

DON'T BE LEAD

Those in older homes should check water



Intrusion of saltwater into parts of the shallow karst Biscayne aquifer is a major concern for the 2.5 million residents of Miami-Dade County.

U.S. Geological Survey

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Many households in Black communities fail to question the quality of the water in their homes until there is a crisis.

Flint, Michigan is now infamous for large traces of lead in the municipal water system. The city's most-poor and Black neighborhoods were mostly affected by lead in the water crisis, which is now in its fourth year.

But there is a choice. Get your water tested for lead content. "And let the city pay for it," says Eric Roy of Hydroviv.

Roy, who founded Hydroviv in response to the Flint lead disaster, is very aware of the dangers of lead

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But for poor Black communities and people living in older apartment buildings, the landlord knows the age and composition of the pipes.

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Retired cops to serve at schools

Details thin and callbacks seem scarce

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Retired Miami-Dade police officer Donald Law is waiting to hear if he will be selected to serve as a county school-based law enforcement officer.

Law first heard about the call to come out of retirement to serve at Miami-Dade County Public Schools' K-8 and elementary locations on the news. Then, last Friday, the three-year retiree saw "something" on Facebook.

The flier said the officers would have a teacher's schedule of Monday through Friday with summers and holidays off, a bi-weekly pay schedule and benefits, including uniforms and equipment.

Law, who had been with Miami-Dade Police for 28 years, working his way up from public service aid to the narcotics unit, was immediately interested.

"I believe that it would be a good gig," said Law on Tuesday. "I get to work school hours, no holidays, and I am not running from call to call."

Law, who said he has been shot at, and has seen almost every type of crime in Miami-Dade County, said he sent an e-mail with the information requested. As of Tuesday, he doesn't know if anyone received it.

"I didn't get an acknowledgement

or anything and no one has called," Law said.

School-based law enforcement officers are required by a law passed in Florida's last legislative session.

Counties and municipalities are in a scramble to add armed officers to public schools before the start of the next year to be in compliance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, signed into law March 9.

A flier posted on Facebook about the retired police positions said,

"The 'Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS Public Safety Act' allows a retired law enforcement officer to be reemployed as a School Resource Officer by an employer that participates in the Florida Retirement System after 6 months of retirement."

That's not the only effort that the school system is making to bring police officers to the schools. Already the school system has been seeking partnerships with municipalities, announcing an agreement with city of Miami Beach, which has agreed to provide officers for its six public schools.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Miami-Dade Schools Police Department and Miami Beach Police Department has a seven-point roles and responsibility section, addressing the partner

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“

They might have this all planned out, but it takes a whole different psychological makeup,”

Retired police officer Lonnie Lawrence said.

The 'scab' gets a ring

Super Bowl replacement player Charles Jackson gets honor 30 years later

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It was the year 1987 and the NFL Players Association went on strike.

But the games went on, with the owners adding what is known as replacement players to the roster.

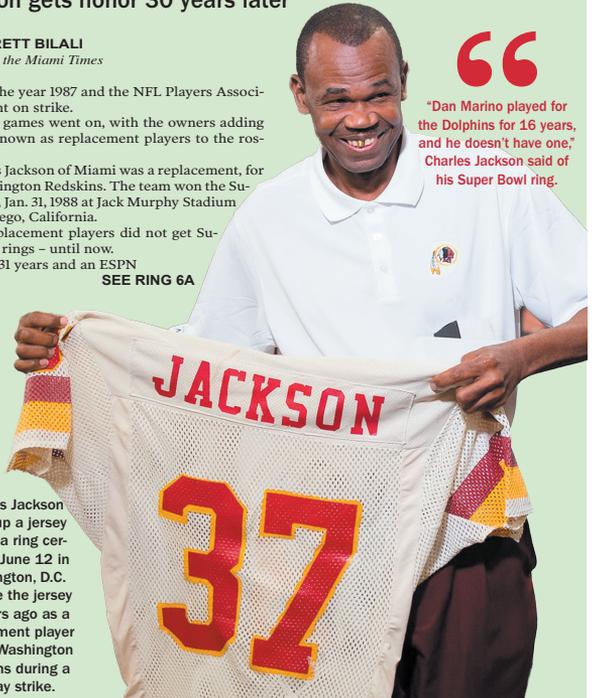
Charles Jackson of Miami was a replacement, for the Washington Redskins. The team won the Super Bowl, Jan. 31, 1988 at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, California.

The replacement players did not get Super Bowl rings - until now.

It took 31 years and an ESPN **SEE RING 6A**

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"Dan Marino played for the Dolphins for 16 years, and he doesn't have one," Charles Jackson said of his Super Bowl ring.



Charles Jackson holds up a jersey during a ring ceremony June 12 in Washington, D.C. He wore the jersey 31 years ago as a replacement player for the Washington Redskins during a 24-day strike.

Photo courtesy of Garrett Campbell/Redskins.com

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EDITORIAL

Black bar says no to 'slap on the wrist' for Millan's racist remarks

When I first learned of the reports regarding the racial slurs made by Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Stephen Millan, I was perplexed and dismayed. How could this apparent "friend" of the Black community refer to a Black defendant as a "moo-lie" on one occasion, and a Black defendant and his family as "thugs" during a separate instance?

I vividly recalled when then-judicial candidate Millan, was on the campaign trail in 2014. At that time, I was the president-elect of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association (GSCBWLAW). In that capacity, I began to interact frequently with Millan, during the planning of the GSCBWLAW Judicial Candidates Forum. The forum was an opportunity for voters to learn more about judicial candidates to make an informed decision at the polls.

His demeanor during the forum made Millan appear to be approachable and humble, as if he possessed the proper judicial temperament. I was not the least bit surprised that Millan ultimately won that race.

So, when this story broke, I was forced to reconcile the reported facts with the person I thought I knew.

The fact is Millan admitted to the use of this slur in 2016, during a one-on-one conversation with the defendant's attorney. The term "moo-lie" is a highly offensive racial slur that is used to refer to individuals who are Black. In explaining his use of the term, Millan said as a "youngster growing up in a mixed neighborhood in New York ... it was not unusual for my friends and I to occasionally use slur words when referring to others, including our friends and ourselves" and went on to say that "times certainly have changed, and in this regard for the better. I know well that today, the use of any slur is inappropriate, especially for a judge ..."

The facts are that nearly one year later, in October 2017, Millan, during a break with attorneys in his chambers, directed his bailiff to return to the courtroom to retrieve his wallet because the judge did not "trust it in there with those thugs." This comment, unlike the other, appeared to not only reference a defendant but also the defendant's family and friends who were present in the courtroom.

Millan was subsequently investigated by the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC), which recommended he pay a \$5,000 fine, receive a 30-day suspension, and attend an implicit bias training (despite that fact that he already received this training at New Judges College). The JQC also issued a public reprimand. This matter is now pending before the Florida Supreme Court, who will make the ultimate determination of the appropriate discipline for Millan.

Since the story broke, the Black bars have cried out unanimously, condemning Millan's comments, and voicing dismay over the slap on the wrist he received. The gravity of his behavior seems to have been lost during these "disciplinary" proceedings. While awaiting the Supreme Court's decision, Millan was moved from the Criminal Division to Dependency, presiding over cases where a child has been abused, abandoned or neglected by his or her parents. Millan was transferred to a division where the majority of litigants are Black or Brown, and represent the most vulnerable population of our community, our children. Rosanne Barr was recently fired from her hit TV show over her racist tweets referring to Valarie Jarrett, a key Obama Advisor, as a monkey. The JQC should take note of the swift and appropriate discipline handed down by ABC's CEO, Channing Dungey.

The Florida Supreme Court obviously agrees. It rejected the JQC's recommendation for a 30-day suspension, public reprimand and \$5,000 fine. It ordered that the JQC have a full hearing (which was not done prior), "to fully develop the facts regarding the misconduct that occurred, so that the court, in determining the appropriate discipline, will be apprised of all the facts and circumstances bearing on the alleged violations."

Racism has no place on the judiciary. It is a cancer that must be terminated at the source before it spreads. Millan hasn't demonstrated any contrition, and hasn't attempted to atone for his actions to the same population he pandered to for its vote. Floridians certainly deserve a judiciary that is free from the appearance of impropriety, where they will receive equal justice under the law. I look forward to members of Gwen Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association and other concerned with our judiciary attending Millan's full hearing before the Judicial Qualification Commission. This is a public meeting, and we hope the public attends.

Loreal Arscott is the immediate past president of the Gwen Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association and board member of Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association.

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It's time for us to fortify our county

XAVIER L. SUAREZ, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 7

Last week I tried to do the right thing by way of workers in Miami-Dade County. Members of the county commission and I attempted to override the Mayor's veto of the living-wage ordinance. We were not successful. My motion to override (which was seconded by Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava) resulted in a 7-5 vote. Those who joined us in this attempt were Commissioners Barbara Jordan, Jan Monestime, Audrey Edmonson, Sally Heyman and Dennis Moss. We needed one more vote as a two-thirds majority was required.

These colleagues agree with me that we must support the workers of our county, taking the first step with an increase in the minimum wage. Today, workers are earning \$8.25 per hour at jobs whose leases are held by county enterprises, which are generating huge profits for the county. I can't

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believe that others do not believe that these workers are worth an increase in minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Even at the aforementioned increased minimum wage, a worker would earn \$600 a week, totaling about \$30,000 a year. After paying taxes, housing, transit expenses, insurance and utilities, they will bring home about \$20,000 a year. Food costs will then eat

into their take-home pay. Only after that would a worker be able to start "living" in Miami-Dade County.

Keep in mind that county workplaces such as the airport and the seaport are in a unique position to set an example. Just as we are told to value tourists and the value that they bring to our county, the county's ports of entry could be responsible for happier, better-paid workers who would, in turn, welcome these same tourists. It is logical - a boost in minimum wage will result in higher morale; lower job turnover; and better job attendance.

To recap the June 5 Board of County Commission meeting, Commissioner Jordan emphasized the importance of a fair wage and that we have a moral obligation to do what is best for our workers who face tremendous pressure to keep a roof over their heads and food on their table.

Commissioner Moss challenged the county to serve as the economic model and enter into this new territory of raising the minimum wage for our public sector workers. Commissioner Monestime reminded us that the county's assets are owned by all of us and the county should extract extra pay for the workers who also support our local economy. Then Commissioner Edmonson spoke of hungry children whose parents are working two jobs. I don't believe our social consciousness can permit the continuation of the "working poor."

When tourists arrive in our county, they expect to see beautiful beaches and well-kept facilities. We as a county should take pride in our workers and offer them a "living wage."

We did the right thing on Tuesday. We just needed one additional vote.



We need policy, not chicken meals

JEFFREY L. BONEY, NNPA NewsWire Contributor

Political signs infiltrate Black neighborhoods, placed by campaign operatives hoping you remember their respective political candidate come election time. More importantly, these political operatives are hoping your familiarity with their respective candidate will drive you to the polls with the belief that their efforts will translate into a vote for them at the ballot box.

Seeking to connect with people by establishing a sense of familiarity is one of the first things any campaign team tries to do to help get their respective candidate elected.

Have you ever noticed that during every election season, radio ads become more frequent, print mailers get sent out in bulk quantities and television ads get placed on any given network during key television shows in an effort to try and reach registered

voters? Many politicians visit a church here, walk the block and knock on doors over there; kiss babies, shake hands and even give the Black community "stuff" to get them to come out to the polls and vote. Many of these campaign operatives and elected officials have it down to a science.

However, when it comes to developing key, solid policies that will help the Black community, many of these same candidates disappear—never to be heard from again—until the next election cycle rolls around. Interestingly, many of these elected officials get a pass for doing nothing. Now, if members of the Black community would be completely honest, they would admit that a lot of these elected officials are often treated like high-profile celebrities, rather than public servants who have the power

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to advocate for substantive policies that can literally change the economic landscape and quality of life of their communities.

One act of familiarity that has been a go-to-approach to reach the Black community has been the tactic of political candidates using certain gimmicks to solicit votes.

You know what I'm talking about; offering the Black community chicken dinners, BBQ

cookouts, fish plates, steak days, gift cards, air conditioners for senior citizens, etc. Many of these politically-motivated gimmicks have and continue to be used to get Black people to vote for a particular candidate.

You know the routine. Black voters get out to vote, then there is very little reciprocity from many of the candidates towards the Black community, if they are elected.

Think about it for a moment and ask yourself some questions.

What evidence do you have to prove that any of your elected officials have actually advocated for you? Ask yourself, when it comes to developing sound policies and legislation for the Black community, when was the last time your elected officials drafted any policy or advocated for any legislation at the local, state and/or federal level that has positively impacted you?



Trump is fishing for the Black vote

ROCHELLE RILEY, Detroit Free Press

As the Democratic Party remains in the coma it entered in November 2016, President Donald Trump is performing his greatest magic trick. And he's doing it right under their noses.

Anyone who thinks that Trump's decision to pardon boxer Jack Johnson and commute the sentence of the unfairly sentenced Alice Johnson wasn't part of a greater plan is delusional.

Donald Trump is wooing Black voters.

He doesn't really have to do much: Have the presidents of some of nation's historically Black colleges gather in the Oval for a photo op and watch them do it because their schools are struggling or dying.

He does it by freeing the Johnsons - freeing the history of Jack and commuting the sentence of Alice.

Anyone who thinks that Trump didn't gain some Black



ment, but a pardon is unnecessary. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction of Muhammad Ali in a unanimous decision in 1971. There is no conviction from which a pardon is needed," said Ron Tweel, lawyer for the boxer's estate and his widow, Lonnie.

And now he's considering pardoning Muhammad Ali, who doesn't need his support, but that won't stop Trump from claiming that he saved his reputation.

(Ali's draft evasion conviction was overturned. The Supreme Court did it twice in 1971. Six years later, then President Jimmy Carter pardoned every objector who declined the draft. After Trump floated the idea, an attorney for the estate said "We appreciate President Trump's senti-

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ment, but a pardon is unnecessary. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction of Muhammad Ali in a unanimous decision in 1971. There is no conviction from which a pardon is needed," said Ron Tweel, lawyer for the boxer's estate and his widow, Lonnie. It is one more distraction, among a series of distractions from federal investigations that Trump has tried. He also has tried threatening to fire people. He has even raised the idea of pardoning himself.

But, fearing little, he's now working on his re-election campaign.

Oh, you missed that? Most

people did. When Trump announced, it was barely a blip on the national radar. He announced it while being federally investigated and waving off charges that his family is benefiting from his being in office. He had raised \$10 million by April.

And the NAACP didn't march.

And the Urban League didn't put out a statement.

While the Democratic Party is sleeping, focused on winning November's midterms rather than uniting behind a single 2020 candidate to challenge Trump, the president is wooing Black voters with the help of Kim Kardashian who's married to the Mad Rapper and has 60 million Twitter followers, many of whom are Black.

Donald Trump is succeeding at something few people thought possible. He is getting some Black people to compare him to Barack Obama.





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Deadly weekend in Miami-Dade spreads

Four murders in Miami while rapper XXXTentacion is killed

Miami Times Staff Report

South Florida rapper XXXTentacion was fatally shot on Monday in Deerfield Beach, Broward Sheriff's Office confirmed.

The 20-year-old rapper whose real name is Jashah Onfroy was found in his BMW without a pulse by witnesses in the 3600 block of North Dixie Highway.

According to TMZ, X was shot while leaving a motorcycle dealership. A Louis Vuitton bag was taken from his car, witnesses say.

BSO officials said he was taken to Broward Health North where he was pronounced dead.

The rapper's death followed another in Miami-Dade County, where 25-year-old Junior Catilus was fatally

shot outside a Miami Springs IHOP early Monday morning.

According to Miami-Dade Police, Catilus was walking toward his black Nissan in the parking lot of the IHOP on Northwest 36th Street where he was shot multiple times.

"Apparently, from what it seems, the victim stepped out to his vehicle when he was confronted by an unknown subject or subjects," said MDP Detective Alvaro Zabaleta.

Catilus was accompanied by his female friend who officials said was in the restroom at the time of the shooting. The two were the only customers inside the IHOP, according to employees.

"It's unknown at this point because all the employees heard were gunshots. Once they ran outside, including



XXXTentacion



Thristan Hanson



Michael D. Mathis

the female friend, they discovered shots."

Catilus was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A motive for the shooting is unknown.

Behind Catilus' death were two back-to-back killings of two Black men on June 16 and 17, respectively.

Authorities are still unclear of the motives behind the deaths of 21-year-old Michael D. Mathis and 24-year-old Thristan Hanson.

Mathis was shot Saturday morning while Hanson was shot on Father's Day, according to the Miami Gardens Police Department. Both men succumbed to their gunshot wounds at the hospital.

Two additional men were shot where Hanson was found. The two other men,

words that can take away the pain that the affected families must feel at this time. My heart goes out to the families and the community."

The police received alerts about the Miami Gardens shootings via ShotSpotter. ShotSpotter is technology that detects sounds that resemble gunshots and dispatches officers to those areas.

There was a gold older model four-door Toyota Camry that witnesses saw near the area of Mathis' shooting, according to Public Information Officer Det. Carolyn Frazer.

"We at the City of Miami Gardens Police Department will work diligently to investigate these incidents," Noel-Pratt said.

If you have any information on this fatal shooting, call Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS.

Freelance writer Philippe Buteau contributed to this report.

Seniors get help getting prepared for hurricane season

Miami Times Staff Report

Senior citizens in Miami-Dade County's District 3 received hurricane preparedness kits June 12 in the wake of hurricane season.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Hattie Willis, executive director of Communities United Inc. joined together to supply the seniors with the essentials to get them through a possible disaster.

"Each year, we try to reach very needy seniors who might not otherwise be able to put together a kit to get them through the first 72 hours after a hurricane," Edmonson

said. "It's important that we help these seniors, who often live alone, to be ready and survive a major storm. Neighbors should also learn who lives next door and help each other during these emergency situations."

