in the August 2015 beating and death of a 17-year-old juvenile inmate, also known as “E.R.,” at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Miami.

E.R. had been arrested then taken to the detention center on Aug. 28, 2015. He was being detained at the center and had not been convicted of the crime for which he had been arrested. The indictment alleges that Johnson used a bounty system and encouraged other juvenile detainees to assault E.R. in exchange for rewards and privileges, such as extra recreational time and snacks. The indictment further alleges that, on Aug. 30, 2015, Johnson worked in Module 9 at the juvenile center during the 3-11 p.m. shift.

According to the indictment, Johnson directed juveniles to delay the attack on E.R. until they all returned



E.R.

to Module 9. Upon returning to Module 9 with the juveniles, Johnson promptly walked out of view of E.R. and the other juveniles. At the same time, a juvenile punched E.R. in the face as he attempted to sit down in a chair. Numerous other juveniles immediately joined the attack and punched and kicked E.R., continuing their assault, even when E.R. fell to the ground.

After E.R. was escorted out of Module 9 to the juvenile center's medical department, Johnson released the juve-

niles in Module 9 from their cells and allowed them to watch television as a reward and privilege. Johnson also bumped fists with the juvenile who initiated the attack on E.R.

Johnson later caused certain Module 9 juveniles to receive snacks as a reward and privileges for participating in the attack on E.R. According to the indictment, E.R. was later transported from the juvenile center to Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami.

On Aug. 31, 2015, E.R. was pronounced dead due to bodily injuries suffered during the attack.

Johnson, 35, was charged with conspiracy to violate E.R.'s civil rights, which resulted in his death and deprivation of his rights, which resulted in bodily injury and E.R.'s death. If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum statutory sentence of life in prison for each charge.

This case was investigated by the FBI Miami Area Corruption Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean T. McLaughlin and Trial Attorney Samantha Trepel of the Civil Rights Division.

STREET Talk

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What do you think about the alternative plans suggested for the north corridor?



Kevin Marshall, 27
Miramar

We need an extension of the Metrorail more than anything because it will help decrease the traffic in Miami. Adding a bus transit would cause more traffic, making it difficult for everyone to get to work. Populated cities like New York City have rail systems to help with transportation, so it's definitely something we must look into.



Eric Swasey, 35
Miami

I think the alternative plans aren't good enough because they couldn't build the Metrorail up 27th Avenue, but they took the time to build one in Hialeah. Saying there isn't money to sustain the Metrorail is not true. It boils down to what they feel is important for themselves and not the community. They would actually make money because a large amount of people living on the north side works downtown.



Anthony Bailey, 59
Miami

For one, having the Metrorail would help with tourism. People would come and venture on a train versus having to drive on the roads in Miami. I don't know why the county is afraid to spend the money. It's definitely sad. Florida is one of the richest states in the country. But the county is being tight with the money. And then five or six years from now, they will probably say, “we should have listened to what the people said.” But it will be too late then. Get the rail done now.



Stephanie Cooper, 63
Miami Gardens

Extending more buses for the north corridor is definitely not a solution. Tax payers deserve a better and beneficial solution for our tax dollars. What happened to the approved 2007 plans? The voters should have a say in picking the alternative, and that we have already done years ago.



Terrance Williams, 32
Opa-locka

My wife works downtown and she has to catch the 95 Express to get home. She always gets caught in rush hour traffic, which causes her to reach home later than I would like. If the county chooses to stick with the Metrorail plan, her commute would be much easier and better. Plus, if millions of dollars were contributed to this plan years ago, I believe it's only right the county gives the people what they deserve.



Nissew McFarlane, 27
Miami

I am in agreement with extending the Metrorail to provide a more efficient way for commuters. For one, there was money approved for this initiative, and two, it will reduce the amount of vehicular traffic that we already have on the highways here in South Florida.

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Lauderhill Mall Citizenship Drive

Lawyers and immigration professionals will assist anyone who needs help with citizenship applications from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19th and 20th at Lauderhill Mall, 1267 NW State Road 7. Participants must reside in the United States as a permanent resident for five years or three years if living with and married to a U.S. citizen, be physically present in the United States for half of the five year period and be at least 18 years old. To apply, attend the citizenship drive and bring necessary documents. For more information, call 954-637-3872.

p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 at Sherbondy Village Auditorium in Opa-locka, 215 Perviz Ave. For more information, call 305-953-3086.

Medical cannabis industry courses

Pharmacology University, an online institution, will offer a five week course on medical cannabis cultivation, oil extraction and manufacturing, cannabis pharmacology, industrial hemp, and medical cannabis courses for doctors, attorneys, and a variety of individuals. The courses will begin on July 28 at two different locations - Broward College North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd., and Hilton Garden Inn Miami Airport West, 3550 NW 74th Ave. For more information, call 305-606-2113, or 817-528-2475.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue application process

Florida State Rep. Cynthia A. Stafford and Opa-locka Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley will host an informational session about the application process for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. The informational session will start at 6

Miami-Dade County Resiliency Workshop

Miami-Dade County's Office of Resiliency will host a community resiliency workshop. Participants will engage in conversations to

provide input and creative solutions to address sea level rise and flood resiliency in parts of North Miami, North Miami Beach, Biscayne Park, Miami Shores and nearby areas of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The workshop will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 at the North Miami Library, 835 NE 132nd St. For more information, contact the Office of Resiliency at 305-375-5593, or green@miamidade.gov.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools summer programs

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recently announced summer programs and camps for students. This year, students will participate in educational services at selected school sites during the summer session scheduled from July 2 to July 30. There are opportunities for students of all ages and in all grade levels. Information about the summer camp programs may be found at www.dadecomunityschools.net, or at the office of Community Education Programs, at 305-817-0014.

Stand your ground heading for repealer

Conference speaker Rep. Jones says the law is a 'free pass for murder'

CAROL PORTER
Miami Times contributor

Repealing Florida's Stand Your Ground legislation was the focus of a conference held Saturday at Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Among the speakers were state Rep. Shevrin Jones and family members of young Black adults who lost their lives in confrontations with police. The keynote speaker was Caroline Light, author of "Stand Your Ground: A History of America's Love Affair with Lethal Self-Defense," which was published in 2017.

Shevrin Jones spoke about recent cases when law enforcement and other individuals used Stand Your Ground. He mentioned Corey Jones, a musician who was shot by police while he waited for a tow truck to arrive to move his broken down car at an exit ramp off I-95. Corey Jones' case is still pending in the Palm Beach County court system.

Shevrin Jones said that people could not wait until January 2019 when the Florida Legislature goes back into session for something to be done about Stand Your Ground.

He also spoke about the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland and said he, and many other people, were very thankful that the young shooter there didn't claim Stand Your Ground. Jones also noted that since the law went into effect, ho-

micide rates increased in Florida.

Jones encouraged people to go to Tallahassee with him, where he planned to file a repeal to Stand Your Ground.

Florida in 2005, was the first state to pass a Stand Your Ground law.

"We have allowed a free pass for murder," said Jones. "I ask you to join me in January where I will file a repealer for Stand Your Ground. It won't be just me there. It will be a full component of individuals."

Family members of slain young Black men and minorities also spoke at the event organized by Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward in partnership with Women's March Florida and Audate & Flemings P.A. Among them was Ronald Davis, father of Jordan Davis, who had been killed while he was hanging out with his friends.

Ronald Davis said his young son's life was lost by shooter Michael Dunn, who did wind up going to prison for killing the young man. Davis was going around the country speaking and educating people on Stand Your Ground legislation and the damage it could do to Black and minority families. Davis said that when people use the Stand Your Ground defense, their victims were often considered collateral damage, and it was hard for people to fight them in court. Davis said that his son's killer had gone to jail, and he wanted to see justice for the other families who were fighting for it.

Banks said that she, and the other family members, were part of a club no one wants to join.

"We are doing what we can do to turn this pain into purpose," said Banks. "You hear



Rhonda Felder of the Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward shows the audience a book on Stand Your Ground, while the author, Caroline Light, waits to speak at a conference on the same topic Saturday.

"They have a license to claim Stand Your Ground," said Davis, "even though they are the ones with the gun. Jordan was the one in the car who got shot and killed. We have stood up for Jordan for the last five years. We will be a beacon for all these other children and try to protect them from the Stand Your Ground law. That's why I'm here today."

Sheila Banks, aunt to musician Corey Jones, said she, and her family, missed Corey every day and, like Ronald Davis, they have made it their mission to speak to people and educate them on what was going on when people claimed Stand Your Ground.

Banks said that she, and the other family members, were part of a club no one wants to join.

"We are doing what we can do to turn this pain into purpose," said Banks. "You hear

about other families, and you hear about their pain and it's a club you don't want to be a part of. We can turn this pain into purpose and connect with other families. We're going to Washington, D.C., and Tallahassee, and try to get laws enacted. Body cameras have been signed into law, and so many cities and departments have signed body cameras into law."

Jennifer Young, mom of Jermaine McBean, who had died in Broward County after an incident with law enforcement in 2013, also said she was continuing her fight for justice, years after her son had lost his life. Young said her son had been listening to music, and he had not heard the orders directed at him by law enforcement. When he finally heard them, he turned around, and they shot him in the complex where he lived. Young said the case was in

the court system, and she was waiting for an answer from the court.

"They [law enforcement] are supposed to be protecting us," said Young, "not killing off all the young, Black men."

Attorney Marvin Lin spoke about the Stand Your Ground legislation and how the law had caused incidents with guns to get worse. Lin also said that people needed to be careful of whom they elected. He encouraged people to support and help Rep. Jones and others with their fight in Tallahassee.

"It's an issue for our elected and our would-be elected officials," said Lin. "Just because you're a Democrat doesn't mean you are against Stand Your Ground. Is it appeal or amendment or is it both? It all starts with today. We can't wait for a tragedy or something to happen."

The keynote speaker for

the conference, Light said when she wrote her book, she thought it would be a history of Stand Your Ground. Regrettably, noted Light, the book was still a very active document about how the law impacted families in the present time.

Light spoke about Trayvon Martin, a Miami Gardens teenager who died during a confrontation with his shooter, George Zimmerman, and about Marissa Alexander, a Black woman who was in a bad marriage. Alexander fired a warning shot into the wall, and for that firing, she was arrested and charged. A public outcry reduced her sentence to three years, but Light said Alexander should not have been in jail in the first place.

Light also said that Zimmerman had used Stand Your Ground to give himself an OK when he shot Trayvon.

Light said the Protect and Serve Act, is "a dangerous piece of legislation that was being considered by Congress." The legislation would give law enforcement more power in dealing with civilians but that could add danger to the situations where law enforcement was called. She cited recent incidents such as when police were called because a Black student had been caught napping in a dorm. Black men were waiting in Starbucks, and people had been "barbecuing while Black."

"White people want to weaponize the police," said Light. "They are trying to protect white property and white ground. This would reverse the order of victim and perpetrator."

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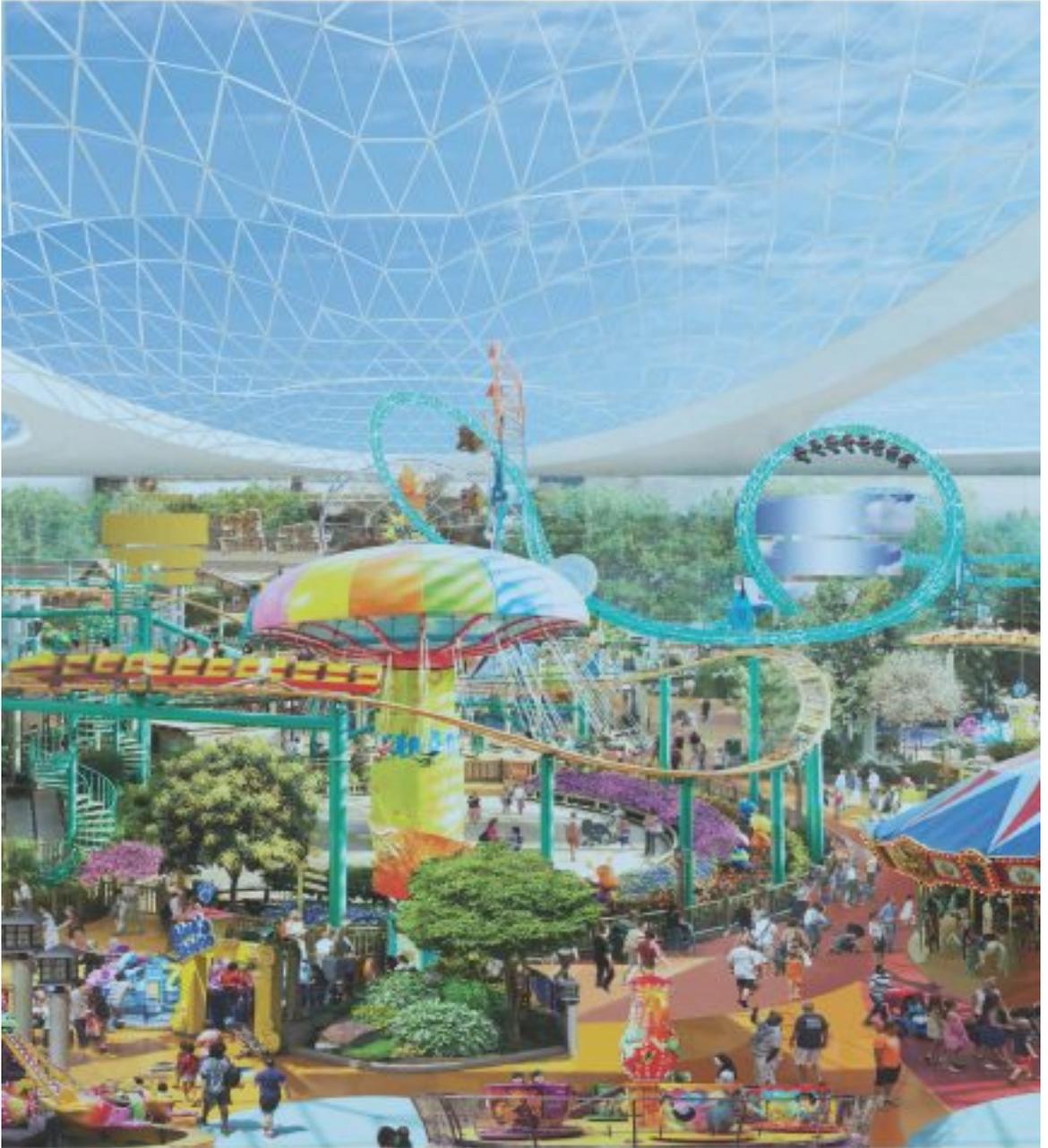
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Jonathan Janvier, a member of Power U Center for Social Change, said gun violence is different for students in the Black community.

