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Myeshia Johnson holds her son La David Johnson Jr., 2, during a ceremony to unveil memorial stones for her husband Sgt. La David Johnson and seven other men from the 3rd Special Forces Group on May 22.

Honors for

HOMETOWN HERO

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This week, Sgt. La David Terrence Johnson's North Carolina colleagues called his name several times. His photo was placed on a placard along a 5K race path. His name was etched on a granite stone, placed in perpetuity.

The people of Fort Bragg turned out en masse on Tuesday as his Army unit, the 3rd Special Forces Group, honored Johnson and seven other members of the storied regiment during a memorial ceremony to honor soldiers who died during the last year.

The ceremony held at Fort Bragg, is one of three at the Army base, the home of the 82nd Airborne, the division to which Johnson belonged. During the ceremony, soldiers unveiled a granite stoned with Johnson's name.

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He gave his life in service to his country, dying in a foreign land.

He was a Miami Gardens resident who was loved in the community. It was more than appropriate.

—Mayor Oliver Gilbert



Soldiers join to remember men from the 3rd Special Forces Group who were killed in combat in 2017 during a ceremony at Memorial Walk on May 22.



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Contentious meeting ends with proposal

Brownsville residents have 30 days to give county, developer their thoughts

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About 40 residents of the Brownsville neighborhood sat in a recreational room in Marva Y. Bannerman Park. They listened attentively as Miami-Dade Commissioner

and item by item, was the list of benefits for Liberty Square and the "proposed" benefits for Lincoln Gardens, the two communities that make up the Liberty Square Rising redevelopment project.

Edmonson stressed that what residents were view-



Miami Times staff/Nyamekye Daniel

A longtime Brownsville resident speaks at a Community Engagement Meeting regarding the Community Benefits Package for the Liberty Square Rising project May 17 at Marva Y. Bannerman Park.

Audrey Edmonson spoke as she stood left of a projector screen with a powerpoint presentation on May 17.

On the screen, side by side

ing were proposed ideas and that nothing was etched in stone. A 27-page handout was a comparison between the

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New audit firm draws a debate

Black firm S. Davis and Associates selected; some on board seek delay

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The Miami-Dade County school board members selected a new chief auditor and a Black-owned firm to oversee a long-awaited external audit of the \$1.2 billion bond. But after watching deliberations by the board, some Black observers still wonder if the audit will get done.

On Wednesday evening, board members approved two items needed to move forward for the first external audit of the voter-approved general obligation bond. The Black community has long called for such an independent examination.

First, the board approved 8-1 to select Maria T. Gonzalez as the chief auditor. Gonzalez is a 27-year employee of the district and currently serves as the assistant chief auditor.

Second, members approved on another 8-1 vote to award a \$200,000 contract to S. Davis

and Associates to provide external auditing services. A Cuban American firm was selected as a subcontractor on the project.

Both items sparked lengthy procedural debates. In the case of the auditing firm selection, at least three members suggested that the decision be delayed.

Marta Perez and others asked for the delay because only one company submitted a proposal.

"Why were more people not interested?" Perez asked. "That is a concern of mine."

Susie Castillo said she needed more time to review the proposal submitted by the company. She said she hadn't received the documents to review until the day of the board meeting, and did not want to vote on something she hasn't had time to review.

"It was just sent this morning," Castillo said.

School board critics are eager to have an outside audit of

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EDITORIAL

Wake up, South Florida! Speak up on sea-level

You know the boiling frog story. A frog is put in a pot of water that is slowly brought to a boil. By the time the frog senses danger, it's too late. Froggie's a goner.

Well, wake up, folks. South Florida is Ground Zero for sea-level rise and unless we address the insidious rise of water around us, much of our region, our culture and our legacy is going to disappear.

We're already seeing things we've never seen before: sunny-day flooding, sea water bubbling up from stormwater drains, flood control gates that can't open because water on the coastal side is higher than the inland side, saltwater intrusion in more drinking water wells, the Intracoastal Waterway spilling over seawalls, drainage canals lapping at sidewalks, gravity-driven stormwater systems hampered by the rising water table, and people unable to leave their homes during autumn's king tides.

And don't forget the octopus that surfaced in a Miami Beach parking garage through a storm drain last year.

Far more dramatic change is coming in the next few decades. By 2060, South Florida's building codes anticipate a two-foot rise in sea level, maybe more.

Against this backdrop, what we're not seeing is state and federal leadership to address the water headed our way.

That's why the editorial boards of the region's three major newspapers — the South Florida Sun Sentinel, Miami Herald and Palm Beach Post, with reporting help from WLRN Public Media — are speaking with one voice again today.

We want to encourage you to make your voice heard on the need to address sea-level rise — the epic challenge of our region.

Local officials who are paying attention don't want to cause undue panic, but they need your calls, letters and emails to get sea-level rise on the agenda in Tallahassee and Washington.

It's not just about the future — though don't we want our kids to enjoy our corner of paradise?

It's about solving problems of today. For in parts of South Florida, businesses literally cannot open their doors when tides are particularly high.

Sea-level rise is an economic imperative.

We also encourage the Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach legislative delegations to convene a summit on sea-level rise. Let them start by addressing this simple question: What level of sea rise is Florida planning for?

From this, let them develop a shared legislative agenda, as they've done with Tri-Rail, or how the region is recruiting Amazon's HQ. Keep it short and sweet for now. Avoid the kitchen sink.

Most especially, we encourage corporate leaders to speak up about the peril facing South Florida.

Like the national debt, sea-level rise is a big, complicated and enormously expensive challenge. And like Congress, the Florida Legislature is not forward-thinking. It's reactionary. It will generally "kick the can down the road" until problems get so big, they cost 10 times more to fix.

But this paper is going to demand payment. Far better if we start making down payments now.

Specifically, we need to address flood standards for highways and roads. We need upgrades in drainage, sewage and drinking-water systems. We need standards for seawalls. We need to think differently about coastal development, about areas that repeatedly flood and about whether our region of 6 million people can truly add 3 million more people over the next 40 years, when we'll have lost 41 percent of coastal wet field capacity.

What we can no longer afford to do is ignore the monster on the riverbank while we ride the rapids of daily life.

For if like that frog, we ignore the water bubbling up around us, South Florida will be a goner.

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Myth of the 'welfare queen' endures

DARLENE GLANTON, *Chicago Tribune*

Republicans voted last week on a farm bill that once again takes aim at the infamous "welfare queen." The problem is that she does not exist.

Conservatives refuse to give up their quest to bring down this lazy, scheming, Black woman who uses her food stamps and other government aid to support a lavish lifestyle with countless jobless men who drift in and out of her bed.

They have heard about the piles of research and other documentation that prove she is — and always has been — nothing more than a myth.

Chances are they've never crossed paths with her in a grocery store, because they don't shop in the same neighborhoods. But they've heard of someone who knows someone who has seen her in the checkout line paying for filet mignon and lobster with her government-issued debit card.

Now, with the backing of

Donald Trump, White House Republicans are setting out to put an end to this conniving user once and for all.

In order to receive about \$150 to \$185 a month in benefits, SNAP participants between the ages of 18 and 59 would have to prove they are working least 20 hours a week or participating in an equivalent job training program. Those who are disabled or raising a child younger than 6 would be exempt.

What's wrong with that, you might ask? Nothing, if you assume that the only people who don't have jobs are the ones who don't want them.

According to the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the proposed work requirements ignore important barriers to employment, such as very limited skills, mental health issues like depression, as well as housing, transportation, child care and other medical and social barriers.

The bottom line is that

“The truth is that the average food stamp recipient isn't an urban Black woman at all. She is a white woman.”

there's no evidence such sweeping work requirements would be effective. They likely would serve only to increase hunger and poverty for some 1 million households — with more than 2 million people in them — that would be kicked off the rolls, the center found.

Federally subsidized food programs have long held the stigma of being nothing more than overfunded handouts to people who are unwilling to take responsibility for themselves or their children.

Many Americans resent the

notion that their hard-earned tax dollars might be subsidizing people they think are unworthy. These folks will never go out and get a job when they can live off taxpayers for free.

That never happened. But her legend lives on.

The truth is that the average food stamp recipient isn't an urban Black woman at all. She is a white woman.

And the people who benefit most from food stamps paid for with our hard-earned tax dollars aren't primarily Black kids living in fatherless homes. They are little white kids who would starve to death if the government didn't step in to help them.

Of the 44 million SNAP recipients, 36 percent are white, 25 percent are Black, 17 percent are Hispanic, 3 percent are Asian and 1 percent are Native American, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Contrary to what some might think, people living in this country illegally are not eligible.



Crime reporting policy used for racism

ROCHELLE RILEY, *Detroit Free Press*

Dear Starbucks:

It's not about the restrooms. While I appreciate your plan to close more than 8,000 stores to train employees in how not to stereotype Black people and your decision to open your restrooms to any passersby, here's the thing:

It's not about the restrooms. A decision by one of your employees to call the police on two Black men who were denied access to the restroom led to them being arrested for doing what people do in Starbucks every day: sit at a table.

The problem was not the restrooms. The problem was the phone call.

The problem was not just that phone call, but a mother calling police because two young Native American men who joined a college campus tour made

her uncomfortable.

The problem was a white student calling police on a Black student asleep on a couch in a common room of their dorm. That woman, a student, had fallen asleep while writing a paper. This happened at Yale. The reaction was so strong to my column calling for the arrest of people now using "see-something, say-something" policies to harass people of color, I decided to address it.

What I fear is "see-something, say-something" policies being used to mean "If you see somebody Black or brown" call the police. It should be a crime to call the police because you are bothered by the unbearable lightness of someone being.

To suggest what police should have done, let's look at what they did to the two

boys visiting Colorado State University: They took those boys out of line, demanded to see confirmation of their right to be on the tour and questioned them.

Nineteen-year-old Thomas Gray and his brother, Lloyd, had driven seven hours to take that tour at Colorado State University, according to the Associated Press.

Since the tour continued without them, those brothers had to drive the seven hours back home to New Mexico without seeing a campus I can't imagine them wanting to see again.

Here's what the police could have done: Approach the tour guide to report receiving a complaint; confirm that everyone on the tour was supposed to be on the tour; ques-

tion the person who called the police, which is standard when investigating a potential crime — and let the entire tour proceed.

Instead, the tour was allowed to continue without the two boys who made a woman nervous. So she got her way.

There are no right answers to what should happen every time someone calls the police: It is up to officers who are trained to assess situations and determine that. But there is a wrong answer: And that is to indulge the prejudices of people who aren't really seeing anything, but are saying plenty.

"See-something, say-something" cannot be used as a tool for prejudice. It is unfair, unfortunate and could lead to more discrimination than necessary to be safe.



CARTOON CORNER



Graduating while Black is challenging

JULIANNE MALVEAUX, *National Newspaper Publishers Association Newswire Columnist*

All across the nation, families are gathering, people are celebrating and graduations are being hailed as an occasion of joy.

However, despite these many festivities, if you are a Black American who graduated from the University of Florida (UF), your achievements may have been marred by the horrible memory of faculty marshals physically pushing you off of the stage, after you decided to celebrate your Black Greek (fraternity) pride, with the execution of a few "steps."

Every day, every single day, they face the possibility of pernicious racism, differential treatment, and the threat of law enforcement to compel compliance with the most foolish of laws and norms, spoken or unspoken.

That's why Holly Hylton, the white woman who managed a Philadelphia Starbucks, felt free to call the police on two Black men after they had been seated, without ordering anything.

That's why a hysterical



white female bigot, called the police on a Black man, who was barbecuing in a public park in Oakland, California, where barbecuing is customary.

That's why the police were called on three Black women (and a white man), because they failed to wave or smile when they exited an Airbnb in Rialto, California, and were detained for 45 minutes despite possessing proof that they had reserved their space.

That's why the police wrestled a 25-year-old Black woman to the ground (exposing her bare breasts) in an Alabama Waffle House, after she asked

for plastic cutlery and an ignorant employee reportedly said "she did not know her place," and the beat goes on and on and on.

The police are too often called to put Black people in their place, to force them to comply, to reinforce the tenet of white supremacy; the notion that when we see a white person, we must shuck and jive and smile. So-called law enforcement officers become servants of racism, who want us in our place.

I want the graduates to know that their place is everywhere.

Class of 2018, your place is in that Starbucks at the table,

order or not. Your place is in that Waffle House, getting the utensils you requested. Your place is at the lake in Oakland, burning those bones on your grill. Your place is on that stage at UF.

Resistance has a high price. Who wants to go to jail and end up, like Sandra Bland, whose mysterious death in Texas still has not been solved? Who wants to be handcuffed, humiliated, exposed, and maligned, just for asking a simple question?

They've cleared a hurdle with graduation, but even as some cross the stage, they are being reminded that there are many more hurdles to clear, to survive in our unfortunately racist nation.

Perhaps though, the Class of 2018, will be among those to dismantle the racist hurdles.

Perhaps in the process of clearing other hurdles (graduate and professional school, marriage and children, artificial intelligence and gentrification), they will also find the wherewithal to eliminate racial barriers to success.



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Wells Fargo launches \$60 billion plan to increase African American homeownership

After years of moving and renting, novelist Rashid Camp, recently became a first-time homebuyer at age 55. "It feels good," said Camp, a resident advisor at a youth services agency in Des Moines, Iowa. "There's this idea of 'this place is yours, so now make sure you take care of it and enjoy it.' I also did it for my children. As I get older, I realize the importance of leaving an asset for them."

In an effort to make homeownership dreams a reality for others like Camp, Wells Fargo has launched a 10-year diversity initiative to provide \$60 billion in home loans, supporting at least 250,000 African American homeowners by 2027. As part of the plan, the company also intends to significantly increase the diversity of its mortgage sales force.

Working with the National Urban League and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Wells Fargo announced the initiative Feb. 28 at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta.

The company aims to help reverse the decreasing homeownership rate in the African American community, said Fred Blackwell, head of housing policy and homeownership growth strategy for Wells Fargo.

Blackwell added that the company also plans to invest \$15 million in a wide range of initiatives that promote financial education and counseling for African American homebuyers over the next 10 years. The company will also boost its recruiting, hiring, and retention of African American home mortgage officers, he said.

Year of transformation at Wells Fargo

In a letter published in the 2017 Wells Fargo Annual Report, CEO Tim Sloan had this to say about the past year:

"This was a year of transformation at Wells Fargo. We achieved a great deal in 2017 and look forward to building on our momentum in the months ahead. Our top priority remains rebuilding the trust of our customers, team members, communities, regulators, and shareholders. We have made foundational changes to identify and fix problems so they do not happen again and achieved significant progress in our commitment to make things right for our customers and build a better bank. Our transformation is grounded in our vision of satisfying our customers' financial needs and helping them succeed financially. While we have more work to do, I assure you that the Operating Committee and I are fully committed to building on our accomplishments. In addition, we take very seriously the consent order we entered into with the Board of

Governors of the Federal Reserve System in February 2016, and we will work diligently, yet swiftly, to meet the requirements.

In response to feedback from our team, we introduced a streamlined Vision, Values & Goals of Wells Fargo in late 2017 — replacing what previously was a 37-page expression of our culture. Today the wallet-sized booklet focuses exclusively on our guiding principles and goals, clearly expressing the beliefs that guide every team member as we work together to build the best Wells Fargo possible.

We have overcome challenges many times during our history. We have a solid foundation, exceptional businesses, and an outstanding team. Our more than 260,000 team members are dedicated, talented, and committed — and, without a doubt, they are our most important resource. Thank you for placing your trust in Wells Fargo and for your support. Our commitment to you is unwavering as we continue our transformation into a better, stronger company.