Each kit consisted of a pack of bottled water and a small cooler on wheels filled with items such as a fan, phone, batteries, bleach, paper goods, plastic utensils, wipes and important information in case of emergency.

Hurricane Readiness brochures are available by calling 311. The Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program provides evacuation support



Photo by Gina Vargas / Commissioner Audrey Edmonson's office

Little Haiti resident Eline Lemy, center, accepts a hurricane preparedness kit from Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, right, and Hattie Willis of Communities United.

to residents who require specialized transportation assistance or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own. For more information about this service, call the support line at 305-513-7700.

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There is a new generation of Black mayors

San Francisco just elected its first Black female to hold the position when diversity has been on the decline

J. BRIAN CHARLES
Governing

When Randall Woodfin became mayor of Birmingham, Ala., last year, the city once known as the "Pittsburgh of the South" had long been transformed. At one time a manufacturing hub where smoke billowed from the furnaces of steel mills, Birmingham's economy now centers around finance and health care.

But that boom isn't benefiting everyone, particularly not the 77 percent of residents who are Black.

"Many of our Black residents aren't finding jobs in our new industries," says the 37-year-old Woodfin, who is Black.

To help address that, Woodfin is stepping up investment in workforce training and hoping black residents can leverage that into new jobs.

There was a time when Black mayors enacted policies aimed explicitly at helping Black residents - demanding, for example, that local companies hire Black workers. Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, who led the city from 1974 to 1982, threatened to withhold funding to expand the Atlanta airport if Black contractors weren't adequately represented. Similarly, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young moved swiftly to integrate the city's police department, hiring its first Black police chief and openly taking race and ethnicity into account when hiring new officers. (The percentage of Black officers rose from 10 percent to 50 percent during his 20-year tenure in office.)

Those days seem to be gone. Black mayors today are more likely to pursue a policy agenda with broad appeal to all their constituents. Part of the reason for that shift - at least when it comes to demanding that a certain percentage of city contracts go to Black-owned businesses - stems from a 1989 Supreme Court ruling that deemed it unconstitutional to use city contracts as a lever for Black economic gains. But it's also because of demographic changes that have eroded Black voter bases in big cities like New York, Los Angeles



Randall Woodfin
Birmingham Alabama

and Chicago - places that elected Black mayors in the past but haven't had one since the late 1980s.

Chicago, for instance, once had the nation's second-largest Black population, but the city has lost nearly a third of a million Black residents since 1980, shortly before electing its first Black mayor, Harold Washington. Meanwhile in Atlanta, once the standard-bearer for Black municipal power, Mary Norwood last year



Dr. Smith Joseph
North Miami

nearly became the city's first white mayor in more than 40 years, losing by just 821 votes to Keisha Lance Bottoms. Whites made up one-third of the city's population in 2000; today they account for 40 percent.

Nationwide, as Black residents have moved out of cities, and as more white residents have moved in, the prevalence of Black mayors has waned. In 2000, there were 19 Black mayors in the 20 largest American cities. Today, there are seven. This week though, Supervisor London Breed became San Francisco's first Black female mayor.

"Part of the challenge is many African-Americans have left the Northeast and Midwest, places where Black populations were once substantial, and where Black politicians once held significant power," says Michael Leo Owens, an Emory University political scientist.

Even in cities that still have a majority-Black population, most Black mayors today must build and hold onto



Oliver Gilbert III
Miami Gardens



Myra Taylor
Opa-locka



Otis Wallace
Florida City

NOTE: Miami-Dade County currently has four Black mayors: Oliver Gilbert III, Miami Gardens; Dr. Smith Joseph, North Miami; Myra Taylor, Opa-locka; and Otis Wallace, Florida City

multi-racial voting blocs to stay in power.

In Atlanta, where Black voters no longer have a lock on electoral politics, it was the city's affluent white east side that was pivotal in Keisha Lance Bottoms' victory. In Washington, D.C.'s 2014 mayoral race, majority-white precincts in a city with a burgeoning white electorate broke hard for the runner-up David A. Catania. Muriel Bowser won by holding on to the city's majority Black precincts and winning precincts that were racially mixed.

Balancing the need to appeal to a broad voter base and the need to keep the Black vote isn't easy, Owens says.

"[Black] mayors are still struggling with the grand challenge that has always been a challenge," he says, "which is to maintain a coalition to achieve progressive

policies that are beneficial to Black people."

One case in point: The recent, controversial push in many Southern cities to remove statues honoring Confederate soldiers. Different African-American leaders have responded in different ways.

In Baltimore, Mayor Catherine Pugh last August decided to remove four Confederate statues in the middle of the night without warning. In Richmond, Va., Mayor Levar Stoney, who has said he supports removing the statues from their prominent position along the city's Memorial Avenue, last year convened a commission to study the issue further. The commission's report was recently pushed back until July.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans, where former Mayor Mitch Landrieu (who is white) last year made national news by removing four Confederate memorials from public spaces, the decision of what to actually do with those statues has now fallen to Mayor Latoya Cantrell, who took office last month. Cantrell, who is Black, has been criticized for choosing to involve a small group of Confederate monument sup-

porters in that decision-making process.

Every mayor must confront those sorts of balancing acts, but the challenge can be more acute for Black leaders.

"The mayor in Richmond has more challenges than the mayor has in Baltimore," Owens says, pointing to Baltimore's larger Black voting base.

Baltimore is 63 percent Black, while Richmond has a razor-thin Black majority. And, according to recent polling, the majority of residents in the greater Richmond area prefer to leave the statues up.

"But some of this comes down to gut checks," Owens adds, "whether Stoney is just going to remove the monuments and deal with the consequences. He may not be ready to go to the mat."

While the number of Black mayors in big cities has declined, they're not on the decline everywhere. Black mayors - along with Black populations - have remained somewhat strong in medium-sized cities like Birmingham, New Haven, Conn.; and Flint, Mich. And last November, seven cities, including St. Paul, Minn., and Helena, Mont., elected their first Black mayor.



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Three of 25 replacement players in attendance at the Washington Redskins 1987 Super Bowl ring ceremony on June 12.

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documentary to jar the conscience of the Washington Redskins.

Last weekend, 25 former replacement team players from the 1987 season gathered in Washington, D.C. to finally get their Super Bowl rings. Jackson was among them.

Jackson flew with his wife to accept his Super Bowl ring. He had sent his ring size before arriving. It fit perfectly. Aglow with pride, he waved the jersey he wore during the 24-day 1987 NFL players strike.

"It seems like I'm a new person, more confident, it just seems like it did something to me in a positive way," said Jackson, who was recognized for his contribution to the Redskins' successful championship. "Dan Marino played for the Dolphins for 16 years, and he doesn't have one."

Jackson was so proud of his recognition that he shared his experience with members of his church and community. "He let me try it on for 10 seconds in church yesterday," said Richard Gaskin who knew Jackson as a young and "very successful" athlete.

"He was a defensive back for the North Miami Pioneers and a starter on the North Miami basketball team," said Gaskin, who was a coach at North Miami High School. "He then went on to Texas Tech, which is a major conference team."

Jackson said that Gaskin was a track coach. "He cared about all the athletes at the high school," said Jackson.

On Sunday, one of Jackson's friends who was sick in the hospital was also given the honor of trying on the ring as well.

"I never seen a sick person smile like he did that day," said Jackson.

After Texas Tech, Jackson tried out for the Redskins team but did not make the cut. He really wanted to play ball. Then the NFL players went on

strike demanding more money and the owners scrambled for replacements.

"Both the Washington Redskins and the Miami Dolphins called me and asked me to join their replacement teams," recalled Jackson. "But I chose the Redskins because I already knew their playbook."

Jackson remembers flying into Washington Dulles International Airport and practicing with fifty-some other athletes to form the "replacement team." A strong sense of camaraderie developed between those players who Jackson remembers to this day.

"Our first quarterback was Ed Ruppert, but he got hurt," Jackson said. "So I think they got Tony Robinson out of prison to come be our quarterback."

Jackson described himself in those days as being "6-foot, 4 inches, 206 pounds and very fast" as the team's defensive back.

"If they got through the line, it was up to me to bring them down," he said.

The regular Washington Redskins were 1-1 just before the strike and called the replacement player "scabs" for crossing a picket line. But those "scabs" were able to win three games in a row and leave the pro team at 4-1 when they came back to play.

"Those games that we won were very pivotal in them going on to win the Super Bowl against the Denver Broncos," said Jackson.

"Year of the Scab" — directed by John Dorsey — was the title of last year's ESPN documentary which brought to light the dilemma of those replacement teams. There were 1,500 players who took to the field for the striking professionals.

"I don't have a ring," said replacement safety Skip Lane in the documentary. Lane paid for tickets to watch the Redskins win the Super Bowl that year. "It was an owner's decision, and he decided not to give us a ring."

For Jackson and his team-

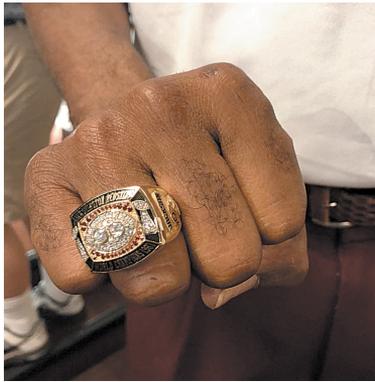


Photo via Twitter
Charles Jackson shows off his 1987 Super Bowl ring. He received it at a special ceremony June 12 in Washington D.C., 31 years after filling in for other players during a strike.

mates, it was hard to have contributed to the success of a ball club, go to the ceremonies, but not get a Super Bowl ring.

"For those replacements, the experience of 1987 should have been a badge of honor," writes Dorsey in his promotion material for the film. "Instead, it became a scab that never healed."

Jackson himself is not bitter for the long wait. "I felt vindicated because they were calling me a scab."

"As a kid, I was told that I wasn't going to make it," said Jackson, who grew up in Miami's Scott Carver housing projects. "I grew up hard ... in the inner city."

He has a message of inspiration for the youth like him growing up in ravaged, urban streets.

"Never lose hope; never give up. And what's for you, is for you," Jackson said.

WORD

ON THE STREET

When the snakes have been bitten

Brian Dennis

Former Opa-locka City Manager Ed Brown decided to give himself, William Green, Ernesto Reyes and Owen Carney back pay raises totaling almost \$42,000 without the required approval from the City Commission or state Financial Oversight Board.

Brown was the talented, home-grown Opa-locka boy that was supposed to come back home and do the right thing by the residents and the city he supposedly loves. But he was no different than the previous managers that sat in that seat who had the ambition to do nothing but rob the city with a pen.

As I sat back and watched on YouTube how Brown gave his explanation during the deposition for firing the city's former grant writer Charmaine Parchment, it saddened me to know how arrogant Brown had become once he occupied the position of city manager. Each and every one of us has had an arrogant moment in our lives, feeling superior in any given situation. This wasn't like Donald Trump's arrogance; this was an arrogance that made many see how Brown got fired for backing Klub 24. Being tied to Dante Starks after all of these years has made him an irrational human. Now, that Opa-locka has gotten rid of the snakes, they have now crossed the border into Miami Gardens.

It is clear how personnel director Kierra Ward wouldn't know about the payments because Brown was the only one who held the pen in his hand, in between his fingers, and with the stroke of that very same pen his signature alone was

the only one that was required.

It is amazing to me how Brown has filed an ethics complaint against Commissioner Timothy Holmes for being one of the three votes that fired him; the other two votes that were cast to fire him were by Commissioner Matthew Pigatt and Vice Mayor Joseph Kelley. In the complaint, Brown said that he was fired by Holmes for not giving pay raises to Chief of Police James Dobson and Assistant Chief of Police Sharon Gallimore who's the daughter of the commissioner.

Here is the b.s. behind the ethics complaint; if Holmes wanted those two individuals to get raises, he could have gone to former city manager David Chiverton on YouTube how Brown gave his explanation during the deposition for firing the city's former grant writer Charmaine Parchment, it saddened me to know how arrogant Brown had become once he occupied the position of city manager. Each and every one of us has had an arrogant moment in our lives, feeling superior in any given situation. This wasn't like Donald Trump's arrogance; this was an arrogance that made many see how Brown got fired for backing Klub 24. Being tied to Dante Starks after all of these years has made him an irrational human. Now, that Opa-locka has gotten rid of the snakes, they have now crossed the border into Miami Gardens.

While Mayor Myra Taylor and Commissioner John Riley voted for Brown to get the contract, Pigatt and Kelley voted no and Holmes went to the restroom during the vote. There was a special commission meeting called for Friday of the very same week to vote on the contract for Brown.

The same vote took place, but Holmes didn't show up for that Friday meeting.

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A close-up view of the Super Bowl XXI ring awarded to Miami native Charles Jackson on June 12.



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Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water



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on families living in inner cities. Several months before government officials even responded to the Flint lead disaster, his charitable organization provided 1,000 high-capacity lead removal filters to mostly Black families in Flint.

Roy pulled data on Miami-Dade County and found that the water district does annual testing of its water at the source. "The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer (WASD) tests the department's main system for lead on an annual basis," said WASD public relations officer Jennifer Messemer-Skold.

"This is good, said Roy, but lead is not typically found at the source, said Roy. Pipes are what brings lead into a house. Newer homes are less prone to lead in the water because of laws that prohibit the use of lead-water pipes. But in older homes and apartment buildings typically found in inner cities, where many Blacks live, lead piping is all too common.

In 2017, 191 Miami-Dade households provided water samples that were tested at the tap for lead and the results were below the Environmental Protection Agency standards, according to Roy's records.

The EPA allows for municipal water supplies to contain up to 15 parts of lead per billion.

"This number is arbitrary since most noted toxicologists say that 1 part per billion is too high, said Roy of Hydrovion.

"Lead is extremely toxic," said Roy. "There is no safe level of lead."

Even the American Academy of Pediatrics says that no level of lead in drinking or cooking water is acceptable.

Consuming water laden with lead can have serious health effects, especially on children. A pregnant woman can give birth to a child with brain damage. Young children have learning disabilities, slowed growth, reduced cognitive skills, and behavioral problems in schools. Adults can experience cardiovascular issues, increased blood pressure, decreased kidney function and reproductive problems from lead exposure.

County spokesperson Jen-

nifer Messemer-Skold said if a resident experiences lead-based illness it's not from WASD's water source.

"The department will test a homeowner's water free of charge if the health department refers a case to WASD, said Messemer-Skold.

"If someone was to make a case about a lead-based illness, it is usually determined that it was not due to Miami's water," said Messemer-Skold. "Our water meets or exceeds all standards."

She echoed the sentiment that lead in tap water is largely due to indoor plumbing. The water department is only responsible for the source to the water meter.

"Plumbing is the responsibility of the homeowner," said Messemer-Skold. "There is a level of responsibility at homes of homeowners to maintain the property."

But for poor Black communities and people living in older apartment buildings, the landlord knows the age and composition of the pipes.

Many cities nationwide started moving away from the use of lead pipes in the 1920s. But it was not until June 19, 1986, that the U.S. Congress enacted the Safe Drinking Water Act. So if your building was built before 1986, there could be lead solder and lead pipes in your home.

FLINT'S TROUBLES

In Flint, Michigan, lead became a problem in the water system, after the municipality changed water sources. Corrosion of its entire waterworks was evident, but the city did not use any corrosive inhibitors to correct the safety issue because it was too expensive, said Roy. As a result, thousands of households in mostly Black, poor neighborhoods were exposed to increased lead consumption.

"Miami has the infrastructure in place to put corrosive inhibitors into the waterworks if needed," said Roy.

Roy calls the water process "complicated" and defends some of the actions of water departments to protect themselves against liabilities. It is hard to get lead out of the system when it is there, he said. And replacing lead pipes would cost in the billions of dollars.

Roy suggests, that residents should at a minimum let their

water tap run for 2 minutes before using. This preventive measure is mentioned in the fine print in the Miami-Dade water safety report.

"Take the city's advice, said Roy. "And let the run before using it, especially if you live in an older building."

Miami-Dade residents get their water from a freshwater aquifer. The Biscayne Aquifer is a relatively shallow source of underground water protected by layers of permeable limestone. The aquifer provides freshwater to point as far north as Boca Raton and even pipes down to supply residents in the Florida Keys.

Because the Miami water source is shallow, it tends to interact with streams, rivers and the Atlantic Ocean. With coastal waters rising, mostly attributed to climate change, saltwater and other contaminants can their find their way into Miami's water system.

For Miami-Dade, the department said it has not had a major issue of saltwater intrusion for 40 years.

"We have not experienced an elevation of salt in our source water as a result of saltwater intrusion at this point," said Messemer-Skold.

The incidents four decades ago prompted the department to move its well fields to the west and away from the coastal regions where saltwater and other contaminants could pollute the water system.

A 2014 report by the U.S. Geological Survey points out that saltwater intrusion is an issue for Miami-Dade County.

"Intrusion of saltwater into parts of the shallow karst Biscayne aquifer is a major concern for the 2.5 million residents of Miami-Dade County that rely on this aquifer as their primary drinking water supply," the abstract of the report begins.

"The Biscayne aquifer underlying the study area in Miami-Dade County and southern Broward County in Florida is prone to saltwater intrusion because this area has low land-surface altitude and a low topographic gradient and is bordered to the east and south by sources of saltwater in the Atlantic Ocean, Biscayne Bay and Florida Bay. The aquifer is part of the surficial aquifer system, is semi-confined, and consists primarily of highly permeable limestone."

STREET Talk

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What's your view on colorism?



LEAH CASTRO, 28
Davie

Colorism and the whole light-skin versus dark-skin thing have hugely affected the Black community. In the world we live in, it's thrown in my face every day. Strangers tell me, "Oh, you have nice skin for a Black girl; are you mixed?" Aren't we all the same? Skin color will continue to serve as the most obvious thing determining how a person will be judged.