"I think lately, it's been focused on gun violence inside the schools, and that's not really what I think about it in my community overall because, in a Black community, we don't experience gun violence inside the schools. It's outside the school when we're walking home, and we're going to the store," he said.

Janvier is originally from Haiti. He grew up in a neighborhood where violence was prevalent and thought moving to the United States would be unlike his experience in Haiti.

"When I first came to the United States, things seemed to be better because I didn't watch the news, so it was like, oh, there's no shootings, none of that," he said. "Then, when I got in middle school, my whole perspective changed because some of my friends suddenly started dying out of nowhere. So, that's when I realized, wow, this is not as safe of a place that I thought it was."

Aliyah Blackmon, a student at Miami Norland Senior, said getting older can be rough.



Miami Times photo/Georgy Reed

Elementary student, Nadia, said she has never felt safe in her neighborhood before breaking down in tears on stage at the Beyond the March: A Youth-Led Town Hall on Violence, May 9, at the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

"You want to do more stuff, you can't really do nothing because of gun violence or the violence in our streets," she said. "You don't want to go to the park because the park not safe anymore."

Kimari Thompson, a senior at Miami Lakes Educational Center, was friends with the

Forshee sisters, victims of a gun violence incident that gained major attention in 2015. Tequila Forshee, a 12-year-old girl, was shot in the head in a drive-by shooting while getting her hair braided by her older sister, Alize Forshee. Alize was grazed by a bullet.

Thompson said ever since

she lost her friends, her perspective on life has changed.

"I've never truly gotten over it," she said. "I have this really bad phobia of windows now, and it just makes me realize how precious life is, and how it easily can be taken for granted, and you just have to appreciate it."

BOND

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pool of subcontractors to pull from."

Torrens said many of the findings in the audit have now been addressed.

Auditors said the purpose of their report was to determine whether adequate internal controls and safe-

guards were in place over construction projects, under the bond, through the evaluation of certain elements of the award, design and construction processes for the selected projects.

Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, the interim chief auditor, said that in some instances the Office of School Facilities did the work, but it was not properly documented.

"There were procedures

being followed, but there wasn't documentation," Mendez-Cartaya said.

She said that the audit team will go back and check the newer projects "and make sure these recommendations are being implemented."

Implementation of the bond remains a sore subject in the Black community. Critics say sentiment is high that the community

was sold a false bill of goods, and that the district must make it clear to contractors that they have these goals to meet.

Noted architect Ron Frazier said the construction staff's processes and procedures are not being followed.

"They're not following the rules and regulations. The Black community is suffering a lot more than the His-

panic and white communities. There's a trickle-down effect."

Attorney Stephen H. Johnson, a member of the district's Audit and Budget Committee, said the participation rates were alarming.

"For every success story like Frank C. Martin that over-performs with 13 percent African American participation, you had a Gloria Floyd Elementary, which

had an 18 percent goal and a zero percent African American participation rate," Johnson said.

Torrens and Mendez-Cartaya said the projects in the audit had positives as well. Auditors examined payments to 1,500 suppliers and did not find any misuse of funds.

"There are adequate internal controls," Torrens said. "Our financials are good."

then they want to pass these laws, but these laws aren't for us and people that look like us," she said.

More town halls are being planned. They will give voice to law enforcement, local officials, parents and community organizations.

Miami-Dade County Public School board members were not present at the town hall. The majority of the students who helped to organize the event are within school board member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall's district. Bendross-Mindingall said in an email that she was informed about the town hall but had multiple events to attend that day.

"I have been quite visible at numerous town halls, forums, marches and other events as it pertains to our children," she said. "I will absolutely continue to attend and participate in any student-led events in the future. This has been my mission and passion my entire adult life."

Students felt that the aim of the town hall was a success. Jeremiah said the outcome was great.

"We got to express with the questions being asked, and we had others to express themselves," he said. "The turnout went well. We just need to invite others out to these events and progress will continue to grow."

FORUM

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Coleman said. "We owe it to folks to do that. It's important for those candidates to know it's important to show up."

Reverend Twila Payne said the standing-room-only crowd came from a mix of churches, community and civic organizations that are

active in South Miami-Dade. "We allocated a table to CBOs, fraternities, sororities and ministries that are involved. We allocated tables, so they could send representation from the community," Payne said. A few churches from Homestead also came out.

The community's voting impact goes back to putting Dante Fascell into office in 1955 as a member of the U.S.

House of Representatives. "Richmond Heights is known for having a large [number] of voters," Coleman said. "We always produce great numbers."

According to the Statistical Atlas, District 27 includes Coral Gables, Miami Beach, South Miami, Cutler Bay, Palmetto Bay, and parts of Miami. The area leans Democratic and is largely Hispanic.

According to the 2016 American Community Survey of U.S. Census, the district is more than 71 percent Hispanic, 21 percent non-Hispanic white, and 3.8 percent Black.

With such a crowded field, the Black vote could make a difference, organizers say.

Coleman said staffers from New Florida Majority broadcast the forum on Facebook Live to capture the millenni-

al crowd.

Organizers say although the primary isn't until Aug. 28, it isn't too early to talk about community issues. Elbert Garcia, communications director with New Florida Majority, said they are using a strategy similar to the one used to elect Annette Tadeo in the special Senate election in September 2017.

"For the Democratic primary, it's important for folks

to know we found a lot of success in Senate District 40 race in terms of trying to talk to folks and get folks involved in the process. We want to build on that engagement," Garcia said.

"It's an important district. People talk about a blue wave around the nation. When candidates hear from people they will be forced to respond or the people will know if they are the real deal."

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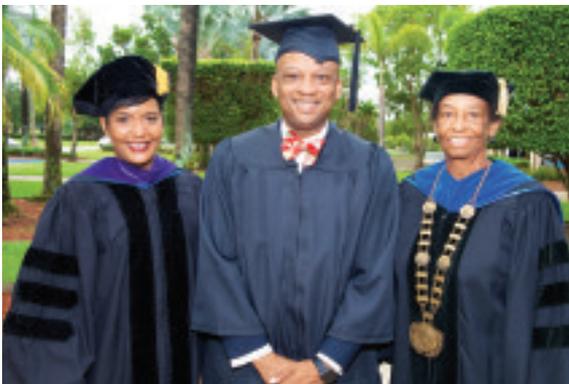
inside the Wellness Center at FMU in Miami Gardens.

Florida Memorial holds one commencement ceremony per year, requiring students who completed during summer and fall terms to wait and walk in the spring term. There were 312 students who walked on Saturday, according to a 2018 FMU Commencement program. Of the total graduates, 77 were from summer and fall 2017 - 20 and 57, respectively - and 235 were from spring 2018.

On Jan. 2, around when many graduates started their final semester at FMU, Bottoms began her term as mayor of Atlanta. She said in her speech her mayoral campaign included an exposing of personal details that she wasn't looking forward to.

"But what I learned throughout the course of the campaign is there's value in our stories," Bottoms said. "My story is also your story. Don't be afraid to show the world your scars."

Bottoms ran for mayor against former fellow Atlanta City Councilwoman Mary Norwood. In a campaign that the Atlanta Journal-Constitution said took a "vitriolic turn" leading up to the runoff election, there were accusa-



Miami Times photo/ Philippe H. Bufano

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III and Florida Memorial University Interim President Dr. Castell V. Bryant at the Florida Memorial University commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12 in Miami Gardens.

tions of financial impropriety from Bottoms to Norwood. And Norwood asked Bottoms to end accusing her of owning a property with tax liens.

The AJC also reported Bottoms was hurt after she did not condemn former Mayor Kasim Reed after he called Norwood and City Council President Ceasar Mitchell "losers."

Deeper than the financial accusations, however, were familial scars from Bottoms'

childhood.

At 8 years old she came home and saw police officers arresting and taking her father away for a charge of cocaine distribution. Major Lance got his start as a boxer but later became a success as a musician, opening for the Beatles on their first U.S. tour and earning a Grammy nomination.

But, as Bottoms recounted, when her dad's music stopped playing as much and

his records stopped selling as much, he made a decision to sell drugs, so he could help feed his family "or" keep a roof over their heads. But he also had an addiction to drugs she learned about years later.

"In the tradition of so many African-American families, to mask the pain we often don't discuss the hurt," Bottoms said.

However, she also said that during the campaign she found freedom in the truth

of her story coming out, "in a mask being taken off."

"There was liberation in that," Bottoms said.

She won the race winning 50.4 percent of the votes to the 49.6 percent for Norwood.

But she said during her speech that people often see the accomplishments of others and think that's the whole story.

While her father was in prison - having been arrested in 1978 - Bottoms spent three years visiting him across prisons in Georgia. Her father maintained hope for her future advising her to stay in school, do her best, respect her teachers and her mother, Sylvia Robinson.

She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in Atlanta, Florida A&M University and earned a law degree from Georgia State University College of Law.

Bottoms has had her own law firm for more than 20 years, has been a general counsel for a multi-million dollar business and has been a judge in Fulton County State Court.

Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III also spoke to the graduates, congratulating them of their accomplishment while reminding them of what it means.

"Today, you leave here as graduates of Florida Memorial University," Gilbert said. "You will carry the standard

of leadership and excellence. You are ambassadors in a sense."

After her speech, Bottoms received an honorary doctorate in humane letters. Before she spoke, she received introductory remarks from a local Zeta Tau Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. member.

Shellian Wheeler is the immediate past president of the Zeta Tau Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Wheeler said Bottoms embodies words former First Lady Michelle Obama gave while she held the position.

"When you work hard and you move forward, you do not slam shut the door behind you, instead you reach back and give hope to those looking to succeed," Wheeler said quoting Obama.

James Cochran graduated with a bachelor of science in music education for kindergarten to 12 grade. He said he found Bottoms' speech very inspirational.

He personally customized his graduation cap to read as follows: "The vision must be followed by the venturer [sic]. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs."

"I carry myself as a king," Cochran said. "I want to help Black men up the stairway of success, to the doors of opportunity."

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WAFFLE HOUSE OPENS IN MIAMI GARDENS

First Miami-Dade location brings jobs, classic diner eating to the community

PHILIPPE H. BUTEAU
Special to The Miami Times

Waffle House opened a restaurant in Miami Gardens, making it another in South Florida, but the first one in Miami-Dade County.

At a grand opening at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, city officials, and Waffle House executives and a well-known movie director dined on the first waffles made at Waffle House Miami, south of County Line Road. The restaurant's inclusion to Miami Gardens adds employment and financial investment to one of Miami's predominantly Black communities.

"Cocaine Cowboys" director Billy Corben is a fan of Waffle House and considers the opening historic.

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Danisha Totta takes Jenell Jones' order at the recently opened Waffle House in Miami Gardens.

Airbnb, NAACP in bedding deal

ROLLOUT OF A NATIONAL INITIATIVE GET BLACKS TO START HOSTING IN MIAMI

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Miami Gardens will be the launch site of the national initiative between NAACP and Airbnb, a company that runs a travel app that links travelers to people who want to rent space in their homes.

The partnership between NAACP and Airbnb is to promote the benefits of home sharing among Black communities. Homeowners and business owners can hear more about the partnership on May 19 at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, located at 3000 NW 19th St., in Miami Gardens. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m.

Both Airbnb and NAACP say that Black homeowners who become hosts have the opportunity to earn extra income while promoting travel to communities of color. Attendees will also learn about opportunities to serve as ambassadors for their communities, participate in Airbnb's local experiences program and have the opportunity to sign up as a host.

"We want to spread the benefits of home sharing to communities of color," said Airbnb spokesman in a previous interview. "That's



Several community meetings were held in February with key stakeholders, including businesspeople and politicians about the NAACP and Airbnb initiative.

why we reached out to NAACP, and why we're excited to partner with them."

But there are real issues with Black people trying to use the Airbnb service. Even #AirbnbWhileBlack emerged on Black Twitter after Black travelers recount stories of harassment and discrimination using the app. As recently as May 8, police were called on three Black friends leaving an Airbnb location in California. A white woman allegedly called police because the women didn't wave to her.

Harvard Business School students in 2016 uncovered widespread discrimination on the part of Black and white hosts in Airbnb. Since, Airbnb has insti-

uted an "instant book" feature, where travelers and hosts do not know names or can see each other, a key part of the trust component of home sharing.

The NAACP hopes the "partnership will spread the economic benefits of tourism to Black communities. Starting with the Miami launch, both NAACP and Airbnb will work to engage residents to help boost tourism revenue in these communities."

Torey Alston, 2nd vice president of the Florida State Conference and chair of the Economic Development, Housing and Legislative Affairs Committee who has been a part of the process since it was first announced a year ago at the national confer-

ence, said Miami is one of five areas where the program will be rolled out.

"We want to truly see if this really works, that is why we partnered with Airbnb," Alston said. "This is a new industry, so there will be some questions. That is the process we are going through now, both with local and nationally."

The NAACP will get 20 percent of the Airbnb revenue generated by the new community outreach efforts. The NAACP will help Airbnb "with ongoing efforts to combat discrimination, increase workforce diversity and support Airbnb's supplier diversity goals."