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New Wells Fargo structure focuses on customer experience "Change for the Better"

After a successful pilot in select locations across the U.S., Wells Fargo branches have rolled out the first phase of changes designed to transform the customer and team member experiences.

One of those changes is to put in place a new compensation program for retail bank team members to focus on the customer experience within its branches. The new compensation program took effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and applies to all branch team members, including managers, tellers, and personal bankers.

The changes have also simplified complicated processes, replaced required questions with tips and suggestions relevant to customers, eliminated sales pressure, and allowed bankers and tellers to simply talk to their customers, ask questions, listen, and meet their financial needs by offering the right products and services or referring them to the right partners.

A celebration of black entrepreneurs

Celebrity chef Robbi Ali joins Wells Fargo in a salute to African American small business owners who are working to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

As early as middle school, Mandy Bowman knew she wanted to be an entrepreneur. The Brooklyn, New York, native went on to study entrepreneurship and global business management at Babson College in Massachusetts, and then took a job as a social media manager by day, while she worked on developing her own business at night.

By October 2017, Bowman was a full-time entrepreneur and had launched her business — the Official Black Wall Street app. "I wanted to support black-owned businesses in my local area, but was unable to find a directory that was current or easy to use — so I created my own," said Bowman. The app is now the largest directory of its kind in the world, according to Black News, and allows users to find and rate black-owned businesses in their neighborhoods and nationwide.

Bowman's business, like other small businesses, required hard work, dedication, and, most of all, support to succeed. Currently, there are more than 2.6 million black-owned businesses in the U.S.,

according to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Survey of Business Owners Facts CPDFI. In support of these businesses, and in an effort to strengthen communities, Wells Fargo is saluting and highlighting Community Builders — the African American small business owners who go above and beyond to make things better for their businesses, their customers, and their neighborhoods.

"Initiatives like Community Builders help encourage and inspire black entrepreneurs, and we hope this initiative will encourage others to seek out and support the Community Builders in their neighborhoods," said Candace McCullum Gainer, Wells Fargo's head of African American integrated campaigns. Wells Fargo launched the Community Builders initiative in 2017 by spotlighting the stories of African American business owners nationwide who were working to give back to their local communities. In honor of Black History Month, Wells Fargo is once again celebrating Community Builders.

"Supporting small business owners is critical to the success of our communities and a priority Wells Fargo takes seriously," said Lisa Prieser, multicultural segment strategy leader. Wells Fargo has helped small businesses in local

communities through focused investments and by providing small business tools and resources.

The company also supports small businesses through Wells Fargo Works for Small Business® and the Wells Fargo Works for Small Business: Diverse Community Capital program. The Diverse Community Capital program, established in 2015, provides capital to Community Development Financial Institutions, or CDFIs. CDFIs provide technical assistance, financial services, mentoring, and other resources for diverse small businesses that may not qualify for conventional bank loans.

Throughout February, Community Builder recognition events are taking place in Atlanta, Houston, and New York City. The in-person event in New York City will feature Bowman and special host, entrepreneur, and celebrity chef Robbi Ali.

"I'm excited to work with Wells Fargo to celebrate Community Builders," Ali said. "Simply trying to run a business as an entrepreneur takes a lot of work, so going above and beyond that takes even more effort, but also brings even more rewards. I am proud to be in a position to acknowledge other entrepreneurs who are doing great business and serving as Community Builders for their neighborhoods."

Rubio introduces a bill to improve safety

The senator says he was triggered by the recent violence in Liberty City

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Florida Sen. Marco Rubio will introduce a bill to Congress Wednesday that he said is aimed at improving the safety standards at public housing complexes.

The legislative act could mean new security equipment, grants and a tip line for residents in project-based and public housing properties in "high-crime areas" such as Overtown and Liberty City.

Dubbed the Liberty City Rising Act, the bill is a reaction to the March 31 killing of 4-year-old Nyla Jones at the Liberty Square housing projects, according to Rubio. Nyla was killed after an argument between her uncle and aunt resulted in her uncle firing a fatal shot that struck her. Rubio developed the legisla-

tion after visiting residents at Liberty Square and other surrounding complexes on May 4.

"During my visit to Liberty City, I heard first-hand from a community that has been wracked with violence for far too long," said Rubio in a prepared statement. "I will work to pass the Liberty City Rising Act as a means to ensure that communities, like Liberty Square, are held to higher safety standards so that these families can raise their children in safe and sanitary living conditions."

Under the act, public housing developments in designated areas will be required to have functioning security cameras, dead-bolt locks, smoke detectors and covered security camera boxes and wires.

Reliable security camer-



Sen. Marco Rubio speaks with a Liberty City resident as Miami Mayor Francis Suarez listens on May 4.

Photos courtesy of Senator Marco Rubio's office

as have been a concern for Liberty Square residents for more than three years.

In April 2015, Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development invested \$170,000 into enhancements to the security camera system

at the housing development. However, an April 2018 incident had many residents questioning if the cameras worked at all.

The April 8 shooting deaths of 18-year-old Rickey Dixon and 17-year-old Kimson Green

and injuring of two others took place directly beneath a security camera, according to Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle; however, the camera was not recording.

In addition to more securi-

ty measures, the bill will also create public housing authority-operated hotline and prioritize Emergency Safety and Security grants for authorities that are at-risk.

Each year, Congress sets aside funds to assist housing agencies for emergency safety and security needs such as to combat crime or for a natural disaster. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development only accepts one emergency application per housing authority per year.

The deadline for applications is June 4, according to HUD's website, and a similar deadline is implemented each year.

Ahead of Rubio's Liberty Square visit, he wrote HUD Secretary Ben Carson a letter, May 4, asking that the agency expedite requests from the Miami-Dade Public Housing Authority for tenants seeking to leave the Liberty Square community.

Broward county pushes citizenship with drive

Experienced lawyers and immigration officials helped South Floridians prepare their citizenship applications on May 19 and 20 at Lauderhill Mall. The Lauderhill Mall citizenship drives are hosted every third Saturday and Sunday by Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness. 250,000 applications have been completed for the last two years with 70 percent of applicants qualifying for a fee waivers, according to Holness. The event is powered by TJ Reddick Bar, Caribbean Bar Association, FLIC, Community Access Center and Congressman Alcee Hastings.



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Miami Gardens Vice Mayor Erhabor Ighodaro, rapper Ice Berg and rapper/gun violence activist Santonio Carter and other attendees pose at the "Parents Taking Action Community Discussion and Resource Fair" Saturday, May 19 at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens. The event brought parents, children and community leaders together to talk about issues affecting today's youth.

Photo courtesy of Miami Gardens

Parents taking action

Families discuss gang violence among youth

Miami Times Staff Report

Peer pressure, gang violence and substance abuse are just some of the issues youth face today.

And to address these problems, Miami Gardens Vice Mayor Erhabor Ighodaro held a forum opened to the public on Saturday to offer parents a platform to speak on the issues from their perspective.

The "Parents Taking Action Community Discussion and Resource Fair" took place at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, with a panel discussion that featured gunshot survivor Megan Hobson and Miami-based rapper, Ice Berg.

After the panel discussion, participating youth and par-



ents had the opportunity to break into three groups - youth, mothers and fathers - to generate ideas for a final group presentation.

The discussion was to give the community a chance to speak up, according to Ighodaro.

"As we continue to advo-

cate for every constituent group in our community, we must ensure that the voices of those most affected and traumatized by violence are not silenced nor ignored," he said.

Miami Gardens Police Department and State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Run-



dle's Office were part of the planning committee for the event that was sponsored by H&J Asphalt Inc.

"We salute our law enforcement community and other

important stakeholders for helping to sure up the commitment that as a people, we are about helping, and not hurting our own," Ighodaro said.

AMI Kids Miami Dade-North, Hosanna 4 Youth, CareerSource South Florida and Concerned African Women were among the list of resource fair participants.



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the bond. The district has either allocated or spent more than \$500 million on assorted construction projects within the district.

Yet, the delay in having an audit raised suspicions. Some observers questioned the debate as a stalling tactic to deny giving the contract to a Black company and also to slow down or even halt the audit.

"How is it that when a Black firm is qualified [and] your Black participation numbers are down, why wouldn't you go ahead with the process?" said Darryl Holsendolph, a businessman who does work with the district. "You want to redo the process?"

During the debate, which lasted more than an hour, board members Mari Tere Rojas and Steve Gallon III — the two newest board members — noted that the district committee and subcommittee closely followed the district's procedures in writing the RFP for accounting services and met the guidelines as prescribed by the school board.

Architect Ron Frazier had similar concerns as Holsendolph. He said he watched the proceedings in disbelief. "The item was thoroughly discussed and vetted. There were no exceptions about this item," Frazier said.

Frazier said he has pressed Carvalho to conduct a bond audit for at least three years. "The superintendent doesn't want an audit," Frazier said. "The program has been in effect . . . and there's never been an audit. It's apparent to me that the superintendent is never been for an audit of the

GOB program."

Last November, the school board approved two separate items that call for giving a closer look at how the money has been spent. Rojas and Gallon sponsored those items.

Rojas' proposal, which passed by a vote of 6-3, requires the district to order an independent mid-point audit of the bond, which was approved by voters in 2012.

Gallon's item, which passed unanimously, goes deeper. It requires the district to put in place a mechanism for quarterly reporting of GOB expenditures to the school board by each cost category and a related project, as well as provide an expenditure report for all GOB expenditures to date by each category, school board voting district, and school name.

At the time, Rojas said her proposal stemmed from questions she received from constituents about the bond. She said the audit by an independent body also would show how the district fared with promises made to the voters.

"This is to assure the citizens that their vote meant something," Rojas said. "I want to ensure there has been a positive impact on the local economy. That's how we sold the bond."

"The audit will reveal whether everything is up to par or if there are areas we could address and the corrective action we should take if necessary," she said.

Rojas seemed taken aback by the questions. She gave a timeline of the steps taken in the process for notifying the ABAC committee and the school board.

She noted that in the past "we've awarded a contract even if only one



[company] responds."

"I am perplexed at the end of this process, if we have minority firms that are qualified to do the job, why are we questioning this at the 11th hour?" Rojas said.

Gallon noted that every board member should have had ample time to review the contract proposal and the RFP and that it was "inexcusable" for any member to receive it so late.

"All of the information was readily available five to seven days prior [to the board meeting]," Gallon said. "We had sufficient time to get this."

Frazier said attempts to delay the contract undermined the district's policies to bring in small businesses and diverse contractors. He also pointed out that eight firms attended the pre-bid conference for the audit services project. Out of those eight, only one submitted a bid.

Attorney Stephen Hunter Johnson, an ABAC committee member who reviewed the proposal from S. Davis, said members were surprised

that only one firm submitted a bid and that the issue would be contentious.

"There was nothing controversial at the committee level that should have caused controversy at the board level," Johnson said.

The other hot item at the school board meeting was on the selection of the chief auditor.

Lawrence Feldman, the immediate past board chairman, asked to table the selection of the chief auditor position because he wasn't sure if the board had followed its own procedures with allowing Carvalho a chance to meet with the candidates.

The board changed that stipulation in a proposal sponsored by Gallon. However, the change won't go into effect until next month.

"Not all policies and practices were followed by the board," Feldman said. "I hope this board is not placed in a position of liability for anyone who has applied for the position that we were not following our rules."

Carvalho, who sat quietly through most of the meeting, said he didn't speak with any of the candidates. He said he deferred to the wishes of the board.

"It was very clear that the board did not want my advice. It was not my intention then and it's not my intention now to opine on the process," Carvalho said.

Gallon said the board had complied with the policy. He said Carvalho had an opportunity to meet with the candidates if he wanted to do so and that the superintendent "is fully aware of when the meetings took place."

"I'm miffed that after this process is underway, we come at the ninth hour" and have this issue, Gallon said.

Graduate from Air Force Academy

The Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy announces that Aubrey Jaleel Duty-Tyson of the Class of 2018 is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Management with an emphasis in Cyberspace Operations and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on Wednesday, May 23 at United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.



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Transit workers on May 18 advocate for involvement from commuters in a fight for more funding and better services from the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

Transit workers urge Dade commuters to 'get involved'

Miami Times Staff Report

Officers and members of Transport Workers Union Local 291 on Friday urged commuters to demand more funding and improved services from the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

In another fight for change in Miami-Dade Transit, members passed out flyers to riders at the Government Center intermodal station that pictured a woman riding a Metro-Dade bus with an umbrella — because rain was falling from the ceiling.

The urgency from the union came a day after it says three trains broke down during morning rush.

So far, the union has distributed more than 15,000 flyers



Transit workers on May 18 campaign near bus stops for support for better services.

to "receptive" riders at transit hubs, according to Local 291 President Clarence Washington.

"They're very angry with the constant equipment

breakdown, delays and long waits," he said. "We are encouraging them to get involved in the fight for more transit funding and better service."

STREET Talk

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What are ways residents or city officials can keep communities safe on major holidays?



Marla Garris, 60
Key Largo

Forming a small block watch group whose main responsibilities include checking on seniors and children. I also like the accountability of knowing who is scheduled to be out of town or who's just doing nothing but staying in. The small watch group is intimate and speaks to neighborhood blocks that know their neighbors.



Evy Pierce, 29
Miami

I believe there should be more police presence to discourage any reckless activity. Also, to minimize traffic, city officials should communicate better with the public, especially taxpayers. The focus is always on tourists, but taxpayers should also be considered. For example, new traffic patterns. Locals should be made aware of any closures or road blocks so it does not interfere with their daily routine.



TJ Stroud, 44
Miami

We need to have more law enforcement on hand at any community event. And we need more parents functioning as true guardians over their kids, teaching them the whole purpose of celebrating a holiday. Additionally, people need to say something if they see something. I believe everyone needs to be willing to take the extra step and not worry about being a snitch in an event of something happening in the community.



Stephon Nixon, 28
Miami Gardens

A time curfew for maybe 7 p.m. should be instituted. From there, police can supervise and patrol streets to make sure everyone gets home. I don't think this will take away any fun on a major holiday because there is enough time in the day to pretty much enjoy yourself. When the night time hits, that is when majority of the crime happens. So with a curfew, things should be better.



Vinson Pressley, 25
Miami Beach

There's a couple ways city officials can achieve their goals. One is by employing more officers to venues, with some in uniform and others in civilian clothes. You don't want to have a venue where there are so many cops in uniform because it can be a bit intimidating for people who just want to have a good time. It's also important to make sure these officers are properly trained to handle situations if they escalate. We don't want to see people lose their lives in a situation where it didn't have to go that far.



B.J. Chiszar, 39
Ojus

Citizens should remind all why we celebrate holidays. Enjoyment and pursuit of happiness are tied to our individual quality of life. We need to embrace the fun and reject the nonsense. Holidays are no time for hostilities or weapons. Government should reduce the criminalization of the population and join in on the fun. We need policies that protect and enhance the pursuit of joy. The power is the people's.

Who is entitled to 'stand your ground' in Corey Jones case?

The defense and prosecution both want to use the self-defense law

DAPHNE DURET
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Both prosecutors and defense attorneys for former Palm Beach Gardens police officer Nouman Raja agree that the case surrounding his killing of stranded motorist Corey Jones case holds a valid self-defense argument for prosecutorial immunity under what is commonly known as Florida's "stand your ground" law.

Who is entitled to that argument provided the basis for written closing arguments filed with Circuit Judge Samantha Schosberg Feuer last week. The filings came on the heels of a two-day hearing that turned into a battle of experts over the Oct. 18, 2015 deadly confrontation that left Jones dead and Raja fired as a police officer and now facing attempted murder and manslaughter charges.