TERRILL STAMPLEY, 46
Coconut Creek

I believe that in the last decade or two, there has been a slight change between light skins and dark skins and our differences toward each other. I had to defend myself and fight to let people listen to me and hear my views. I was treated differently. I even remember when the McDuffie Riots were going on. I was afraid to go outside because I thought my own people would mistake me for being white.



VALERIE BONHOMME, 33
Miramar

Coming from a dark-skinned sister who was reminded regularly throughout her years that life would be a struggle because of my skin tone, colorism is such a derogatory mindset that in only one sense, strips a person from life itself. It's simply ignorant and foolish, and it's like a corruptible seed where once planted, it will only trail-blaze into something destructive to the Black community.



JADE BROWN, 20
Miami

I think colorism is real, especially here in Miami. There are always Afro-Latinas trying to pass for Hispanics because it's harder on darker-skinned people. We even see that with celebrities like Amara La Negra from "Love and Hip Hop: Miami." I think it's a shame that we allow society to force us to get caught up in colorism, but at the end of the day, the one-drop rule makes us all Black.



MARC ALPHONSE, 26
Miami Gardens

Colorism is definitely wrong on all levels. There is no reason for Blacks, to be looking down on each other or treating each other harshly because of our different shades. I think it's something that needs to be addressed in our community because it's a behavior that can be easily learned by the youth.



MAURICE WYCHBE, 45
Miramar

Being a Black man, I believe that this color war is affecting the Black community terribly today. It's still a dominating thing that happens when you're applying for a job or just going out to eat. I think it will be a continuing saga because it started from slavery, and it may continue until the death of us.

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ship's primary mission, training and confidentiality requirements and some chain of command information.

An item proposed by District 1 School Board member Steve Gallon III on the group's meeting agenda for Wednesday, June 20, asks for a deeper discussion about partnerships with municipalities. Co-sponsored by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, Dorothy Bendross-Mindigall and Marie Teresa Rojas, the item wants to address what the School Board plans to do with Miami-Dade's piece of the \$162 million that the state has allotted for what it called safe-schools officers and to address mental health.

The item also asks the superintendent to meet with the police union to get recommendations and feedback.

The school system needs to hire more than 100 officers, one

for each elementary school in the district, schools spokesman John Schuster said on Tuesday, via written communication. He said more partnerships like Miami Beach are in place and more are in the works. Already schools police have hired 10 officers since the massacre in Parkland Feb. 14. New recruits attend a six-month academy to get certified. Certified officers will need only one to four months of training. Four retired officers have been hired, one former teacher who is ex-military. Reserve officers will be included in the mix.

"A reserve officer program has been drafted and is being implemented this summer. Reserve officers will be fully-oufitted, sworn, certified officers. The only difference is they serve fewer hours," Schuster's memo noted.

Schuster said everything is in the preliminary stages, as does John Jenkins, Miami-Dade police officer and Dade County Police Benevolent vice president.

Jenkins said it is a good to start to hire officers to handle the

school system. He said it may be challenging for some municipalities, such as Opa-locka, to pay for the officers, like the county and Miami Beach plan to do.

Miami Gardens Police Chief Delma Noel-Pratt, through an information officer, said the department currently has two school resource officers at its two high schools.

"There will be a fiscal impact to sustain officers at all the schools we have in the City of Miami Gardens and that will be evaluated," Noel-Pratt said. "We are continuously recruiting and as a result have acquired some new officers."

Retired police officer Lonnie Lawrence said he will not be applying. He said the school system should look at the recruits for more than just certification.

Dealing with children is different than dealing with civilians, he said.

"They might have this all planned out, but it takes a whole different psychological makeup," Lawrence said.



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THIS NFL PLAYER PASSES THE BALL

Travis Cadet to host free football camp

Miami Times Staff Report

Bills running back Travis Cadet started playing football at 5 years old in Miami.

On June 30, he will be returning to the same field that he played on as a little boy to host a free training camp.

When Travis Cadet was 5 years old, he started playing football at the Boys & Girls Club of Miami in Northwest Dade.

Twenty-four years later, Cadet has played in his seventh NFL season, and he has returned to the same field to impact the lives of other inspiring athletes.

The Buffalo Bills running back will be hosting a free football training camp June 30 for boys ages 8-14 years old.

According to the Liberty City native, "growing up underprivileged and as an at-risk youth," he knew he had to return to his roots to help guide young men from his former neighborhood.

Cadet graduated from Miami Central Senior High School in 2007 as the 19th best quarterback in the state. During his college sports career, he made several milestones. He rushed a total of 1,600 total yards and seven touchdowns his senior year.

He signed with the New Orleans Saints in 2012. After shuffling around for about five years, he joined the Bills' roster.

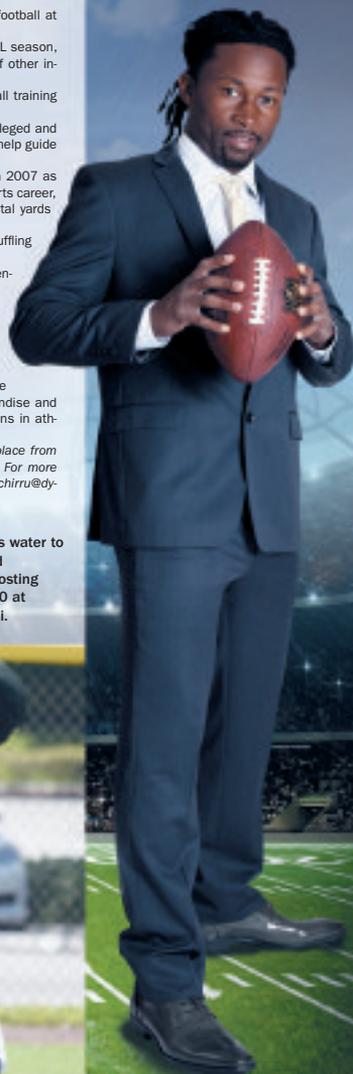
During the off-season Cadet has made it his mission to mentor and guide youth through athletics and education.

The football camp is designed to provide the boys with the latest speed techniques, emphasize the importance of teamwork, health education and mentorship. Other NFL athletes such as Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram Jr., New Orleans Saints' Terron Armstead and Philadelphia Eagles' LeSean McCoy will share their expertise throughout the day. The children will also receive Buffalo Bills merchandise and free lunch. Parents interested should dress their sons in athletic wear.

The Travis Cadet Football Camp will take place from 8 a.m.-noon at 10915 NW 14th Ave., Miami. For more information, call 405-208-0011 or email: sschirru@dynamicalllybpr.com.

Buffalo Bills player Travis Cadet gives water to a young boy on a playing field during a sports camp. He will be hosting his own football camp on June 30 at the Boys & Girls Club of Miami.

Liberty City native Travis Cadet is a running back for the Buffalo Bills. He will be hosting a free football camp for boys on June 30 in Miami.



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Ozinga staff welcomes job seekers who are needed for its new plant opening in Miami Gardens soon.

New plant in Miami Gardens to fill 60 jobs

Career fair last Saturday scouted for drivers, batch men, loaders and more

FELIPE RIVAS

Special to The Miami Times

Ozinga Bros. Inc., a concrete-supplying company, on Saturday held a job fair at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens. This is one of several job fairs that have been organized throughout the city this year.

Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert III believes job fairs are the best way to connect job seekers to different opportunities.

"When companies come out to me about job opportunities, the very first thing I ask them is if they will hold a job fair for the jobs they want to create," he said.

As an example, he pointed to the nearby recently constructed Topgolf. Three different career fairs were held in order to find the best applicants for the jobs for the recreation company. Gilbert believes that job seekers need more than a job. They need an opportunity to turn

jobs into careers. "We want to find a way to make this community thrive; this is what this is about," Gilbert said.

Ozinga's expansion into South Florida is taking place when Florida's unemployment rate continues to fall and the construction industry continues to add jobs.

The Associated Press reported that Florida's unemployment rate matches the national rate of 3.8 percent in May. Miami-Dade, Monroe and Broward counties have added more than construction 10,000 jobs since last year.

Ozinga, a family-owned business, plans to add to the construction job growth in South Florida. The company will open its new plant in the Miami Gardens at the end of the summer. The company is looking to fill more than 60 positions such as truck driver, batch men, loader operators and quality control technicians for the new plant, located in the Golden



Miami Times photos/ Felipe Rivas

Clarence Daniels fills out Ozinga's online application at last Saturday's job fair to hire drivers, batch men and other positions.

Glades area. More than 40 job seekers of all ages, education and experience levels attended the job fair. During the job fair,

the attendees filled out the job applications and were interviewed on the spot by Ozinga staff. The company encourages job seekers of all

experience levels to apply, as the company will provide training for all its new employees.

For Clarence Daniels,

coming to the job fair was a refreshing break from applying to different jobs online. The 67 year old said

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It's time for your own
Local programs provide help for residents during National Homeownership Month

Owning a home is the American Dream. However becoming a homeowner is of-

ten just a dream not easily attained, especially for Blacks. After the Fair Housing Act

was passed in 1968, homeownership increased tremendously for Blacks, up until 2004. Since that time, the national homeownership rate for Black households has fallen to a near 50-year low, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The census reveals Hispanic homeowners who can be of any race, have a national average of obtaining a home at about 48 percent, while Blacks reach homeownership at just 42 percent. Factors that heavily contribute to the ongoing decline in homeownership



Pierre

are: credit score requirements, income levels, debt-to-income ratio, the asking price and the availability of what's on the market.

Fear is also a contributor to lower homeownership rates.

Topping my chart for the reasons why homeownership rates are low is affordability. As it stands now, the housing market isn't as accessible to those individuals and families who earn less than the median income, \$52,300. But there are programs and resources offering some help. Achieving the dream

Despite challenging times,

"homeownership is back and is absolutely what you should do," says Kimberly T. Henderson, president and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida. "Before Google or Siri, people owned something, and now we have to get back to reclaiming the neighborhood," Henderson said. And although we reside in many neighborhoods in South Florida, we really don't own enough land. In my book, we can build stronger communities by investing in families, voting, supporting local businesses and by owning a home. If we did all those things, we would be the real stakehold-

ers of the community and much further ahead, economically. Knowing all this, here's our chance to not only live the American Dream but to own it. There are programs and grants that provide assistance to do so especially through the Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) of Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust. Visit its website on www.miamidade.gov to find out how to qualify and apply.

Yes, you can own a home. During National Homeownership Month in June, and other times during the year, homebuyers' work

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The new press: Chicago Reader is now Black-owned

STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NewsWire Contributor

Dorothy Leavell, the chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and publisher of the Chicago and Gary Crusader newspapers, announced that she has led a group in purchasing the Chicago Reader.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but it's a historic purchase that brings the alternative newspaper with an audited weekly circula-

tion of about 85,000 to the NNPA family of 220 Black newspapers and media companies.

The paper had most recently been owned by the Chicago Sun-Times, which reportedly will maintain a 15 percent stake in the Reader after the sale closes later this month.

"I see this as an opportunity to enhance the value of the Black Press

through the [Chicago Reader]," Leavell told NNPA NewsWire. "It is [now] definitively Black-owned."

Sun-Times CEO Edwin E. Eisendrath joined Leavell at the Rainbow PUSH Convention in Chicago

to first reveal the sale. "We love the Reader and have worked hard to be sure it has a foundation for the future. All of us at the *Sun-Times* are

thrilled that the Reader's future is in such good hands," Eisendrath said. Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on October 23, 1944, Leavell attended Roosevelt University. She was first elected

president of the NNPA in 1995 for a two-year term and was re-elected in June 1997 ending her term in 1999.

In June of 2006, Leavell was elected Chairman of the NNPA

Foundation. She was voted in as national chairwoman again in 2017.

"The NNPA resolutely congratulates our esteemed chairman, Dorothy R. Leavell, the

publisher of the *Chicago Crusader* and the *Gary Crusader*, on her acquisition of the legendary *Chicago Reader* publication," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. of the president and CEO of the

NNPA. "This acquisition comes at a strategic national moment when the Black Press in America is growing, expanding, innovating and increasing market share across the United States."



Leavell

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it was his first time coming to a job fair. Daniels is currently unemployed and hopes to land a truck-driving position with Ozinga. He has more than 45 years of experience driving different kinds of trucks.

"My industry is truck driving," Daniels said cheerfully.

He enjoyed meeting the different people involved with the company and feels confident about his interview.

"There were a lot of great people here that were willing to accept me to become part of the company," Daniels said. "My chances are great. I feel like I got

the job."

Ozinga has been serving different South Florida communities since locating in Miami last year, providing ready-mix concrete or concrete blocks to several commercial and residential projects including the Miami Gardens Public Works Department and PortMiami cruise terminal.

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Alexander, JL, Jerome II	14182 NW 22nd Pl	Remondino, Alexander J	58 SW 95th Ct
Allen, Julie	6128 SW 95th Ave	Remondino, Michael L	2295 NW 86th Pl
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Alvarez, Saravatha	8837 NW 188th Ln	Rivero-Riveron, Mella	12815 SW 186th Ter
Ayala, Jesus M	15580 SW 138th Ave	Garcia, Henry	14504 SW 58th Ter
Bailey SR., Jeremy	6488 NW 18th Ave	Ol, Frederick L	1385 SW 129th Ct
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Bates, Demard I	13982 NW 27th Ave APT 210	Castro, Orlando W	9610 SW 2nd St
Bautista, Alexander	12624 SW 76th Ter	Clay SR, Larry E	13818 NE 6th Ave APT 138
Beacham, Eric E	3481 NW 176th St	Gray, Matthew S	248 Apt 2
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Burton, Katrina F	212 NW 15th St APT 5	Jean, Eric M	14821 Royal Oaks Ln Apt 1382
Canale, Michael F	668 NW 117th St apt #125	Jenkins, Shelia T	7829 NW 17th St
Cano, Daniel	14231 SW 129th St	Jones, Brayley K	1220 NW 138th Ln APT 412
Carpis, Andrew C	12740 SW 257th Tr	Jones, Seth	15 NE 120th St
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Clark, Robinson L	79210 NW 38th Ct	Laird, JR, Kenneth J	481 Dames Ave APT #2
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Colby, JR, Cory L	321 E SW 298th Tr	Leathers, Victor III	7129 NW 4th Ct
Coelho, Orlando R	9681 NE 6th Ct	Lavette, Terecia B	2281 NW 58th St APT E
Cooper, Loren L	1158 NW 128th St	Lee, Lempell L	21340 SW 112th Ave #301
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Costa, Stephen SR	6151 SW 119th Ave	Lichtenhan, Michael E	1242 Zebra Ave
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Crespo, Nelson	15286 SW 163rd St	Lupe, Wilmy	3921 E 64th St #4
Cruz, Johnny	12831 SW 17th St	Blanco, Duaght D	2247 NW 90th St
Cumby, Henry E	315 NE 104th St	Moscoso, Nelson B	6928 SW 137th Ave #805
Dallas, Sara L	9521 NW 2nd Ct	Martinez, Luzara	3008 NW 26th St
Davila-Cordero, Wilton L	958 NW 30th St	Morales, Tere E	13810 SW 24th St
De la Cruz, Melissa F	645 East Dames Rd APT 281	Mullan, Yuri	1288 SW 149th Ave
De La Torre SR, Guido J	800 W 50th St	Murphy, Steven	1238 NE 139th Ter
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Dove SR, Milton E	15520 NW 2nd Ave B	Parado, Peter M	27800 SW 147th Ave
Drain, CP	258 NE 48th Ter	Parado, Evelyn	5145 NE 2nd Ct
Duarez, Juan C	30083 SW 157th Pl	Pelaez, Carlos P	10880 Collins Ave APT 618
Echevarria, Ramiro	1544 NW 7th Ave	Ponce, Anibal	358 NW 138th Ave APT 1121
Edwards, Bethann L	13878 NW 22nd Ave #291	Perez, Lawrence	1881 NW 31st Ave
Elmassari, Jonay	1065 NW 124th St	Parkins, Jamal F	1729 NW 52nd St
Eliz, Lucien	1438 NW 128th St	Perez, John H	1129 Ramella Dr APT 4 A
Eliz, Leonardo	1281 E 26th St	Perez-Suarez, Alex	6633 Brickell Bay St APT 2888
Expósito, Rami	2900 NE 103rd St APT 406	Prattus, Joseph M	13824 NW 87th Ave
Felkey-Dixon, Gora D	1981 NW 99th St	Ronda, Ramon A	2785 NW 64th Pl #103

Public Hearing Date

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2018 ACTION PLAN FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO FY 2014-2017 ACTION PLANS AND CORRESPONDING EXPANDED FY 2013-17 CONSOLIDATED PLAN OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) FUNDS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

The Housing and Social Services Committee (HSSC) will hold a public hearing to consider the legislation described below on **Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**, or at the next regularly scheduled HSSC meeting if not approved due to cancellation of the meeting, lack of quorum, or adjournment. The legislation will be considered for final action at the **Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**, or at a meeting of the BCC as determined by the chairman of the Board in his discretion. Both meetings will be held inside Board of County Commissioners Chambers located on the second level at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33130. The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed FY 2018 Action Plan Funding Recommendations and Substantial Amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Action Plans, and the corresponding Expanded FY 2013-17 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed FY 2018 Action Plan funding recommendations are for the following funding sources:

- CDBG:** up to \$12,757,825.00 to be allocated to public service, economic development, public facilities and capital improvements, housing, and administration.
- HOME:** up to \$4,844,547.00 to be allocated to rental housing rehabilitation, homeownership rehabilitation, homeless housing, tenant based rental assistance, and administration.
- ESG:** up to \$1,048,107.80 to be allocated for emergency shelter and outreach, homeless prevention and capital financing, and administrative.