"The intent is to promote the Black dollar and Black tourism," Alston. "We want to engage Black services, marketing, electrical, plumbing, these are all businesses needed for those who will open their homes to share potential opportunities. We want to ensure that Black businesses are a part of the new emerging market."

Earlier in February, the NAACP sent a representative to meet with community leaders and other representatives to discuss the rollout. At the time, Airbnb wanted to keep it hush-

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Wells Fargo, don't prey, lend

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Miami Times Contributor

In a few short weeks, on Monday, July 9, Liberty City will have yet another Wells Fargo bank branch. We already have a Wells Fargo branch on Northwest 79th Street and 27th Avenue; now we'll have another, located at 641 NW 62nd St. We already have two other banks in a three-block radius. I hope they will be lending to us and creating products that cater to the people who live there.

But for now, this new location will offer the following services: night drop, notary public, medallion services and external ATMs 24/7. What it should be offering to our community are products that every thriving community needs: affordable home mortgages to those seeking to purchase; home equity loans to existing homeowners; and business loans to start-ups and small business owners. Wells Fargo's track record with the Black community is poor at best, discriminatory at worst.

So knowing that, we should not just let them in, especially since it has been reported by Bloomberg Business News, that Wells Fargo and many of its subsidiaries are a financier for the National Rifle Association (NRA). Just look at its documented deceptive practices, predatory mortgage lending practices and how it did many of us when it came to homeownership. Wells Fargo put many Blacks in bad mortgages, and when payments "ballooned," the American Dream was stolen by way of unrealistic loan modifications and, ultimately, foreclosure. Wells Fargo has already been fined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for money laundering procedures and other suspicious activities. Even the city of Miami Gardens sued Wells Fargo for violating the federal Fair Housing Act and redlining practices. The city of Miami took its case against Wells Fargo as far as the U.S. Supreme Court because of financial harm caused by Wells Fargo to its residents, particularly minorities.



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Wells Fargo has been around since 1852. And after being around for 166 years, they have lost their way. They have had just as many highs as they have had lows, and now in 2018, they want to recommit to us. They are going to have to do more than just say it through billboards and marketing schemes; Wells Fargo ought to prove it in their lending. Arstella Smith is current loan holder of Wells Fargo. She is awaiting yet another loan modification approval from Wells Fargo in hopes of saving her home.

When Smith heard about Wells Fargo opening another location in Liberty City, she said: "Why does our community need another one of their banks? They already in our community and not helping nobody."

Corey Taylor, a Miami resident said a new branch could be a convenience for existing customers.

"I think it would be good for commerce in our community and for people that bank with them," Taylor said. "But we also have to investigate why they are there. It's going to be like downtown coming our way."

To tell you the truth, we're really not short on financial institutions in our community at all. But as it relates to economics, investments and homeownership, we lag and fall short.

"Three banks on the same block, now that's power! As a community, we must take advantage of it," said State Rep. for district 108, Roy Hardemon. We would like to take advantage of all that power, but if the standards and products are not made for us, we won't be able to.

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Tourism summit comes to South Florida

Attendees to learn about culture and heritage in historic neighborhoods

Miami Times Staff Report

A two-day summit for travel industry professionals is slated to hit South Florida May 16-18.

The Synergy Summit for Cultural and Heritage Tourism will be held in several locations throughout Broward County to help professionals with career development to be more informed about cultural assets and heritage neighborhoods in South Florida.

In fact, people are coming from "all over the country" to talk about what the heritage neighborhoods have evolved into, said guest speaker DeAnne Connolly Graham, president of ROI Media Consultants Inc.

"They [neighborhoods] are not just the low-income side of town, but they are actually treasures of history and culture,"

she said. "It's going to be purposeful."

Attendees can expect to be connected with other small, tourism-related businesses, tour operators, artists and tour guides through one-on-one meetings and by attending an on-site product and service showcase.

A summit kickoff press conference and symposium will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Mount Hermon AME Church, 401 NW Seventh Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. Day one of the summit will launch with a welcome reception at 5 p.m. on Thursday at C & I Studios, FAT Village, 541 NW First Ave., in Fort Lauderdale.

The event is hosted by the Cultural Heritage Alliance for Tourism Inc. (CHAT) in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention

& Visitors Bureau and the Broward Cultural Division. CHAT offers interactive tours to locals and tourists who want to explore hidden parts of South Florida.

There will be more than 40 speakers at the event, including Graylyn Swilley-Woods, senior multicultural tourism consultant at



Kenneth Lawson



Jill Tracey

Overturn Children and Youth Coalition, and Kenneth Lawson, president and CEO of Visit Florida.

Lawson encourages professionals in the traveling industry to attend in order "to work to establish Florida as the number one traveling destination in the world," he said.

In addition to travel industry professionals, Jill Tracey, an on-air personality for HOT 105, said

it's "paramount" for those working in media to attend.

"We need to meet with people who produce and promote tourism in our area," she said, "to deliver the kind of content that they want to see."

Registration fees start at \$99. For more information, visit www.culturalheritagesummit.com or register at <https://tinyurl.com/chatsummit2018>.

OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 24th 2018, at 12:30 p.m. or thereafter, at the City of Miami, City Hall located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, to consider the award of grant funds to **Camillus House Inc.**, a legal entity authorized to transact business/render services in the State of Florida, for the "Miami Shelter Program."

In accordance with the Board's 2010 Redevelopment Plan ("Plan"), the Board will consider the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to underwrite a portion of the costs associated with the "Miami Shelter Program", envisioned to reduce slum and blight.

Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Jason Walker, Executive Director, OMNI CRA, at (305) 679-6868.

This action is being considered pursuant to Sections 18-85 (a) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended ("Code"). The recommendation and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Sections 18-85 (a), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, and are available as with the scheduled CRA Board meeting of May 24th 2018, at the City of Miami, City Hall located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 250-5361 (Voice), not later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding. TTY users may call (305) 250-5472, not later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding.



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Todd B. Hannon
Clerk of the Board

OMNI REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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In accordance with the Board's 2010 Redevelopment Plan ("Plan"), the Board will consider the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to underwrite the expenditures and costs associated with the renovation of residential housing units, within the CRA, envisioned to reduce slum and blight.

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In accordance with the Board's 2010 Redevelopment Plan ("Plan"), the Board will consider the partial funding, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, to underwrite the expenditures and costs associated with the rehabilitation of a building located at 130 NW 14th street Miami Florida, 33136, critical in the rehabilitation of approximately 3,046 square feet of Building space, within the CRA, to now serve as a restaurant, envisioned to activate the area and reduce slum and blight. Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Jason Walker, Executive Director, OMNI CRA, at (305) 679-6868.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 250-5361 (Voice), not later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding. TTY users may call (305) 250-5472, not later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding.



#31271

Todd B. Hannon
Clerk of the Board

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., to consider the award of a contract to the non-profit organization listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 1 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. The Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. provides a wide range of social services to socially isolate and economically disadvantaged seniors; secondly, to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

- Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. – to provide meals to 60 participants for a year at Antonio Maceo Park.

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

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of May 24, 2018 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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

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



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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

JOBS

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"The first one opened in 1955 outside of Atlanta and for 63 years we've been waiting," Corben said. "I wish they grew a little faster in Miami-Dade."

Corben ordered his sandwich, the Corben sandwich: bacon, eggs, cheese, on a waffle folded over into a sandwich with hash browns, smothered with cheese, chunked and diced.

Clarence and Jenell Jones, a married couple, were seated and ordering their usuals by 10 a.m.

Jenell, 71, loves the waffles, the diner's pan sausages and that they recognize veterans by giving them discounts.

"I'm wondering why it took them so long to open one in Miami Gardens," Jenell said.

Clarence, 70, is a Vietnam veteran. He frequents the Waffle House in Lauderdale with his buddies from the war. On

Wednesday morning, while he waited to sit at a table, he thought of what he would order: waffles, grits, eggs, sausage and raisin toast.

"When you got that craving at 2 or 3 in the morning, slide on in here," Clarence said.

Clarence said the restaurant opening in Miami Gardens means more options for himself and the people in the city.

"It means jobs for people here," he said.

Area vice president Robert Ruth said Waffle House employs more than 100 people at the Miami Gardens location, located at 19675 NW 2 Ave.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III said the Waffle House symbolizes that Miami Gardens is a growing community.

"It's not just about this one business,"

Gilbert said. "It's what about what we were and what we're becoming. This is a part of us becoming a community."

LEND

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communities. Although Wells Fargo has launched a marketing campaign to "recommit" and "rebrand" itself with the hopes of building a better bank, it should also consider issuing an apology for its predatory mortgage lending practices. Wells Fargo issued one a while back for overcharging customers and for fake accounts that were created by their staff.

As stakeholders, this is what we need: community meeting space at the branch, free document shredding and money orders, a diverse, knowledgeable teller and loan advisor staff. In addition, Wells Fargo ought to go back and find

all the people who lost their homes due to foreclosure because of predatory lending products, and reinstate them.

Next, those homeowners who are going through the "loan modification" process with Wells Fargo or any of its subsidiaries, reset the mortgage payment to an affordable one.

Looking ahead, while intentionality and diversity are key, equity and fair lending practices are too. Wells Fargo, practice truth in lending by establishing products that empower customers to become financially resilient.

Are you a customer of Wells Fargo? Let's hear about it! Share your story, experience or solution today. Contact Daniella Pierre to affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.



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TECHNOLOGY

Google's Annie Jean-Baptiste on diversity in tech

This executive makes sure that there is representation

MICHELLE DARRISAW
Essence



My role is to make sure our products are inclusive for everyone and to make sure that everyone can see themselves in products such as Google Home and Pixel."

Annie Jean-Baptiste



Annie Jean-Baptiste is Google's global product inclusion evangelist.

For Annie Jean-Baptiste, Google's global product inclusion evangelist, a career in tech or engineering wasn't necessarily the career path she planned. But at the behest of her brother, who previously interned at Google, and through her own research, Jean-Baptiste discovered there were numerous roles to explore at the technology giant, including engaging in philanthropy and strengthening inclusion practices.

So the 30-year-old Boston native deviated from her original plan of becoming a pediatrician and applied for a job at Google, where she ultimately landed in the Global Business Organization as an account manager.

Now, eight years later, working in a traditionally homogenous, male-dominated industry, Jean-Baptiste is fighting to ensure Google's products and workforce accurately reflect its diverse user base. "My role is to make sure our products are inclusive for everyone and to make sure that everyone can see themselves in products such as Google Home and Pixel," Jean-Baptiste tells ESSENCE. "As we know, there aren't many women of color in tech. To be able to bring those different perspectives to our products is something I'm extremely passionate about. What success means to me is that we're building for everyone across the globe."

Jean-Baptiste is also taking actionable steps towards inclusion and diversity beyond Google. She is using her platform as an American Heart Association spokesperson and One Young World ambassador to empower communities of color in having equal access to the resources they need to live healthier lives. In addition, she's helping people find resilience in the face of adversity through Sheryl Sandberg's Option B campaign.

Despite more women like Jean-Baptiste having a long over-

due seat at the tech company's table, even she willingly admits to still being one of few women of color in the room making key decisions. "Yet she rests her hope in the strides Google is making through its programs to serve underrepresented communities. "We know that diverse teams make for better products and businesses," says Jean-Baptiste. "It's undeniable. People really understand that there needs to be more of us at Google, in the world and in tech in general. When you're building for a diverse subset of users, you also need to have those users, from different backgrounds, ethnicities, ages and economic statuses, in the room — at every stage of the process. If you don't, you risk alienating those users."

In fact, Jean-Baptiste has seen dramatic improvements in her eight-year tenure with the compa-

engineering, coding or in similar diversity positions like she currently holds. "I would love to see more of us, obviously," says Jean-Baptiste. "We are such an innovative and revolutionary people, and we bring wonderful ideas to the table.

We're the voices of change. I think our [woman of color] clout and credibility will continue to grow as demographics

shift in the U.S. and abroad. Tech companies have to understand and champion that inclusion and diversity."

EPA

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Announces the fourth Five-Year Review for
the Miami Drum Services Superfund Site,
Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida**

Purpose/Objective: The EPA is conducting a Five-Year Review of the remedy for the Miami Drum Services Superfund site (the Site) in Miami, Florida. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to make sure the selected cleanup actions effectively protect human health and the environment.

Site Background: The 1.3-acre Site is located within a larger 82-acre property owned by the Miami-Dade County Transit Authority in Hialeah, Dade County, Florida, about two miles north of Miami International Airport. Land uses surrounding the Site are primarily industrial. There are several municipal well fields in the area. Between 1966 and 1981, Miami Drum Services cleaned and recycled drums at the Site. Operations included washing drums with a cleaning solution. Site operators disposed of the cleaning solution along with drum residues containing industrial solvents, phenols, acids and heavy metals in open, unlined pits at the Site. Poor waste handling practices resulted in contamination of site soil and groundwater, including the Biscayne Aquifer. The EPA placed the Site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1983. Primary contaminants of concern at the Site include phenols, mercury, lead, cadmium, chromium, arsenic, nickel, oil and grease, dieldrin, and lindane in site soils and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including vinyl chloride and trans-1,2-dichloroethane, in groundwater.

Cleanup Actions: The EPA designated two operable units (OUs) to address the Site's contamination. The EPA selected a remedy to treat soil contamination in the Site's 1982 Record of Decision (ROD). Major parts of the OU1 remedy included removal and proper disposal of about 15,000 tons of contaminated soil and treatment of about 650,000 gallons of contaminated groundwater directly beneath the Site. For OU2, the EPA selected a remedy to address groundwater contamination in the Site's 1985 ROD. The groundwater remedy addresses contamination from the Site in conjunction with the cleanup of two other Superfund sites in Miami, the Varsol Spill and Northwest 58th Street Landfill sites. Though there are no concentrated contaminant plumes migrating from the three sites, contamination from the sites has oiled and affected the Biscayne Aquifer. The EPA identified the following remedy components to address contaminated groundwater for all three sites: use of existing wells in local well fields as recovery wells and treatment of contaminated groundwater using air stripping towers installed at two local water treatment plants. In addition, the EPA recommended a preventive action program administered at the county level to address pollution caused by small quantity generators and industrial facilities not connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Five-Year Review Schedule: The National Contingency Plan requires review of remedial actions that result in any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remaining at the Site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure every five years to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. The fourth of the Five-Year Reviews for the Site will be completed by July 2018.