Defense attorney Richard Lubin in his final arguments told Feuer that prosecutors failed to disprove Raja's self-defense claims. Lubin highlighted a

year-old change in the standard of the law that allows judges to declare criminal defendants immune from prosecution in cases where force was used to lawfully protect themselves or others from an imminent threat.

Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes echoed claims from Jones' family that if anyone had a valid "stand your ground" argument, it was the 31-year-old drummer.

Jones, who by day was a building manager for the Delray Beach Housing Authority, was on his way home from a gig with the socially conscious reggae band "Future Presidents" when his car broke down. It was while he was waiting for assistance that he was confronted by Raja.

A Palm Beach Gardens police officer at the time, Raja was staking out a nearby parking lot hoping to catch thieves breaking into cars. After spotting Jones' vehicle, Raja drove the wrong way up an exit ramp on Interstate 95 in an unmarked



Civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump sits in the crowded courtroom during the hearings for the case against Nouman Raja, a former Palm Beach Gardens police officer, charged with shooting and killing Corey Jones.

van, parked perpendicular to Jones' broken-down SUV and approached Jones in plainclothes.

Prosecutors say Raja not only violated police practices, but was criminally negligent and lied about the circumstances surrounding the shooting in a statement he gave to investiga-

tors hours later.

Lubin dismissed the state's claims as "nitpicking" and "20/20 hindsight," adding that prosecutors are using Raja's position as a law enforcement officer against him.

"A civilian approaching Mr. Jones in like circumstances would be treated as a Good

Samaritan, stopping to assist another driver," Lubin wrote, adding: "She would not be held to the higher standards the state seeks to apply to the conduct of Officer Raja, and the state would be left without its lawless law enforcement practice evidence it uses as a ruse here to try to undermine Mr.

Raja's legal right to 'stand your ground' immunity."

Lubin attributed conflicts in Raja's statement to "misdescriptions" and "typical, common human factors."

Among other claims, Lubin pointed out that investigators conducted a test of Jones' gun that proved that despite the fact that it wasn't outfitted with a laser, the gun reflected glints of what appeared to be a red light under similar lighting conditions Raja faced at the scene. Lubin, along with defense attorneys Scott Richardson and Ralph King III, have argued that this validates Raja's ultimately wrong claim that Raja had pointed a gun with a laser light at him.

Fernandes, in his written closing arguments to Feuer, said Jones was the one with the right to a "stand our ground" self-defense claim in the encounter that ended with his death. Fernandes, prosecuting Raja with Chief Assistant State Attorney Adrienne Ellis, dismissed Lubin's claims that citizens are precluded from claiming "stand your ground" against law enforcement officers as "twisted logic."

Miami Times photos/Carol Porter

HERO

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Among the hundreds of soldiers, family and friends in attendance: Johnson's widow Myeshia, his aunt and uncle, Cowanda Jones-Johnson and Richard Johnson, and at least two of his children, Ah'leey-sa Jones and La David Johnson Jr. A third child, a daughter, was born in January.

As South Florida and the nation prepare to honor soldiers who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces, this marks the first year that Johnson, of Miami Gardens, will be in that number.

On Monday, Miami Gardens will remember its hometown hero at the inaugural Sgt. La David Johnson Memorial Day Breakfast at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex. Other local celebrations will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Air and Sea Show in Miami Beach.

The Miami Gardens breakfast has been held since the city's incorporation, said Mayor Oliver Gilbert. He renamed the event last year in honor of the city's native son.

"He gave his life in service to his country, dying in a foreign land. He was a Miami Gardens resident who was loved in the community," Gilbert said. "It was more than appropriate."

Spokeswoman Tamara Wadley said the city reached out to Johnson's family with an invitation as staffers made plans. Wadley said the city will make a special presentation in the soldier's honor.

"He served his country and made the ultimate sacrifice and that deserves recognition in perpetuity," Wadley said.

U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, who has become an unofficial spokeswoman for the Johnson family said La David Johnson will get other honors in Miami Beach.

"He will be honored by many community organiza-



Melissa Sue Gerrits/The Fayetteville Observer

Soldiers with the 3rd Special Forces Group ceremonially unveil memorial stones in honor of soldiers killed in combat in 2017. The ceremony took place with friends, family and fellow soldiers at Memorial Walk on May 22 near Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

tions," Wilson said.

Many questions remain into what happened in an ambush that caused the untimely deaths of Johnson and the other men: Staff Sgt. Dustin Wright, Sgt. First Class Jeremiah Johnson and Staff Sgt. Bryan Black.

The men were part of a group of 12 Army soldiers and about 30 Nigerian troops who were attacked last Oct. 4 by Islamic forces in a wooded area. The bodies of three men were recovered shortly after the attack. However, Johnson's remains were not located until two days later.

The questions surrounding his death ignited a feud between Wilson and two of the top men at White House

— President Donald Trump and Chief of Staff John Kelly. In more recent weeks, Wilson and the family members have pushed to view footage taken by drones that are believed to show the firefight in which Johnson was killed.

Last month, she accompanied the family members for an eight-hour briefing with military officials at the U.S. Southern Command or SOUTHCOM.

Wilson said the briefing was traumatic for the family. "They were crying. It was very emotional. Myeshia and mother left the room," Wilson said. "I sat mostly quiet. ... the dots just did not connect. The more questions the family asked, the more in-

triguing it became. The more conflicted it became."

By the time they left, Wilson said, they never saw the video. She said she's not giving up.

"I'm still on that mission to see the video," she said.

Memorial Day is the time set aside to honor America's military personnel who died while serving their country. On the last Monday in May at U.S. military installations around the world, and at veterans halls, cemeteries, and cities, active duty personnel join with veterans to pay tribute to deceased men and women who formerly served. Some people decorate gravesites with flowers and U.S. flags.

At Fort Bragg, the largest in the United States with more than 50,000 soldiers, the celebration starts more than a week before the actual holiday. On May 19, members of the 3rd Special Forces Group held a Memorial 5k for the soldiers and their families to remember the deceased. Pictures of the fallen troops lined the route.

According to an account in the Fayetteville Observer, the 5k kicks off "a week filled with ceremonies and informal gatherings ahead of Memorial Day."

Though Fort Bragg is humongous, the troops of 3rd Special Forces consider themselves as a family.

Johnson became part of

that family. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2014 as a wheeled vehicle mechanic.

The ceremony on Tuesday was the first of three memorial services at the base. Other ceremonies will be held Wednesday and on Thursday, when Johnson's name will be added to the memorial wall.

According to the Observer, in the past year, 3rd Special Forces Group has lost eight soldiers, including the four killed in the Niger ambush.

Four other soldiers died in noncombat incidents. They are Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar, Sgt. First Class Jamie Otts, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason Thomas and Sgt. First Class Johnny White.

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benefits that Liberty Square is receiving and the benefits that the Brownsville, the Lincoln Gardens site and Bannerman Park would receive.

"When we said we are going to come back to the community for their recommendations — that's what we meant," said Edmonson. "That's what these meetings are about."

The contentious meet-

Two weeks before, members of the Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association, said they wanted a separate redevelopment deal from the \$300 million Liberty City Rising plan. They saw a proposed benefits agreement that the group's president said was "guttled."

The Liberty Square Rising project includes the reconstruction of both the Liberty Square and Lincoln Gardens public housing developments. But members of the Brownsville neighborhood where

She thought the presentation was a good idea. At the meeting, Gallon took notes on the reactions of the homeowners, tenants from Annie Coleman housing project #14 and the other association members. They all said that "they needed more time for each entity to come together to give input and come up with a solution that is feasible for everyone."

"However, I am not sure everyone really understands. There is a difference when

someone is reading for you," Gallon said. "People can hear things, but it is actually interpreted in their minds?"

Kilpatrick said he and his members plan to meet every week starting on Saturday to fully understand the proposal. Edmonson would like to hear from them in 30 days, he said.

"It was a 52-point presentation that we heard over one and half hours, we need time," Kilpatrick said. He thought he also needed assistance.

He wrote to Edmonson's staff on Tuesday to ask the commissioner to invite county departments and the developer Related Urban to attend the meeting.

"We think it is important for them to be there so that we are not spinning our wheels," Kilpatrick said. "I have questions for parks and transit. Why not bring transit so they can speak?"

He said he was encouraged by some of the items in the

document but thought it may have added more confusion.

The proposal lists a 2500-square-foot community center for the common area and a 2500-square-foot community center for the senior citizens.

"It's good for the seniors," Kilpatrick said of the senior center. "That's pretty big."

Kilpatrick said he felt singled out at the meeting.

"That Edmonson, can be really mean," he said.



Miami Times staff/Nyameleye Danie

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson compared the Community Benefits Package for Liberty Square to Lincoln Gardens' in the Liberty Rising Plan, item by item, at a meeting May 17 at Marva Y. Bannerman Park.

ing had Edmonson berating Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association president Kenneth Kilpatrick, who she had previously called a troublemaker for alarming people about proposed benefits.

A section of the proposed benefits agreement shows 76 units for seniors including seven two-bedroom units; 18 townhouses for homeownership; plus upgrades to Bannerman Park.

Lincoln Gardens is located said that they have been short-changed and were not included in the initial planning for their community.

Senior citizen Betty Gallon has been a Brownsville homeowner of 52 years. She was a schoolteacher for 29 years and continues to tutor children in the neighborhood. Gallon is a member of the Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association.

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Airbnb touts Miami Gardens hosts

Local NAACP branch say it will keep Black dollars in community

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Economic development of communities of color is the focus of a partnership between the nation's oldest civil rights organization and an app-based startup hospitality and tourism company.

Airbnb, a company that uses an online platform to help users rent their homes, has partnered with the NAACP as a way to attract members of communities of color to become hosts with Airbnb.

To explain the partnership and the signup process, Airbnb rented the auditorium at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex on Saturday, May 19 to host Black homeowners from Miami-Dade County. During the roughly two-hour long event, Airbnb introduced itself, spoke about its history, invited cosigners to speak and gave a tour of the platform.

There were more than 100 attendees for the discussion who were closer to

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So often we don't really get involved in the new commerce," he said. "We think about stuff that was and not stuff that's going to be."

Miami Gardens Mayor
Oliver G. Gilbert III

being hosts than rejecting the invite.

Airbnb Spokesperson Benjamin Breit wrote in an email that homeowners did sign up as hosts at the event on Saturday but didn't provide a specific number. Breit said the company's next step is to roll out in more once the Miami partnership is well off the ground.

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Marvin Owens, the NAACP's senior director of economic programs and Janaye Ingram, Airbnb's director of national partnerships are pictured May 19 at Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex for a meeting about partnership between the two organizations.

Miami Times photos/Philippe H. Buteau

Meyga students open trade show

The Apparel Textile Sourcing trade show held an opening ceremony on Monday, May 21 at Mana Wynwood to mark the commencement of their three-day trade show. The commencement ceremony was opened with 20 students from Liberty City's Meyga Learning Center, who welcomed the 17 delegates from the participating countries to the trade show with a flag ceremony, Miami Mayor Francis Suarez was in attendance along with Miami-Dade Commissioners Audrey Edmonson and Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

The trade show will take place from May 21 - May 23 at Mana Wynwood. The event will host over 200 international and domestic manufacturing firms who will present a range of products and process solutions in the field of manufacturing and sourcing services and more than 3,500 registered attendees including executives from Zara, Perry Ellis, Gap Inc., Kate Spade, Chicos and more.



Apparel Textile Sourcing

MCI selects new leader

LaTousha Daniels selected as the agency's president and CEO

Miami Times Staff Report

The Board of Directors of Miami Children's Initiative (MCI) has selected a new lead executive for the organization.

LaTousha Daniels is the president and CEO of MCI as of April 16.

Daniels is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Liberty City.

She is humbled by the opportunity to return and serve the community where she was reared, Daniels said.

Daniels joined MCI after serving as grants administrator with Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation and Open Spaces, securing over 10 million dollars in programmatic and capital improvement funds in a three-year span.



LaTousha Daniels

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

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Read page 18 of county master affordable housing plan report

For two years, I have been asking for a comprehensive plan that addresses the affordable housing crisis in South Florida.

Low and behold knowledge of one appeared at the last County Commission meeting. I did not know it existed, and I know I am not

alone because several housing advocates have been asking for comprehensive solutions, too.

The plan had been around since 2013 at the request of Commissioners Barbara J. Jordan and Audrey M. Edmonson. Commissioners Jordan and Daniella Levine Cava have breathed new life into the plan by requesting a status report, due in about 60 days.

They also saved the master plan, since the plan would have sunsetted in 2019.

THE MASTER PLAN

The Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alli-



Pierre

ance advisory board with the support of Public Housing and Community Development and Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources in 2013 prepared the Master Affordable Housing Plan.

The goal of the plan is to monitor solutions to the affordable housing crisis and remove roadblocks to success. Back then, Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) under the leadership of Gregg Fortner was responsible for implementation. But here we are again, even with a new lead-

er in place, and things still haven't changed much. And because of this, renters are becoming more and more cost-burdened, priced-out and on top of all that, much of the affordable housing stock is dwindling away. Let's face it; we don't have the necessary supply available to meet the residents' needs. When you factor in the cost of transportation, I don't know how we are managing to sustain or even live here.

Throughout the 215-page report, the master plan addresses many challenges; delineates unmet housing needs; defines housing limits and terms; promotes fair housing and mixed-income housing; and preserves exist-

ing affordable housing units. Skip all of that and take the advice of what's on page 18. It says, in part, "increased wages are key to making housing affordable to working households in Miami-Dade County."

IT JUST DOESN'T ADD UP For commissioners to have to go back and request a report from a report to assess whether the plan accomplished its goal, doesn't give me the impression that affordable housing relief is near. This is why we need an affordable housing oversight committee to prod and poke our elected officials to stay on this critical quality-of-life

SEE PIERRE 10B

HOME

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The talk in Miami Gardens also included Airbnb staff, hosts and NAACP officials who agreed that Black homeowners should take part in home sharing as a way to maintain the Black dollar in Black communities.

Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III said the importance of the event is in preparing Black communities for the future.

"So often we don't really get involved in the new commerce," he said. "We think about stuff that's not and stuff that's going to be."

Gilbert often mentions economic development and fiscal stability for Miami Gardens, and he said the residents' wealth is "disproportionately" invested in their homes.

"What better way to grow your wealth than to use your greatest investment to generate more revenue?" Gilbert said of homeowners renting through Airbnb. "They want to be here to do business with us. When doing business with us means you making more money."

Hosts keep 97 per-

cent of the amount they charge, and the NAACP will get 20 percent of Airbnb's earnings under the partnership.

Ruban Roberts, president of the Miami-Dade branch of the NAACP, said renting is a good way for Black homeowners to retain their property value.

"This is a way of building additional revenue," Roberts said. "And it can help promote Black businesses looking to circulate Black dollars in Black communities."

A 2017 Census Bureau population estimate says 73 percent of residents in Miami Gardens are Black. The homeowner rate is 65 percent and the median value of the homes is \$141,600. Comparatively, in Miami-Dade County, the homeownership rate is 53 percent and the median value is \$221,100.

Homeowners who participate need only worry about losing their homestead exemption, a tax-saving measure, if they rent their primary property. According to Florida law, a home's homestead exemption is considered abandoned if the owner rents a "substantial" portion for more than 30 days per year for two consecutive years.



This is a way of building additional revenue. And it can help promote Black businesses looking to circulate Black dollars in Black communities."