The Substantial Amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Action Plans and corresponding Expanded FY 2013-17 Consolidated Plan include CDBG activities and reallocations of up to \$2,615,237.88.

The Proposed FY 2018 Action Plan and Substantial Amendments documents will be available for review online at <http://www.miamidade.com/legislation/> and at the following locations:

Department of Public Housing and Community Development 204 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor, Miami FL 33136	
Miami-Dade Homeless Trust 111 NW 1st Street, 27th Floor Miami FL 33136	Miami Code Main Library 101 West Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33130
South Side Regional Library 10758 SW 211th Street Miami FL 33189	North Side Regional Library 2455 NW 95th Street Miami FL 33196

The public is invited to attend and comment. Comments may also be submitted in writing until **Thursday, July 19, 2018** to the attention of Ms. Clarence Brown, Director of Public Housing and Community Development #4023, 791 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor, Miami, Florida 33136 or via e-mail communitydevelopment@miamedade.gov

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Call for tech-minded youth

Free boot camp offers cash, certificate

Miami Times Staff Report

CareerSource South Florida is offering the TechHire Summer Boot Camp again this year.

The boot camp, which starts June 18 and ends July 27, provides IT training to underserved local youth.

The free, six-week accelerated IT program is seeking low-income Mi-

ami-Dade County residents, between the ages of 15-22.

The camp will offer courses on topics including cyber security, web development and coding at 14 Miami locations. Several classes and seats are available in Overtown, Liberty City, North Miami Beach and North Miami.

Students can earn up to \$500 by completing the program

(\$300) and passing the certification test (\$200). This year, students who earn certification will be eligible for internships, and 18-22 year olds with high school diploma's can transition into long-term programs to receive additional certifications and job placement assistance.

"Last year we had 113 youth receive certifications," said Rick Beasley executive

director of CareerSource South Florida. "We're expecting to serve 500 students this year so we're probably going to get at least half of those kids certifications. That changes the trajectory of our community. That will change lives forever."

Visit <http://www.CareerSourceSFL.com> to register.



Teens get a tech-focused lesson.



In this file photo, students participate in an IT bootcamp.

HOUSING

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shop are readily available to prepare you for purchase. The in-person homebuyer workshops are usually free but will cost you eight hours of your day, so definitely plan ahead. eHome America, allows those with busy schedules to complete the required homebuyer workshops through agencies such as Opa-locka Community Development Corp.; Haitian American Com-

munity Development Corp.; and Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida. Just be sure to confirm if the program or grant for which you are applying will accept the online coursework. Get started now! You can find out all about owning a home right here in your local community at the Homeownership Fair presented by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson along with several local nonprofits, banks, realtors, housing advocacy groups and other organiza-

tions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium, located at 5400 NW 22nd Ave., in Miami. The event is free, but registration is encouraged. For more information, call Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida at 305-751-5511. See you at the homeownership fair!

Are you on the path towards homeownership? Let's hear about it. Share your story today. Contact Daniella Pierre, affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com.

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Prepare to Prosper

Part 2: Responsible Home Buying

Preparing your first home could be another big milestone in your life. But it's a big responsibility, and it's important to do it right. Our new video series, *Prepare to Prosper*, is here to help you understand the home buying process and make the most of your investment.

- 1 Consider your personal situation**
Make sure you're ready to take on the financial responsibilities of managing a mortgage, furniture, private cars, utilities, and ongoing home maintenance before you buy.
- 2 Pay only what you can manage**
A prequalification from a home mortgage consultant will help you understand your price range so you don't fall for a house outside of your price range.
- 3 Don't skip the inspection**
Home inspections often identify problems related to the age and condition of the home including a leaking foundation or simple broken dishwasher.
- 4 Keep an eye on interest rates**
When shopping for the best mortgage, it's not always the APR. The APR includes certain fees and represents the cost of the loan over annual basis.
- 5 Prepare for down payment and closing costs**
A down payment is required for most loans. Generally, 3-20% down payment is not mandatory. In fact, qualified homebuyers may be able to put down as little as 3%. You should also prepare to cover closing costs, which could be another 2% to 3% of your loan amount.
- 6 Take advantage of programs**
You may qualify for down payment assistance or more loans with mortgage counseling services and application home ownership grants, loans, and tax credits.
- 7 Understand your borrowing choices**
The basic rule of spots: identify costs to choosing your loan type so far as to understand the difference between conventional and FHA. Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and that and long-term, find an adjustable rate loan.
- 8 Meet with a Home Mortgage Consultant**
Get help describing the home buying process. A Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Consultant can help you find loans, terms and programs that may be right for you.

Through our *Preparing Homeownership*™ video series, you'll learn how to prepare for home ownership. Home ownership is a big responsibility, and it's important to do it right. Our new video series, *Prepare to Prosper*, is here to help you understand the home buying process and make the most of your investment.

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Miramar proposal calls for 650 new rentals

LISA J. URIASH
Sun Sentinel

A developer is proposing 650 rental apartments and a 50,000-square-foot commercial and retail project in Miramar.

The project — dubbed Altis — would sit on 30 acres at the northwestern corner of Miramar Parkway and Red Road, within the Miramar Regional Activity Center, which includes the Miramar Town Center with City Hall. The City Commission is ex-

pected to consider rezoning the land from rural to mixed-use at its Wednesday meeting.

The residential portion of the project includes Altis West, with 320 garden apartments, and Altis East, with 330 mid-rise apartments.

Some ground-floor units would have attached garages, according to the proposal. A main clubhouse is planned near the center of the development, as well as a linear park adjacent to the property that would be open to the public and

have passive recreation uses.

The developer, Boca Raton-based Altman Development Corp., could not be reached for comment.

Altman Development is the same company that built Altis Boca Raton, the 398-unit, six-story apartment building at 5500 N. Military Trail. It also completed a 280-unit apartment complex near the Shops at Pembroke Gardens in Pembroke Pines called Altis Pembroke Gardens.

LEE Construction Group Inc.

CM@RISK INVITATION TO BID

Jackson Health System Enabling ACC East 3rd Floor and ACC West 3rd, 4th & 5th Floor renovation

02-Project Number: T1.003.00
 03-Contract Documents: Bid documents can be downloaded from below DROPBOX link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/g6jam8nqjwz22ma/AAAAtFEAmFnXlt09v1VnEa?dl=0>

THIS PROJECT IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR SBE FIRMS ONLY. ALL OTHER FIRMS NOT CERTIFIED AS SBE WITH MIAMI DADE COUNTY ARE DEEMED NON ELIGIBLE.

04-Project description and scope includes, but is not limited to:
 Entails renovations to 3rd floor through 5th floor exam rooms and patient areas, removal of existing casework and modular furniture at exam rooms and common areas, repainting of walls to include any prep work required, installation of resilient floor over existing VCT with replacement of wall base (contractor to prep as required for adhesion), and removal / installation of approximately 129 sinks (124 at main renovation and 5 for the 3rd floor Enabling Project). Sinks and faucets will be provided by Owner on 124 sinks. Plumbing contractor to include labor only for removal of existing and installation of new Owner provided sinks and faucets.

For the Enabling portion of the work, plumbing contractor will need to provide material and labor on five (5) locations as per the Enabling plan. For this area, materials will include sink and faucets. Plumbing contractor will also need to provide required accessories to connect sinks such as drain p-trap, angle valves, and braided lines at all sinks. Any work that may impact normal operations such as water shutdowns may need to be done after hours. All other work to be done during normal hours. Mechanical contractor to provide containment and ICRA requirements per ICRA plan. This project will be done in phases per the phasing plan shown on drawings.

The 3rd floor Enabling and Renovation can be kept together under 1 proposal. For plumbing purposes please assume the following:

ACC West 3rd Floor Reno	42 sinks to be removed and connected
ACC West 4th Floor Reno	41 sinks to be removed and connected
ACC West 5th Floor Reno	41 sinks to be removed and connected
ACC East 3rd Floor Enabling	5 sinks to be provided and connected

For any work that may exceed \$200,000, please provide an add alternate to provide a Performance & Payment bond. IN ADDITION PLEASE BE ADVISED PROPOSALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY FLOOR FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES. ONE CONTRACTOR PER TRADE WILL BE AWARDED ALL 3 FLOORS. Please include any add alternates listed on A2-01 as well as general notes #6, #9, #10, and #12.

05-Project address:
1611 NW 12th Ave., Miami FL 33136

07-All bidders must submit one (1) set of the Proposal within the sealed envelope. Bid submission must include:
 • Your own letter head proposal including breakdown & exclusions, if any
 • Bidders will need to account for responsible wages and county fees, such as, UAP and OIG (Approximately 2.25% of your bid cost).
 • Direct Purchase Orders will be exercised as requested by Jackson Health System
 • Attached LEE Construction Bid Sheet.

• Scopes with amounts in excess of \$200,000 will require an add alternate line item for a Performance and Payment bond.
 • Bid deadline is NO later than 2:30PM on July 11, 2018.

08-Deliver Sealed Bids To:
Teodoro (Theo) Carrasco
Jackson Health System
Jackson Medical Towers
1500 N.W. 12th Avenue, Suite 814
Miami, Florida 33136
Office: 305-585-8291

09-Non - Mandatory Site Visit:
6/26/2018 at 10AM EST
Pre-bid conference will be held at Jackson Health, FD&C Trailers/Chiller Room
1611 NW 12 Ave., Miami, FL 33136

10-RFI: RFI's must be submitted in writing to LEE Construction Group, Inc. no later than:
June 29th, 2018 end of business day. Send to Eric Santos esantos@leeci.com and Felicia Batson fbatson@leeci.com

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2018 ABFF Redux

THE NEXT POWER MOVE

Star of the mega popular series talks to the Miami Times

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A power struggle between the streets and high society is the synopsis of one of Starz's top TV series, "Power."

The show is about a top-tier drug dealer/club owner, James "Ghost" St. Patrick who is torn between a tailored designer suit and blood-stained money. It will be returning for its fifth season on July 1.

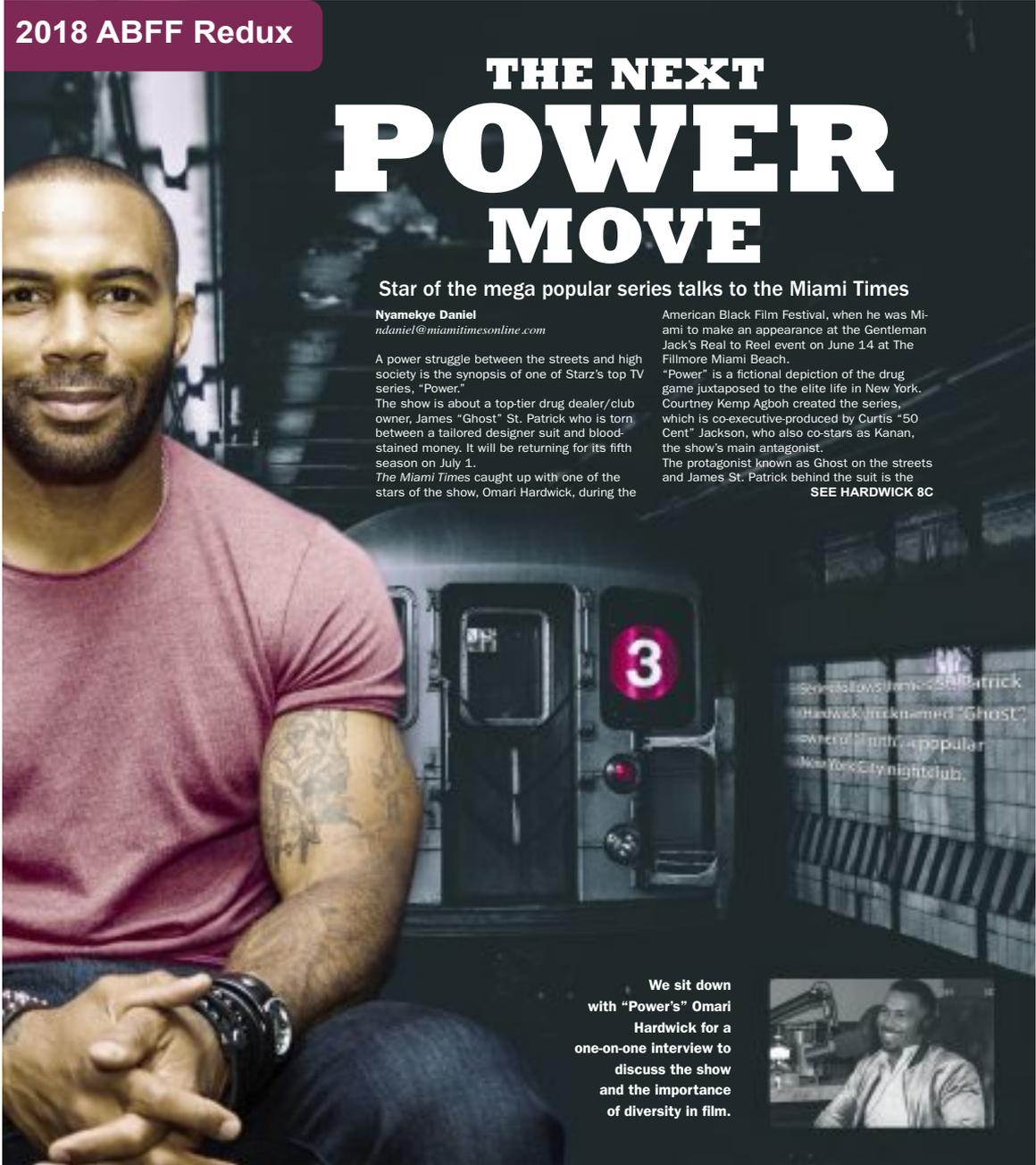
The Miami Times caught up with one of the stars of the show, Omari Hardwick, during the

American Black Film Festival, when he was Miami to make an appearance at the Gentleman Jack's Real to Reel event on June 14 at The Fillmore Miami Beach.

"Power" is a fictional depiction of the drug game juxtaposed to the elite life in New York. Courtney Kemp Agboh created the series, which is co-executive-produced by Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, who also co-stars as Kanan, the show's main antagonist.

The protagonist known as Ghost on the streets and James St. Patrick behind the suit is the

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We sit down with "Power's" Omari Hardwick for a one-on-one interview to discuss the show and the importance of diversity in film.



THE BEST OF BLACK FILM

ABFF ends with awards ceremony for rising talent

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When Storm Saulter's name was announced as best director, he bounced on stage.

"This is amazing," he said after he gave the presenter a fist-bump and made a salutation to the audience. They roared.

Saulter's film, "Sprinter," was the biggest winner for the night at Best of the ABFF Awards on June 16 at the New World Performance & Concert Hall.

His film won the ABFF Grand Jury Awards for best director, best narrative feature

SEE ABFF 8C



The cast and crew of the film "Sprinter," which won ABFF Grand Jury Awards for best director, best narrative feature and the audience award June 16 at the 2018 Best of the ABFF Awards at the New World Performance & Concert Hall in Miami Beach.



A festivalgoer, Chris Spencer and Boris Kodjoe at the 2018 Best of the ABFF Awards June 16 at the New World Performance & Concert Hall in Miami Beach.

Taste Caribbean hospitality

Event includes culinary competition to name chef and team of the year

Miami Times Staff Report

The annual gathering of hospitality industry professionals from the Caribbean and the diaspora takes place this coming week.

A triumvirate of events — presented by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association — take place from June 22 to 26 at the Hyatt Regency Miami and Jungle Island. Over the three days, the Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF), Taste of the Caribbean and Caribbean305 will run concurrently.

Food and beverage delegates can expect to hear about the latest trends and techniques emerging from Caribbean kitchens.

One of CHIEF's general sessions, "Advancing a Culture of Inclusion," will examine how gender balance benefits the bottom line. "From a business perspective, policies and procedures, trainings and overall corporate culture need to be in place to allow for a more gender-balanced workplace,"

said Frank Comito, the association's director general and CEO.

Comito said delegates will hear from women on the front lines of hospitality who have risen through the industry and are now leading the progress towards a culture of inclusion.

Confirmed speakers for this session include Karolin Troubetzkoy, president of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association; Joyce Destang, owner of Bay Gardens Resorts in St. Lucia; Marie McKenzie, vice president, Global Ports and Caribbean Government Relations, Carnival Corp.; and Lisandra Rickards, CEO at Branson Centre of Entrepreneurship in Jamaica.

Taste of the Caribbean is a culinary competition during which the region's best chefs and their teams will compete.

A dozen teams — Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos — have se-



Photos courtesy of CHTA

A team of chefs and other culinary professionals from Barbados celebrate with the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association as they are named the overall Caribbean Culinary Team of the Year in 2017. Since 1993, a dozen teams from all over the Caribbean have competed for the title. Teams will compete again from June 22 to 26.



Jamaican chefs and culinary professionals celebrate their medals at the Taste of the Caribbean culinary competition in 2017.

lected their best chefs and mixologists for this year's Taste of the Caribbean. Barbados is defending champion of the title for Caribbean Culinary Team of the Year.

Made up of chefs Damian Leach, Willis Griffith, Kirk Ruck, Andre Nurse, Javon Cummins and Ron Maynard, junior chef, Nicolas Hill; mixologist, Ryan Adamson, team manager, Henderson Butcher; team training assistant, Glenroy Alleyne; and bartender training manager, Jamaal Bowen, they captured the cov-

eted title and a string of other medals including Gold, Silver and Honorary Mention.

Since some of the islands that regularly compete in the competition were damaged by hurricanes last summer a combined team representing chefs from Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will compete.

Chefs will get a mystery basket of ingredients to prepare a three-course meal that will be served to attendees. The competition has been taking

place since 1993. Taste of the Caribbean culminates Tuesday, June 26 with the naming of the chef of the year and an awards ceremony.