EPA Invites Community Participation in the Five-Year Review Process: The EPA is conducting this Five-Year Review to evaluate the effectiveness of the Site's remedy and to ensure that the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. As part of the Five-Year Review process, EPA staff is available to answer any questions about the Site. Community members who have questions about the Site or the Five-Year Review process, or who would like to participate in a community interview, are asked to contact:

Marcia O'Neal, EPA Remedial Project Manager Phone: (404) 562-8442 Email: oneal.marcia@epa.gov	Ronald Tolliver, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Phone: (404) 562-9591 Email: tolliver.ronald@epa.gov
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Mailing Address: U.S. EPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Additional information is available at the Site's local document repository, Miami-Dade County Public Library, located at 101 West Flagler Street in Miami, Florida, and online at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/miami-drum-services>.

Disability doesn't stop Dade students



Jimmy Abraham for Miami Dade Public Schools

One thousand Miami-Dade County school students with disabilities were honored at Booker T. Washington Senior High School on Monday. The students, who have participated in an innovative national initiative to increase physical activity levels, received Presidential Fitness Awards at the 14th Annual "I Can Do It, You Can Do It" event. Miami HEAT mascot "Burnie," Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho and podiatrist, Dr. Susan Solman greeted the children at the ceremony.



Is Miami Dolphins' camp Miramar bound?

Some residents fear traffic issues

CAROL PORTER
Miami Times contributor

Will they, or won't they? That was the question Miramar residents had at an informational meeting May 10 about the Miami Dolphins relocating its training facility to the city.

Residents heard about a 2-acre parcel on Bass Road, between Dykes Road and Southwest 172nd Avenue as a possible relocation site from Dolphins' staff and city of Miramar staff at the Sunset Lakes Community Center.

Neighboring residents showed up to express their concerns about traffic and parking near the parcel that is zoned recreational. Residents asked where Miramar was ranked but could not get a clear answer from Dolphin representatives.

If the Dolphins are given the go-ahead, city staff and attorneys will begin negotiations with the Dolphins, and a final agreement would be presented to the City Commission for approval. A number of other meetings would be held. The Dolphins' current training facility is in Davie. Representing the Dolphins were Senior Vice President

and General Counsel Myles Pistorius, Senior Director of Legal & Government Affairs Marcus Bach-Armas as well as lobbyist Ron Book.

Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam was present at the meeting, with Assistant City Manager Michael Moore.

Messam said a representative of the Miami Dolphins had contacted the city about the relocation but that he did not want to proceed without input from the residents.

"It's very important for me to get input from the community," said Messam. "The city has not formally seen a presentation from the Dolphins. It's a good position to be in for you, residents. Residents west of I-75 will be impacted."

Messam spoke of the economic benefits to a partnership with the Dolphins, and how high school and college students could benefit, including police and other athletic leagues within the city. He also spoke about the jobs that could be created from the partnership with the emphasis on local firms that would build the facility. Messam and staff also showed other similar facilities, including the Florida Panther's IceDen, which was the facility that



Miami Times photo/Greg Reed and Carol Porter

Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam speaks at a town hall meeting, May 10, at Sunset Lakes Community Center. He asked residents for input regarding the prospects of the Miami Dolphins moving their headquarters and training facility to the city.

would be the closest comparison to the one being proposed by the Dolphins. He also noted that the Dolphins would not seek any money from the city to build the facility, so the taxpayers would not foot the bill but would seek other partnerships.

Messam said that the facility would likely accommodate about 200 players, medical professionals and other per-

sonnel. The Dolphins would probably build a parking garage to accommodate the people in the facility. Technical staff with the city would review the plans and make sure that all the requirements were met to minimize the impact on residents and the neighboring communities.

Residents had several questions.

Edwin Lester said he was

pleased that the Dolphins were considering Miramar for its facility but expressed concerns about traffic and parking. Other residents expressed concerns about the blasting going on in Miami-Dade County, which had been an ongoing problem in Miramar, and the possible impacts on the Dolphins.

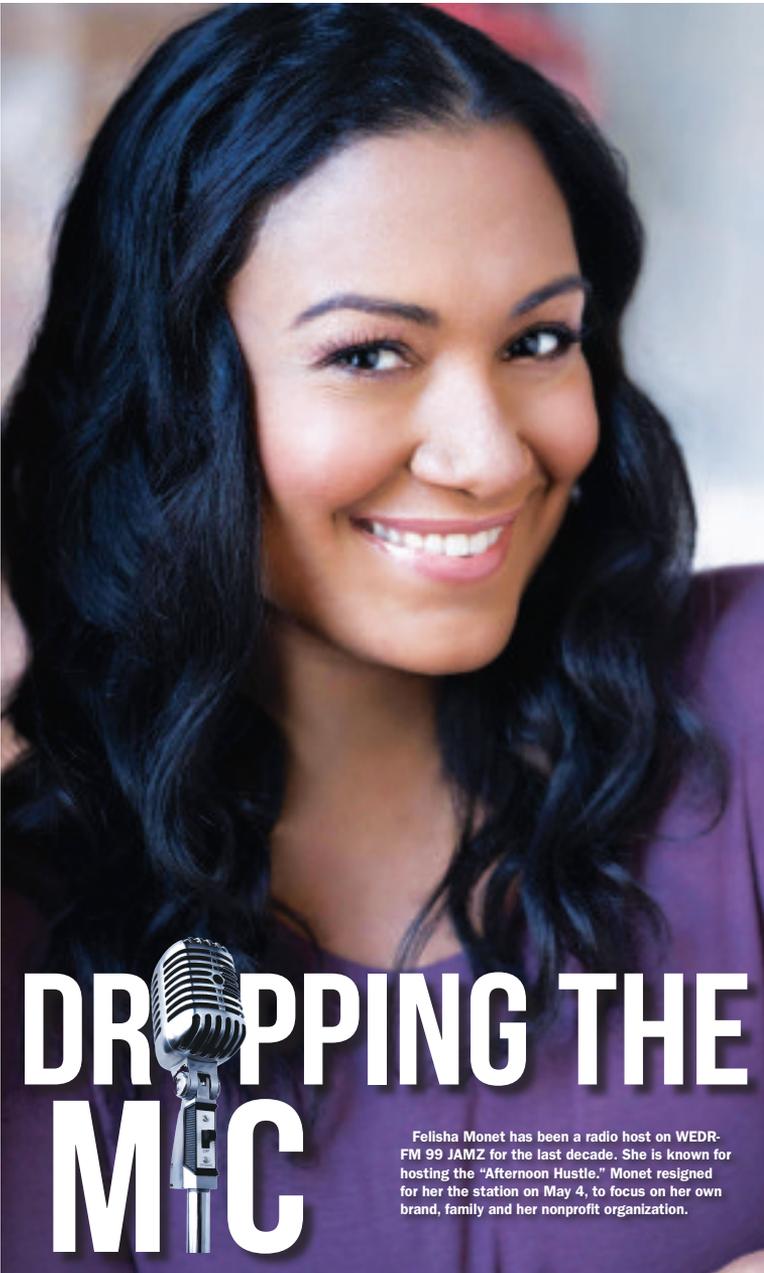
"Obviously, an entity like the Miami Dolphins would do

their due diligence in terms of their own site location," said Messam. "It's up to the Dolphins what their tolerance and risk factors are. Our job as a city is to make sure if they are going to build it, they are going to build it right, and it conforms to our requirements and our codes."

Another resident wanted to know about the lease agreement with the city, and what would happen if the Dolphins decided to negate their lease. The lease would be long-term, and it was not likely that the Dolphins would break the lease if they decided to partner with the city, Messam said.

Other residents wanted to know if the Dolphins would consider another location. Messam said that the site being considered was in the Dolphins' top three considerations, and that was the site chosen by their folks.

Another question was regarding whether the Dolphins would choose local contractors and subcontractors. Messam told residents that the Dolphins would choose local firms to build their facilities in Miramar. Messam also noted that the partnership would be a win-win for the city in other ways such as sports-related internships.



DRIPPING THE MIC

Felisha Monet has been a radio host on WEDR-FM 99 JAMZ for the last decade. She is known for hosting the "Afternoon Hustle." Monet resigned for her the station on May 4, to focus on her own brand, family and her nonprofit organization.

Felisha Monet is the latest radio personality to bid listeners farewell

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Felisha Monet felt a wave of emotions and anxiety as she made her last on-air announcement on WEDR-FM 99 JAMZ.

For the last 10 years, Felisha Monet served as one of the gatekeepers of hip-hop in South Florida.

She mixed her passion for music, Black culture and journalism to interview the top names in the industry such as Diddy, Lil' Wayne and Rick Ross and leaders like former President Barack Obama and Minister Louis Farrakhan.

Monet had the same "nerves-wrecking" feeling the first time she sat in the studio alone, a decade ago and spoke to the millions of listeners from Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. On May 4, she decided to retire

her microphone at the area's leading hip-hop radio station.

"That feeling never goes away, but when you study your craft and get fluid with it then you get used to it," said Monet.

That adrenaline Monet felt kept the momentum going during her daily spot, "The Afternoon Hustle."

"She has this light in her. She has this excitement," said DJ Griot, another South Florida hip-hop staple, who helped bring Monet onboard to 99 JAMZ. "When you see it, you know it."

As news broke of Monet's departure, many listeners and colleagues took to social media to bid the radio host well wishes and say their reluctant goodbyes.

Others said Monet's departure is just a piece of the string of other Black talent who have parted ways with Cox Media,



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Felisha Monet

the media group that owns 99 JAMZ and rhythm and blues station WHQT-FM-Hot 105.

"I'm wondering what's going on a [sic] Cox Media (no more Shelby Rushin, Rick Partypartyparty [sic] and now Felisha Monet)...Hmmm im concerned," Jimmy Nickerson, owner of a South Florida-based management and consulting firm, wrote on Facebook during Monet's last show. "Did you know not 1 of Us are in Management?"

Nickerson's post received 85 responses, some tagging other media professionals and the presidents of the Black Owned Media Alliance and the South Florida Black Journalists Association.

"And this is 'Black Radio' right?!" said Nina McDowell, marketing manager for the Urban League of Broward County in response to Nickerson's post. "I'm really curious to see what they are gonna do... When you remove the voice(es) of the community

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Music in the Park concert draws hundreds

The Miami Gardens' event is a community hit for jazz lovers

Special to The Miami Times

More than 600 residents packed into the Betty T. Ferguson Amphitheater for Music in the Park on May 4 in Miami Gardens. The audience clapped their hands and tapped their feet as Mustafa on Sax featuring Groove Box and famed steelpan jazz musician Othello Molineaux captivated the crowd during the free semiannual concert sponsored by Miami-Dade County Commis-



Photos courtesy of Ryan Holloway / Miami-Dade County

Mustafa on Sax serenades County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Miami Gardens Councilwoman Felicia Robinson at Music the Park.

sioner Barbara J. Jordan, the Sunshine Jazz Organization, Miami Gardens Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, and the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Department.

"This was one of the best concerts yet," said Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. "I'm thrilled that we had such a great turnout."

Concertgoers grooved to the soulful tunes of Miami Gardens' own Melton Mustafa Jr. who serenaded members of the crowd with love songs and jazz and soul classics. The younger Mustafa included a song once performed by his late father, Melton Mustafa Sr. He dedicated a portion of the show to his mother, Zakiyyah, who was in the audience, and presented her with roses.

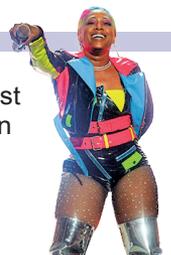
For the second part of the show, Othello Molineaux played a dynamic island-infused jazz performance. Molineaux, a South Florida resident, is credited with introducing steel drum jazz to a wider audience. He is considered the first steel drum player to be featured on a jazz recording.

The next Music in the Park concert is scheduled for Dec. 7.



The Othello Molineaux Quintet gives a dynamic steelpan drum performance.

Hip-hop fest rolls loud in Miami Gardens



MOTHERS GET MUSICAL TRIBUTE AND LAUGHS

Miami Gardens Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom hosted the fourth annual Pre-Mother's Day 80 Plus Luncheon honoring seniors 80 years or older May 11, in the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. Trumpeter E. L. Waters played during the event, and comedian Alton Jackson put on the act that has him known as the "Clean King of Comedy." The Miami Gardens Super Soul Steppers also put on a show for the special guests.



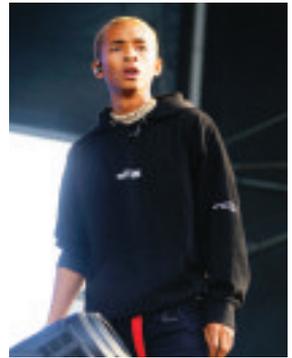
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Hip-hop festival rolls loud in Miami Gardens

Rolling Loud Festival, a 3-day music event, took place this past week at Hard Rock Stadium. It is now the largest hip-hop festival in the world. Some of the biggest names in hip-hop performed including rap group Dip Set, Future, A\$AP Ferg, Travis Scott, Young Thug, Lil B, Post Malone, Migos, Kodak Black, Lil Uzi Vert, 21 Savage, Lil Yachty, Tory Lanez, Jaden Smith, Trina, Trick Daddy and more. Meek Mill also hit the stage for his first performance since his release from prison on April 26.