Ruban Roberts

secutive years.

Tayson Gaines, a property lawyer with an office in Brickell, said homestead exemptions only apply to primary properties, not investment properties — a homeowner's second or third home.

Gaines, 35, thought Airbnb's panel was an overall good event despite secondary motivations he thinks the company has.

"I think it was a PR campaign for Airbnb because of the controversy they've had," Gaines said. "They could have done more to get information from the homeowners, and more to provide details on price strategy."

During the discussion, Airbnb collects

said they have a "dynamic pricing" feature on their platform and pricing varies based on seasons.

Though federal law has prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin for decades, Airbnb, a company founded in 2008, established their anti-discrimination policy in 2016.

#AirbnbWhileBlack emerged on Black Twitter after Black travelers recounted stories of harassment and discrimination using the app.

When asked why it took so long for Airbnb to set up an anti-discrimination policy, Breit referred to a statement from CEO Brian Chesky. It reads in part: "Unfortunately, we have been slow to address these problems, and for this I am sorry. I take responsibility for any pain or frustration this has caused members of our community. We will not only make this right; we will work to set an example that other companies can follow."

To deal with discrimination, the NAACP and Airbnb say people have to come together. Airbnb collects

population information from census data and asks hosts and guests to submit photos, but does not ask either party for their race. Roberts of the NAACP isn't concerned.

"It's 2018; to deal with racial issues we have to have some sort of integration," Roberts said.

The NAACP-Airbnb partnership is more than a year in the works.

"It's a strategic intentional decision to attract communities of color," said Janaye Ingram, Airbnb's director of national partnerships. "It's to ensure we're reaching communities that may not have organically come to the platform."

According to a 2017 NAACP press release, the NAACP and Airbnb will visit specific cities, like Miami Gardens, that are comprised primarily of people of color to "help more people use their homes to earn extra income."

For its panel at Betty T. Airbnb brought out four hosts from throughout Miami-Dade County. Their testimonies included whether being a host was worth it financially and how they felt about opening up their homes to strangers. They

all said they set rules and knew they had Airbnb's support if they needed it.

Akino West and Janila Ross, both 26, are fiancés with two locations they rent through Airbnb and have plans for a third. They worked in the hospitality and food industries and used their personal savings to buy a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in West Buena Vista for the program.

"They only do short-term renting, from single-night stays — check-in one night and leave in the morning — to about a week.

West said during the discussion that they are making double the amount they would have made in

traditional renting. "It really became the springboard for a bigger project," Ross said.

Akino and Ross continued working, now also as renters, and saved up enough to purchase a spot in Overtown. There they purchased a bed and breakfast called The Copper Door BNB that will have 22 rooms once they open in about five weeks. It's related to Airbnb in that they use the company's platform to market availability and attain bookings.

"We're able to employ other people; our housekeeper is Black; our landscaper is Black; and our maintenance man is Black," Ross said. "Airbnb provides a

great space for everyone to be an entrepreneur."

Tina Alexander, 68, of Miami Gardens, said she's been interested in renting but didn't know how to navigate the process. She thought the presentation on Saturday was nice and understandable. She said she's really thinking of being a host and is prepping a four-bedroom, two bathroom house.

Alexander said the extra money would be good and she's "definitely" for the idea of maintaining investments in Black communities.

"It made me feel good," she said of seeing so many Black people at the panel. "I was so happy. I really was."

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DP# 29647

Emilio T. González, City Manager

Invitation to Bid MTI Diagnostics Interior Renovation

This project consists of the renovation of the Miami Transplant Institute (MTI) located on the ground floor of the Highland Professional Building, 1801 NW 9th Ave., Miami, FL 33136 at Jackson Health Systems. The following trades:

Interior Demolition, concrete, steel, Unistrut/equipment support, architectural casework, doors and hardware, aluminum windows, spray foam insulation, framing and drywall, acoustical ceilings, resilient flooring, terrazzo and ceramic tile, painting, bathroom specialties, plumbing, fire protection, HVAC, and electrical.

Miami Dade County Small Business Entities (SBE) are encouraged to bid for any and all trades listed. The following trades are identified for SBE set-asides; only bids from MDC SBE firms will be accepted. **The SBE set-aside trades are: Demolition, Architectural Woodwork/Cabinets, Acoustical Ceilings, Paint, Mechanical Controls, and Plumbing.**

Plans are available through ANF Group's reconstruction department. Please email your request for plans to estimating@anfgroup.com. Please include complete contact information in your request along with which trade(s) your company intends to provide a proposal for. Interested bidders are required to submit their sealed bid by 2:00 pm to the address below. All bids must include compliance with Miami-Dade County's Community Workforce Program (CWP), Miami-Dade County's Responsible Wages and Benefits Ordinances.

Pre-Bid Meeting: 05/24/2018, 1:00 pm at the project site (address above).

RFI Due Date: 05/25/2018

Bid Due Date: 05/31/2018 Sealed Bids due at 2:00 pm

Sealed Bids must be delivered to:
ANF Group, Inc.
2700 Davie Road
Davie, FL 33314

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Prior to her work at Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation, Daniels has held a variety of leadership roles that postured her to be a change agent and grassroots leader in community and statewide advocacy. These roles include serving as the assistant executive director of the Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce, as a legislative aide to both the late Arthur Teele and Barbara Carrey-Shuler and as a public information officer for Miami Dade Child Development Services.

An ordained minister, Daniels is also an associate minister of the Friendship Missionary Baptist (The Ship Miami) of Liberty City. She also founded IAD Consulting, a firm that provides grant writing, nonprofit program development and evaluation, public relations and event planning.

"We are thrilled to have selected someone with so much history with our community and someone who understands the challenges, complexities and triumphs of our residents; that paired with her depth of experience in the nonprofit sector, I believe will lead the Miami Children's Initiative into the next chapter," said Morris Copeland, interim board chair of the MCI and director of Miami Dade Juvenile Services.

A community presentation was made at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The "I Am, You Are, We are Liberty City" event introduced Daniels to the community and served as an opportunity to highlight the staff and the accomplishments of the 10-year organization.

Daniels attended Orchard Villa and Charles Drew Elementary schools and Miami Northwestern Senior High School; all schools within

MCI's Impact Zone. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida Memorial University and received her certification as a grant specialist from the University of South Carolina.

"I am so grateful to MCI's board for granting me this opportunity. It is amazing how one's life, career and personal journey can bring them back to where it all began," Daniels said. "It is an absolute honor to

be given this chance to positively affect change and growth in a place I call home. I do not take this task lightly, but I'm permitted to growing MCI's vision, impact and influence on Liberty City's youth and families."

Public Notice

**Public Housing and Community Development (PHAC) Plan /
Public Housing Agency (PHA) Development /
Capital Fund Program (CFP) /
Proposed Supporting Policy Documents**

PUBLIC HEARING
Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHAC) hereby advertises that the public hearing for its proposed PHAC Plan and Capital Fund Program (CFP) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, Public Housing Development, Community Policies, and Administration and Occupancy Policy (ACOP) to include a Smoke-Free Policy will be held at the Housing and Social Services Committee on June 11, 2018, at 9:00 am.

The public hearing will be held inside the Board of County Commissioners Chambers, located on the second floor of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1 St., Miami, FL 33128.

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IFB No.: 893381

Title: Invitation to Bid for Police SWAT Team Armor and Accessories

IFB Due Date Monday, June 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM

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issue. If we don't, they will keep their focus on bringing us mega-malls. I look forward to seeing this report from Mayor Carlos Gimenez on or before July 16.

Based on the increasing lack of available affordable housing options, emails and calls from those in need of adequate shelter, clearly not enough has even been done. In my book, the county has fallen short on meeting the overall goal to address and maximize affordable housing, which has perpetuated the crisis that we're in today. What a shame, but kudos to all the commissioners who were in favor both then and now.

Do you have recommendations for the county's affordable housing master plan? Let's hear about it; share it today! Write Daniella Pierre at affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BULLS

Athletes from Northwestern High School Girls and Boys Track and Field and football teams received certificates from Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. The teams pose with Edmonson and coaches Max Edwards, Darryl Elomore and Carmen Jackson.

Armando Rodriguez/Miami Dade County

COMMISSIONER SINGS PRAISE FOR MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ATHLETES

Miami Times Staff Report

Miami Northwestern High School Girls and Boys Track and Field and football team were honored at the County Commission meeting on May 15 by Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, to mark their victories in the state competitions.

"As commissioner of the district where this fine school is located, it

gives me great pleasure to congratulate Principal Wallace Aristide and these wonderful athletes," said Edmonson. "The 'Mighty Bulls' were able to overcome all obstacles including an unforeseen accident involving Coach Max and the sad and unfortunate occurrences of senseless gun violence, which has taken the lives of classmates." The football team cap-

tured the district title for the second straight year and then its sixth state championship title with a 21-16 win over its opponent.

"Equally as impressive are the track teams. The boys' track team, led by Thomas Burns and Jacquez Stuart, were winners in the 100 and 400-meter races," said the commissioner.

Winston Quinn, Torey Holmes, Michael Thomp-

son and Demarcus Fleming all placed in their individual races. The track also won the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400-meter races and came in second with help of James Cook, Wilbert Toussaint and Larry Robbins.

"The Lady Bulls Track Team was equally successful in past years," Edmonson said. "As the 2018 Track and Field season was approach-

ing, the team knew they had to keep the legacy going. Even though the Lady Bulls experienced adversity and defeat early during the season, they began to put things together as the championship season approached."

"The team won its 27th District Track and Field championship. Two weeks later, Miami Northwestern won its 18th Regional Track and Field championship. Then

at the state finals, the Lady Bulls captured their 15th title, 10th in a row.

Edmonson congratulated the coaches for maintaining these programs' culture of excellence.

"I am proud because these athletic programs not only focus on athletic distinction but also instill in these students the importance of drive, responsibility and scholarship."

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Microloans offer glimmer of hope

Small businesses can benefit from this borrowing alternative to fund startups

TAMARA HOLMES
USA TODAY

Three weeks after the February 2016 launch of New York-based event marketing company The XP Agency, the company landed its first client.

"In order to complete the project, we needed \$60,000 to pay for our upfront costs of producing the event," co-founder Tamara

Francis says. "Neither my business partner or I had the funds to cover these costs, so we sought a business loan."

Traditional lenders turned them down, so Francis went to an alternative lending non-profit called Community Capital, which offered microloans — small short-term loans designed to give small businesses working capital. After submitting their business plan and proof that they had a signed contract from a major corporate client, The XP Agency secured a \$10,000 microloan and a \$100,000 line of credit. "I don't think we would have been able to sustain our business without it," Francis says.

Microloans can transform business for small companies such as The XP Agency. The Small Business Administration has a microloan program that works with non-profit community organizations across the country to provide loans to local small-business owners. While microloans are typically \$50,000 or less, businesses in regions that have less access to capital may qualify for up to \$250,000.

The maximum repayment period for SBA microloans is six years, and the average SBA microloan in 2016 was \$15,533. But the SBA is not the only game in town.

The microloan market has evolved in the past five years, says Antara Dutta, a social entrepreneur and mentor with the Delaware chapter of SCORE, a volunteer network of small-business advisers. Many non-profit organizations, foundations and peer-to-peer lending networks have also entered the microloan market.

The types of businesses that benefit from microloans are those that need cash for a specific purpose, such as buying new equipment, expanding the marketing program or stocking up on inventory before a busy season, Siddhanti says.

Small-business owners can also

use microloans to build up their business credit history, Dutta points out. "You borrow small, and pay it back. Then as your business grows, larger banks will talk to you about larger lines of credit," Dutta says.

Some organizations offer microloans to people who fall within certain demographics, such as minorities or women.

Robyn Porteen of Grand Rap-

ids, Mich., received a \$35,000 microloan from the Grand Rapids Organization for Women for her custom bag design company Porteen Gear. In 2010, Porteen was an international photographer who wanted a camera bag that was classy, yet inconspicuous — so she designed her own. "It was kind of the trailblazer for designer camera bags," she says.

When the product took off, she needed a commercial sewing machine, a website that would let people custom design their bags, and part-time help, which the microloan paid for.

One of the best things about microloans is that they allow small businesses to grow at their own pace, says Porteen, who paid off her microloan in five years. "A smaller loan felt safer. I didn't want to put all of my ducks into one big loan and then not be able to pay it."

Every microloan lender has its own requirements, but here is what you can do to improve your chances of getting approved.

***Document your plans.** Have a business plan as well as detailed documentation about how you plan to use the microloan, Dutta says. Also show how long it will take your business to recoup the funds to pay back the loan.

***Show a pattern of growth.** "What we will look for first and foremost is solid business financials, which means we want to look at companies whose bottom-line profits or revenues have not been neglecting," Siddhanti says.

***Don't neglect your credit.** Entrepreneurs who have less-than-stellar credit have a better chance of getting a microloan than they might a traditional small-business loan because the requirements tend to be less stringent, Dutta says. But having good credit can only work to your advantage.



Jason Dixon photography

The XP Agency handles campaigns such as Pantene's My Black Is Beautiful. When co-founder Tamara Francis needed \$60,000 to get her event marketing firm off the ground, she turned to a non-profit lender rather than a traditional bank.