Chefs will take their culinary talent to Caribbean305 8 p.m., Saturday, June 23 at Miami's Jungle Island. The public will get to sample food from 16 Caribbean nations. The event features an open bar, unlimited tapas style dishes and entertainment.

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The older you get, the more important it is to know people who knew you when. This is especially true at reunions – family, high school and college. It is important to know people who knew you when, have a connection in some way with them, and celebrate the journey and the memories. As a guest at the 60th reunion of the class of 1958 of Miami Northwestern Senior High School, I got to see people who knew me when.

Even though, I finished after this class had graduated, some of them remembered me from our old neighborhood, and from younger sisters and brothers who were my classmates.

Northwestern was a part of our village, and it is a village that extended from Dorsey Junior-Senior High. When schools were a part of the village, we had common ground. Teachers knew you, your family, and, they most often, lived in the neighborhood, attended, familiar churches and we were connected.

And so these classmates gathered, traveling from in and out of state during the weekend of June 15-17 to give thanks, share memories and celebrate. Among some of those attending the 60th reunion celebration were: **Carl Anderson, Whayman Carey, Edward Carson, Harriet Blackshear Cowins and Dr. Benjamin Cowins, Sheila Kelly Rolle, Beverly Simons Burns, Emma Thomas Burnside, Betty McQuay Major, Elouise Gay Dukes, Frances Boone Gray,**



Members of Pi Nu Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha

Beatrice Torres, Robert Townsel, Joyce Cohen, Alice Reed Kelly, Rev. Richard L. Barry, Johnnie McKenzie, Maester Alexander Phillips, William Parker, Patricia Sconiers Spaulding, Shirley Clements Milliner, Sadie Bush Hartfield, Arlene Fauntry Wiggins, Rodine Franklin Strother, Barbara Sargent Killins, Helen Smith Giles, Rosemary Bamister Curtis, Shirlene Covington Chester and Shirley Farrington Kitchen. I have probably omitted some of the names, and I'm apologizing for this. More to come next week. Suffice to say, a good time was had by all. Blessings.

Curtis E. Holland, one of Miami's "Broadway Babies," is now a part of the ensemble cast of "Mean Girls," which

was nominated in many categories as one of the 2018 best musicals. During the recently televised Tony Awards ceremonies, **Curtis**, along with the cast, gave a brief performance. This young man is truly talented in his genre as a tap dancer. **Holland's** past credits include "Head Over Heels," "Guys and Dolls" (Oregon Shakespeare Festival), and "So You Think You Can Dance" (Season 10). In April 2016, **Holland** debuted on Broadway in "Shuffle Along, or the Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed." **Holland** comes from a dancing family, as his parents **Edwin** and **Gail**, sisters **Courtney** and **Christine**, all share a passion for the arts. **The Coconut Grove Negro Women's Club Inc.**, which is about 48 years old, has

dedicated itself to promoting the health and wellness of women and girls. The club has worked with young ladies in the community to promote this initiative and established a scholarship event that is held each year to benefit their graduating "Ladies of Legacy" mentee seniors and, where they honor local community members. On Saturday, June 16, the organization again honored unsung heroes of the Coconut Grove community at the Renaissance Ballroom in Coral Gables as a part of this signature event. Honorees included **Gordon Fales**, a former officer of the U.S. Coast Guard in the Division of Merchant Marine Safety. In the community, **Fales** was a leading member of the Plymouth Congregational Church Community Redevelopment team and



Curtis Holland

has served on numerous boards including the **Thelma Gibson Health Initiative** and the Coconut Grove Collaborative Development Corp. Board. Other honorees include **Mark Wynn**, a native of the Grove who has served as an athletic coach for Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 18 years and is also a skilled musician and singer; **J. Hiram Williams**, a lifetime member of the Historic **Christ Episcopal Church** in the Grove and one of the first Black U.S. Customs patrol officers in South Florida; **Leonard Dixon**, a member and trustee of Greater **Saint Paul AME Church** who has served on various boards; **Warren Scippio**, who has been a math teacher at **George Washington Carver Middle School** for almost 30 years, where he sponsors the African American Awareness Club. **Scippio** also co-founded the Annual **Carver High Alumni Day**. His numerous affiliations in the Coconut Grove community include Macedonia Baptist Church, Albany State Alumni Association and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Each of these honorees have made a positive impact in the Coconut Grove community. Congratulations.

At the recent National Pan-Hellenic brunch, five members from the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity received honors. **Tony Williams, Autley Salahud-Din, Baljean Smith and Charles Stafford** were honored for 50 years of service and **Chad Norton** was honored as Frater of the year.

In a past column, I mentioned the newest members of Pi Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and I'd like to share the photo of **Tiffany Dawn Anderson, Karen Ash, Kimberly Bankhead, Jacqueline Berry, Jamisha Bethel, D'Bria Bradshaw, Lakeatha Brown, Nichelle Haymore, Katina Perry-Birts, Arin Phillips, Terry-Ann Monique Ramjus, Annetta Thomas, Ottolita Thompson,** and **Chenique Wilcox** in this column. **Tiffany Dawn Anderson, Karen Ash, Kimberly Bankhead, Jacqueline Berry, Jamisha Bethel, D'Bria Bradshaw, Lakeatha Brown, Nichelle Haymore, Katina Perry-Birts, Arin Phillips, Terry-Ann Monique Ramjus, Annetta Thomas, Ottolita Thompson,** and **Chenique Wilcox.**

Here we are in this place and time doing what we can with what we have where we are in this village. And I am reminded of an old spiritual by **Mahalia Jackson**, "If I Can Help Somebody."

If I can help somebody, as I travel along

If I can help somebody, with a word or song

If I can help somebody, from doing wrong

No, my living shall not be in vain.

Our journey continues as we live, love, pray, hug, sing and dance in the Whirl. Blessings Always.

Rick Ross, Trick Daddy show that people matter

Fest organized by Papa Keith for peace

Miami Times Staff Report

Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem knows that by coming together as a community, you can make a difference.

"We can have hip-hop. We can promote music. We can come together without violence. That's what we're gonna show today," said Haslem at the start of the second People Matter Festival at Gwen Cherry Park in Liberty City over the weekend.

A component of the festivities was a 24-hour county-wide moratorium of gun violence. But the cease-fire didn't hold. There were two fatal shootings in Miami Gardens Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Haslem, a Miami native said a big difference in his life as a child was not allowing too much downtime and taking advantage of opportunities like going to the park in Miami.

"Just growing up in Miami, I played at every park you could be at. That's the reason why I am where I am today. If I didn't have an opportunity to have an outlet. If I didn't have an opportunity to get away from the trouble, violence, drugs, and the different things that we face as youth then I wouldn't be here today. I encourage you, young kids, to take advantage."

Haslem's sentiments were resounded by some residents that just stumbled upon all of the traffic and who were delighted to find positive activity going on at the park. More than 3,000 festivalgoers filled the park to enjoy the free concert, haircuts, food trucks, art and resources.

Platinum recording artist, Rick Ross, headlined the festival along with rapper Trick Daddy.

People Matter Fest was spearheaded by 103.5 FM Miami radio personality Papa Keith. Papa Keith said he and his team have worked over the past year to make this annual event a success.

"This is why we are here. When the community comes together anything is possible," said Papa Keith.

From inflatables at the kids zone to interactive mural art activities, parents and kids were able to participate as a community. Miami Urban Contemporary Experience (MUCE) curated the art activation, the mural maze, where some attendees painted on oversized canvases. The community was able to create a mural on six oversized structures of standing wood canvas comprised of three sides.

"It was fantastic to see the



Photos courtesy of People Matter Festival staff

Platinum recording artist **Rick Ross**, **Miami Heat** basketball player **Udonis Haslem** and nationally syndicated radio personality and event producer **Papa Keith** take a memorable photo with their children to solidify the day's festivities.

community engaged in the community from the time the event started till it ended," said MUCE president Ashlee Thomas. "One family stayed with us for an hour just painting! Art is an amazing way to connect the people and that definitely happened in the MUCE mural maze at the People Matter Fest."

Haslem presented the father/son three-on-three basketball tournament trophy to the winning team -Pete Blue Rays with Coach Coterie, Bruno and C.J. A celebrity football tournament was hosted by Miami Dolphins retired professional football player Bryant Mckinnie. The Death Row team was the winner of the celebrity football tournament.

Event producer and radio personality Papa Keith said that the efforts will continue after the festival. The Papa

Attendees get creative and colorful at the MUCE Mural Maze at People Matter Festival.

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Celebrating a Century of Miracles at Jackson Health

Since June 25, 1918 when Jackson Health System opened its doors as Miami City Hospital during a deadly influenza outbreak in 1918, it has remained true to its mission “to provide a single, high standard of quality care for all the residents of Miami-Dade County regardless of their ability to pay.”

That mission echoes through the halls of the hospital that Dr. James M. Jackson Jr., built even as it stands among the nation’s premier healthcare entities providing comprehensive, cutting-edge care through more than 12,000 employees, including an array of highly trained physicians and specialists.

Jackson has weathered

many storms, both in the literal sense beginning with the Great Miami Hurricane of 1926, and figuratively in the shape of financial gales that shook it to its core. But during its storied Century of Miracles, the healthcare system has always been known for its life-saving advancements, enduring innovation, and comprehensive network of care. It’s highly unlikely to meet any native Miamian who was born within the last century who doesn’t have a Jackson story to tell.

A COMMITMENT TO CARE

As its rich history and medical legacy denotes, Jackson remains committed to making sure each patient has equal access to health-

care regardless of his or her race, culture, or socioeconomic status.

Admittedly, as it relates to racial equality, it wasn’t always this way. Like most Southern institutions of its time, Jackson initially had segregated healthcare facilities. When the hospital first opened – in what is now known as The Alamo – only white patients were served in the 13-bed facility. Blacks were served in a separate ward in remodeled wood shacks.

A SEGREGATED PAST

According to Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields, historian and founder of The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida,

Black physicians were also not originally allowed to practice at Jackson.

However, in the 1950s, Jackson began working to level the playing field. On Jan. 22, 1953, Jackson opened the first maternity ward for Blacks in then Dade County. Until that time, Black babies were delivered at Old Christian Hospital in Overtown or in homes by midwives.

DOORS ARE OPENED

Fields also said Dr. J.K. Johnson became the first Black doctor allowed to practice at Jackson during this same decade. Jackson ended segregation altogether in 1966 and today boasts a diverse staff and treats all patients and visitors equally.

Fields acknowledges the institution’s growth and evolution, calling it a community staple that should be honored.

“Jackson Memorial Hospital’s centennial provides the entire community the opportunity to learn about its past and praise its advancements,” Fields said. “Jackson’s history is the community’s history, too. Let’s celebrate.”

THE CELEBRATION

Bishop Victor T. Curry of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church offered similar celebratory words, stating that he has always known Jackson to be a friend to Blacks.

“Jackson Health System has not only been a staple

in our communities, but it has been the pioneer for providing premier healthcare services to people from all walks of life, and especially those in Miami’s black community,” Curry wrote in an emailed statement. “In a society where the African American people continue to fight for equality on varying levels, Jackson has always offered a platform and a place for people of color. Jackson Memorial Hospital has been a friend to those who are considered the least, the lost, and the left out.”

FOR THE COMMUNITY

He also acknowledged how willing Jackson was to partner with his congregation to

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A Doctor and his grandmother change

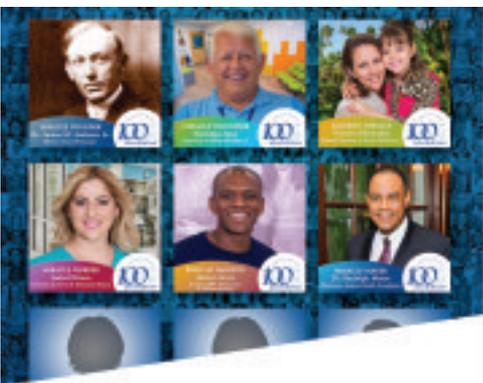
As I walk through the Jackson Memorial Medical Center campus every day, I am proud to walk in the footsteps of my grandmother, Gracie Wyche. She was a pioneer nurse in our community who began working in the then-segregated wards of Jackson Memorial, and ultimately became a head nurse. In the 1980s, she cared for patients suffering from a mysterious illness that later became known as AIDS.

When I was just a child in the ‘80s, she took me to feed the home-

less on Northwest 17th Street. This experience was my first glimpse into the devastation in our community brought on by HIV and AIDS. My work at Jackson’s HIV clinic and inpatient service was directly inspired by this experience. Having seen firsthand the effects that using dirty needles had on my patients and Miami-Dade, a region that tops the list for new HIV infections in the nation, I created a program where anyone can bring dirty needles in and swap them for

clean ones, with the goal of drastically lowering HIV infection rates. Today, when I walk into the IDEA Needle Exchange, I think of my grandmother and how proud she would be of my work and the opportunities I have had at Jackson.

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Upcoming events: 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 305-504-4996

City of Miami Gardens

10 a.m. - noon on June 28 there will be a free community food distribution hosted by Vice Mayor Erharbor Ighodaro and the S.E.E. Foundation; the

event takes place at Bennett Lifter, 20701 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-622-8000

CITY OF MIRAMAR

8 p.m. on June 29 the city of Miramar will host Caribbean Comedy Night which will include top comedic talents from Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago; the event takes place at the Miramar Cultural Center, 2400 Civic Center Place; ticket for all ages required; visit www.miramarculturalcenter.org to purchase tickets.

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

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Ave.; Info: Call 305-696-1154

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The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University

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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

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Oprah celebrated, gets Smithsonian exhibit

The media mogul will be recognized as a trailblazer at national museum

BREANNA EDWARDS

The Root

Who is more iconic in contemporary Black history than Oprah Winfrey? That was a trick question, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture is celebrating the media powerhouse and trailblazer as such, launching a new exhibition that is all about Winfrey.

According to the Washington Post, the new exhibition, titled, "Watching Oprah: The Oprah Winfrey Show and American Culture," will run through June 2019. The exhibit will feature video clips, interview segments, movie costumes, and personal photographs and journals that will tap into what influenced the superstar and media executive and showcase how her contributions have shaped America.

"What's interesting is the same way America thought about Walter Cronkite—you could trust Walter Cronkite and his opinion—they trust Oprah," museum director Lonnie G. Bunch III told the Post. "An African-American woman becomes the person America turns to."

Indeed, Winfrey completely changed daytime television during the 25-year run of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," which is the highest-rated talk show in history, and where she broached difficult conversations surrounding race, gender and sexuality.

To be clear, Winfrey did donate some \$21 million to the \$540 million museum,

which ranks her as the museum's largest individual donor. However, Bunch emphasized that her generous gift had no influence on the exhibition.

"We made sure there was a bright line, that this was done by the museum and museum scholars," he said. "The fundraising was not through Oprah's people."

Curators Rhea L. Combs and Kathleen Kendrick worked with Winfrey and her staff to fact-check information, as well as to secure loans for the exhibition.

"In terms of content and narrative and the way the story is told, it's the museum's product," Kendrick said. "The way we approached it was the way we approach all of our exhibitions."

The exhibit goes through Winfrey's early childhood and career, detailing how the cultural shifts and the 1950s and 1960s shaped her and influenced her, the Post notes.

"We're providing a context for understanding not only who she is but how she became a global figure, and how she is connected to broader stories and themes," Kendrick explained.

"Civil rights, the women's movement, the media and television landscape, she's at this distinct intersection of all of these dynamic moments," Combs added. "She becomes someone at the forefront of dealing with ideas, of discussing hot-button topics like racism and sexual orientation."

Of course, what would be the exhibition be without special focus on The Oprah



A new exhibit, "Watching Oprah: The Oprah Winfrey Show and American Culture," is on display at the National Museum of African American History of Culture. The 4,300 square-foot exhibit features more than 240 artifacts and five exhibit sections that chronicle the life and work of media mogul Oprah Winfrey.

Photo by Walter Larrimore

Winfrey Show and how Winfrey impacted the nation with her reach and influence? "She used television as a social medium, convening conversations and creating these interactive experiences with people," Kendrick said. "She's offering lessons for living, social guidance in a way."

The last section of the exhibit explores Winfrey as a culture influencer, from the impact she made through the movies she starred in to the books she pushed on her television book club and her philanthropic work.

Interestingly enough, the release of the exhibit was meant to coincide with the last quarter of the museum's second year, when officials expected attendance at the museum to start to wane.

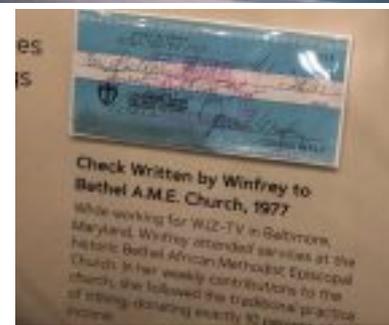
But because the museum is so iconic and special in

and of itself, that never happened, with weekend crowds still at capacity and timed passes still being required. So far, the museum has seen 3.8 million visitors since its grand opening Sept. 24, 2016.

"I really thought after the first year it'd be business as usual, so at the end of the second year, I'd do something to give it visibility," Bunch said. "I didn't anticipate we'd have the same crush of crowds."

Regardless, the exhibit is sure to be a hit.

"There are so many issues, about women, power, media, body image," Bunch added. "This should be a popular show because of the impact of this person, but it is also a show that allows us to think about what it means that a woman who doesn't fit the TV look could build a media empire and become an entrepreneur."



Here's a check, written by Oprah in 1977, to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore. According to the exhibit, Winfrey frequented the church and tithed weekly, donating 10 percent of her earnings.

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The "Oprah Early Years" section of the exhibit shows some of Oprah Winfrey's journey in Baltimore, including a feature in The Baltimore Sun's 1982 issue of "Sun Magazine," where Winfrey received a makeover.