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THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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The North Dade Youth Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida and Teams of the Miami Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc. on Sunday, April 29, participated in the Fifth Annual Million Meal Pack. The event, sponsored by the Miami Dolphins Special Teams and AARP Foundation, was held at the Rick Case Arena at Nova Southeastern University. Volunteers worked an assembly line to make one million red lentil jambalaya meals. The packaged meals will be delivered by U.S. Hunger to Feeding South Florida's for older adults in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Youth participants and advisors included: **Maya Walker, Tanya Marable, Kathryn Wyche Latimore, Martha Johnson-Rutledge, Toyin Marable, Kamryn Walker, Millicent Smith, Lailah Rutledge, Ellington Rutledge, and Justin Cheesborough.** This was a great service opportunity for our youth in the community.



Edwards

Nancy Sidney Dawkins received the Outstanding Community Service Award at the 32nd Annual King of Clubs (KOC) Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, May 6 at the Doubletree Hotel, Biscayne Bay. The honor was given to her by KOC member and her grandson **Lenore Dawkins.** A 1941 graduate of Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, **Nancy Dawkins** is known for her tenacity, passion and dedication in all her endeavors.

She learned of dedication and passion as a member of one of the pioneer families who led in the efforts to see that Black children could have a school in the Dania community in South Broward County. In their history, it has been written that in 1914, Black South Florida pioneers **Isadore S. Mizell and Joseph Sidney,** "applied their carpentry skills" to build the **Dania School for Coloreds** from driftwood and old lumber. According to written history, "this school served a vital need for education within the burgeoning South Florida communities in the south, which boasted a then-continual influx of migrants from the Bahamas. Later, in 1925, the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) district constructed the **Dania-Liberia School** for the dual communities in the south end of Dania. The school was later named **Attucks.** In the early days of education in Broward County, there was no mass transit infrastructure to shuttle Black students and from school campuses; students either walked the distances from their homes, however long, or carpooled with peers whose families had access to vehicles." In Miami-Dade, many students from neighboring counties traveled distances to attend Booker T. Washington or Dorsey High. Education had a prominent place in our history. Congratulations are due and well-deserved for this pioneer in so many efforts. Current



North Dade Youth Ministry

members of **KOC** posed for a group picture at the event.

The School of Business & University Advancement at Florida Memorial University hosted a retirement celebration for **Barbara Edwards** on Wednesday, May 9. **Edwards** served as a Cabinet-level administrator at Florida Memorial University for more than 26 years. Additionally, **Edwards** also held the position of vice president/chief institutional advancement officer for the university. Since July 2011, **Edwards** has held the position of associate professor of Management in the School of Business. Among the invited guests were her sisters from the Dade County Chapter of the Links Inc.; **Kim McCray, Dolores Washington, Cynthia Clarke, Denise Walters, Betty T. Ferguson, Geneva Knowles Woodard, Janis Sanders, Priscilla Adams Dobbs, Luvernice Croskey, Tammy Reed, Gwen Robinson, Ruby Hemingway Adams, Alexandria Holloway and Jeris Smith.** **Edwards** had a stellar career and those in

attendance gave her many tributes of appreciation.

Just Us President **Carolyn Blake** convened her meeting on Saturday, May 12 at Brimstone Restaurant in Pembroke Pines. The meeting was hosted by **Mercita Wimberly.** Invited guest **Rosalyn Phillips** enjoyed the ambiance with members. **Phillips** was visiting just **Us** member **Darlene Satterwite Hargroves.** Other members enjoying the meeting and fellowship included **Althea Coleman, Shelaine Welters, Camille Carroll-Perry, Lois Lee, Darlene Gay, Juanita Miller** and Miami-Dade County Commissioner (District 3) **Audrey M. Edmondson.**

Members of the Miami Northwestern Class of 1961 recently learned of the death of their classmate **Rose-Marie Stewart** in Atlanta on May 5. **Rose** was a native Miamian who, along with her parents, **Samuel R. Stewart** and **Rose Adele Stewart,** and her brother "**Sammie**" were well-known members of the Liberty City community on Northwest 14 Avenue. Her paternal uncle, **Emmanuel Stewart** was the

popular principal of **Gibbs High School** in St. Petersburg in the '60s. After graduation from **Bethune-Cookman College** now University, **Rose-Marie** moved to Atlanta where she was employed as a Federal investigator at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Family and friends joined in a Celebration of Life for **Rose** on May 15. It seems that we are hearing too frequently of classmates and friends who have died. This quote by **Omar Khayyám** may best sum up the feelings experienced on life's journey: "The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit. Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line, Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it." And so it is. May she rest in peace.

At their end-of-the-year meeting on Friday evening, members of the Miami Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Miami congratulated the 27th Chapter President **Davrye Gibson Smith** on her successful term, which ended. Her final charge to the new members was to continue to hold each other up to the light and be prayerful while keeping the welfare of the children at the heart of all they do. Parting gifts were Jeweled Prayer Boxes. Her theme, "The Power To Make A Difference" was her driving force as she was instrumental in chartering the Associates Group, led by **Agenorita Paschal Powell,** and dedicating a reading center in memory of **Carole Robertson,** one of the four Black girls killed at the 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963 in Birmingham, and a member of **Jack and Jill of America.** The Reading Center will be located at the **Center for Family and Children Enrichment** on Northwest 18th Avenue and 167th Street in Miami Gardens. **Gibson-Smith** told members:

"For two years of love and service, I am grateful to have been the servant leader."

The chapter also celebrated the "Bridging Over" of two graduating mothers: **Cristal J. Cole** and **Karen Coplin Cooper.** On Saturday, Chapter teens spent the day at the Theater of the Seas in Key West, for their end-of-the-year activity, after installing new chapter officers. The guest speaker was **Ramon Harris,** a retired corporate executive. The 2018-2019 officers are **Quintera S. Parris,** president; **Yvette H. Holt,** vice president; **Cecily Robinson Duffie,** program director; **Allison Aristide,** corresponding secretary; **Sicily J. Mincey,** recording secretary; **Christen Reaves,** treasurer; **Tewanna Reddick,** financial secretary; **Thomas Mitchell,** parliamentarian; **Davrye Gibson-Smith,** editor; **Ingrid Cheesborough,** foundation chair; **Natalie Smith Mack,** protocol officer; **Charesse Chester,** chaplain; **Miriam Stewart,** sergeant at arms; and **Shontonna Wray,** archivist.

Our May journey has been filled with many activities. Hopefully you continue to be informed, entertained and in many ways enlightened as we have shared our vital history, relived many moments in time, recognized milestones and had opportunities to get together. Blessings to all in all as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh, Sing and Dance in the Whirl.

CLARIFICATION: The Social Whirl column of the week of May 9 included an item that was not properly attributed. The item concerning **Erykah Clarke** should have been attributed to **Aleya Bradley,** who wrote the article for the **Famuan.** The Miami Times regrets the lack of transparency.

Part 1: Improving your financial health

Before you can prosper, you need to understand your financial health. And Wells Fargo's 8 Rules of Thumb to Financial Health are a good place to start. They provide easy-to-follow steps to help you increase savings, reduce debt and feel more confident about your finances.

1 Pay Yourself First

Before paying bills or other expenses, pay yourself first by depositing 1-5% of your paycheck into your savings account. Doing this every time you get paid will add up over time and help you create a healthy habit of saving.

2 Create a safety net

You never know when an unexpected event like a major car repair or large medical expense will occur, so having an emergency savings fund is important. Put away a small amount each week to create a separate emergency savings fund with 3-6 months of living expenses. One less bill or night out with friends can add up and help build your emergency fund.

3 Pay on time, every time

Your payment history makes up about 35% of your total credit score. So make sure to pay your bills on time to help protect your credit score, and to avoid late fees. Set up automatic payments to ensure bills are paid before they're due and enjoy at least the minimum balance every month on all of your accounts.

4 Review your insurance annually

You work hard for everything you have, so be sure to protect it. To help secure yourself financially and protect those you love, consider homeowners or renters, auto, life, and umbrella insurance. Review your coverage yearly. As your life changes, your insurance needs may change too.

5 Track your spending

Add up your monthly bills, such as mortgage or rent, insurance, utilities and phone. Then, track your personal expenses, such as groceries, gas, and entertainment. Review your expense and consider whether an expense is a need or a want. This will help you determine to reduce your spending without ways to save.

6 Pay Down High-Interest-Rate Debt

The higher your interest rate, the more money you'll pay in borrowing fees. So make a plan to pay down your debt amounts with the highest interest rate first. After paying off the highest interest rate debt, move on to the next until all of your debt is under control.

7 Know Where Your Credit Stands

Credit scores are used to determine if you'll qualify for a good interest rate on a home loan, car loan, or credit card. Plus, many insurance companies, cellphone providers, and landlords refer to your credit score to make decisions. So it's important to check your report regularly and make sure your information is accurate.

8 Save Sooner for a Better Retirement

The earlier you start to save for retirement, the less you will actually need to put away. To saving at least 15% of your salary each year. Use your employer 401(k) plan if they have one. If your employer doesn't offer a 401(k) you can open an individual retirement account (IRA).

Following these 8 steps could help you get on track to achieving your financial goals. When you improve your financial health, you can finally start to prosper and grow your wealth.

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Jackson Women's HEALTH ISSUES

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Cutting-edge surgery saves golfer from foot amputation

Avid golfer David McGrath began having issues walking around the golf course. The former Panamanian diplomat, who had been stationed in the Bahamas, did not think much of it, and believed he was just having some muscular problems.

"My feet were just feeling too tight, and my legs would get stiff," recalls McGrath. "My legs would get tired, and I couldn't walk long distances."

The 68-year-old became more concerned when he started developing blisters and ulcers on his feet. McGrath had also developed an abscess on his left foot.

In January 2017, he flew to Miami under the advice of a friend, who recommended he come to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

"One of the ulcers had gotten really big; you could actually see the

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David McGrath poses with Dr. Jorge Rey, UHealth – University of Miami Health System vascular surgeon.

Saving limbs, changing lives

Every aspect of the body is important – and losing even a small part of it changes a person's life forever. That's why Jackson Health System has the Limb Salvage Center.

Located in the Batchelor Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital, and open every other Monday, the limb salvage program offers a second opinion to patients who have been told they need an amputation for a variety of reasons, including diabetes, serious injury, chronic disease and peripheral vascular disease.

More than a dozen vascular surgeons, plastic surgeons, nurse practitioners, ultrasound technicians and medical fellows work together to provide comprehensive



Dr. Jorge Rey

interventions with one common goal: saving limbs that are in jeopardy.

Dr. Jorge Rey, a UHealth – University of Miami Health System vascular surgeon, oversees the program, the only one of its kind in Miami-Dade County.

"We are a team of vascular specialists who are trained in performing endovascular techniques, medical therapy, open repairs and reconstruction – when it's necessary – in conjunction with a team of plastic surgeons," Dr. Rey said. "Our program provides a comprehensive intervention to save limbs."

It's an acutely important program for everyone, but especially

SEE LIVES 6C

Bahamian doctor diagnosed with rare neurological condition turns to Jackson

While attending an event in December 2016, Dr. Glen Benebey, chief medical officer for the Bahamas, suddenly blacked out, and collapsed.

"After that incident, I started experiencing cognitive decline," said Dr. Benebey. "I didn't feel fully aware of what was going on, but I also started experiencing weakness on my left side."

Initially, doctors in the Bahamas suspected a brain tumor, but ruled that out a week later.

After undergoing a series of tests, including an MRI, doctors diag-

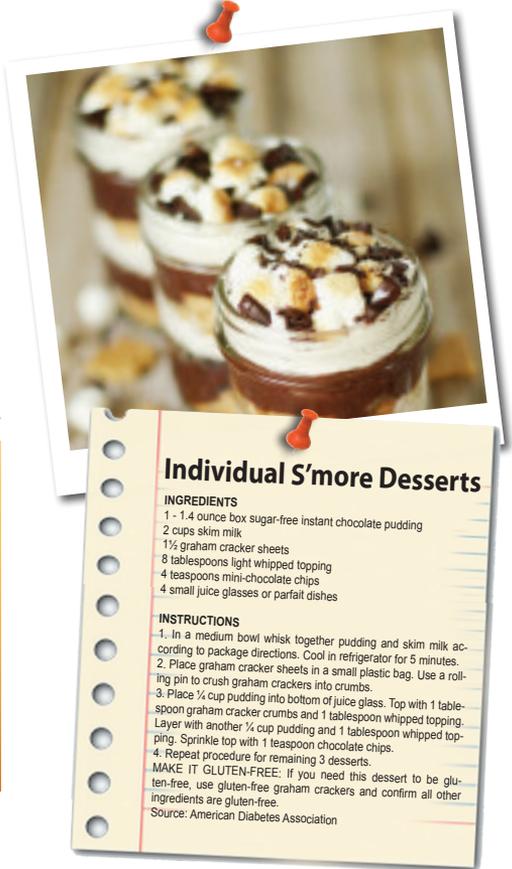


Dr. Glen Benebey

nosed him with dural venous sinus thrombosis, a condition that creates clots in the main veins in the brain. He was immediately placed on anticoagulants, commonly known as blood thinners and anti-convulsants.

Although he was taking medication, his condition worsened in a period of three months. Over the next year, he saw a variety of doctors and was thought to have progressive "dementia" or Parkinson's disease of unclear cause.

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Individual S'more Desserts

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1.4 ounce box sugar-free instant chocolate pudding
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1 1/2 graham cracker sheets
- 8 tablespoons light whipped topping
- 4 teaspoons mini-chocolate chips
- 4 small juice glasses or parfait dishes

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium bowl whisk together pudding and skim milk according to package directions. Cool in refrigerator for 5 minutes.
2. Place graham cracker sheets in a small plastic bag. Use a rolling pin to crush graham crackers into crumbs.
3. Place 1/4 cup pudding into bottom of juice glass. Top with 1 tablespoon graham cracker crumbs and 1 tablespoon whipped topping.
4. Layer with another 1/4 cup pudding and 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Sprinkle top with 1 teaspoon chocolate chips.
5. Repeat procedure for remaining 3 desserts.