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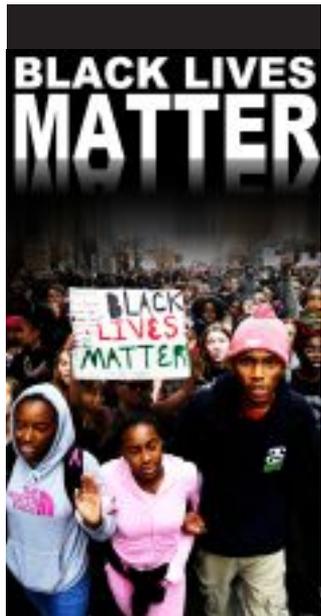
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Ayala, Jonathan R	1083 W 3101 St	Mack, Michael	17601 NW 11 St Ave
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Allen, Sule	15641 NW 18th Ave	Manzano, Luis	16401 SW 80th St Apt 208
Alonso, Maria A	15620 NW 91st Ct	Marchetti, Gina M	3621 W 167th Ln Apt 5
Alvarez, Joel	141 82 NW 118 St	Marini, Indira	17947 SW 43rd St
Angulo, Gonzalez	9296 SW 157th Ave	Martinez, JR Alberto	341 Fisherman ST
Arnes, Leonard	15621 SW 2nd Ter	Martinez, Luis D	13528 NW 7th Ln
Artz, Rogel H	2552 NW 15th St	Martinez, Juan	8125 SW 37th Ter
Ashley, Ricky J	281 72 SW 124th Pl	Mc Gonzalez, Alex	14444 NW 6th St
Austin, Christina B	2481 NW 140th St	Mc Donald, Ronald K	5108 NW 33rd Ave
Bailey, Jason H	3974 SW 30th Ct	Mendez, Shavonne P	3618 Collins Ave Apt 1702
Bailey, Theresa L	405 NW 120th St	Memo Cruz, Angel	5201 NW Gamma Hwy Apt 102
Bailey, David L	1742 NW 68th St	Miles, Eviana T	10297 SW 24th St
Baker, Jason	697 NW 174th St	Miller, Robert J	8411 SW 64th Ct
Bar, Jarvis M	30851 SW 218th Ave	Molina, Angel L	302 NW 47th Ter
Bar, Lancy	1295 NW 26th St Apt 117	Mohr, Gary	1100 Bluepine Blvd Apt 5003
Barron SR, Johnny	3211 NW 182nd St	Moril, Tony L	3158 Bluepine Blvd
Bassi, Armando	7528 SW 58th St	Narain, Pooja B	19551 SW 11th Ave Apt 1004
Bonnie Sanders, Tabetia C	1734 NW 68th St	Narain, Kabeer B	325 NW 93rd St
Bryant JR, Jonathan F	751 NW 200th St	Noron, Andres	2607 W 65th St Apt 1 B1
Buena, Iviv W	12831 SW 2nd Ave Apt 3421	Ortiz, Silvio S	8029 SW 4th St
Caceres, Walter E	508 Bayview Dr Apt 1430	Palacios, Florentina B	11548 SW 155th Ter
Care, Christopher	679 SW 178th St	Patterson, Joshua J	881 NW 140th St
Carro, Edgar B	5588 NW 14th St Ste 100	Pauly, Joseph W	14648 SW 104th St Apt 75
Chavez, Isabella	4781 W 8th Ct	Peña, Barbara S	1 Analeida Ave Apt 125
Chavez, Joshua	181 E NE 31st St 2787	Phillips, Daniel	10508 NE 3rd Ct
Colwell, Justin J	1321 NW 127th St	Phillips, Kirby J	3110 Bluepine Blvd
Colman, Elizabeth A	141 30 NW 24th Ct Apt 305	Quintanilla, Andrea	5803 NW 116th St Apt 384
Delacort, Rachel	11421 SW 183rd Ter	Ramirez, Ana I	18228 SW 21 St Ln
Delgado, Guillermo J	10821 SW 10th Ave	Raya, Armando J	11251 SW 256th Ter
Delgado, Rene	68 SW 84th Ct	Rene, D S	4208 Brimble Ave
Delgado, Rita L	42 Collins Ave	Riley JR, Johnny W	715 NW 74th St
Delphino, Marcos	14785 NE 18th Ave Apt 184	Wise, Bradley L	1818 NW 142nd St
Diaz, Denary	17582 NW 28th Ave	Rivera SR, Luis A	28053 SW 110th Pl
Diaz, John	8238 SW 130th St	Rivera, Robby D	11718 NW 10th St
Diaz, Margarita	11381 SW 7th Ter	Rodriguez, Jose D	3701 W 25th Ct #105
Diaz, William	1298 NW 147th Ave	Rodriguez, Juan A	26429 NW 17th Ave
Dixon, Lisa	21 NE Bluepine Blvd	Roman, Maria C	3855 SW 154th Pl
Duffin, Edward	1342 SW 18th St	Roman, Ruben B	8319 Pinesblakes Blvd Apt 385
Espinoza, Drella O	2498 SW 17th Ave Apt 4285	Saiz, Julio C	1100 NW 10th Ave Apt 4
Estroff, Samuel J	3291 NW 17th St	Saiz-Hernandez, Ruba M	881 NE 129th St
Fernandez, Jesus E	501 E Collins Ave Apt 11	Sanchez, Guillermo H	16004 SW 60th Ct
Fluh, David L	1121 NW 28th St	Sandoz, Alberto	8353 SW 204th Ter
Figueroa, Oscar J	9088 SW 73rd Ct Apt 1606	Schack, Wiley C	627 12th St Apt 7
Fordson, Patricia M	22844 SW 20th Ct	Scott, Maurice	1639 NW 90th St
Galvez, Elvira	308 SW 125th Ave	Seaton, Sarah L	4111 NW 1st St
Garcia, Oreste G	424 E 28th St	Sher, Cheryl A	28148 SW 146th Ave
Garcia, Hilario	629 SW 16th St Apt 134	Simon, Sandra	3148 NE 3rd Ct
Garratt, Billy	28 51 NW 51 St	Simon, Joseph M	18138 SW 25th St
Garcia, Mia	2512 W 78th Pl	Smith, JC, Grant E	830 NW 93th St Apt 208
Gonzalez, Debbie M	1588 SW 12th St	Smith, Jeffrey	19008 NW 9th Ave
Gullon JR, Carlos A	9558 SW 160th Ave	Smith, Tillary S	14821 SW 307th St
Gutierrez, Elio	8028 NW 17th St	Snook JR, James E	1732 NW 6th Ave
Hernandez, Tomas	4961 NW 173rd St	Soto, Yanika	8901 SW 46th Ter
Hughes, David E	20880 NW 11th Ave	Stam, Vanessa P	2330 NW 10th St
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Ignacio, Esterges A	955 NW 38th St	Trojita, Andrea J	9308 W 16th Ave Apt 314
James, Melvin S	562 NW 60th St	Urico, Juan A	24719 NW 36th St
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"I always had an eye for talent," Charles King insists. As a kid growing up in the Atlanta area, he'd watch Siskel and Ebert with his mother and then analyze the movies afterward to see how the critics' impressions compared with his. In college, at Vanderbilt University, he sought out modeling and acting jobs and helped his classmates do the same.

It was a photographer who first suggested that King, a political science major, consider entertainment law.

While studying at Howard University in the mid-1990s, King looked to CNN founder and hometown hero Ted Turner and BET creator Robert Johnson for inspiration and developed a 10-year plan to become a mogul in his own right — and, more important, to make the industry less white in the process.

It took him 20 years, not 10, but King got there in 2015 when he started Macro Ventures, which finances and produces film and TV projects from nonwhite creators. Armed with cash from Laurene Powell Jobs's Emerson Collective and investors from Silicon Valley and Wall



Multicultural media executive Charles King

Street, Macro premiered its first movie, "The Land," at the Sundance Film Festival in 2016. Later that year, Macro's "Fences," an adaptation

of August Wilson's Tony Award-winning play directed by and starring Denzel Washington, was released. It earned four Oscar nom-

inations and won the best supporting actress award for Viola Davis. Macro's third film, "Mudbound," released by Netflix Inc. last November, has earned Screen Actors Guild and Golden Globe nominations for Mary J. Blige.

For all the success Black-led films have had lately—last year's best picture Oscar winner, "Moonlight," had an almost entirely Black cast and creative team, and the racial horror-farce "Get Out" is seen as a top contender for the 2018 award — Hollywood as a whole is still a largely white patriarchy. While King rose swiftly through the ranks at William Morris Endeavor Entertainment LLC after law school, starting in the mailroom and

becoming the company's first Black partner, he also learned firsthand how hard it was to get work for people of color. "There's a lot of talk" about diversity in Hollywood, King says, but "people don't want to create real change. Many decision-makers think they have to cast people of color to appease people rather than thinking it's smart business."

This year, Macro returns to Sundance with a sci-fi comedy called "Sorry to Bother You," plus the web series Leimert Park. Now, finally, King gets to be the decision-maker. "We are investing in and supporting filmmakers and greenlighting what stories are being told," he says. "We don't have to go to someone else to ask if this story can be made."

Divided Supreme Court sides with businesses over workers

Employees are no longer allowed to file joint disputes against employers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court ruled Monday that businesses can prohibit their workers from banding together in disputes over pay and conditions in the workplace, a decision that affects an estimated 25 million non-unionized employees.

With the court's five conservative members in the majority, the justices held that individual employees can be forced to use arbitration, not the courts, to air complaints about wages and overtime. Four dissenting liberal justices said the decision will hit low-wage, vulnerable workers especially hard.

While the complaints in Monday's decision involved pay issues, the outcome also might extend to workplace discrimination and other disputes if employee contracts specify that they must be dealt with in one-on-one arbitration.

Workers who want to take action against sexual harassment, pay discrimination, pregnancy discrimination and racial discrimination "may now be forced behind closed doors into an individual, costly - and often secret - arbitration process," said Fatima Goss Graves, presi-

dent and CEO of the National Women's Law Center.

Lawyers representing management said the decision protects businesses from endless, costly litigation.

The outcome does not affect the people represented by labor unions, but an estimated 25 million employees work under contracts that prohibit collective action by employees who want to raise claims about some aspect of their employment.

The ruling reflected a years-long pattern at the Supreme Court of limiting class actions and favoring employer-favored arbitration over lawsuits in the courts, generally preferred by workers.

The Trump administration backed the businesses, reversing the position the Obama administration took in favor of employees.

The court's task was to reconcile federal laws that seemed to point in different directions. On the one hand, New Deal labor laws explicitly give workers the right to band together. On the other, the older Federal Arbitration Act encourages the use of arbitration, instead of the courts.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, writ-



The Supreme Court is seen in Washington, April 20. The Supreme Court says employers can prohibit their workers from banding together to complain.

ing for the majority, said the contracts are valid under the arbitration law. "As a matter of policy these questions are surely debatable. But as a matter of law the answer is clear," Gorsuch wrote.

Monday's ruling is in line with earlier decisions, he said. "In many cases over many years, this court has heard and rejected efforts to conjure conflicts between the Arbitration Act and other federal statutes. In fact, this court has rejected every such effort to date (save one temporary

exception since overruled)," Gorsuch wrote.

In dissent for the court's liberals, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called the decision "egregiously wrong" and likely to lead to "huge underenforcement of federal and state statutes designed to advance the well-being of vulnerable workers." Ginsburg said that the individual complaints can be very small in dollar terms, "scarcely of a size warranting the expense of seeking redress alone."

Ginsburg, who read a sum-

mary of her dissent aloud to stress her disagreement, said employees do not really have a choice about whether to sign such agreements, labeling them "arm-twisted, take-it-or-leave-it contracts."

She said "congressional action is urgently in order," echoing her call in 2007 for Congress to address pay discrimination following a high court ruling from which she dissented.

Kristen Clarke, president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law,

said she fears the decision will have far-reaching effects. "Today's decision will make it easier for employers to escape liability for widespread discrimination and harassment. No American should be forced to sign away their right to invoke the meaningful protections afforded by our nation's critical civil rights laws," Clarke said.

The National Labor Relations Board, breaking with the administration, argued that contracts requiring employees to waive their right to collective action violate the labor laws.

Business interests were united in favor of the contracts. Gregory Jacob, a former high-ranking Labor Department official in the Bush administration, said the court got it right Monday. "This decision thus will not see a huge increase in the use of such provisions, but it does protect employers' settled expectations and avoids placing our nation's job providers under the threat of additional burdensome litigation drain," Jacob said.

Lower courts had split over the issue. The high court considered three cases — two in which appeals courts ruled that such agreements can't be enforced and a third in which an appeals court said they are valid.



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The teenager skipped U.S. debut for his performance at the royal wedding

Miami Times Staff and Wire Report

Sheku Kanneh-Mason had big plans for this weekend. The 19-year-old, who was raised in Nottingham, England, was supposed to make his U.S. orchestral debut as the guest soloist for the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Then Meghan Markle called.

"I was bowled over when Ms. Markle called me to ask if I would play during the ceremony, and of course I immediately said yes," Kanneh-Mason said back in April on Twitter. "What a privilege to be able to play the cello at such a wonderful event. I can't wait!"

Kanneh-Mason studies at the Royal Academy of Music, and it turns out he had a secret fan: Prince Harry saw him perform in London last summer and took note.
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THE ROYAL WEDDING CAKE

LEMON ELDERFLOWER CAKE FOR PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE

Claire Ptak, the founder of Violet Bakery in East London and official royal wedding cake baker, put together Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's lemon elderflower cake. The palace shared the cake's ingredients so anyone can recreate the royal wedding in their own home. The baker revealed that her team created three different cakes for the occasion.

The lemon sponge cake is filled with lemon curd and topped with an elderflower buttercream frosting.

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Strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" can be heard as high school graduations draw closer. And today graduations for 5th to 6th grade, 6th to 7th and 8th to 9th are trending. Promotional exercise was the term used in the past. Today, even the elementary students have proms. Indeed, things change as we diversify. One of the things that unite us and united us was the community of the village. We were connected by our institutions: the church and the schools; we were connected by family ties and friendships. What we have said and what has been lost on the journey. I write this because the need of the village is essential for our young people. It is a glue, so to speak, that connects and informs them of their past so that they can build a future. In our communities, some schools have remained intact and haven't been greatly impacted through the years. Northwest Senior High still stands in Liberty City as a senior high. In other communities, Carver, Mays and North Dade became junior high schools. Thus, young people in these communities lost a vital part of their village. That's something to ponder, in my opinion.

I'm certain that everyone



can remember their high school graduations, proms, awards day, assemblies and programs that marked this time of year. They are remembered as high school classes celebrate their class reunions. Classmates are little older, perhaps a little less spry, some physical changes, but able to get together, reminisce about teachers and events past as they share and look at high school yearbooks and be grateful. One such class, the Booker T. Washington Class of '58 kicks off its 60th this weekend with a class picnic at Arcola Lake Park on Saturday and worship at New Way Fellowship Baptist Church on Sunday, May 27.

A May Class Day Celebration of Life Program will also be held in the BTW auditorium followed by a reception in the BTW cafeteria. Classes of '38, '48, '50 '68, '78 etc. will mark their respective milestones. The reunion will close with a get together in the M. Athalie Range Hall at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in June. Class officers are: **Leotha Sands Harrell**, president; **Daniel Evans**, vice president; **Shirley Davis Evans**, secretary; **Carolyn Spicer Mond**, treasurer; and **Julia Sawyer Rowe**, chaplain. Other class members include: **Rhonda**

Curry Lamb; Joyce Jackson Walker; Benjamin Dawkins; Lone Williams Smith; Irma Ross Roundtree; Maud Newbold; Josie Trout Williams; Marcia Wilson Saders; Beverly Nixon; Barbara Lester Coleman; Ulysses White; Isabelle Stebbins; Shirley Mitchell; Jewel Johnson Wilson; Brenda McGintess; Mary Ramsey Fullard; Bertha Highsmith; Betty Davis Spence; Selma Ludlow Simmons; Clarence Woods; John Strachan; Carmen Robinson Marshall; Vera Meadows McMath; Phillip Heeburn; Herman Doesett; Theggie Moss Brewton; Reverend Ivan George; Dallas Lowery Griffin; Arlington Sands; Alvin Walker; Ethel Smith Duncan; Wilhelmenia Minnis Carter; Kelson McKinney; Marvin Hunt Newton; and **William Anderson.**

Speaking of connections, when I received the news about the Historic Hampton Trust Community Trust Inc.'s 16th Annual Homegrown Achievers Luncheon fundraiser on Saturday, June 9, and saw the honorees this year, I certainly have a connection with each one. The luncheon will honor three of Miami's homegrown achievers



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and a presidential award recipient. The Homegrown Achievers honorees are state Rep. **Cynthia Stafford**, a lawyer and politician; **Bishop Noward E.C. Dean**, clergy; and **Ryan Young**, Emmy Award-winning CNN National Correspondent. Young joined CNN in 2015 and is based at the network's Chicago bureau. Stafford and my daughter Natalia were classmates, and her father Columbus Stafford and I were college classmates at Tennessee A&I State University in Nashville, and we were among the other students from South Florida who traveled together. His sisters, **Lula Dean Thompson** and **Anna Dean**, were my high school classmates. We are both proud of our connections. And in mentioning honoree Young, I share that his family and mine go back a long way. Old families, old ties, beginning with his maternal grandmother **Doreen Reeves Young**, parents **Robert Paul** and **Nancy Wilson Young**, and uncles Henry and Jeffrey Young. Henry and I were confirmed together in 1955 at The Historic Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church in Overtown. We share

many fond memories together. So, as you can see, I am proud of these honorees.

At the event, Miami-Dade County Vice Chairwoman **Audrey M. Edmonson**, of District 3, will bring greetings and present the awards. Omar Lewis of MWSVN 7 will serve as master of ceremonies. Congratulations.

The Homegrown Achiever awards are presented each year to local residents who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in their lives.