Oprah Winfrey wore this sultry red Vera Wang gown in 2005 to her Legends Ball, a celebration honoring Black women in art, entertainment and civil rights. The featured portrait, painted by Artis Lane, was a gift from actor Jame Foxx.

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Cadillac welcomes stars to ABFF with new Virtual Reality experience



Actor Jay Ellis, general manager of TV One, Michelle Rice, Nicole Friday, ABFF founder and CEO, Jeff Friday, actors LaToya Luckett and Tristan "Mack" Wilds attend Cadillac Welcome Luncheon At ABFF: Black Hollywood Now at The Temple House.

Recording artist Jade Novah performs at Cadillac Welcome Luncheon At ABFF Black Hollywood Now at The Temple House on June 13, in Miami Beach.



Photos courtesy of Cadillac



Tristan "Mack" Wilds and guests mingle at the Cadillac VR Lounge at ABFF.



Tristan "Mack" Wilds takes part in Cadillac in VR experience, building his very own all-new Cadillac XT4.



Avocado Summer Soup

Ingredients

- 1 small onion, finely chopped
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon canola oil
 - 2 large ripe Haas avocados
 - ¼ cup lime juice
 - 2 tablespoons sherry
 - 1 (14-ounce) can low-sodium chicken stock (or 1½ cups home-made chicken broth)
 - ½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 - 2 cups low-fat milk
 - Dash kosher salt
- Preparation
1. Sauté the onion and garlic in the oil until soft and fragrant. Set aside.
 2. Peel and chop the avocado. Purée in a blender or food processor with the onion and garlic mixture, the lime juice, and the sherry.
 3. Add chicken broth and hot sauce. Process until blended. Pour into a large serving bowl and add the chopped cilantro and milk. (Use more or less to achieve desired consistency.)
 4. Add salt to taste and chill for 2-3 hours before serving.
 5. Garnish with more chopped cilantro.

Source: American Diabetes Association

Diversity is key for the Jackson Health family

Upon returning to Miami after college to pursue a career in finance, a close friend approached me regarding an opportunity at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Being a South Florida native and knowing Jackson's reputation in the community, I knew that I couldn't miss out on the chance to work there.

I remember the main challenge during my first week at Jackson Memorial's Finance Department was not getting lost while walking to and from my office. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined a workplace as big as Jackson - a city within a city; so many buildings, employees, and guests.

During my time in the Finance Department, my

journey at Jackson Memorial took me to the hospital's Image Committee, whose motto was "where ideas make a difference." It consisted of employees from various departments at Jackson who helped reach the different regions our outreach initiatives were trying to impact.

I eventually became chair of the Image Committee. It was through this group that the hospital was able to coordinate many activities for our employees and the communities we served - picnics, turkey giveaways during Thanksgiving, and cultural celebrations just to name a few.

Today, we are truly blessed to have distinguished leaders throughout our health system who are consistently working

to improve the quality of care in our neighborhoods, and who are making sure that access to care is within the reach of every Miami-Dade County resident and those who are seeking cutting-edge medical attention.

Our former President and CEO Ira C. Clark would always say, "You have to be a voice for the less fortunate when possible and necessary." He reminded employees often that Jackson is a world-class healthcare destination, and a family that embraces the cultural diversity found in our facilities and beyond.

Marilyn Moss
Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Public Health Trust
Board of Trustees

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provide free health care to the people who needed it most.

"Jackson has a known presence within the New Birth Baptist Church, providing free health screenings on numerous occasions and has always been a partner in advocating causes for good health," Curry said. "It is definitely a top choice for health care for the

members in our church. We salute and celebrate Jackson for 100 years of impeccable service."

Fields and Curry are just two Black voices that celebrate Jackson Health System's centennial. There are countless others who always say, "If you want the best healthcare, go to Jackson."

Few corporations in the world stay in business for a full century. Yet Jackson and members of the community are preparing for the

system to survive for the next 100 years and beyond.

"Three of my four children were born at Jackson and they have great pediatricians," said Sherolyn Harmon, a 59-year-old Miami native. "I chose Jackson over all of the other hospitals when my kids had emergency situations."

To learn more about Jackson's Centennial and history, visit centuryofmiracles.org.

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PHUKET

THAILAND'S GROWING LUXURY PARADISE

Take a wellness timeout and relax on the other side of the hemisphere

JENNIFER KESTER
Forbes

When you gaze out from the lost-in-the-cliffs infinity pool at your Sri Panwa villa onto the placid Andaman Sea, Phuket feels like your own private paradise.

The mesmerizing views continue from inside the sleek, sprawling accommodations. A wall of windows lines the living room, bedrooms and even the bathroom, so you can soak in the tub and never lose sight of the vista.

Take in more of the tropical Thai landscape at the hotel's Baba Poolclub, a nearly 54,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor space. Here, you'll find most of the property's restaurants clustered around another striking infinity-edge lap pool. Strategically placed

seating areas let you lounge in the middle of the pool with nothing but endless sky and bright aqua water leading off into the horizon.

The island's splendor envelops you at Baba Nest, a blissful rooftop lounge almost 200 feet above sea level, where you can sit on oversized striped beanbag pillows, sip a refreshing Sri-jito (lemongrass-infused Belvedere vodka, lemongrass tea, lime and mint) and watch the sun sink in the distance from a 360-degree floating deck circled by yet another infinity pool.

People come for the sunset, but the real treat is the stargazing — you're so close to the twinkling stars, it almost seems that you can reach out and grab a constellation. If you're ambitious, wake up to see the sun rise during a re-



Sri Panwa is Phuket's top-rated resort.

laxing morning yoga session in the convertible space.

AN EXPANDING BOUTIQUE BRAND

According to the Tourism Authority of Thailand, before a 2004 tsunami devastated Phuket, the number of average international visitors

hovered between 2 and 3 million. After the natural disaster, it dropped to 1.3 million. But just a decade and a half later, its tourism is hitting record highs, with 13.6 million international travelers in 2017.

Plus, Thailand's largest island saw an average of

641,863 passenger arrivals per month in 2017 during the low season, versus 759,703 in the high season, according to C9 Hotelworks' Phuket Hotel Market Update. The statistics mean that Phuket is now a year-round destination.

Global luxury brands have taken notice and are coming on board — Rosewood opened in November 2017, and Langham plans to debut a Cordis property this year.

Open since 2009, the family-owned Sri Panwa also keeps expanding. The Thai boutique hotel added The Habita to the 40-acre property in 2016. Like the pool villas, The Habita blends into the lush terrain — its lobby resembles an enormous treetop with red cedar shingles forming a leaf-like open-air canopy that frames Cape Panwa, greenery and a curvy Olympic pool with a waterfall. Slate-gray-cushioned rattan armchairs allow you to take in the passing scene.

The Habita's 10 penthouse suites and 20 pool suites have a similar stylish and modern aesthetic but with a lighter palette — in line with the hotel's wish to keep its imprint quiet against the island's scenic beauty. The teak-filled penthouses are made for amorous getaways. Round beds face the floor-to-ceiling windows, allowing for views from all vantage points, while lighting options include "romantic" and "sexy," and the private pool is nearly bigger than the suite. Even though the accommodations share one building (unlike the free-standing pool villas), each still feels shrouded in solitude.

The antidote to these tranquil escapes is the brand-new Baba Beach Club, a hotel with luxury residences. Set in the northern part of Phuket, Baba Beach Club is the first to open in the less-touristy Khok Kloi and is just 20 minutes from Phuket International Airport. Instead of sitting along the cliffs, this property sprouts up from the sands of uninhabited Natai Beach. Managing director and owner Vorasit "Wan" Issara calls it "the party spot," where house music pulses through the property. Baba Beach Club welcomes a slate of visiting DJs, rooms have iPods loaded with tunes and the hotel even maintains its own SoundCloud and Mixcloud channels.



Habita Suite is Sri Panwa hotel's latest addition to its oasis of calm and luxury is an enclave of 20 new pool suites and 10 penthouses.

HARDWICK

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drug front man/businessman on "Power" played by Hardwick. Ghost stole the drug operation from Kanan, so Kanan's sole goal has been to retake his throne.

Hardwick is known for his previous roles in BET's "Being Mary Jane," Tyler Perry's "For Colored Girls" and Spike Lee's "Miracle at St. Anna."

St. Patrick and his best friend Tommy, played by Joseph Sikora, grew up slinging dope on the street corners of South Jamaica, Queens. The two grew up to be drug dealers.

St. Patrick leads a high life where he can afford to send his three children to a private school and live in a penthouse apartment with his wife Tasha, played by former 3LW singer, Naturi Naughton. He also owns the city's hottest nightclub, Truth, where St. Patrick peddles drugs to New York's rich and famous.

During the show, St. Patrick wants to transcend into a legal businessman and get rid of his dark, deep-seated side,

Ghost. He is torn between two women: Tasha and the love of his life, Angela. As the head of a club, a drug operation and a family, the decisions that St. Patrick makes have a trickle-down effect on all of the characters of the show.

Through Hardwick's campaign with Gentleman Jack, he said he is also contributing to the rise of Black filmmakers. The Fillmore event was the last leg of a Jack Daniels-sponsored film initiative that gives a platform to directors through a competition with a prize of \$10,000.

Hardwick, an ambassador of the campaign said, shows like "Power" would not exist if it wasn't for opportunities for Black directors. He compared the recent breakthrough in Black talent to the riddle of the chicken or the egg.

"I tend to think the egg came first. I tend to think something was incubated, and then the chicken came out of that and not vice versa," said Hardwick. "A Black director or storyteller in Hollywood is the egg of 'I got a story.' Now what ironically happens is the hatching, and the hatching often doesn't look like Leo DiCaprio, or Ghost doesn't look like Tom Hardy."

ABFF

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and the audience award.

Sautler called his win a big moment for Caribbean film. It featured an all-Jamaican crew and many first-time actors.

"It just means people are paying attention and realizing the work that we put in, and that gives me a lot of encouragement to keep it moving," said Sautler.

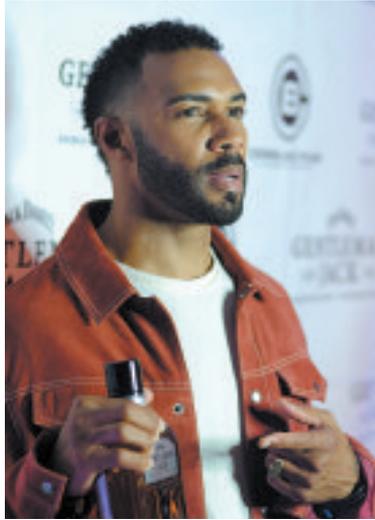
The film is about a young Jamaican runner, who uses track and field as an avenue to get to America to unite with his mother who left the island when he was 7 years old.

The director said even though the story behind "Sprinter" was a "Caribbean story," he believes the audience was able to connect to the universal themes of the film.

"It might be very Jamaican, and it might have some subtleties. It might be very culturally specific ... everyone's neighborhood is specific to them, and they recognize that authenticity," he said.

The American Black Film Festival this past week in Miami Beach offered thousands of film enthusiasts a chance to celebrate, push and propel Black creatives.

From June 13-17, attendees saw screenings of upcoming films, had intimate chats with cast and directors, and built a broader en-



Photos courtesy of Most Gomez

Omari Hardwick makes an appearance at Gentleman Jack's Real to Reel event June 14 at The Fillmore Miami Beach.

tainment network. However, the festival's main focus was paying a way for rising Black talent.

ABFF offered festivalgoers a chance to get a first look at films with expected Black casts such as "Whitney" and "The Bobby Brown Story" and meet with others on prominently Brown TV shows like "Claws" and "Power." It also gave new smaller productions a chance to be seen and the creators to be awarded at Saturday's award ceremony.

"To participate in ABFF is to practice self-love," said Harold Williams, who won an award for his scriptwriting.

The winners thanked God, their mothers, cast and crew.

Another one of the awards

presented was one that gave the director of the box office hit, "Black Panther," his big push, according to organizers.

Coogler won the HBO Short Film Award in 2011. Five short filmmakers were selected as finalists and received a trip to the festival where their films are screened. The winner gets up to \$30,000.

"You see that guy there, he could be the next Ryan Coogler or Ava DuVernay," said the show's host, actor/comedy Chris Spencer after the winner of the award. "That's what ABFF has done."

This year's HBO winner, Alonso W. Johnson, won for his short film "Moths & But-

terflies," which will air on the channel.

Five other talent pipeline awards were presented by other media conglomerates NBC, TV One and Warner Media.

Here is the list of all the other winners of the night:
ABFF Grand Jury Award-Best Web Series - "Keloid"- Huriyyah Muhammad
ABFF Grand Jury Award-Best Documentary- "Not in my Neighborhood"- Raisa Cole/Kurt Oderson

ABFF Grand Jury Award-Best Screenplay- "Jinn"-Nula Mumin
TruTV Comedy Writers Award-Harold Williams
Turner TV Writing Contest winner- Comedy- Craig T. Wil-

liams
Turner TV Writing Contest winner-Drama- Terrence Moore

TV One Screenplay Competition Award- "Connected"-Rashim Cannad
NBC Spotlight Actor Award- "Jinn"- Zoe Renee

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When our doors opened in 1918, laws mandating separation impeded the progress of healthcare for minorities, and the participation of distinguished black caregivers in our early history. Yet the tireless dedication, perseverance and professionalism of African-American leaders brought change, and Jackson Health System evolved into the institution that it is today, one committed to a culture of diversity and inclusion.

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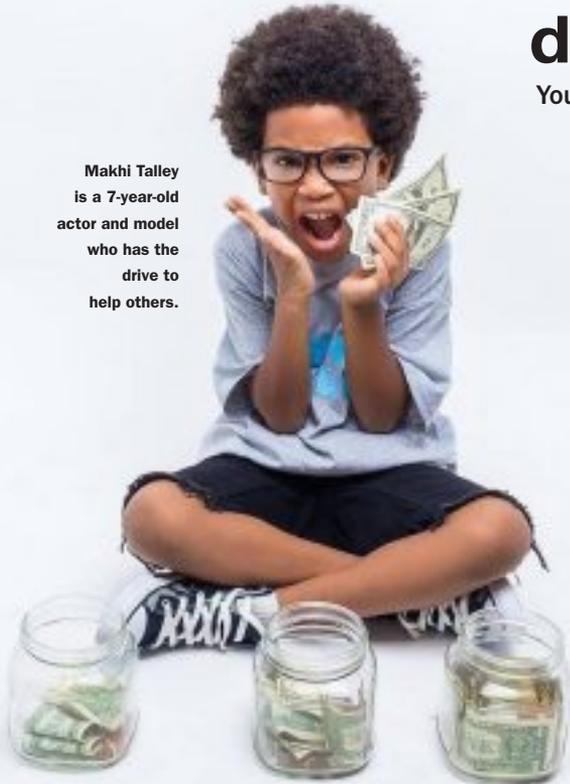
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South Florida boy's dream comes true

Young lad to appear on 'Little Big Shots' in July

Makhi Talley is a 7-year-old actor and model who has the drive to help others.



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Like many young boys, 7-year-old Makhi Talley wants to be on TV.

"I want everybody to see me on TV, so that's why it's so awesome," Makhi said.

Makhi's dream will come true on July 12, when viewers will watch this South Florida boy on Steve Harvey's "Little Big Shots," a variety show for kids. Already, he's been able to establish a solid volunteer regimen and start his own business.

Benadette Jones, Makhi's mother, said she started to see Black excellence when he was 2 years old.

"He had a fascination with numbers and words," Jones said. "For my baby shower, I got 'Your Baby Can Read,'" an early learning child development

system. "We would put it in for him every day. When he was 2 years old, we heard him say 'cat' and 'dog.' So everything that was on the software, he just began to memorize everything."

Makhi's upbringing has translated well into his academic performance—he's an honors student and in the high achievers class at Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City.

"His teachers love him; he's a hard worker, caring, he gets a lot of empathy awards," Jones said. "They say he's a good student."

The 2017 Academy Awards sparked Makhi's interest to become an actor. The awards ignited a large discussion in his family's home that night as they watched Donald Glover, also known as Childish Gambino, receive Oscars for his FX show "Atlanta." Jones said

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Young actor Makhi Talley will be appearing on NBC's "Little Big Shots," a variety show for children.



Photos courtesy of Benadette Jones



Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. was an American fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, who in 1975 became the first Black person to reach the rank of four-star general.

Chappie museum opens in Pensacola

First Black four-star general gets facility in his honor at historic childhood home

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—Chappie James' childhood home in downtown Pensacola is now history. But James, an American hero, might not be the last young person to walk the halls of the small home and make history.

The Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Museum & Flight Academy opened June 7. The historic home—where his mother also ran a school.

James was a legendary Air Force combat pilot and the first Black-American four-general

in the U.S. military, earning his fourth star Sept. 1, 1975, when he assumed command of NORAD in Colorado.

He died Feb. 25, 1978, at the age of 58. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

"There might not be a statue of him," said Ellis Jones, the Pensacola museum's board president. "But this is the next best thing."

Better actually. Because it's not just a symbol of past greatness, but a working lab for

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Atheists sometimes more religious than Christians

Study shows how poorly we understand the beliefs of those who identify as other

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The Atlantic

Americans are deeply religious people—and atheists are no exception.

These twin statements are generalizations, but they capture the essence of a fascinating finding in a new study about Christian identity in Western Europe. By surveying almost 25,000 people in 15 countries in the region, and comparing the results with data previously gathered in the U.S., the Pew Research Center discovered three things.

First, researchers confirmed the widely known fact that, overall, Americans are much more religious than Western Europeans. They gauged religious commitment using standard questions, including "Do you believe in God with absolute certainty?" and "Do you pray daily?"