MAKE IT GLUTEN-FREE: If you need this dessert to be gluten-free, use gluten-free graham crackers and confirm all other ingredients are gluten-free.

Source: American Diabetes Association



McDuffie Riots in May 1980

Triage during the McDuffie Riots

This year, Jackson Health System is celebrating its centennial – and its historic mission to provide the highest quality medical care to all members of our community.

When Jackson opened its doors as Miami City Hospital in 1918, it had 13 beds and a handful of employees. Today, it's one of the nation's largest health systems with more than 2,100 beds and more than 12,000 employees.

A lot has changed since Jackson's humble beginnings, but its commitment to the health and wellbeing of the community has remained the same.

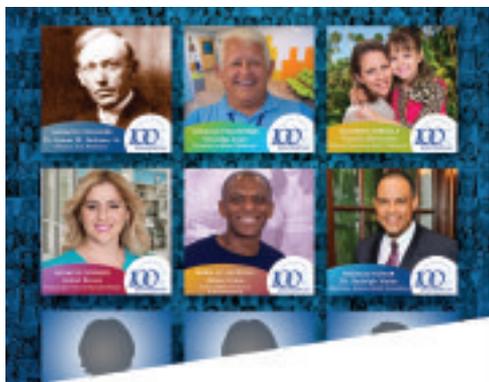
In May 1980, the Miami riots

broke out for three days in Overtown and Liberty City following the acquittal of four white Miami-Dade police officers tried in the death of Arthur McDuffie. McDuffie, a black salesman and former Marine, died as a result of injuries sustained during his arrest following a high-speed chase.

Jackson Memorial Hospital's emergency room was bombarded with 200 patients injured during the unrest. Ninety of those patients were admitted to the hospital, including 11-year-old Shanreka Perry.

Shanreka was playing outside

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CELEBRATE THE MIRACLES

In 100 years, we've seen it all. Patients who have battled heavily and overcome great odds. Researchers claiming breakthroughs in innovation and treatment. Physicians and staff that devote their life's work to healing and saving lives. Individuals who are dedicated to raising funds and awareness. Yet, we're still impressed by the astonishing miracles that continue to take place at Jackson Health System.

It is through these collective efforts and your support that we have been able to touch the lives around us. Together, we celebrate the miracles that have made a world of difference.

To join the celebration, add your photo to our Jackson Miracles Mosaic at CenturyOfMiracles.org.



LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

■ **Fit 2 Read Literacy Program** 4 – 6 p.m. on May 16 Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime will have story time with youth in order to get them and parents involved in active reading; there will be a book giveaway along with other prizes, light refreshments will be served; the event takes place at Opa-locka Branch Library, 780 Fisherman St., Suite 140; Info: Call 305-694-2779

■ **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 North Miami** 6 p.m. on May 18 the city is

celebrating Haitian Flag Day, hosted by comedians Success Jr. and Plus Daddy of Haitian American Productions; Bring your Haitian flag to this free event that takes place at MOCA Plaza, 770 NE 125th St; Info: Call 786-294-4465

■ **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 Junkanoos 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, Info: Call 305-333-8539 or 305-696-1819

■ **The Surviving Twin Network** First Twin-S Luncheon on June 23, Info: Call 305-504-4936

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 msoguns@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

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

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

RIOTS

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her home in Liberty City when she was struck by a runaway car and pinned to a wall. She suffered life-threatening injuries, including several fractures to her legs and one of her

arms, a gash on her forehead, and severe internal bleeding. A comprehensive medical team of emergency room nurses, urologists, orthopaedists and pediatric surgeons rushed to save Shanreka's life, giving her approximately seven blood transfusions.

In the end, doctors were unable to save her left leg.



She remained in the pediatric intensive care unit for three weeks, and underwent several surgeries.

Shanreka then received physical therapy for several months at Jackson Memorial. She learned how to walk with a specially designed prosthesis, and was released from the hospital six months later.

Statistics show that during the height of the rioting, 11 operating rooms at Jackson Memorial were in service, and medical teams performed 35 surgeries.

In total, 350 people were injured during the riots, and 18 were killed.

To learn more about Jackson's rich history, visit CenturyofMiracles.org.

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Natural gas is a colorless, odorless fuel. For safety reasons, a chemical odorant called mercaptan is added for easy detection. This odorant has a distinctive "rotten egg" type scent. Natural gas odors should be reported right away. Do not try to locate the source of the smell.

If you smell this odor:

- Alert others and leave the area immediately.
- Leave the door open as you exit.
- Avoid using any sources of ignition, such as cell phones, lighters, matches, cigarettes, flashlights, light switches, landlines or starting a car engine.
- Call Florida City Gas at 888.352.5325 or 911 once you are out of the area and in a safe place.

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MONET

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you also lose its heart.”

Cox Media owns 60 radio stations, 24 of them are in Florida, four of which are in Miami. Local stations 93.1 – Easy 93 and HIT'S 97.3 – WFLC are also under the Cox umbrella.

Jill Strada, the director of branding and programming for 99 JAMZ, and her counterpart at HOT 105, Phil Michaels-Trueba, were unavailable for comment.

Nickerson, who is also a co-founder of the South Florida Black Business Directory, said he has been promised a meeting with Cox Media ex-

ecutives, but the date has not been confirmed.

He also wrote that “billions of dollars are generated in revenue, and they have great ratings as a result of Urban listenership” but have “made decisions that have impacted employment for all the Black” on-air talent.

A representative of the South Florida Black Journalists Association will be among the parties who plan to attend the meeting. The organization, which supports Black journalists in South Florida, “understands” the issue but has not received “direct complaints from any of the departing staff,” according to a statement from the president, Carolyn Gunnis.

Monet said after 10 years,

it was just time for her to explore other opportunities.

“I’ve had an amazing run at WEDR; it’s just time for me to see what else is out there,” she said.

A day before Monet’s exit from 99 JAMZ, on May 3, HOT 105 radio personality, Rick Party announced his departure from the R&B station. Party and his co-host Benji Brown took over Michael Baisden and Tamara “G” Gant’s afternoon slot after the Michael Baisden Show was canceled in January 2017.

Party said on Facebook that he was leaving HOT 105 to “the next chapter” of his life.

Party and Cox could not “reach an agreement” when it came to his contract, he said. Party wrote on May 3:

“

I’ve had an amazing run at WEDR, it’s just time for me to see what else is out there.”

Felisha Monet

“They offered me a 3-year deal with terms that I simply could not accept. So, I had to push away from the table and walk on faith. I’m looking forward to this next chapter in my life, which includes among others, a National Radio Syndication opportunity that awaits me. On a lighter note, ESPN/Disney has made me an employee and I can be heard weekdays as the voice of SportsCenter on the television network by over 200 Million people in over 60 countries.”

Monet’s next move is to focus on a gateway to sisterhood. She will be committed full-time to her nonprofit organization, I Am Greater than Yesterday.

Based on her daily per-

sonal affirmation, Monet describes I am I Am Greater than Yesterday as a support system for women, ages 18-54, to connect and share stories. Her goal is to promote healthy living and relationships among women.

Monet also plans to launch a partnership with a lifestyle company in the near future, but she is keeping the details hush-hush for now. The mother of two, who plans to stay in South Florida, is also taking the opportunity to spend more time with her two sons.

But she hasn’t totally dropped the microphone as yet.

“I see TV in my future,” said Monet. “This doesn’t stop Felisha Monet.”

REY

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bone,” said McGrath. “It became even more concerning when I also started getting gangrene on my feet.”

Dr. Jorge Rey, UHealth – University of Miami Health System vascular surgeon, and medical director at the Limb Salvage Center at the Limb Memorial Hospital, immediately took his case. Dr. Rey diagnosed McGrath with severe peripheral arterial disease with gangrene – a circulatory

problem in which narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to the limbs.

“Mr. McGrath was weeks from losing his feet,” said Dr. Rey. “We knew immediate vascular intervention was the key to saving his limb, and improving his quality of life.”

Dr. Rey successfully performed five different procedures on McGrath during an eight-hour surgery.

He first removed the plaques in the femoral artery in order to restore flow and circulation. He then placed stents in both iliac arteries, and left leg. He also performed a by-

pass on his right leg, in which he created an alternative conduit for blood flow to circumvent the area of blockage and restore direct flow to the leg and foot. Lastly, Dr. Thomas G. Zwick, UHealth podiatrist, performed reconstruction surgery on his feet.

“I am so grateful to Dr. Rey. He managed to save my legs. It’s quite a miracle,” said McGrath. “Dr. Rey is my hero.”

Focused on his recovery, McGrath received wound care and inpatient physical therapy at Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital.

“I would walk around the

hallways of the hospital, and did not need physical therapy after being discharged,” said McGrath.

McGrath is now able to walk long distances, and continues to play golf without feeling tired. He has since retired as a diplomat, and is now focused on business ventures in the Bahamas.

The Limb Salvage Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital offers a second opinion to individuals who have been told they need an amputation. Whether amputation has been offered as treatment for tumors, artery blockage, seri-

ous injury, or chronic disease, Jackson’s team of experts is available to provide consultations, ultrasounds, CT scans, wound care and pulse volume recording.

If you or a loved one is experiencing a chronic case (one week or more) of any of the following symptoms, call 305-585-SAVE (7283) to schedule your appointment at the Limb Salvage Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

- Pain that prevents the patient from sleeping
- Pain is present with walking
- Patient cannot feel

foot/toes

- Patient cannot move foot/toes

- Patient’s foot/toes are cold compared to non-affected leg/foot/toe

- Patient cannot feel the affected foot/toes when touched

- Blue/darkened/white discoloration of affected leg/foot/toe

- Skin surrounding wound is flushed/red over an area that’s greater than 2 fingers wide

- Fever in addition to another symptom or sign mentioned above.

LIVES

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minorities. Though limb salvage treatment procedures have been underway at Jackson Memorial for several years, it officially began about

a year ago in an effort to provide patients with a one-stop shop where they have access to a highly-trained team of specialists.

“Unfortunately the African-American community has high incidents of diabetes, and we see a lot of patients in that community either losing their

legs or suffering the diseases that lead to amputation,” Dr. Rey said. “It’s a population that suffers a great deal in terms of limb loss.”

The key to limb salvage is getting to the team as soon as possible for timely intervention. And you need to know what problems can lead to a

diagnosis of amputation. The types of symptoms that indicate when a limb is endangered include:

- Persistent pain in limbs
- Inability to feel limbs when touched
- Wounds that don’t heal
- Changes in the skin color
- A difference in the tem-

perature of the limb and other parts of the body

“Avoiding the loss of a limb is extremely important. The mortality for patients who lose their legs goes up exponentially because it’s not just about the leg, it’s about losing your mobility,” Dr. Rey said. “You can develop blood clots,

you can contract pneumonias, and other type of infections. Things change in your life when you lose your leg.”

If you or a loved one has been told amputation is the only option, call the Limb Salvage Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital at 305-585-SAVE (7283) or visit www.jacksonhealth.org.



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Islamic Center of Greater Miami



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Muslims celebrate as Ramadan begins

South Floridians prepare to bring in a holy month of fasting and praying

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As temperatures climb into the 80s and humidity rises to more than 70 percent, South Floridians reach for a glass of iced water to cool off. Instead,

Muslims refuse to eat or drink until the sun goes down every year as part of an annual fast called Ramadan. Ramadan, which is the ninth month of the lunar calendar, begins this week, and the South Florida Muslim communities prepare

mentally and logistically for an influx of visitors and 30 days of fasting.

"Ramadan is the holy month that Allah (God) revealed the Holy Quran to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)," said Student Minister Patrick Muhammad of Muhammad's Mosque #29 in Liberty City. "It is the month that we celebrate the revelation of

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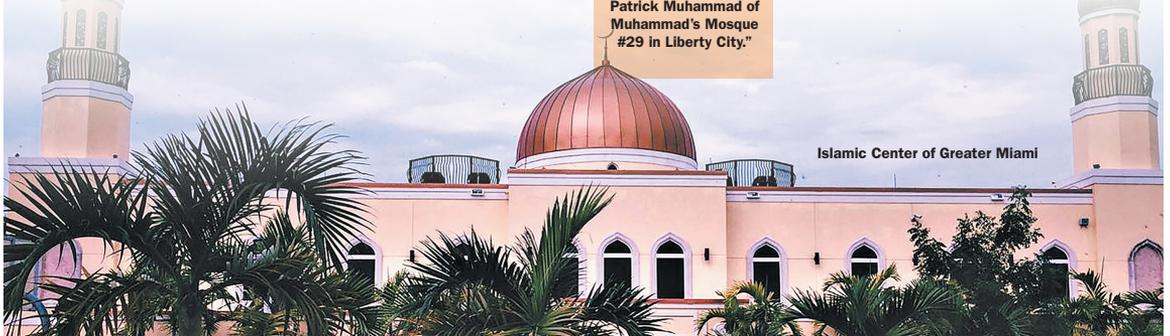
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that Holy Quran, which was over a 23-year period of the magnificent revelation. And not only was it for that time, but it was for humanity at large."

During Ramadan, which is an Arabic word that means "intense heat" or "the hot month," Muslims who have reached puberty and who are

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ABOVE: Islamic Center of Greater Miami holds evening services throughout the year. Service attendance increases during Ramadan.



Islamic Center of Greater Miami



REUTERS/Mike Theiler

The Reverend Michael Bruce Curry gives a thumbs up as he arrives for his Installation ceremony at the Washington National Cathedral, in Washington, November 1, 2015. Curry became the first Black Episcopal presiding bishop, after previously serving as Bishop of North Carolina.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to ordain the royal wedding ceremony

He is the first Black American to ever serve as bishop of the Episcopal Church in its history

LONDON (AP) — Kensington Palace says the head of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, will speak at the wedding of Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle. Curry will give the address — a sermon — at the May 19 event in Windsor. He will join the dean of Windsor, the Rt.