The Health and Human Services Facet members of the Dade County Chapter of the Links Inc. under the leadership of **Elsie Hamler**, launched **Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program** at Nathan B. Young Elementary School on Thursday, May 17 through Colgate's Dental Van Program.

Colgate's mobile dental vans are nearly the size of a mobile home and feature friendly visuals to help create a fun and less intimidating dental "screening experience" to kids in rural and urban communities.

The vans are equipped with two child-sized dental chairs aboard and screen two children at a time. The average dental screening lasts about two minutes. With the support of our volunteer dental professionals, children ranging from three to 12 years of age all receive free dental check-ups, treatment referrals (if needed), and learning materials that



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include a tube of Colgate kid's toothpaste, a Colgate kid's toothbrush and brushing instructions.

Two hundred parents have signed permission forms for their children to receive free dental screenings and educational materials to help build healthy dental habits. This national initiative is among the most far-reaching, successful children's oral health initiatives in the world. Through long-standing partnerships with governments, schools and communities, Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures has reached more than 900 million children and their families across 80 countries with free dental screenings and oral health education. The chapter is proud to bring this program thanks to the efforts of facet chair Bernadette Poitier and co-chair Arleen Lofton Poitier. The power of Love.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Leonard Pitts Jr.** wrote a very informative and profound opinion last week as a reminder for all of us in Black history about Mary Turner who was lynched 100 years ago on Saturday by a white mob. Pitts wrote of this story that should never be forgotten because we make history every day and we must always remember our history both past and present, lest we forget.

As we Live, Pray, Laugh, Sing and Dance together on this journey, let us continue to share and most importantly LOVE each other. Blessings.

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WHERE THE TRAVEL DEALS ARE THIS SUMMER

Santorini, Greece, took the top spot on Kayak's trending list of summer hot spots. Crete, Greece's largest island, was No. 6 on the list. Greece has been gaining momentum as a summer destination after some years of slumping.

LOWER FARES ARE POPPING UP FOR FLIGHTS FROM THE U.S. TO SEVERAL POPULAR EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS; DOMESTIC BARGAINS ARE EVERYWHERE, TOO



Seattle is enjoying a pitched airline battle between Alaska and Delta, resulting in lots of flights and cheap tickets that are luring summer travelers to the Pacific Northwest.



The median airfare for Paris this summer has been \$670, a bargain compared with years past. Several discount airlines have been adding trips from the U.S. to Paris airports.

SCOTT MCCARTNEY *The Wall Street Journal*

This is looking more and more like the summer to jump on a vacation to Europe.

Airline capacity is growing, especially among low-fare carriers. That's brought eye-popping bargains to some routes. But it may not last beyond this summer: Airlines could soon have greater ability to raise fares.

"Ticket prices are down, interest is up and Europe is hot," says David Solomito, vice president of North American marketing for the search-site Kayak. That's just one of many bits of intelligence industry experts have for travelers looking for trips on what to expect from this summer.

One tip for planning, no matter where you fly: Expedia says the most expensive stretch for a vacation last year was June 26 to July 2. The cheapest between Memorial Day and Labor Day was the final two weeks of the traditional summer travel period, Aug. 21 to Sept. 3. Consultant Craig Jenks estimates that trans-Atlantic capacity will be up this summer for the sixth straight year.

There are about one-third more seats flying across the Atlantic since 2012.

As a result, Expedia says it's more than 40 percent cheaper to fly from New York to Barcelona over July 4th weekend compared with last year, and 20 percent cheaper into London. Tickets to Paris from Los Angeles over Labor Day weekend have been 55 percent cheaper. "It's crazy. There are some real deals to be had here," says Mark Okerstrom, chief executive of Expedia Group.

That kind of traveler windfall may not last long. Rising oil prices could spell trouble for new airline service. Higher fuel prices typically trigger reductions in capacity and higher ticket prices.

A weaker U.S. dollar and possible consolidation among European airlines may also curb some of the new-flight bonanza. British Airways parent IAG recently bought a small stake in Norwegian Air, for example, and asked to talk about a merger. Norwegian rejected the idea. But that might not be the final word.

"This may be the bottom. Things may start getting more expensive from here," says Patrick Surry, chief data

WHAT TO EXPECT AT AIRPORT SECURITY

Summer travelers will run into a bit more than good deals this year. The Transportation Security Administration will be testing CT scanners at 10 airports for several weeks during the summer. CT scanners, already being tested in Boston and Phoenix, are like hospital CT scanners — they take multiple X-ray images of objects from all angles to produce detailed 3-D images.

"So far they've been living up to expectations," TSA administrator David Pekoske says.

The tests shouldn't slow lines down, but some travelers will be puzzled. TSA hopes the CT scanners, when fully deployed in about three years, will end a lot of the "divesting" of electronics, liquids and other items from bags because screeners will be able to identify hazards more accurately.

TSA has asked Congress for \$77 million to buy CT scanners in 2019. This summer, they'll be tested at 10 airports beyond Boston and Phoenix: Los Angeles International, San Diego, Houston Hobby, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Baltimore-Washington, Washington Dulles, Philadelphia and Oakland, Calif.

scientist at booking app Hopper.

Okerstrom of Expedia agrees. He thinks fuel surcharges on tickets could make a comeback — the first sign of higher ticket prices after years of continual declines.

The impact of trans-Atlantic low-cost carriers on

penhagen, London, Madrid, Oslo, Paris, Rome and Stockholm. Austin, Texas, will have two airlines flying nonstop to London: Norwegian and British Airways.

IAG started its own long-haul low-cost carrier to compete: Level Airline, which flies to Boston, Oakland and Los Angeles from its base in Barcelona. It plans to launch a New York-Paris route in September. Frankfurt-based Condor was a pioneer in the art of cheap trans-Atlantic travel. Its sister airline, Thomas Cook, has joined the fray, along with the latest new entrant: Primeira Air, a Latvian charter outfit starting this month to expand into the trans-Atlantic race on prime routes like New York and Boston to London and Paris.

All those new flights mean incumbent carriers may have to cut prices to compete. Some have added additional flights of their own. And U.S. airlines are now offering Basic Economy fares to Europe, bringing prices down for travelers willing to put up with severe restrictions and added fees. Some discounters do this, too.

One caution: Beware possible labor issues with Air

France this year. There have been strikes on 15 days between Feb. 22 and May 8. Negotiations continue.

Kayak's Solomito sees growing interest in secondary international destinations, too. Searches for Santorini, Greece, jumped 68% this year. Valencia, Spain, is up 63 percent and Porto, Portugal, is up 48 percent.

Ticket-sellers and searchers also predict a high number of friendly deals in U.S. domestic markets. Established airlines have added flights. Low-cost carriers like Frontier and Spirit are growing.

Kayak says it has seen increased interest in Seattle, Denver and Austin — all cities where airlines have added flights and lowered prices. Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes tickets sold by travel agencies, says Cincinnati and Albuquerque top its list of cities with the biggest decrease in average ticket price for summer travel this year, with 14 percent declines. Thirteen of the top 15 cities on that list are in the U.S.: Minneapolis, San Diego, Boston, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Denver and Austin have all seen drops, along

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LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

■ **City of Miami Gardens**
9 – 11 a.m. on May 28 there will be a free Memorial Day breakfast to honor the sacrifices of military service members, first responders and their families; the event takes place at Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, 3000 NW 199 St.; RVSP required; Info: Call 305-914-9070

■ **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

■ **Jackson Health System**
12:30 p.m. on June 9 there will be a brunch dedicated to all former employees, retir-

ees and the families of Jackson Health System; the event takes place at Biscayne Gardens Civil Center, 15000 North Miami Ave.; RSVP by June 4; Info: Call 305-965-8205 or email dhppip@att.net

■ **Coconut Cay Citizens' Crime Organization**
5:30 – 7 p.m. on June 21 there will be a discussion about topics including home ownership and stabilizing wealth in Black communities; the event takes place at Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 18900 NW 32nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-617-0898

■ **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

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1966**
Noon every second Saturday; 1234 NW 79th St.; Info: Call 305-300-7630

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS:

■ **The Citizen Advisory Committee**
7 p.m. every second Thursday to discuss general community issues; Northside Po-

lice 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.

■ **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.**

The Best of the Best is back for the 12th year

Top Caribbean concert offers some diversity on Memorial Day Weekend

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Every Memorial Weekend for the last two decades, droves of hip-hop fans have been coming from all over the country to Miami for Urban Beach Weekend. Steve "Jabba" Beckford

five days straight, and you don't even hear one dancehall record?" he said.

So Beckford and a few of his friends in the reggae and dancehall industry started the Best of the Best Concert in downtown Miami in 2006. The event has now become a staple in South Florida for

he has produced tracks for dancehall artists like Bounty Killer and Beenie Man.

Now in its 12th year, Best of the Best has evolved from just offering attendees the biggest acts in reggae and dancehall to including soca artists. For the first time this year, the festival will feature Afrobeats, performed by Ghanaian Afropop artist, Stone Bwoy. Headlining the concert will be 14 other acts from Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago on May 27 in Bayfront Park.

Also for the first time, veteran Jamaican reggae singer, Richie Stephens would be taking the stage at the concert.

Stephens is known for "feel-good" songs like "Where is the Love," "Weakest for Sweetest" and "Salt of the Earth."

The singer, who started recording music in the early '90s, said he likes to motivate listeners with his songs.

"That has been my style, give them something positive. Whether it's about partying, whether it's about love, whether it's about something . . . social commentary," said Stephens.

Reggae heavyweights Ghost and Capleton are also expected to perform on Sunday.

Ghost is known for his dynamic voice and reggae covers of pop and the top 100 hits. Capleton reigns in the roots-reggae genre, which is based on the Rastafarian movement.

Bedford said the most-anticipated dancehall performer of the evening will be Mavado. The Grammy-nominated artist was scheduled to perform last year, but the

concert went over the allocated time.

Mavado has also successfully crossed over into hip-hop with collaborations with artists such as Nikki Minaj, Snoop Dogg and Jay-Z.

Other dancehall acts include Masicka, Aidonia, Ding Dong and Shenseea. The artists will belt out lyrics that are hardcore, raunchy, energetic or sultry.

Soca couple Bunji Garlin

and Fayann Lyons will perform separately at the concert and so will fellow Trinidadian artist Kerwin Dubois. While Jamaican Linky First will "Rock and Come In."

In addition, to music, Best of the Best will offer a diverse lineup of Caribbean food and items.

However, Beckford and the other organizers said, the most important element of the concert is the culture.

"These concerts allow our culture to live on as well as provide a platform for our artists to showcase and perform for their fans who may not be able to fly out and see them on the various islands," Beckford said.

The Best of the Best concert will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 27 at Bayfront Park, Miami. Tickets are available at www.bestofthebestconcert.com.



Reggae singer Richie Stephens is one of the artists who will be performing at the Best of the Best Concert May 27 at Bayfront Park.

had been taking the annual trip to South Beach when he realized that a certain sound was missing — Caribbean music.

"As a Caribbean person . . . for you to be in the club for

Caribbean music lovers.

A Jamaican himself, Beckford has been an icon in Caribbean music for more than 30 years. He is known as the reggae and dancehall DJ on New York's Hot 97, and

so since the award's launch 38 years before. Kanneh-Mason began to play cello when he was 6 and is currently pursuing his international concert career. Prior to this, he had briefly played the violin.

On Saturday, he played Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria," Gabriel Fauré's "Après un rêve" and Maria Theresia von Paradis' "Sicilienne."

Already in 2018, Sheku has broken a UK chart record — scoring the biggest-selling British debut of the year to date with his classical album, Inspiration.

He is the third of seven children and, in 2015, the siblings were all competitors on "Britain's Got Talent"

- where they performed as The Kanneh-Masons.

He performed at the 2017 British Academy Film Awards, at London's Royal Albert Hall.

The cellist became the first musician to perform at the BAFTAs twice as he took to he stage this past Feb. 18.

He was joined on stage by his equally talented siblings. His eldest sister, Isata, played the viola, brother, Braimah, 20, was on the violin.

Konya, his 17-year-old sister also played violin, and Jeneba, 15, was on second cello.

The Washington Post and The Sun (UK) contributed to this report.



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Inn, 231 SW Second Ave., in Fort Lauderdale.

The historic spot is Broward County's oldest remaining hotel building, as part of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

Patricia Zeiler, executive director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, said the organization is "thrilled" to co-present the celebration with Island Syndicate, a media company.

"Our diverse community continues to be shaped by the many cultures, flavors and influences to our south, and we are proud to showcase them together," Zeiler said.

The three participating chefs for the event include "Taste the Islands" TV show hosts Cynthia "Chef Thia" Verna of Haiti and Hugh "Chef Irie" Sinclair of Jamaica, and Chef Amit Raval, head chef of Amtar Fine Foods in Trinidad.

Chef Thia will represent Haiti through her cooking for



Photo courtesy of Richard Leonin

"Taste the Islands" TV show co-host Cynthia "Chef Thia" Verna of Haiti along with other prominent Caribbean chefs and restaurants will showcase the best in island cuisine and culture at the 2018 "Taste the Islands Experience" on Saturday, June 2, at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

the event. She refers to the island as the "best of all the worlds," because of its food and the way it is prepared.

"The way we prepare our meat, that's what makes us different from many other is-

lands," she said.

In fact, the reason behind the long duration to prepare the meat is because Haiti's history goes back to the Taino, also known as Arawak Indians, who also inhabited Jama-

ica and Trinidad.

Techniques and ingredients left behind by the Taino, and later the French and Spaniards, contributed to Epis, a well-known Haitian marinade that includes cloves, parsley

and garlic.

Before the meats marinate in Epis for a day or two, the meat undergoes prepping, brining and cleaning. "We take the meat, caress it and flip it like 50 times," Chef Thia said.

"Preparing Haitian food is a long process," she said. "But it's really worth it."

Chef Thia said she specializes on cooking griot and her special rice mixed with a Mediterranean style.

"It's a weird fusion, but it will have an amazing flavor," she said. "I try to bring in a little of everyone."

Chef Irie plans to offer more than his Jamaican background when cooking up dishes.

"I don't see myself quarantined just to Jamaican culture," he said. "My goal is to bring Caribbean dishes to different levels."

The Caribbean is like a "layered pot" because there are so many cultures, including the Dutch, French, Portuguese and Italian, according to Chef Irie. "You find those cultures represented in the food, which makes it very diverse, but very complex in the way

it's cooked," he said.

Chef Irie said he wants to "put a spin" on Cuban picadillo and a corn beef dish by frying or baking it with festival, a Jamaican fried dough mix.

But a spin won't be possible without well-marinated meats, according to Chef Irie. "Salt and pepper is not going to cut it," he said. "For most island people, bland is not an alternative; and the food has to be highly seasoned."

Along with well-seasoned food, attendees can look forward to rum and other tropical drinks made by Philip Casanova Antoino, an award-winning mixologist from Barbados.

A five-day, four-night all-inclusive trip for two to Barbados that includes hotel and air travel will also be raffled. Proceeds will benefit the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

The Jamaica Tourist Board and the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. were two other sponsors that contributed to the event.

All-inclusive tickets are \$95 in advance and \$125 at the gate. For more information, visit www.ttiexperience.com.

DEALS

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with Reykjavik and Madrid internationally.

One place interest is down: Las Vegas. Travel companies blame jitters after the Las Vegas shooting last fall and possibly higher hotel rates driven by a jump in mandatory resort fees, the hotel equivalent of much-hated airline baggage fees. Kayak searches for Las Vegas have shown airfares are down a whopping 17 percent compared with the same period last year.

