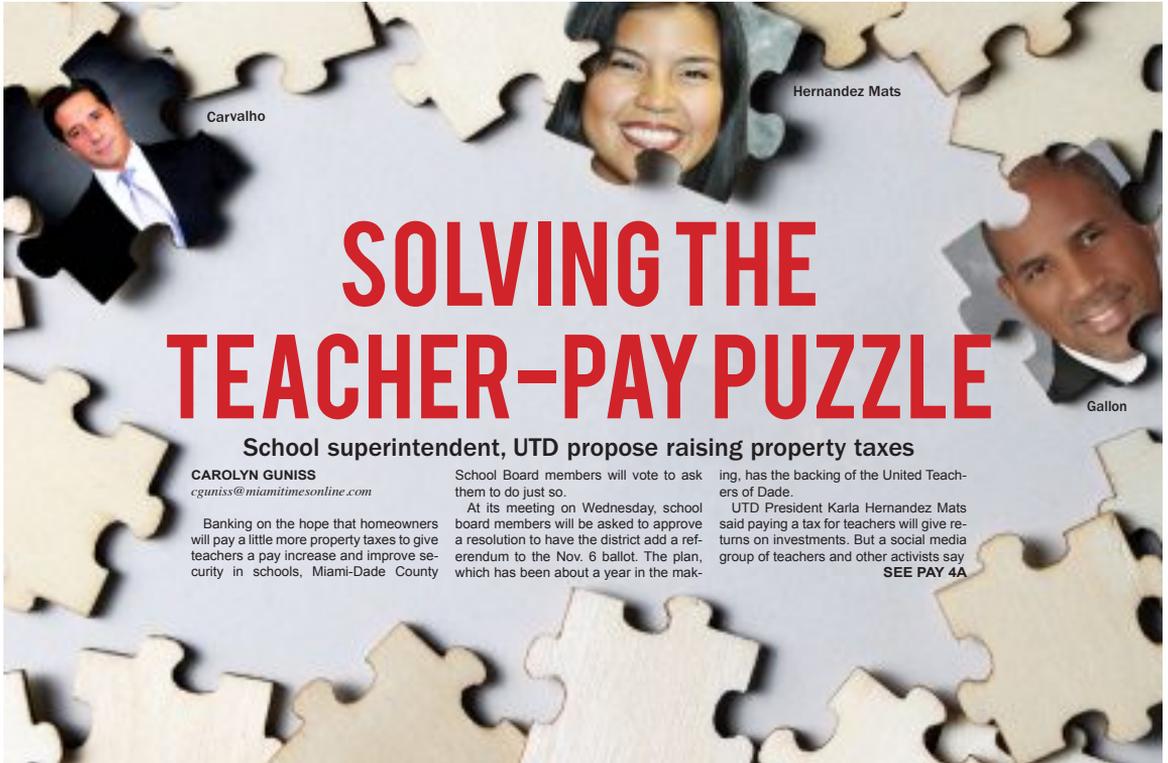


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SOLVING THE TEACHER-PAY PUZZLE

School superintendent, UTD propose raising property taxes

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Banking on the hope that homeowners will pay a little more property taxes to give teachers a pay increase and improve security in schools, Miami-Dade County

School Board members will vote to ask them to do just so.

At its meeting on Wednesday, school board members will be asked to approve a resolution to have the district add a referendum to the Nov. 6 ballot. The plan, which has been about a year in the mak-

ing, has the backing of the United Teachers of Dade.

UTD President Karla Hernandez Mats said paying a tax for teachers will give returns on investments. But a social media group of teachers and other activists say

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Living wage ordinance gets another look

The board to make final vote on July 24

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The Miami-Dade County Commission has made the first move to extend the county's living wage ordinance to concession workers at Miami International Airport.

Commissioners last Tuesday unanimously approved the measure at its first reading. Xavier Suarez was away tending to family matters.

These airport concession jobs are subcontracted by different hiring companies, not directly associated with airlines or MIA. The new proposal would allow concession workers whose employers lease space at the airport to be paid the county's living wage.

The board will make a final vote on July 24.

Currently, the airport's concession workers make around \$8.25 an hour and many of them have to work more than

one job to make ends meet. The county's living wage mandates that county employees make \$12 to \$15, depending on health benefits.

District 12 Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz agrees that previous attempts to pass the living wage ordinance were too vast. The language of the ordinance needed to be narrowed down specifically for concession workers.