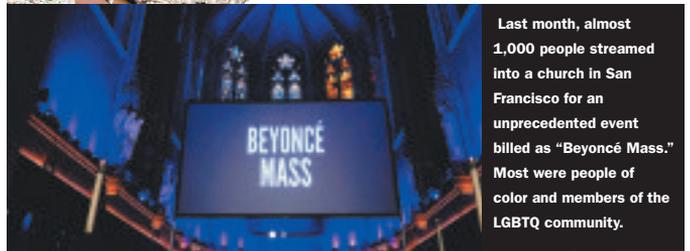
Second, the researchers found that American "nones"—those who identify as atheist, agnostic, or nothing in particular—are more religious than European nones. The notion that religiously unaffiliated people can be religious at all may seem contradictory, but if you disaffiliate from

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Rihanna shows off her pope-inspired ensemble at the Met Gala.

(Eduardo Munoz / Reuters)



Last month, almost 1,000 people streamed into a church in San Francisco for an unprecedented event billed as "Beyoncé Mass." Most were people of color and members of the LGBTQ community.



North Shore Medical Center representatives gather as they are surrounded by boxes of cereal at the hospital's annual Healthy Over Hungry Cereal Drive.

North Shore gives back with cereal

Miami Times Staff Report

More than 6,000 servings of cereal were distributed at the North Shore Medical Center's annual "Healthy Over Hungry" Cereal Drive.

Held June 1 through 8, hospital volunteers gave 6,150 cereal meals.

The cereal drive was started by nurse Pam Laurence. She and her colleagues treated kids

who were struggling with food insecurity and saw the devastating effects that it had on their health. The nurses knew that summer was particularly challenging because kids could no longer rely on their schools for meals. So in June of 2010, the cereal drive was born.

Tenet Healthcare, of which North Shore is a part, has adopted this initiative company-wide to address the im-

portance of eating a healthy, well-balanced breakfast every day.

By 2015, the newly named "Healthy Over Hungry" Cereal Drive collected 2.6 million servings of cereal and \$75,000 for more than 70 of Feeding America's local food banks and distribution partners.

During the 2018 drive, Feeding South Florida received \$2,500 from North Shore.

The city of Pensacola and the Community Redevelopment Agency's \$1.1 million renovation/construction project broke ground in January 2017.

The residence, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was constructed in 1909 by Chappie James' father, Daniel James Sr.

The home is not just a testament to Gen. James' legacy, but that of his mother, Lillie James, who ran a school next door for young Black children. (And not just the family's own, even though the James family had 17 children.)

Jones said items are still being added to the museum, and other additions will be made throughout the year.

"We're not at 100 percent now," he said. "But we'll continue adding artifacts that not only pertain to him, but to his family and his mother and her efforts in shaping her son and so many young people in Pensacola. We want to inspire others."

James' story is certainly inspirational.

Early in his life, he would see

pilots flying over downtown Pensacola and tell friends he was going to do that someday. Most laughed, knowing the pilots flying overhead weren't black like they were.

He was educated by his mother until high school, when he attended and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. He then attended Tuskegee Institute, where he earned a bachelor's degree and completed civilian pilot training under a government-sponsored program.

He entered the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in July 1943 and trained as a fighter pilot.

James flew 180 combat missions during the Korean and Vietnam wars, receiving numerous honors. He was a hard-core patriot and became known for his speeches on American exceptionalism, even at a time when many Black-Americans were still fighting for civil rights.

"He's one of the heroes of Pensacola," Jones said. "And the country."

have food. They live on the street, and it makes me feel sad, and it hurts when I see that."

Jones said now, they take money from their own pockets to buy the supplies once a month.

"That makes me feel good to help them," Makhi said.

Makhi started his T-shirt line, KHI Supreme T-shirts, in 2016. The line aims to inspire children to love themselves.

"He came to me because an 8-year-old kid killed himself, and he just couldn't understand why this young child would do that," Jones said. "So I had to sit down and talk to him and tell him that some kids don't feel love and love. From that, we just wanted to shed some positive light on it, so we came up with the T-shirt line, and put inspirational quotes on it for kids to make them feel confident and things like that."

The T-shirts have sayings such as "young, dope and fly"; "nothing less than a princess"; "beautiful, unique and smart" and others.

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 Rev. Larry Robbins, Sr.
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New Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church
 Rev. Harold Marsh
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Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church
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organized religion it does not necessarily mean you've sworn off belief in God, say, or prayer.

The third finding reported in the study is by far the most striking. As it turns out, "American 'nones' are as religious as—or even more religious than—Christians in several European countries, including France, Germany, and the U.K."

"That was a surprise," Neha Sahgal, the lead researcher on the study, told me. "That's the comparison that's fascinating to me." She highlighted the fact that whereas only 23 percent of European Christians say they believe in God with absolute certainty, 27 percent of American nones say this.

America is a country so suffused with faith that religious attributes abound even among the secular. Consider the rise of "atheist churches," which cater to Americans who have lost faith in supernatural deities but still crave community, enjoy singing with others, and want to think deeply about morality. It's religion, minus all the God stuff. This is a phenomenon spreading across the country, from the Seattle Atheist Church to the North Texas Church of Freethought. The Oasis Network, which brings together non-believers to sing and learn every Sunday morning, has affiliates in nine

U.S. cities.

Last month, almost 1,000 people streamed into a church in San Francisco for an unprecedented event billed as "Beyoncé Mass." Most were people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Many were secular. They used Queen Bey's songs, which are replete with religious symbolism, as the basis for a communal celebration—one that had all the trappings of a religious service. That seemed completely fitting to some, including one reverend who said, "Beyoncé is a better theologian than many of the pastors and priests in our church today."

The Catholic-themed Met Gala earlier this month was another instance of religion commingling with secular American culture. Fashion's biggest night of the year saw celebrities sweeping down the red carpet dressed in papal tiaras, halos, angel wings, and countless crucifixes. These outfits, along with the Metropolitan Museum of Art's accompanying exhibition, "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination," drew the ire of some Christians. But it's notable that so many celebrities, not to mention average Americans, embraced the theme with gusto. It's easier to imagine this happening in America than in, say, staunchly secular France.

The Pew survey shows that 27 percent of Americans call themselves "spiritual but not religious." Even though they've left organized

religion behind, many still pray regularly and believe in God. This raises an issue for researchers, because it suggests their traditional measures of religiosity can no longer be trusted to accurately identify religious people. "I think people are doing things that don't mirror Christianity sufficiently enough for our categories to continue to be as explanatory as they once were," said Joseph Blankholm, a professor at UC Santa Barbara who focuses on atheism and secularism. "These categories are at their limit—they're in some ways outmoded."

Sahgal said she was aware of this problem, and sought to make the survey questions more granular so they would capture reality more accurately than the traditional questions alone would have done. So, for instance, the survey didn't stop at asking respondents whether they believe in God. It drilled down further, asking whether they believe in God as described in the Bible or whether they believe in some other higher power.

As religiosity takes on forms that scramble our old understanding of that term, it's forcing researchers to ask themselves anew what we talk about when we talk about religion.

"Those challenges are going to get worse—and they know it," said Blankholm. "But I love that they're developing a new vocabulary, because that's exactly what we need."

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future achievement.

The 900-square-foot home has been renovated and serves as a museum, but an additional structure has been added—a 1,500-square-foot building that will serve as headquarters and classrooms for the Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Flight Academy.

For 22 years, the flight academy has run free camps for largely underprivileged children to learn about the science and mechanics of flight. This year's flight academy summer camp runs June 11-16. But with a permanent facility, the academy will now offer a year-round aeronautical program for boys and girls ages 13 to 18.

"This means that they will be able to have a living legacy for Gen. 'Chappie' James through our flight academy," said academy director Cliff Curtis. "It will add something tangible for the community kids to be involved in for years to come."

MAKHI

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the next morning, Makhi expressed that he was going to win an Oscar.

"From that point on, he just told us he wanted to be an actor, he wanted to model. So I started sending his photos out to agencies in Miami," Jones said.

Makhi was picked up by two agencies, one of them being Future Faces of Miami. Through this, Jones gained access to a casting network, where she saw an opening for "Little Big Shots."

"He auditioned for it; they called me, and they fell in love with him," Jones said. "He auditioned because of his memory. His memory was dealing with Black history and science, but they already had kids for science and history. So they asked for us to brainstorm for what they could do with him. They had him memorize movie quotes, the actors and the movies. They told him to do 20, but he did 50."

FAITH CALENDAR

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

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

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

for more details.

THE ELKS HISTORICAL BUSINESS AND CONFERENCE CENTER
 Gospel Kickback with entertainment and fine dining; noon - 6 p.m. every Sunday. Call 305-224-1890 for more details.

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

ZION HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Food and clothing distribu-

tion; 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 deal-

ing with drugs and alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayer line, ext. 104.

BETHANY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
 Bereavement sharing groups; 3-4 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.



American Red Cross

This photo shows the contents of an American Red Cross emergency preparedness kit. Having the right emergency supplies in a ready-to-grab kit can reduce stress during evacuations or disasters.

What should go into a go-bag?

How to prepare an emergency kit

MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON

The Associated Press

Heather Kretzer, a health consultant for the Florida Department of Health in Panama City, lives near the water. But the most recent call for an evacuation in her area wasn't because of a hurricane but because of an active shooter.

The incident, which did not result in any bystanders being injured but did lead to the temporary evacuation of an apartment complex, drove home to Kretzer the need for all families to have a survival bag they can grab in an emergency.

"You can be asked to evacuate your home for a number of emergencies — often with little warning and limited time to gather your possessions," she said.

No area in the country is immune from disaster and unexpected evacuation, said Jim Judge, emergency management director for Volusia County, Florida, and a member of the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council. Threats range from weather concerns and wildfires to hazardous material spills and police matters.

With hurricane and wildfire seasons under way, summer is a good time to consider packing a go-bag of emergency supplies.

Having a pre-packed bag or bin ready will help reduce the stress of a stressful situation, said Stuart Warshaw, whose company, VLESDesigns, sells stocked emergency bags. He and other safety experts also recommend having a plan about how to evacuate and where to go.

"You need a cool head when there's little time and potentially critical decisions to make," he said.

His bag includes wheels so it can be rolled through urban areas or airports, and it also has straps and a waist belt so it can be worn as a backpack.

Some families prefer an old suitcase or plastic tub stored under a bed or in a closet, Judge said. A duffel bag

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A Midwife uniform and patient gown, along with a guide for midwives are some of the artifacts on display in a medical history exhibit at the Historic Lyric Theater.

Miami Times Photos/ Janiah Adams

A HEALTHY HISTORY

Exhibit showcases the Black medical practitioners, then and now

JANIAH ADAMS

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The history of the medical contributions of Blacks in Miami-Dade is on display at the Historic Lyric Theater.

Jackson Health System, in conjunction with the Black Archives, curated an exhibit displaying the history of Black health care in Miami from 1896 to present day.

Jocelyn Hurtado, an archivist at the Black Archives, said this exhibit has great importance because it connects the community to important history.

"The significance is it highlights Black medical pioneers in South

Florida, which is often overlooked or forgotten," Hurtado said. "Most of their stories are passed down orally or through family members. We're highlighting their achievements, and it's for the community."

The exhibit is an effort to preserve those those histories, said Humberto Fabian Ocano, a spokesman for Jackson.

We wanted to capture the advancement in Black medicine and the role it played in shaping our history," Ocano said.

Contact was made with Black archivist founder Dorothy Fields who recruited some "outstanding community partners," and The Jackson Memorial Black History Centennial

Committee was formed.

Since January, the committee members donated and collected artifacts for the exhibit, which they had hoped would open in February, for Black History Month.

Part of the effort was to get more people in the medical profession to donate items to the Black Archives to add to the history, Ocano said.

The exhibit is part of Jackson's 100-year anniversary, which is being recognized this year.

The exhibit first opened on May 20 with a reception. It is set to close June 29, for the Black Archives to prepare for the return of the South Florida Marching Band Precision

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A midwife bag and toolkit are artifacts on display at the exhibit at the Evolution of Black Health Care in Miami-Dade County.



North Shore Medical Center welcomes a new controller

Special to the Miami Times

Jackeline Aleman joins the staff at North Shore Medical Center as the new controller. Prior to her current position, Aleman served as the assistant controller. She started her career with Tenet at Hialeah Hospital where she was the accounting manager.



Jackeline Aleman

She was responsible for the day-to-day accounting functions and assisted the directors with accounting needs. Aleman received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Florida International University.

She plans to pursue her master's in accounting. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family.




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Fight 'summer slide' with this e-book

Edtech company, Istation, a leader in literacy helps students year round

Miami Times Staff Report

With summer vacation here, many parents and teachers are concerned about "summer slide," the documented regression in reading skills that happens when students spend summer months away from school and regular reading practice.

In fact, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading reports that summer learning loss is one of the three major obstacles to reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Research shows that summer slide hits children from low-income families hardest. By the time students reach high school, the summer slide gap accounts for two-thirds of the performance difference between

children from low-income families and their peers.

Istation, a Dallas-based educational technology company, wants to prevent the summer slide in children's reading ability. The company provides school districts with electronic reading, math and Spanish-language programs. Some school districts who use Istation are making the program available to students at home over the summer as part of its effort to help students stay ready for when school starts in the fall.

"We know a lot about summer slide," said Ossa Fisher, Istation's chief operating officer, who has written on the subject for *Huffington Post*. "Over the years, it can lead to real re-



Lockwood Lanterns Christiana (left) and Chrislove Dervil work in Istation math in teacher Jessica Lockwood's third-grade classroom at Poinciana Elementary School in Key West. Istation's products are aligned with Florida state educational standards.

Photos Courtesy of Jessica Lockwood

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Reading is not only a critical life skill, it is a great form of recreation.

"I love that [Istation] tiers my students and provides individualized interventions that I can use to help my struggling students," said Jessica Lockwood, a third-grade teacher at Poinciana Elementary School in Key West. Her class uses Istation Reading every week during reading rotations.

"Istation has been a very successful tool for our very youngest readers," said Kelly Brower, literacy coach at Plantation Key School (pre-K through eighth grade) and Coral Shores High School in Tavernier, both in Monroe County.

"Our kindergarten students are experiencing growth in every tier in both reading and math," she said. "In overall reading and ability in math, we have watched all of our Tier 3 students move into Tier 2. All of our Tier 2 students are now Tier 1 students in both reading and math."

Even advanced students are benefiting, Brower noted, as the district's Tier 1 students have continued to grow in both reading and math. Brower said Istation's detailed data on individual student performance is a great tool for providing a multi-tiered system of supports. The data allows teachers to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses in both reading and math.

"Istation then has teacher-directed lessons that allow the teacher to pull a small group of students and teach a targeted lesson that addresses the students' areas of opportunity," she said. "Istation allows for a teacher to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom."



Monroe County student Adriana Reyes-Andino sports her new red cape from Istation. A student earning a red cape indicates they have achieved a goal set for them by their teacher. Istation uses the "Red Cape" iconography in its logo, showing that every student can be a super hero.

gression in a child's reading ability, as well as their ability to learn."

To help parents combat the summer slide, Istation has prepared a free e-book on the subject that is available in both English and Spanish at <http://info.istation.com/summerslide>.

"At Istation, we believe every kid has the ability in them to be a superhero," said Richard H. Collins, Istation chairman and CEO. "Our core value is to help kids reach their potential, and a big enemy of potential is the summer slide. With our e-book, we want to help parents make sure their kids

are ready for school in the fall."

Fisher said that fighting the summer slide can be fun for both parents and children.

"Reading is not only a critical life skill, it is a great form of recreation," she said. "Books can take readers anywhere their imaginations can cook up. We want parents to know they have immense power when it comes to making sure kids' reading ability stays strong, even while the family is having fun this summer. In the end, we want families to have a great summer and students to be ready for an even bet-

ter school year in the fall."

A recent University of Central Florida study linked students' Istation results to Florida Standards Assessments scores.

The study, conducted by the Morgridge International Reading Center at the UCF, said student results on Istation assessments can predict their performance on the FSA. This gives teachers the opportunity to use Istation's feedback to prepare their students for the state-wide assessments.

With Istation, teachers have the ability to monitor students' learning achievements.

\$72K to pursue her destiny in fashion world

Student will get to attend one of the country's top design institutions

Miami Times Staff Report

Destiny Charles, a senior at the Design and Architecture Senior High School in Miami, is the first student to win a \$72,000 scholarship to Istituto Marangoni Miami.

Istituto Marangoni Miami is considered one of the world's top 10 fashion colleges.

Launched this year, the Academic Excellence Scholarship promotes and supports excellence in education and design by financially supporting a student's tuition at the Miami campus.

The scholarship recognizes a student who demonstrates the ability and potential to make an exceptional contribution to the fashion industry and community around them.

"We are proud of Destiny for winning the prestigious Istituto Marangoni Scholarship," said Giovanna Sorondo, the high school's fashion design program head. "Excelling in art, design

and academics, her positive attitude, coupled with a sense of purpose, will make her a very successful college student."

Charles grew up with family working in the fashion business, encouraging her emerging talent for design. Her designs take inspiration from social issues and things she wants to call attention to, exploring the contents of her heart and her Caribbean heritage.

There were six finalists who were evaluated on academic performance, fashion portfolio and community service by the teaching staff of the Design and Architecture Senior High School and Massimo Casagrande, director of education at Istituto Marangoni.

"We are thrilled to be the new talent incubator by supporting and further developing young artists and make this dynamic city the new fashion hub for the Americas," said Marangoni's campus president Hakan Baykam.