Another trend: ARC says people

are buying earlier for summer — a factor in driving an 11 percent increase in tickets sold already for summer trips. ARC says its data, from both traditional and online travel agencies, showed that several years ago the best point to buy a ticket was about six weeks in advance. Now the cheapest time is about seven weeks, according to ARC.

Several destinations have seen some sharp price increases. Flights to St. Lucia, for example, are running 16 percent more expensive than last year. The Caribbean island had minimal impact from Hurricane Maria, and while other islands are still in recovery mode, others are seeing robust demand.



With demand for Greece growing, the average ticket to Athens is up 13 percent to \$1,331 according to ARC. Warsaw prices are up 10 percent go to Budapest instead. American just added a nonstop there from Philadelphia. LOT Polish just launched nonstop flights between Budapest and both New York and Chicago.

The number of tickets sold for summer trips to Las Vegas is down 1 percent so far this year, according to Airlines Reporting Corp. Overall, the number of trips booked is up 11 percent.

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Meghan Markle, right, and her mother Doria Ragland leave Cliveden House Hotel in Taplow, near London, England, Saturday, May 19, where she stayed before Markle's wedding ceremony with Prince Harry at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle.

Associated Press

Doria Ragland:

She raised a duchess

Meghan Markle's mother is no 'Imitation of Life' drama

Doreen St. Félix
The New Yorker

The day of the royal wedding, we could not keep our eyes off her. What was she thinking, as she sat in the pews of the 500-year-old chapel, enveloped in history and irony? I mean the mother of the bride, Doria Ragland. A millennium of world-shifting encounters — of violence and of romance and of acts in between — produced this scene: the 61-year-old Ragland, an American who teaches yoga and does social work in Culver City, California, sitting in the opposite and equivalent seat to Queen Elizabeth II. They'd agreed on green, the color of beginnings — Ragland in churchy, pastel Oscar de la Renta, the Queen in electric-lime Stewart Parvin. One is a descendant of the enslaved, a child of the Great Migration and Jim Crow and seventies New Age spirituality; the other, the heir to and keeper of empire. Blood had long ago decided what life would be like for both.

But love barges in and finds a way. Love brings

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In this photo released by Kensington Palace on Monday May 21, shows an official wedding photo of Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, center, in Windsor Castle, Windsor, England, Saturday May 19. Others in photo from left, back row, Jasper Dyer, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Charles, Doria Ragland, Prince William; center row, Brian Mulrone, Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth II, Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, Princess Charlotte, Prince George, Rylan Litt, John Mulrone; front row, Ivy Mulrone, Florence van Cutsem, Zalie Warren, Remi Litt.



Bishop Curry adds some flair

The Reverend was handpicked

GREGORY KATZ AND DAVID RISING

WINDSOR, England (AP) — Nothing quite captured the trans-Atlantic nature of Saturday's royal wedding as much as the guest preacher whose sermon brought American flair to a very English church service.

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, the first Black leader of the Episcopal Church in the United States, was hand-picked by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to address their 600 wedding guests.

The Bishop's sermon on the theme of love, delivered with energy and studded with quotes from the bible, Martin Luther King Jr. and African-American spirituals, was a contrast to the more solemn Angli

SEE CURRY 8D

The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Curry, primate of the Episcopal Church, speaks during the wedding ceremony of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle in Windsor, near London, England.

ROYAL

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together Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, whose train of identifiers — biracial, actress, Angeleno, divorcee, feminist, former life-style blogger — complete the Mad Libs of the new American vogue. Love brings together their families: the House of Windsor and a one-woman house. Genuine attraction seemed to pulse between them, as Harry, biting his lip, giddily whispered to his bride, “You look amazing.” Markle’s doe eyes glistened. Nearby, Ragland radiated with what looked like maternal pride. Certainly it was more complex than just that.

Ragland isn’t an actress like her daughter, but she said many things with her face. Photographs of her and Markle pressed close to one another in the Rolls-Royce on the way to the chapel show the mother trying on a regent’s wave, smiling warmly but tentatively. Inside, she executed her duties with grace. Her loes had been swept beneath her pillow hat; the shine of her tiny nose ring gleamed like the shine in her eyes. There was not much emoting in the crowd of royal fascinatons, although many screwed their faces as Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, the first Black head of the Episcopal Church, thundered in his sermon about the possibility of a “new world.” But one could perceive Ragland

softly reeling beneath her composure. Her lips trembled as her daughter walked down the aisle. She cried gently. When Curry spoke about the example of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the power of radical, social love, she nodded unreservedly; when the East London choir roused the room with Ben E. King’s “Stand By Me,” she swayed. Sometimes the cameras would catch Ragland as if in a trance, lost in some intimate thought.

What we know of the relationship between mother and daughter has an “us against the world” feel to it. After her parents divorced, when she was six, Markle spent weekdays with her mother. Ragland doted on her only child, calling her “Flower.” When Markle became wealthy, she paid for her mother to attend graduate school; in a Mother’s Day post on her blog, she swooned with reverence over Ragland’s resilience. There’s no “imitation of life” drama here, in which the mixed-race daughter shuns her darker-skinned mother. Markle clearly delights in what she euphemizes as her mother’s “free spirit.” But they are different women. Markle makes it a point to call herself biracial. She vaguely invokes the “wounds” of American history, but is careful not to frame herself as a race hero. The skin of the mother is honey brown, but the daughter has been cast as ethnically ambiguous. In essays, Markle recalls that, as a child, strangers in the Valley mistook her

mother for her nanny. In front of billions, Markle entered one of the oldest halls of whiteness, with the flowers of former colonies sewn onto her veil, and blended in. Ragland stood out.

It is true that Markle and her groom beautifully threaded Black rituals throughout the ceremony. But claims about the wedding’s “wokeness” are a little jarring. This was a royal marriage set against the backdrop of the government threatening to deport Britons of the Windrush generation. Was that melancholy in Ragland’s eyes? A worry about whether her daughter would be truly accepted in the family, and what she may have to do to usher in that acceptance? Did she recall the Christmas luncheon that Markle attended in December, at which Princess Michael of Kent wore a black-armor brooch clipped to her jacket? Markle had longtime friends in her party, but Ragland was the sole representative of her family. Ragland’s mother, Jeannette, who reportedly watched Markle as a child while Doria worked, died in 2000. Through her presence, Ragland implied a lineage of Black women — and represented the fraught lineage of a nation.

It should not be lost on anyone that, despite the pitiful shenanigans of her ex-husband, Thomas Markle, and the gossiping of her ex-step-children, Ragland flew to Heathrow to do what Black women do: straighten the mess up.

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2310 NW 58th Street • 786-717-5818

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New Christ Tabernacle Church
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3530 NW 214th Street • 305-430-0443

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CURRY

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can style the royal family is used to.

Quoting civil rights icon King on the “redemptive power of love,” Curry told the bride and groom “it’s not just for, and about, a young couple who we rejoice with, it’s more than that.”

Many observers were surprised and delighted. BBC broadcaster Jeremy Vine tweeted: “The preacher is doing 50 in a 30 zone and it’s brilliant.”

Supermodel Naomi Campbell hit Caps Lock and tweeted: “BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY GIVING ME LIFE.” Curry, who like Markle’s mother has African ancestors who were slaves in the U.S., said that even during their time of bondage, love helped those in captivity persevere.

“When love is the way, we actually treat each other, well, like we are actual family,” he said in a sermon that touched on poverty, inequality and the healing power of love.

“When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all and we are brothers and sisters, children of God and brothers and sisters,” he said. “That’s a new heaven, a new earth a new world, a new human family.”

Harry and Markle exchanged a quick glance at one point as Curry drifted from his prepared remarks and ad-libbed. Camilla and Kate — the Duchess of Cornwall and



Associated Press

Kingdom Choir poses outside St George’s Chapel in Windsor, Berkshire, after performing at the wedding.

the Duchess of Cambridge — traded sidelong glances.

Queen Elizabeth II, who as monarch holds the title of Supreme Governor of the Church of England, did not show any sign of discomfort and looked as stoic as she had through the entire ceremony.

There may have been a touch of royal relief when Curry quipped, “We gotta get y’all married now.”

Former Labour Party leader Ed Miliband, an atheist, tweeted: “Rev Michael Curry could almost make me a believer.”

The Episcopal Church is

an offshoot of the Church of England in the United States and has been the spiritual home of many of the American founding fathers and U.S. presidents.

Even though its support for gay marriage has recently caused friction with the greater Anglican Communion, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said ahead of the ceremony that he was “thrilled” Curry would be speaking there, calling him a “stunning preacher.”

Curry, 65, who is married and has two grown daugh-

ters, was born in Chicago and raised in Buffalo, New York. He began his ministry in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and served as rector in Lincoln Heights, Ohio and Baltimore, Maryland.

Selecting him to give the sermon was one of several personal touches Harry and Meghan put on the service, held in the 15th century St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Markle, who attended a Roman Catholic school, was baptized in March into the Church of England in prepa-

ration for the wedding and joining the royal family.

The ceremony was based on Common Worship — the most modern of several Church of England service options — and included prayers and hymns, as well as readings and musical selections chosen by the couple and their families.

That included a fusion of American and British elements, including the London-based gospel ensemble the Kingdom Choir’s stirring renditions of Ben. E. King’s “Stand By Me” and Etta James’

“Amen/This Little Light of Mine.”

For all the individual touches, the service was dominated by tradition.

The pair read the Church of England wedding vows, promising to have and to hold, “for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part.”

Then the archbishop pronounced them husband and wife.

“Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder,” he said.

FAITH CALENDAR

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■ The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

Discussion about issues and solutions for the Black community; 11 a.m. on May 27, Muhammad Mosque #29, 5660 NW 7th Ave.; his speech will also be available at noi.org/webcast.

■ Gathering All Parents to

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Prayer for youth; noon every third Saturday; 835 NW 119th St.; Call Apostle Thelma Knowles at 305-332-1736 for more details.

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Provides behavioral health,

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

■ Sistah to Sistah Connection

Women’s empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. — noon every

second and fourth Saturday; Parkway Professional Building in Miramar. Call 954-260-9348 for more details.

■ The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center

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

■ Metropolitan A.M.E. Church

Food and clothing giveaway every second Saturday. Call 786-277-4150 for more details.

■ Zion Hope Missionary

Baptist Church

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

■ First Haitian Church of God

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

■ New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry

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.

HOW TO LOOK LIKE A **CHAMPION**

Serena Williams leans toward natural products, expects positive results

BEE SHAPIRO

New York Times

The tennis great Serena Williams recently had a baby (a girl named Olympia), took up running and is putting in hours of training time to get fully back on the pro tennis circuit. In short, she has a lot on her plate. But Williams, 36, who travels between Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and San Francisco, also carves out time for her beauty regimen, which is a mix of natural-leaning products and ones chosen to produce results. See what she's using, below.

SKIN CARE

I'm a big-time beauty fan — definitely, all my life. I remember when I was younger, I had so much that I had whole cabinets just stuffed with beauty. But I'm incredibly organized. I'm a Type A personality.

In the morning, it depends on how I'm feeling. I might use a face wash — it's a gel wash called Dual Action AHA Cleanser & Mask from the European MZ Skin Luxury Skin line. It's my secret, and it's amazing. I also use the MZ face cream. The packaging is pink with a gold cap — it's so pretty. I think packaging matters. I was in Harrods when I saw the line. I tried the cream first and fell in love.

I'm getting better at doing face masks, too. I got some that are gold, also from MZ Skin. I think the masks work, but I don't use them enough.

Or maybe instead of cleanser, I'll use a big jar of organic, unrefined coconut oil. I use that as a wash, wipe it off with hot water, and then I'm done. I don't do anything after that except for SPF. I don't walk out of the house without SPF on, and neither does Olympia.

For me, I use Neutrogena. That seems to be what every dermatologist recommends. For her, she uses natural shea butter, which is a natural SPF. That's what some doctors told me, and I read up on it. For babies, you don't want to give them the toxins. The truth is, we don't really need it either.

I use a lot of natural things. I make oils myself — I just mix things — which is a new phase I'm on. I usually mix a jojoba oil and a coconut oil, and I might put that on my face. I add an essential oil if it's for my

hair or body. I generally don't use an essential oil for my face.

Other than that, I like things that really work. That's the one thing underlining my career too: results. I like the results from the Vine Vera line. I have the vitamin C serum, the Resveratrol peel and the Resveratrol serum. At night I make sure to take off my makeup with coconut oil, rinse my face with warm water and a towel, and then apply these products.

Also, I saw results with Embrace Scar Therapy. I had a C-section with Olympia, and I actually ended up getting cut twice. It was because I had a hematoma, and they had to go back in my wound and recut the route. I was like, "Oh my God, I'm going to have the worst scar," which is crazy that was on my mind, but that's natural. That's what women think. It's our bodies. It's invasive to scar up our bodies.

But my friend knew about this dressing called Embrace, and it treats the scar. This was before I became an ambassador for them. I was skeptical. I think a lot of women are. But when I put it on, I could literally feel the tension releasing from the scar.

MAKEUP

I never wear much makeup. But lately I've been wearing a little more. A good friend of mine told me, "A little goes a long way," so I've been putting in a little time. In less than five minutes, I have a full face.

I do a little concealer. If I want it to last all day, I use Kat Von D. If I'm going for a lighter look, I use the Nars Radiant Creamy. Then I use a little powder to set it. I use a lot of MAC powder because they have really good powder for my skin color. But if I'm just setting, then I use a translucent one.

Then it's L'Oréal Voluminous mascara — always the waterproof. My brows, I sometimes just let them go, but I also have the Anastasia brow pencil, which is the best. But the other day, I didn't have my brow pencil with me, and I just used my mascara on my brows. If it gets too dark, I'll put a little concealer on there.

If I'm on the court, then I'll go au naturel, but I do wear waterproof eyeliner sometimes, and that's it.

FRAGRANCE

I just found one that works for me called Skylar. I'm an investor in a lot of companies, and this company reached out to someone on my team. I love natural scents because I have been allergic to perfume and haven't worn it for years. I absolutely loved these, so now I'm an investor in the brand as well.

HAIR

I love to make my hair oils. And I always use a co-wash, and I always use very natural stuff for African-American hair. Right now, I have tons of curls, and Miss Jessie's is great. I also use the As I Am line all the time — love it.

Dye: Right now I usually do the tips or try to make something fun out of it. I do like my natural color, but I like to play. I have a lady in Miami, Angie, who's been doing my hair for 10 years.

OTHER SERVICES

I love hot stone massages. In Florida, it's also really popular to do foot massages. You sit down, and they just do your feet. It's so great.

Diet and Fitness
I have to worry about diet and fitness all the time. It's my job to be fit. I have to have a good diet. I have to work out. Now, since the baby, I try to do cardio three or four times a week where I just go on a run. I actually never ran before, but I wanted to drop weight fast. It worked for me.

Because I wanted to lean out, I also wanted to eat a lot healthier so I went vegan for 44 days. That worked out really well. Then I tried it again. But now, I'm vegetarian. I'm going to Europe soon. I love cheese, but I only like the cheese in Europe. So I call myself a vegetarian so I can have that amazing cheese.



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JUDICIAL SYSTEM WILL COME TO LIFE FOR STUDENTS IN LAW ACADEMY AT BROWNSVILLE MIDDLE

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Three middle schoolers sit on the judge's bench at the Florida Third District Court of Appeal in Miami.

One of their classmates stands before the bench and explains what the US president's executive power is to the courtroom.

The scene is part of a mock trial for students at Brownsville Middle School on Law Day on May 1.