Rev. David Conner, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who will officiate at the service.

Welby has baptized Markle ahead of her marriage to Harry, the grandson of Queen Elizabeth II, who is the supreme governor of the Church of England.

Curry is the first Black American to

have served as presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, an offshoot of the Church of England in the United States. It is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

He was installed in 2015 after serving as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina for 15 years. Curry has long supported LGBTQ rights and was among the first group of bishops to allow same-sex marriages to be performed in the N.C. diocese.

The young, not the elderly, are the loneliest

A recent study from Cigna shows increasing numbers in isolation

AYNE O'DONNELL AND SHARI RUDAVSKY
USA TODAY

Young people are far more likely than senior citizens to report being lonely and in poor health, a surprising survey of 20,000 Americans released Tuesday shows. The overall national loneliness score was alarmingly

Many Americans say they feel lonely

- 47% Feel left out
- 46% Sometimes or always feel alone
- 43% Feel their relationships are not meaningful
- 43% Feel isolated from others
- 27% Rarely or never feel there are people who really understand them
- 20% Rarely or never feel close to people
- 18% Have people they can talk to

Source: Cigna Survey of Americans
Design: NewsUSA Today

high at 44 on a 20-to-80 scale, but the prevalence of social isolation among those ages 18 to 22 raises even more concern. The younger people, part of Generation Z, had loneliness scores of about 48 compared with nearly 39 for those 72 and older.

The study was sponsored by the global insurer and health services company Cigna, which is concerned about

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"I could no longer dress myself, and I began walking slowly," remembers Dr. Beney. "I was losing understanding of basic things; I also had an episode of seizure at the onset." His wife could not bear the anguish of seeing her husband rapidly deteriorate.

"He was normally very active and sharp," said Carolyn Beney. "He could no longer carry a conversation, and he had lost his ability to smile and show any expression."

In June 2017, Dr. Beney was transferred to an area hospital in Miami, and later referred to Dr. Robert Starke, UHealth - University of Miami Health System neurosurgeon and neuroradiologist, and co-director of endovascular neurosurgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

"When I first met Dr. Beney, he was wheelchair-bound, and could only say his name," recalls Dr. Starke. "As I took a closer look at his older MRIs, I was able to see hundreds of abnormal vessels and severe swelling in the brain."

Dr. Starke immediately ordered an angiogram, which provides videos of the blood as it moves through the brain, and diagnosed Dr. Beney with a rare condition called cerebral dural arteriovenous fistula (DAVF). DAVF is a

vascular anomaly formed by an abnormal connection between an artery within the lining of the brain, and a vein that carries blood from the brain to back to the heart.

On average, this rare condition is diagnosed in patients in their 50s and 60s, and is classified by three types. Type I is considered benign and shows minor symptoms like hemorrhage, seizures, and neuro deficits on patients; and type III may cause the patient to experience hemorrhaging, seizures, stroke, and neurological deficits.

Dr. Beney was diagnosed with type III, and even though he had not experienced any bleeding or a stroke, the end result could have been fatal if left untreated.

"Aside from experiencing seizures and severe cognitive decline, the patient was also experiencing swelling in the brain," said Dr. Starke. "Luckily, his veins were able to compensate."

Although this condition is rare and challenging to treat, Dr. Starke receives referrals and treats patients locally, nationally, internationally who have been diagnosed with abnormal brain and spinal vascular disorders. Dr. Starke is one of the few doctors that practices all treatment options including microsurgery, embolization, or focused radia-

tion therapy. For each type of DAVF, there is an optimal treatment.

Dr. Beney underwent endovascular embolization, a minimally invasive procedure in which Dr. Starke placed a catheter through the leg and passed it through the artery until it reached the DAVF. The fistula was then plugged with glue to correct the abnormal pattern of blood flow.

Shortly after the procedure, Dr. Beney underwent occupational, physical, and speech therapies at Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital for four weeks.

"Just a few weeks after the procedure, my husband was smiling again, and carrying conversations," said Carolyn Beney. "I felt so happy to have my husband back."

Dr. Beney returned to work in December 2017, and transitioned into a new role as director of special projects for the Health Department in the Bahamas.

"This whole experience truly confirmed my faith in God and life," said Dr. Beney. "I feel I have a special purpose in life. This is a transformation, and it's a true miracle by definition."

Dr. Beney is excited to focus on continuing to create medical programs in his country, including providing better access to patients suffering from neurological conditions.

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loneliness as a societal problem but also because it's not just making us sad: It can literally make us sick.

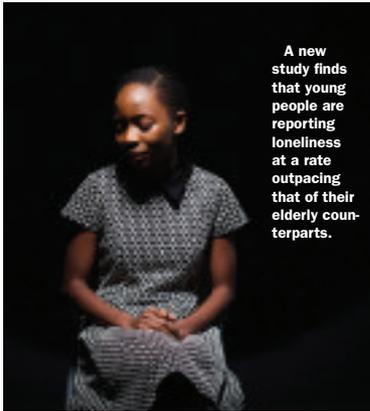
Loneliness actually has the same effect on mortality as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, which makes it even more dangerous than obesity, says Cigna, citing a 2010 report. And while the new findings don't draw any direct links to increased rates of suicide among teens or the opioid epidemic, Cigna CEO David Cordani says it's clear addressing loneliness will help solve other problems.

"If their sense of health and well-being is more positive, then less destructive activities transpire," Cordani says.

The market research firm Ipsos posed questions online between Feb. 21 to March 6 to more than 20,000 people 18 and older in the U.S. The questions were based on UCLA's Loneliness Scale and used to create the Cigna Loneliness Index.

Also surprising: Young people with the highest rates of social media use reported very similar feelings of loneliness to those who barely use it. Still, Cordani says, "meaningful social interaction" was seen as key to reducing isolation so more face-to-face conversations are needed.

While some people may compensate by finding connections on social media, that can provide a false sense of relief, says Jagdish



A new study finds that young people are reporting loneliness at a rate outpacing that of their elderly counterparts.

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Khubchandani, a health science professor at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. This type of socialization often leads people to spend time alone on computers in their homes, leading them to gain weight and shun face-to-face interaction, he said.

"I have students who tell me they have 500 'friends,' but when they're in need, there's no one," Khubchandani says.

Isolation is of such concern that young people 16 to 24 who are neither employed nor in school are now tracked and classified as "disconnected youth." The former surgeon general, physician Vivek Murthy, made emotional well-being and loneliness a focus while he was in office and is now writing a book and setting up an institute focused on the problem.

"Stress from loneliness is an insidious type of stress," Murthy says.

It creates a biological response, Murthy says, that leads to chronic inflammation, damaged tissue and blood vessels, and an increased risk of heart disease, arthritis and diabetes.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked with the nonprofit project Measure of America to publicize the problem because disconnection in young people is such a predictor of poor health and early death.

When people are disconnected at 16 or 18, it's "not a spontaneously occurring event," says Sarah Burd-Sharps, Measure of America's co-director. "It's an accumulation of all the events in teens' lifetimes, experiences in your family, any trauma you faced."

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

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

BAPTIST

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

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

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

NON DENOMINATION
Lively Stone Church of Miami
Pastor David Doriscar
8025 NW Miami 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 • 305-335-4389

New Life Christian Center
Rev. Bruce Payne
5728 Washington Street • 786-536-9039

MORAVIAN CHURCH
New Hope Moravian Church
Pastor Gregorio Moody
6001 SW 12th Avenue • 305-273-4047

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

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

FAST

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able to fast without causing medical difficulty don't eat or drink and refrain from sexual desires during the daylight hours. They also strive to break bad habits and replace them with good ones.

Muhammad said it's a time to celebrate a connection to Allah.

"One of the aspects of the pillars of Islam is 'al-Hajj,' which is 'the pilgrimage,'" Muhammad said. "So the pilgrimage is a journey. In life, we have shortcomings, and we look for the month of Ramadan - as the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan teaches us - to rebuild our strength, our will, [and] our faith to face the obstacles of life."

Muhammad's Mosque #29 joins other Muslim communities around South Florida by holding gatherings with their Muslim congregation and people of other faiths.

The Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens held a family night in anticipation of Ramadan last Friday. They have also started holding evening prayers at the mosque every night.

Khalid Mirza, president of the Islamic Center of Greater Miami, said they usually have 300 people come to the mosque every night during Ramadan. He said on the weekends, they expect around 400 to 500 people.

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tion's elementary and middle school.

"We have cleaned up the property, prepared it for the Ramadan crowd because it's usually a huge crowd," Khan said. "We have preparation for the spiritual guidance, how the prayers will be led, [and] who will teach the spiritual lessons during the late night prayers."

As part of an interfaith effort, the Islamic Foundation of South Florida also invites city officials, police and public officers to break bread with them.

During Ramadan, Muslims read the Holy Quran within the 30 days of fasting. The Quran is originally in Arabic, so the Islamic Foundation of South Florida holds a commentary on the Quran for non-Arabic speakers.

Khan said one of the benefits she takes advantage of during Ramadan is empathy.

"When we don't eat and drink during the day, it develops that empathy for those that don't have access to food or water," she said. "It is a month where we do a lot of charity. Our food pantry reaches close to 1,000 people. We prepare food boxes and send it."

Although the fast can be difficult, Khan said in the end, Muslims experience spiritual growth.

"By self-regulating our physical needs, we take care of our spiritual soul," she said. "Ramadan bridges the gap between haves and have-nots, and we try to bridge the gap between those who don't have."

usually we get together as families or friends, but we also do Iftar (breaking of the Ramadan fast) every day for people that want to come break their fast, pray and have their dinner," Mirza said.

Islamic Foundation of South Florida, located in Sunrise, expects more than 1,000 people during Ramadan said Rabia Khan, principal of the founda-

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
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.

FAITH CALENDAR

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Greater Harvest Baptist Church
The ministry will baptize 21 candidates, 9 a.m. on May 19, 2310 NW 58th St., Call 786-717-5818 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

JAMAICAN NURSES IN SOUTH FLORIDA HONORED

Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida President Joan Howard (right) receives the Medal of Appreciation Award from Prime Minister Andrew Holness (left) at a recent awards Ceremony.



CEREMONY IN MIAMI GARDENS KICKS OFF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Miami Times staff report

Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida founder Joyce Wright and all past presidents were honored May 7 at a Thanksgiving Service at the Parkwood Baptist Church in Miami Gardens. The community association of nurses was founded 35 years ago.

Vice Consul at the Jamaica Consulate Office

Raquel Wilson congratulated the team of professionals and commended them for "their dedicated leadership and enthusiastic volunteer spirit" to the South Florida community, the wider Diaspora community and their homeland Jamaica.

"It was a humbling experience to be bestowed with the prestigious public acknowledgement," said Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida

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Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida founder, Joyce Wright (seated) is honored by JNAF President Joan Howard (left) at the start of National Nurses Week. Looking on is Vice Consul at the Jamaica Consulate Office Raquel Wilson (center) who participated in the service.



Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida Nurses Choir performing at the Annual Nurses week Service on Sunday, May 7.

Photos courtesy of the Consulate General of Jamaica




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Miami Norland Senior High School won the grand champion award at the 2018 Grand National Adjudicators Invitational in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 28. The students also won the highest award they could get, the Otto J. Kraushaar Award, on May 5.



Photos courtesy of Miami Norland Senior High School

Norland High Wind Symphony wins top awards

Band wins the grand champion and the Otto J. Kraushaar award

Miami Times Staff Report

The Wind Symphony at Miami Norland Senior High School has earned the top award of grand champion at the 2018 Grand National Adjudicators Invitational in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 28. The GNAI is one of the most prestigious and nationally recognized concert band festivals in the U.S. Miami Norland is only the third band from Florida to earn this top honor and the first predominantly Black ensemble from the state to earn this award. Along with that, the very next weekend the band went to a state level music perfor-

mance assessment and received straight superiors, and received the highest award a band program can get, the Otto J. Kraushaar Award.

The current director, Darryl Baker is a graduate of Norland and a graduate of Florida A&M University. Under Baker's direction, the band program has received superior ratings on the district and state levels and has laid the path for more than 75 students to earn more than \$1 million in music scholarships in the last 10 years.

The band program at Norland Senior has been an integral part of the school and community since its conception. The

high school band started in 1965 when Norland Middle School was opened and Norland Senior High started accepting 10 to 12 graders. Throughout the 1960s and '70s, the program experienced growth with the changing demographics of the surrounding community, providing students with opportunities to engage in a program committed to music.

The Miami Norland Band Program has had a long tradition of gaining state and national recognition under the direction of the late Kenneth R. Tolbert, continuing under Anthony Simons and John Pace and now under the direction of Baker. The program has been longstanding in music performance for more than 30 years.



First HBCU museum opens

ANNE BRANIGIN
The Root

A 638-square-foot storefront on Georgia Avenue in Washington, D.C., now houses the first museum in the world dedicated to HBCUs. Inside it, visitors will find historic photos and memorabilia from different HBCUs and prominent grads, as well as important artifacts from Black American culture, like early



Terrence Forte

issues of Ebony and Jet.

The museum, which opened March 9, was founded by executive director Terrence Forte and his family; both of Forte's parents are Howard University grads. Forte said in a recent interview with the Washington Business Journal that the family's intent with the museum is to "bridge the gap for those who might not know about historically Black



Instagram

The HBCU Museum is making history by preserving the history of Black college and universities. The museum will display photos and other items for HBCUs all over the country.



college and universities' stories."

The HBCU Museum will "highlight the accomplishment of not only HBCUs, but some of their most accomplished graduates," the museum's mission statement reads. The museum also plans to align itself with HBCUs to create scholarship opportunities for prospective students.

As the Business Journal reports, the HBCU Museum

is currently at the first stage of a four-phase rollout. Forte hopes to expand into a more permanent location in D.C. soon and is looking to open a 6,000-square-foot space in Atlanta to serve as a second hub.