In this June 1 photo, Massimo Casagrande, director of education at Istituto Marangoni Miami; Destiny Charles, scholarship winner; and Pablo Arbalaez, director of Istituto Marangoni posed after a scholarship ceremony. Charles is the inaugural winner of the school's Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Istituto Marangoni Miami

Pastor OF THE WEEK



Robert L. Stephens



Robert L. Stephens makes change in and outside the church of God

Young pastor called to reach his generation, alter lives

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Not many 24-year-olds are proudly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ or serving as their senior pastor's right hand, but Robert L. Stephens III is anything but typical.

The charismatic young leader who is always equipped with a smile and encouraging word said he always knew ministry would be a part of his journey; he just didn't expect to be in leadership so soon. After losing a close

friend when he was just a junior in high school at Windsor Academy, Stephens said he asked God for clarity and guidance because he desired to be closer to Him.

"At that moment God spoke to me and told me it was time to go higher in Him, On May 29, 2011, He said, 'I've called you to preach,'" Stephens said, admitting he initially thought he was too young to assume such a role.

"I was content with just coming to church and serving as a youth lead-

er, worshipping and going home. When witnessing my grandparents and my mentors, the burdens they had to carry, it's something I just didn't want to do at that age," Stephens said.

But after having three consecutive dreams he was preaching to the masses and changing lives, he yielded to the Holy Spirit's calling. In 2013, he began serving as the youth and young adult pastor at Logos Baptist Church, located at 16305 NW 48 Ave. in Miami.

"From that day forward,

I have just been 'For God I live and for God, I die,' and it hasn't been easy, but it's certainly been rewarding to witness, reach and speak the Gospel and help bring change and empowering moments to people's lives."

In November 2017, Stephens was promoted and ordained as Logos' pastor of Ministry Development. In this role, he's responsible for empowering leaders and mobilizing volunteers to serve, which increases the effectiveness of ministries increasing. He is particularly passionate about reaching those in his peer group and younger.

"I believe God called me at a young age to serve the younger age. I've found with young people, they have a sense of comfort speaking to people like themselves ... they can relate to," Stephens said. "The scripture that I always quote to young people is 'I'm a part of a chosen generation; I'm a part of a Royal Priesthood. That means God has something special for me, and whatever I may be dealing with or experiencing now is only equipping me and preparing me for what I'm getting ready to walk into - a greater season and a greater life.'"

A believer in meeting people where they are whether they go to church or not, Stephens is also

the founder of Change Makers Academy. The community-driven non-profit is committed to mentorship, citizenship and scholarship.

Through it, Stephens and his partner Dwayne Stewart host From G's to Gents, a culture shifting dialogue; a mentoring network and an annual "I Am Africa Experience" that takes youth on a cultural immersion trip. Thus far, they have taken four students to Johannesburg and 17 to Ghana, respectively.

"Although my organization is not a faith-based organization, we're founded on Christian principles. It's important that we must go out of the four walls and reach the generation and reach the group of people that want to know Christ, but are afraid to walk into the doors of the church because of what tradition and religion have displayed," Stephens said. "If they don't receive from the church, let's find a method they will receive. Then they may say, 'I want to know who is it that's keeping you going, who keeps you with a smile,' and that gives me the opportunity to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

His main priority in everything he does is to show love and encourage others to do the same. "My priority is to always

display the love of Christ and with my young people, I always stress the importance of loving one another and always being there for each other and being welcoming to each other no matter what our background, race or whatever the case may be because that's what Christ displayed," Stephens said. "If someone were to walk off the street, and they walk into Logos Baptist Church, they should feel the unconditional love no matter what or who they are. That's my drive now, displaying that high love that Christ displayed to others."

His future plans include eventually becoming a lead pastor and creating a mobile change unit that will travel to inner cities and teach life skills and vocational courses to students and parents because he wants everyone to remember the battle first starts in the mind.

"The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, and his plan is to cause you to lose focus because if he gets your mind, then he knows he's got your future, especially for my generation," Stephens said.

To learn more about Logos, visit logosfamily.org.
Do you know of spiritual leader who should be featured in this column? Email Isheka at ishakah@gmail.com with the subject line: POW Referral.

HISTORY

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Camp, according to Kamila Pritchett, the Archives' operations and programming manager.

Prior to 1896, there were no official Black physicians in Miami. There were only midwives who tended to the sick and delivered babies in Miami's Black neighborhoods and people who were considered to be "faith healers."

Dr. James M. Jackson, who would later have Jackson Memorial Hospital named after him, came to Miami in 1896 and would become an influential white physician. During the same year, Dr. Rivers, whose first name is unknown, was the first Black physician to arrive in Miami. He stayed for a couple of months before moving to west Florida.

Jackson first opened Miami City Hospital in 1918, and it was later renamed Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1924. Coconut Grove community activist Thelma Gibson was one of the first Black nurses to work at the hospital. She later became one of the members of the governing board and is still very active in the community today.

The exhibit takes visitors through the decades, past 1906 when Miami's first Black dentist Dr. John R. Scott IV set up his office in Overtown; past 1918, when Christian Hospital, Miami's first hospital that treated Blacks, opened; past 1964, when segregation ended; all the way to 2018, when Dr. Henri R. Ford became the first Black dean of the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine.

Health organizations that Blacks were members of are shown in the exhibit, such as the Dade County affiliate of the Florida Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, the Tri-County Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Society and the Nu Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, a professional nurses organization.

Dr. Dazelle D. Simpson and Dr. George A. Simpson, husband and wife and notable physicians, are also recognized in the exhibit. Dazelle Simpson was the first Black and first Black female pediatrician to be board certified in the state of Florida. She later became the first Black and first Black female to serve on the University of Miami Medical School Admis-

sions Committee and vice chair of Miami Children's Hospital Board of Directors.

Her husband's accomplishments are no less. George Simpson was the first Black physician to perform general surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital and the first Black instructor in the Department of Surgery. He's also one of the founding members of Jackson Memorial's SEIU, the first physician union in Miami-Dade County.

"The idea of giving back has always been a part of my thinking," George Simpson told CBS4 in an interview last year. Pritchett said those related to professionals honored in the exhibit have come by to visit it.

"Most guests have enjoyed the homage paid to these medical pioneers through the visual tributes, and the nostalgia the exhibit evokes for members who have lived through many of the changes in this community through the years," she said.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays until June 29 at the Historic Lyric Theatre, 819 NW Second Ave. Admission is free and open to the public.

GO-BAG

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also works well, Kretzer said. The contents of your kit should help you survive up to three days, she said. Be sure to think about every member of the family, including pets.

"It's like going camping - all the things you need to take with you," Judge said.

Kretzer, Judge and Warshaw offered the following suggestions on what to include in an emergency bag:

FOOD AND WATER
Remember that supplies should last the entire family three days. That includes 1 gallon of water per person per day. Include non-perishable food that requires no water or cooking. Don't forget plates, silverware and a manual can opener. Protein bars make a good emergency food, Kretzer said.

Tip: Warshaw recommends water purification tablets in case the water supply becomes tainted.

PERSONAL NEEDS
This includes eyeglasses, contact solution, hygiene supplies, and prescription and over-the-counter medicines that are taken regularly. If you have a young child, include diapers, baby food and formula.

Tip: If you are unable to pack prescription medications, tape a note to the bag reminding you to grab them, or prepare a checklist of last-minute additions that's kept with the bag.

CLOTHING

Three days' worth for every member of your family.
Tip: Include sturdy shoes and hats.

SAFETY SUPPLIES
A go-bag should include a first aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, matches in a waterproof container and a whistle. It also may be helpful to have strong tape, plastic sheeting and a few tools.

Tip: Remove the batteries from the flashlight and other items to avoid corrosion.

COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS
The power may be out, so a battery-operated or hand-crank radio is essential, Judge said. Two-way radios also will be useful. Pack phone cords and chargers to use once power is restored.

Tip: Consider identifying an out-of-town relative as a contact point for everyone in the family, to relay important messages and updates.

PAPERWORK/CASH
Either include copies of birth

certificates, IDs, insurance policies and prescriptions in the kit or save encrypted copies/photos of them on a secure online storage spot. A map with evacuation routes highlighted also will be helpful. Make sure you have cash - preferably smaller bills - in the kit, in case the power is out and you can't use credit cards and ATMs.

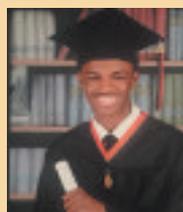
Tip: Print out a list of important phone numbers in case you can't access the contact list in your phone.

CREATURE COMFORTS
Consider taking blankets and pillows to make your stay at a shelter or other evacuation location more comfortable. Add a deck of cards, books, some games or other things that could amuse children in a shelter or hotel room.

PET PLANS
If you will be evacuating with a pet, identify in advance what shelters allow them, advises Pet Sitters International.

Fields' First Sermon

The Faith Community Baptist Church family cordially invites you to witness The First Sermon of 18-year-old Brother Andrew Fields Jr. He is a 2018 graduate of Miami Carol City High School. This Worship Service will take place Sunday, June 24 at Faith Community Baptist Church, 10401 NW 8 Avenue, Miami, FL 33150 at 3 p.m. Richard P. Dunn II, Senior Pastor.



Andrew Fields Jr.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

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Bible Study
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Richardson

THOMAS LESPERENCE, 76, poll served, died June 15 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



VERNELL WENDY EVANS, 54, homemaker, died June 10 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



Hadley Davis MLK

CHARLES JONES, 70, construction worker, died June 14 at Aventura Plaza. Service 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



BETTY ROGERS, retired accounting clerk, died June 16 at Mercy Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



ALBERTHA BAKER, school security, died June 11 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

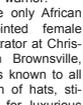


ANNIE L. BOYKIN-DELLMAR, died June 15 at 1:43 a.m., God restored his faithful servant from her bed of illness and called her home with Him. Annie was truly a woman of God. Having served on the Missionary Board at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida; she was a well distinguished woman with many talents and gifts. Annie enjoyed playing the piano, singing, preaching and teaching the word of God. Annie lived by Psalms 41 and Psalms 123... she was a prayer warrior!



Annie was the only African American appointed female hospital administrator at Christian Hospital in Brownsville, Florida. She was known to all for her collection of hats, stilettoes and style for luxurious and prestigious cars. Truly gifted, she modeled and strutted her fashions for everyone to see. She was a prominent, pioneer realtor and proprietor who developed an empire with her late husband, Arthur Dellmar. Annie and Arthur developed and built their empire on the foundation of God's promises and their legacy will continue to live.

Viewing 2-8 p.m., Friday at Hadley Davis, 2321 NW 62 Street, Miami, FL 33147. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1881 NW 103 Street Miami, FL 33147.



MAE OLA STREETER

GILCREASE, 81, cook, died June 17 at home. Service 12:30 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



ELEANOR HURNS BELL, 65, clerk, died June 9 at Krystal Bay Nursing Rehabilitation Center. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Range

MICHAEL R. MCCOLLOUGH, SR., 57, retired longshoreman for Interl Longshoreman Association died June 10. Survivors include his wife, Latasha McCollough; son, Michael McCollough Jr.; daughter, Gardinia McCollough; sister, Gardinia Snelling; nieces, LaTeobia Cooper, Permia Williams, Shantale Colbert, and Shanika Oliver; nephew, Sheldon Oliver; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services 11 a.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.



BRENDA BARNES, 73, retired flight attendant for Eastern Airline, died June 9. Survivors include her brothers, Terry Barnes, Warren Barnes and Clarence Barnes; a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial services 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



VERNON DEVEAUX, 69, disabled, died June 10. Survivors include his brothers, Leonard Deveaux; Louis K. Deveaux; and Michael Deveaux; sisters, Eugene Cox and Moses Eva James; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial services 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



CLARENCE E. MGLASHAN, 80, chef, died June 8. Final rites in St. Catherine, Jamaica.



Eric S. George

CYNTHIA BROWN, died June 4. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Cooper City Church of God.



MR. STACIEO. ROBINSON, died June 1. Service 5 p.m., Friday in the chapel.

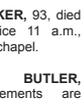


Hall Ferguson Hewitt

MARY JANE FARRAR BROWN, 83, housewife, died June 11 in Macon, Ga. Services were held.



LEROY WALKER, 93, died June 13. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



CLARICE BUTLER, 92. Arrangements are incomplete.

CARL MAX MICHELET CASSI, 21. Arrangements are incomplete.

Range-Coconut Grove

MARILYN ANNETTE KNOX, 64, legal secretary, died June 14 at Baptist Hospital. Viewing 5-7 p.m., Friday at Sweet Home Baptist Church of Perrine. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at the church.



Wright and Young

GERALDINE MIXON, 75, dry cleaning, died June 9. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.



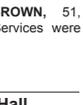
TAVARES POLLYDORE, 32, laborer, died June 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Way Fellowship Baptist Church.



SHIRLEY PARMER MOSS GORDON, 60, clerk, died June 17. Arrangements are incomplete.



ANNITIA BROWN, 51, died June 3. Services were held.



M. A. Hall

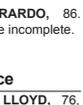
KIRK A. HERRING, SR., 49, laborer, died June 5. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at McNolia Park Church of Christ.



DOROTHY HUGGINS, 83, administrative officer, died June 15. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



PAMELA GERARDO, 86. Arrangements are incomplete.



Grace

HAROLD R. LLOYD, 76, entrepreneur, died June 13. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ELIZABETH DAVIS, 93, daycare owner, died June 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

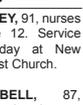


CLIFFORD STEWART, 67, meter man died June 17. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at First Baptist of Bunche Park.

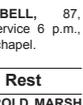


Nakia Ingraham

ELIZA BRADLEY, 91, nurses aide, died June 12. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Macedonia Baptist Church.



INA CAMPBELL, 87, died June 7. Service 6 p.m., Thursday in the chapel.



Eternal Rest

PASTOR HAROLD MARSH, 82, died June 17. Memorial service 6 p.m., Thursday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville.



Range-Homestead

LORINE B. CLAYTON, 76, certified nursing assistant, died June 12 at home. Viewing 5-7 p.m., Friday at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Perrine. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Covenant Missionary Baptist Church of Florida City.



Mitchell - Orlando, FL

RONALD BERNARD PLUMMER, 61, emergency manager, died June 21 at Florida Hospital Apopka. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Majestic Life Ministries, Inc Orlando, FL.



Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

PAULINE FLEMMINGS, 53, nursing assistant, died June 10 at Jackson Hospital North. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Church of God of Prophecy.



MELLONESE MOULTRY, 86, homemaker, died June 18 at West Broward Rehabilitation. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at First Baptist Church of Bunche Park.



FELIX F MARTINEZ RICO, 78, retired, died June 13 at home. Services were held.



VIOLA W JOHNSON, 85, retired, died June 9 at Memorial Hospital. Services were held.

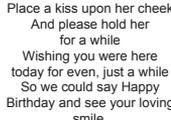


Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



CLAUDINA GONZALEZ 06/15/1937 - 07/02/2008
Lord tell Claudina we love and miss her
And when she turns and smiles
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And please hold her for a while
Wishing you were here today for even, just a while
So we could say Happy Birthday and see your loving smile.
From Your Loving Family



Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



EVELYN JOHNSON 06/22/1944 - 05/08/2016
We think of you always but especially today. You will never be forgotten although you are gone away.
Your memory is a keep-sake with which we never part.
God has you in His keeping we have you in our heart.
From your loving children, Lynette, Lisa, Verle, Sr., Craig, Sr.; grandchildren, great grandchildren and daughter-in-law, LaToya Brown.



Dorothy Cotton (1930 - 2018), civil rights pioneer

Dorothy Cotton, civil rights pioneer and MLK colleague, dies at age 88

She was a top official at Southern Christian Leadership Conference

JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dorothy Cotton, who worked closely with the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., taught nonviolence to demonstrators before marches and sometimes calmed tensions by singing church hymns, has died. She was 88.

Cotton died Sunday afternoon at the Kendal at Ithaca retirement community in New York, said Jared Harrison, a close friend who was at her bedside. Harrison said she had battled illnesses recently but didn't specify a cause of death.

Cotton was among a small number of women in leadership positions at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the civil rights era, and she led the Atlanta-based civil rights group's Citizenship Education Program.

"She had a beautiful voice, and when things got tense, Dorothy was the one who would start up a song to relieve the tension," said Xerxona Clayton, who was King's office manager in Atlanta and organized protest marches and fundraisers. "She had such a calming influence in her personality," Clayton added. "She had a personality that would lend itself to people listening to her."

Cotton became one of King's closest colleagues and worked at the SCLC for more than a decade.

Cotton also commanded respect from her male counterparts within the group, said Bernard Lafayette Jr., a long-time civil rights leader who is now chairman of the SCLC's national board.

When King and others ventured to parts of the Deep South that had a reputation for violence against

Blacks, Cotton was fearless, Lafayette recalled in an interview.

"She was very courageous," Lafayette said. "She never hesitated."

Cotton remained active in civil rights and education after King's death, later serving as an administrator at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

During a commemoration of King's death in 1993, Cotton said that people need to take responsibility for carrying on the mission of racial equality.

"Rosa Parks didn't wait to see what everybody else was doing. She just did it," Cotton said of the woman who inspired the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycotts by refusing to give her seat to a white man. "We should ask ourselves what we're doing. It starts with ourselves, our families and our churches."

Cotton was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She and her three sisters were raised by her father after her mother died when she was very young, according to Cotton's online biography at the Dorothy Cotton Institute. She attended Shaw University in Raleigh before earning a bachelor's degree in English and library science at Virginia State College in 1955. She earned a master's degree in Speech Therapy from Boston University in 1960.

She met King when he preached at the church she attended in Petersburg, Virginia, and was invited shortly thereafter to join the staff at the SCLC.

Harrison, who worked with Cotton at Cornell while she served as director of student activities, said a small private burial and larger public memorial were being planned in Ithaca but that details hadn't been finalized.



Dorothy Cotton Institute

Dorothy Cotton worked alongside SCLC leaders including Hosea Williams, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young, James Bevel and Bernard Lafayette.