But now, the students in the law program will no longer have to take a field trip to get an in-court experience.

Brownsville Middle is scheduled to unveil an on-campus courtroom on May 29.

The HM&B Brownsville Middle School Law Academy is equipped with a judge's bench, a jury box, three jury rooms and all the other fixings of a traditional courtroom, including flat-screen TVs to view evidence.

The school's principal Marcus Miller touts an ongoing partnership with law firm Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel LLP, which has resulted in Brownsville Middle being the first public school in Miami-Dade County to have its own mock courtroom.

It has been an effort of the school board, several community partners and the firm.

The law firm also helped the school develop the law studies program, that included the field trips and bringing in guest speakers. That was three years ago. At



Miami-Dade County Public Schools board member Dorothy Bendross-Mindgall looks on as Marlon Hill speaks to two Brownsville Middle School students at Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse during a field trip. On May 29, Brownsville Middle students will have access to their own mock courtroom on campus.

the end of the 2017-18 school year, the first class of the law studies program will graduate.

Miller hopes it will raise the school's profile, thus keeping higher-achieving students and changing the environment at Brownsville.

"It's a bonus to our law studies program that we can use as a recruiting tool," said Miller.

Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel adopted Brownsville Middle three years ago after the lawyers took part in a red-carpet welcome on the first day of school.

Brownsville has had sever-

al reports of students bringing weapons to school and violence in and around the campus. The school has also received a D letter grade from the state.

Attorney Marlon Hill said he and his colleagues were aware of the school's challenges and wanted to uplift both the students and the profile of the school.

"The reality around the school is not perfect, but we believe that we can create a more-perfect, on-campus in an imperfect environment," said Hill. "We could show them their own potential by seeing us as lawyers."

From conception, the firm would beautify the school on MLK Day of Service, in January. They also cultivated a deeper understanding of the legal world with guest speakers from the local law community and the annual field trip and activities on Law Day.

Each Law Day focuses on a different aspect of the law. The Brownsville students got first-hand lessons in the Magna Carta, Separation of Powers, protest and Miranda rights.

As one of the BMe Miami Leaders in 2016, Hill directed his \$10,000 grant toward

building the mock courtroom. He was later able to garner a \$100,000 grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. The firm also launched an online campaign through The Miami Foundation to fund the project and secured \$140,000 in total.

According to Hill, Miami-Dade County Public Schools agreed to match the balance needed to convert two classrooms into the courtroom from the \$1.2 billion general obligation bond, passed by voters in 2012.

Several community organizations and individuals donated to the campaign for the courtroom including county civil judge, Teretha Lundy Thomas.

Thomas was once a Brownsville Middle student. Now she will be giving current students the opportunity to wear one of her judge's robes. She has donated two of them to HM&B Brownsville Middle School Law Academy.

There are 105 students currently enrolled in the law program.

The current curriculum is centered around civics and current events.

Karla Vallecillo has been leading the program for the last two years. She said she allows the students to "bring the ideas and then she turns them into a lesson."

Rightly so, school shootings and gun rights have been the subjects as of late. The class has also covered tenant and voting rights, conflict resolution and get-

ting pulled over by the police.

Vallecillo has a bachelor's degree in education and criminology and graduated from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

She said she wishes there was a courtroom back in her school days that would allow the classwork to "come to life."

"Some of the topics we cover are difficult to stimulate in the class," said Vallecillo.

With the new courtroom, the students will be able to debate back and forth and deliberate in private jury rooms.

The school board will design the final academic curriculum that will accompany the mock courtroom.

Hill, Vallecillo and principal Miller said they believe that the students in the law program exhibit better behavior, attendance and performance than other Brownsville students.

"I would venture to say that if you pull the 105 kids that are in Ms. V's class and compare them to the gen pop, I would make a bet that those kids are doing better than their counterparts," Hill said.

The law firm is working to find a way to track the students after they leave the middle school.

All in all, Miller hopes that the courtroom will change the culture at Brownsville.

"This is something very few schools will have; they are going to be able to have a sense of entitlement now," said Miller.



In this May 18 photo, two classrooms at Brownsville Middle School are being renovated into a mock courtroom for the school's law program.



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Clinton Powell: The gospel should touch every aspect of your lives

Student pastor helps young people to experience God for themselves at Miami's Evangel Church International

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It is not uncommon to walk into Evangel Church International (ECI) on a Wednesday night and find 150 young people heavily in worship. Attendees will also see students running every aspect of the ministry from the sound room, cameras, welcome and offering to serve as hosts, praise team members and even preaching the word.

It's exactly what Pastor Clinton Powell, or "PC" as his students affectionately call him, has worked tirelessly to achieve. He believes wholeheartedly it is critical Christian adults train the next generation to carry the mantle of faith in Jesus Christ.

"It may be cliché, but it's the truth; we all know the youth are the next generation... at some point everyone that is 40, 50, 60, they will die and if you don't cultivate the next generation you will have no one to pass the baton, and God will not have any instruments to use," Powell said.

The 36-year-old has been in church his entire life and at ECI since he was 4 years old. Located at 590 NW 159 St. in Miami, ECI has a variety of ministries geared toward youth and young adults.

As the pastor of Student Ministries, Powell oversees iOne, which caters to youth ages 14-21; iOne Elite, which caters to middle school students; and iConnect, a collegiate bible study for students ages 18-22. The groups meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at the church.

"I've created an atmosphere, so they can really experience God because I have students in North Miami, North Miami Beach,

Liberty City, Carol City (and) the Norland area. They don't need a play, light God. They don't need lights, camera, action; even though we have them, lights mean nothing if the presence of God is not there," Powell said.

Powell made the decision to follow Christ when he was just a kid and cited studies which he said show a decreased chance of apostasy if people commit to the faith at a younger age.

"I remember I was in children's church, and it was the '80s so everybody did a lot of puppets then and it was pretty much a gospel presentation talking about Jesus, what He did for us, and how He died for us, and I just remember feeling compelled as a kid that I needed to follow this Jesus person," Powell said. "Students show if you are saved at a younger age, the likelihood of you maintaining your Christianity is greater and it gives the opportunity to really allow the extension of the Holy Spirit to be used."

As if to underscore those words, Powell shared how he went on to be very active in church, taking on a variety of roles during his formative years including being a member of the youth choir, youth leader, children's worker, in junior bible study, a young adult ministry leader and more. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, he also went to Trinity International University to obtain his master's degree in Christian Studies.

Eventually, he was asked by his lead pastor to take over the youth ministry, and though he was committed to his church, Powell admits he initially refused. "I flat out told him no. He

said how are you telling me no, and I told him, 'It's easy. I never asked to be a youth pastor,'" Powell said.

But he said the Holy Spirit dealt with him about obedience and he apologized to his pastor, then agreed. What was supposed to be a temporary, six-month assignment turned into years of cultivating youth to be well-rounded, holistic leaders.

"As a pastor, I take it spiritually and practically because you can't be so spiritually minded that you're not practical good. So, I teach that when Christ is your savior, He's your Savior over everything: over school, your relationships, your job, your whole concept of what life is all about," Powell said.

"I really preach to them the practicality and the spiritual nuances of Christ because when you're battling drugs, depression, sexual assault, your parents getting divorced, suicide, genuine hatred and are heartbroken, you need the true Jesus. You need to know you serve a savior who loves you regardless of what your past is; your past doesn't determine your future," he continued.

To further that message beyond the four walls of the church, Powell founded Fuzion Ministries: AD and Fuzion Promotions. Both organizations cater to the practical and spiritual development of young adults for the betterment of the Kingdom of God.

Through worship services, outreach and education programs, concerts and events, Powell seeks to equip young adults with the knowledge and strength they will need for a radical personalized relationship with Christ.

In fact, Fuzion will pres-

ent the second installment of one of its signature events, "One Voice: A Heart's Cry" at 7 p.m. on July 28 at ECI.

"I created One Voice: A Heart's Cry because I wanted to unify the church. I really want to break down the walls of the cultural and racial divide that exists in the church. It's about really utilizing the Holy Spirit to unite us," Powell said.

Powell is also committed to giving urban youth and young adults an outlet to enjoy pop culture without compromising their faith and Christian values.

"In the Black community, we're not sold out when it comes to music and entertainment. The Black Church, you will still see them at a Jay-Z concert,

but they don't know who Hillsong is," Powell said. "Secular music has such a hold on the Black community that they don't know that there's great music that exists that lifts up Jesus that's not corny. That's why it's important for me to provide a platform for Christian artists so my kids can see there's dope artists that's out here that's not promoting sex, drugs and violence."

Ultimately, Powell would like to become a lead pastor and open a school of ministry to train bi-vocational pastors, who, like him, work both at a local church and in the secular marketplace.

He balances his ministry work with taking care of his wife Sophia and their two sons, Callen and Caden

while working full-time as an engineering supervisor at Florida Power & Light Company.

"You cannot consider yourself a Christian if you are not taking advantage of life. If you're lazy, you're not proactive, you're not doing well in school. It's a holistic approach, God needs to affect every aspect of your life - especially for minority males," said Powell. "We lack a presence in the universities and we lack a presence in the local church. So that is one of my passions, to develop young men of God so we can take our rightful place and lead our families."

To learn more about Powell and his ministry work, visit fuzionministriesad.com and fuzionpromotions.com.

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Wright and Young

JANET P. TYSON, 66, homemaker, died May 20. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Antioch Baptist Church of Miami Gardens.



CLARA MCCORMICK, 91, retired housekeeper, died May 16. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



ADALEE CLARK, 80, retired supervisor, died May 12. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.



FANNIE FIELDS, 96, retired school bus operator, died May 16. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.



LILLIE MAE LARRY, 50, customer service representative, died May 15. Service 2:30 p.m., Saturday at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.



M.A. Hall

GARY HUNT, 56, mechanic, died May 12. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist.



LEROY SMITH, 78, window installer, died May 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.



Range - Coconut Grove

VIOLA MOZELLA SMITH CULMER, 87, retired secretary, died May 17 at Palace Gardens, Homestead, FL. The Vigil 7-8 p.m., Friday, at Christ Episcopal Church, 3481 Hibiscus Street, Miami, FL 33133. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church. Fr. Johnathan G.A. Archer, Rector.



Range - Homestead

CLIFFORD KENDALL, JR., 52, construction worker, died May 15 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Covenant Missionary Baptist Church.



Eternal Rest

BRENDA JOYCE PARHAM, 68, accounting administrator, died May 20. Memorial service 4 p.m., Thursday in the chapel.



Clark and Norris

WILLIE RANDLE, JR., 29, died May 16. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Antioch M.B. Church of Miami Gardens.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

THEODORE H. SMITH, 84, maintenance, died May 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



Range

JESSIE GRAY REPRESS, 74, retired licensed practical nurse for Jackson Memorial Hospital, died April 25. Survivors include her sons, Alvin Repress (Cynthia), Darryl Repress (Donnis), Michael A. Repress (Veronica) and Stephen Rodgers (Treska); sister, Ruby D. Wilson; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held.



FRANCENIA IDA (LEWIS) ROBINSON, 91, retired registered nurse/educator, died May 19. Survivors include her sons, Eastlyne and Retired Lt. Colonel Gilford Robinson; brother, Walter Lewis Sr.; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends including the Hanna, Heastie, Tynes families from the Bahamas and the United States. Litany Service 6 p.m., Sunday, May 27 at the Historic St. Agnes Episcopal Church. Service 11 a.m., Monday, May 28 at the church.



EDWARD WALKER, 83, retired maintenance worker for Miami-Dade County, died May 19. Survivors include his daughters, Kathleen Walker Harris (Wilbert), and Jacqueline Walker, sons, Terry Walker (Patricia) and Rickey Walker (Irna); and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Apostolic Temple Church.



ALFRED JONES, 67, postal worker, died May 13. Service 11 a.m., today in the chapel.

TREASURE NAC JACKSON, infant, died May 13. Private services were held.

Richardson

ANTHONY M. BENTON, died May 9 at Southern Crescent Hospital, Riverdale, GA. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Second Chance Missionary Baptist Church.



CASSANDRA YOUNG, 45, security, died May 16 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



BARRY KENT WILSON, 64, retired industrial arts teacher from Miami Senior High School, died May 20. He is survived by his wife, Dannette Roux Wilson; mother, Maebell Wilson; brother, Bishop Arthur (Paula) Wilson; and sisters-in-law, Patrice Roux-Neal and Edythe Wilson. Memorial service 7 p.m., Friday at Sure Foundation Church of God of Prophecy, 5541 SW 20 Street, West Park, FL. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.



ABYSSINIA SINGLETON, 102, retired cosmetic manager, died May 19 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Final rites in Detroit, MI.



Royal

CORNELIUS CARL LOFTON PITTS, 78, retired from State of Operations as a toll operator for 29 years, on April 14 at 2:30 p.m. he answered God's call to glory at Florida Medical. Survivors includes three daughters, six grands, and three great-grands. Services were held.



ANNETTE HIXSON, 69, retired postal worker, died May 19 at Cleveland Clinic of Weston. Memorial service 5-8 p.m., Friday at Milrock Holy Missionary Baptist Church. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Street Community Baptist Church. Burial Forrest Lawn North, Pompano Beach.



EARL DIXON, 65, carman, died May 15 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville.



Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

DEIWAN EDWARD DAVIS, 19, laborer, died May 7. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ALLAN ANTHONY SCOTT, 56, laborer, died May 11. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



GEORGE HANNIBAL, 75, retired postal worker, died May 11. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Trinity

TONNIE LEE MOODY, 66, mechanic, died May 14 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church of South Miami.



CHARLES LAWHORN, 58, construction worker, died May 10 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Eric L. Wilson

DAVID SCOTT WILLIAMS, JR., 39, died May 16 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Koinonia Worship Center, Hollywood, FL.

ANDRE RENEE PARSONS, 55, died May 17 at Memorial Regional Hospital. Service: 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater Mount Everest Church.

RONALD ROBERT CLASTON BROMFIELD, 75, died May 15 at Kindred Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Sunday, May 27 at Lighthouse Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

ROSEMARY TERRY SCALES, 89, died May 16. Final rites in Virginia.

STEPHANIE ANN BEHNEY, 59, died May 20 at Hollywood Memorial Regional. Final rites in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Grace

HORACE JOE O'NEAL, 88, retired truck driver, died May 18. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy L. O'Neal; sons, Horace O'Neal, Jr., Columbus O'Neal, Horace Allen, Wallace O'Neal, Joseph O'Neal, and Herman O'Neal; daughters, Jenethel Dukes, Lillie Anthony, Cora Jenkins and Ellen Ford; 35 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends. Viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple of Miami.



Genesis

REV. SAMUEL RICHARD PRATT, JR., 67, driver, died May 16 in Jacksonville, FL. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Saint James Baptist Church.



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Love your Son, Joe Hunt,
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In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



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Still loved and missed by widower, LTC (Ret) Norman C. Carey; daughters, Debra (Clinton) Peterson, Terese Carey of Houston, Miami, and Faye Carey; grandsons, Clinton Cecil (Tajalon) Carey and Clifton Daniel Peterson; siblings, nieces, nephews, and great grandchildren (Caden and Caylen Carey).

In Memoriam



REGINALD P. WHEELER
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You are gone, but not forgotten.

Your loving wife, Aramethia Wheeler; daughter, Renita Wheeler; son, Jaharie Wheeler; aunt, Nena Brown; uncle, Henry Brown, Sr.; and grandchildren: Xavin, Joel, Julisia, Jaharie II, Amari.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



INGA LAVERNE HORNE
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