While individual HBCUs have museums on campus that honor their schools, Forte says that the HBCU Museum's independence allows it to celebrate all 102 of the country's

historically Black educational institutions. During a time when many HBCUs are struggling financially, Forte says, the museum is "ever so much more important" in educating people about how important HBCUs are, "not just for the people attending them, but for culture in general."

The museum currently charges a \$10 admittance fee and is open seven days a week.

Pastor OF THE WEEK



Vensen Ambeau

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Miracles made daily.



on the table for church, and I've been in the church ever since."

Ambeau began attending church regularly again and said he heard a sermon about Joshua that inspired him to truly get saved and confess that Jesus Christ was Lord. Shortly thereafter, he realized he was called to serve in ministry.

"Church gave me more security and clarity about what I was supposed to do, and I knew that this was it. This is the way that God's called me to live. This is what life was about," Ambeau said.

He changed his major and received a bachelor's degree in religion and a minor in communication from UF as well as a master's degree in divinity from Duke University. He went on to follow the process of becoming ordained by the AME Church.

Fast forward to today – and Ambeau has been faithful in ministry for more than 16 years, the last seven of which he's been pastoring at Allen Chapel. He and Jasmine were married in 2012 and are the parents of two young girls, Jade Victoria and Avery Grace.

For him, teaching the gospel is a practical matter that should include finding tangible ways to address cultural and socioeconomic issues.

"The mission of our church is to transform people's lives that they may become disciples of Jesus Christ," Ambeau said. "The only way that my faith is complete is by us really hitting the pave-

ment. If we're not seeing the results of it, then really what I'm preaching is just some good, encouraging words, but they don't really mean anything in real life."

Ambeau also believes Christians shouldn't shy away from discussing certain uncomfortable subjects.

"It's being willing to ask those difficult questions that I think in the church we take for granted. We think everyone that comes up in here really believes in God, but the reality is not all of us really believe in God; and if we do believe in God, we certainly don't act like we believe in God, so let's talk about some truth," Ambeau said. "We're dealing with 'What is Christ saying about the culture?' Those of us who are Black, and we have those questions about 'Is Christianity really the white man's religion?' let's talk about that."

As a testament to his words, Allen Chapel has partnered with other community organizations to do several outreach events including: food distributions, toy giveaways, summer camp programs, hurricane relief, reverse mortgage workshops and providing baby essentials for teenage mothers.

The church has also adopted Van E. Blanton Elementary School and is continuing to develop programs, events and strategies that will help them meet people at the point of their needs. In fact, Ambeau and his team are also working on developing a non-traditional worship

service that caters to young professional families.

"We want to introduce something that takes away the barriers and the things that keep us from getting to Christ ... It was the gospel message that saved me back in 2000. Before I even knew it was an AME church, I knew about Christ," Ambeau said. "I think it's really important for those of us in the faith to really be affirming culturally. I know sometimes we might be like Jesus loves everybody and that's true enough, but there are some issues that we face as Blacks that, truth be told, others don't face," Ambeau said. "More specifically, there are some issues Haitians deal with that Black Americans don't deal with. There are some issues women deal with that men don't deal with. So we're really just trying to create a space where we're able to speak Christ into people's different ways of experiencing Christ."

At the end of the day, Ambeau said if his work as a pastor isn't producing real fruit, he's missing the mark.

"Without a doubt, the way the gospel makes sense is to live it. The gospel doesn't make sense just in my preaching and what I believe, but it's about touching people. Living it out, working it out, educating, inspiring, getting people to transform in their way of thinking for me is key," Ambeau said.

To learn more about Ambeau and Allen Chapel, visit www.allenchapelchurch.com.

Pastor Ambeau: Preaching is a tangible way to help society

A Miami native leaves the fast life for the pulpit at Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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If you asked Vensen Ambeau if he'd be a preacher 20 years ago, he would have adamantly said no. His plans were to go to college and enter a career field like business so he'd make a lot of money. However, after getting saved the latter part of his freshman year in college, Ambeau said God called an audible. Today, he is the senior pastor at Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME)

Church, located at 1201 NW 111 St., in Miami.

Though the Miami native was raised in church, he admits he strayed away from his faith during high school years at Miami Edison and his first semester at University of Florida (UF).

"Growing up in Miami, fast life, even in high school you can get into any and everything. We were partying, hanging out, going to clubs. Then towards the end of my senior year, we started smoking and just living that kind

of life," Ambeau said. "When I got up to Florida, now I was outside my parents' house so I was like, 'Yo, now I really get to do what I want to do.'"

However, after getting high and doing something totally out of character, Ambeau said he realized he needed to change the direction his life was heading in.

"I started thinking the life I was living wasn't really it for me," Ambeau said. "So I called my then friend who is now my wife, Jasmine, and asked her if the offer was still



U.S. Navy

Local sailor serves in all-female aviation crew in the U.S. Navy

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Bania Mattox (pictured here) is part of all-female crew of 35 U.S. sailors that joined together to launch over 35 aircraft aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt.

While female sailors have manned

the deck of US aircraft carriers for more than 20 years, this crew may be the first crew controlling movement of aircraft and the waist catapults to be all women.

Mattox and this crew of sailors hope to inspire other women, raising

the bar for female leadership opportunities both above and below decks.

The flight deck crew facilitate every aspect of launch and landing of aircraft. The USS Theodore Roosevelt left its homeport of San Diego Oct. 6 and returned May 7.

Happy Mother's Day



KATIE MAE COLEMAN
07/27/1937 - 02/19/2017

Hey mama.
You're forever in our hearts.
Love, the family



NURSE

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President Joan Howard. She said nurses will selflessly "continue to give back of our time, resources, knowledge and expertise especially in building healthy communities."

Just in time for the U.S.'s National Nurses Week, the Jamaica Nurses' Association of Florida was one of eight recipients of the Jamaican Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation for Service to Jamaica.

National Nurses Week runs May 6 - 13. This year's theme is Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence.

Howard received the award from Prime Minister Andrew Holness in recognition of JNAF's contribution in nation building at an awards ceremony April 25 at Jamaica House, Kingston.

The Prime Minister presented a total of 65 awards to recipients in Jamaica and across the Diaspora. Among the awardees were the Florida-based charitable and relief organization Food for the Poor, and Beverly Ford, Jamaica's former Honorary Consul, for Houston, Texas.



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Website: cmc.org Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

2330 N.W. 93rd Street
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
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6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

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Sunday School 9 a.m.
NBC 10:05 a.m.
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Worship 12 p.m.
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Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Youth Sunday 9 a.m.
Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3 p.m.

Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins

2171 N.W. 56th Street
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Grace

BRANDY DUGGINS, 40, registered nurse, died May 7. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Antioch Missionary Church of Miami Gardens.



KEITH OWENS HOLMES, SR., 62, security guard, died May 5. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Cathedral of Faith.



BADREVIN KELLY, 25, business owner, died May 10. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



JEAN CLAUDE METELLUS, 68, truck driver, died May 2. Services were held.

ANDRELIE JOACHAN, 85, craftsman, died May 5. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at St. James Catholic Church.

NISSUNE MUGALATA, 62, died May 5. Services were held.

Gregg L. Mason

ROSA LEE MCCLAIN CHENAULT, 90, baker, died April 30 at North Shore Medical Center. Services were held.



CECELIA HAYES DAVIS "SISTER," 89, died May 6. Survivors include: sons, Glenn, Sr. and Arnett Hayes; daughter, Lynette Potter (Raymond); grandchildren, Glenn, Jr., Arnesha, Bertrum, Nathaniel and Raymond, Jr.; sister, Joyce Groce; other relatives. Viewing 6-8 p.m., Friday at the Castillo and Thurston Chapel, Key West, FL. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Basiliuca of St. Mary Star of the Sea. Interment: Key West City Cemetery.



Range

JOHN CLARENCE MCCLAIN, JR., 73, retired ramp person for Eastern Airlines, died May 8. Survivors include his wife, Bessie McClain; daughters, Pamela McClain and Alison McClain; son, Corey McClain; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville.



Range - Coconut Grove

LOUISE COLEMAN BAKER, 73, widow of the late Rev. Willie Baker, MDCPS teacher, died May 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at The Bethel Church.



Royal

ARNETTE VIVIAN BROWN, 88, retired, died May 9 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

WILLIE SABB, 58, laborer, died May 2. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Street Community Baptist Church.

Wright and Young

SHERRI SOLOMON, 57, poll worker, died May 8. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



TERESA DORSEY, 62, senior provider representative, died May 4. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Antioch Baptist Church of Miami Gardens.



MAKEDA YOUNGBLOOD, 35, died May 12. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church.



HENRY SMITH, 80, retired, died May 12 at home. Service 10 a.m., Monday, May 21 in the chapel.

Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

OCTAVIA ELAINE TAYLOR, 49, code enforcer supervisor, died May 11 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



ALFRED STRATCHAN, 71, bus driver, died May 11 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



JARVIS RIVERS, 26, laborer, died May 10. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



ISAIAH JOHN SHARPE, JR., 67, mechanic, died May 9 at North Beach Rehabilitation Center. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Hadley Davis MLK

ROBERT W. HAYNES, SR., 81, retired worker, died May 8 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ROSA MAE KING ANDERSON, 66, bio chemist, died May 9 at North Shore Hospital. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at 93rd Street Community Baptist Church.



Eternal Rest

WILLIAM T. MCKINNEY CAPRON, 56, landscaper, died May 7 at home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



PATRICIA BENSON, 32, homemaker, died May 5 at UF Heart Shands in Gainesville. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Paradise

JANICE E. WYRE, 63, died May 12 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Apostolic Revival Center of Miami.



Happy Birthday

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TAMOYA JOHNSON
05/18/1985 - 07/11/2013

Miss you, love you, My Garden Flower - keep Blossoming, Mommy, Jerry, Tamar and family.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



MEROLENE MOORE-WILSON
05/22/1939 - 02/22/2004

Gone, but not forgotten. We love and miss you. Your family!

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



JOSEPH T. MOORE, JR.
05/22/1940 - 07/27/2015

Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. From your wife and children.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



HOWARD "PORKY" MULKEY
11/16/1960 - 05/20/2003

Your smiling face, we see no more. But when we think of you, we see that glow. Mother, Mable Mulkey and family.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



TANYA MARTIN OUBRE PEKEL
10/03/1964 - 05/22/2006

Another year has passed... your life so well lived, is a beautiful legacy. A White House fellow and an attorney passionate about tutoring reading during her lifetime, a book give-a-way has been established in her name. Also a state street designation is at NW 103 Street and NE 6 Avenue.

We love and miss you, mom, Marcia Saunders; children, Lauren, Adam and Victoria; husband, Kent Pekel; and sister, Terrie Rayburn (Wendell); Taylor, Carter and Sydney Maya.

Card of Thanks

We the family of the late,



CHARLES E. GRAHAM

would like to express our sincere gratitude for your loving support during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to our dear neighbors, friends, Rev. Dr. Gatson Smith, Sr. (Friendship M.B.C.), Rev. Steven Caldwell (New Providence M.B.C.), Bishop Jimmie L. Williams (Lighthouse Worship Center C.O.G.I.C.), the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and Richardson Mortuary.

May God forever bless you is our prayers.

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. (2Cor. 5:8)

The Graham and Williams families.

Afonso Dhlakama, 65 Mozambique's main opposition leader, dies

ALAN COWELL
New York Times

Afonso Dhlakama, the leader of Mozambique's main opposition group, who was held responsible for exceptional brutality by its often young soldiers during a civil war that claimed up to a million lives, died on May 3 at his hide-out in the Gorongosa mountains in southeast Africa. He was 65.

The Mozambican authorities confirmed the death but did not specify the cause. News reports said it was either diabetes or a heart attack.

President Filipe Nyusi, who had been negotiating a rapprochement with Dhlakama, a former guerrilla commander, said he had tried to have him evacuated by helicopter for medical treatment. "I could not, because he was in a place where I could not help," the president said.

The impact of Dhlakama's death on a frail truce, negotiated in advance of elections scheduled for 2019, was not immediately clear.

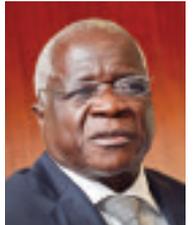
Dhlakama had headed the opposition Renamo movement for almost four decades in Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony. In Portuguese, the group's initials stand for Mozambique National Resistance.

Dhlakama had fought briefly with the Soviet-backed and avowedly Marxist insurgents who took power when Mozambique gained independence in June 1975. But he defected soon afterward and joined a dissident group opposed to the dominant movement, Frelimo (Mozambique Liberation Front), led by Samora Machel, the first president of independent Mozambique.

During the civil war against the leftist government in Maputo, which began in 1977 and ended in 1992, Renamo was cast as an international pariah, little more than a pawn in the Cold War-era conflicts that ended white minority rule across southern Africa.

The group was established with the support of white intelligence officers in neighboring Rhodesia, now called Zimbabwe; they saw Renamo as a means of undermining Mozambique's role as a base for Zimbabwean nationalist guerrillas led by Robert Mugabe.

With Zimbabwean independence in 1980, white-ruled South Africa took over



Afonso Dhlakama

as the chief covert backer and arms supplier to Renamo, using it once more as a force of destabilization — this time against President Machel's support for the anti-apartheid African National Congress, which was operating in exile from Mozambique and elsewhere.

In 1984, President Machel was forced to sign a treaty with South Africa — named the Nkomati Accord for the area where it was signed — in which he offered to withdraw support for the A.N.C. in return for South Africa's ending its sponsorship of Renamo. The agreement was broken often by both sides, and it was not until South Africa's white rulers finally pledged to abandon apartheid that Renamo opened peace talks with the leadership in Maputo.

By that stage, the two sides had fought to a stalemate in a bush war characterized by massacres, rape and looting. At the same time, the distant world beyond the conflict was changing fundamentally as the Cold War drew to a close.

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