In May, Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Giménez vetoed a law that would have required

all county tenants to pay their employees \$15 an hour. He said passing such a law was bad policy and would hurt the economy in the long run.

This time around, some commissioners who voted against the item in the past, said they would support a living wage ordinance specifically for airport concession workers, explained District 1

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Barbara Jordan



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Members of 32BJ SEIU rally outside of the Stephen P. Clark building in support of the proposed extension of Miami-Dade County's living wage ordinance.

Millan resigns amid racism fallout

Black legal advocates' voices heard

K. BARRETT BILALI
Miami Times Contributor

In the case of Millan v. the people of Miami-Dade County, there was no trial, no defense, no prosecution, nor jury. And now, there is no judge.

Eleventh Circuit Court Judge Stephen Millan decided on Friday to resign from

the bench after evidence showed he used racist comments to describe a defendant in a case over which he was presiding.

But Millan was facing other ethics violation and controversies.

In addition to making racist comments, which he has never denied saying, Millan was also cited for holding

what is called ex parte conversations.

"When discussing a case pending before you, opposing counsel has to be there," said Loreal Arcscott, an active member and officer of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association. "You can't just talk to one party without talking to the other. A judge is prohibited from discussing the facts of the case with either

party.

So it was "definitely a combination of the two" ethics violations that forced Millan to resign, Arcscott said.

Arcscott said there was a third point, which has not been reported as well. In an analysis of his sentencing record, Millan's history also showed he sentenced Blacks to longer

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FEMA needs to do better

A report by the Federal Emergency Management Agency has now confirmed, in brutal detail, what has long been evident: Its response to the killer hurricanes that struck Puerto Rico last fall was chaotic and tragically inadequate.

Ten days after Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico, and the island lay devastated, President Trump callously tweeted that the residents "want everything to be done for them." So it is to FEMA's credit that the agency has publicly acknowledged the disorganization and the woeful shortage of basic supplies and personnel that contributed to the havoc from which the island still suffers. It took days for the first barge of food and water to reach the island.

Frances Robles's Times article about the report makes for chilling reading considering that Hurricanes Irma and Maria destroyed 70,000 homes, left 3.3 million people without power and may have led to more than 4,500 deaths, often because of a lack of medical services. Thousands of Puerto Ricans still lack shelter or power, and tens of thousands are still unable to return from refuge in the states.

Yet amid another hurricane season, blame is less important than learning from failures. Last year's storms were the most destructive on record, and climate change promises worse to come. As Kirstjen Nielsen, the secretary of Homeland Security, correctly said, the after-action report "provides a transformative road map for how we respond to future catastrophic incidents."

Among other things, wrote Brock Long, the FEMA administrator, all levels of government and individual families need to be much better prepared, especially in areas hard to reach in the immediate aftermath of a great storm. FEMA must take into account not only the logistical problems of dealing with devastation on islands like Puerto Rico, but also the possibility of multiple simultaneous disasters. When Hurricane Maria struck on Sept. 20, FEMA was already coping with the damage of Hurricane Irma in Florida, Texas and the U. S. Virgin Islands.

All of that is evident in the report, and should be acted on promptly by federal and local governments. There can be no excuse next time for the sort of incompetence and chaos that marked FEMA's work on Puerto Rico. But there is another lesson that does not figure into FEMA's account.

Many mainland Americans persist in regarding Puerto Ricans as second-class citizens. The condescension with which Puerto Rico is too often held was clearly behind President Trump's downplaying the disaster and his complaints about the cost, and most likely behind the radically underreported casualties.

When the next killer storms strike, and they will, all Americans should be secure in the knowledge that their government, local and federal, will be there ready and able to help.

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Another assault on the Black press

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Amid the rush to comprehend the ramifications of a full-scale international trade war initiated by the errant and backward tariff policies of the Trump Administration, there are results of the tariffs that need to be challenged by Black America. The financial sustainability of the Black Press of America is now facing a catastrophic and a possible deadly impact, because of these new tariffs.

The current dispute over the rising costs of the paper product termed "newsprint," because of tariffs on Canadian newsprint threatens the future of member publishers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and could further isolate and disenfranchise Black businesses and communities in cities and towns across the United States.

Import duties the U.S. Commerce Department is now applying to Canadian-made

newsprint is already increasing costs enough to prompt layoffs and scaled-back news coverage by some of the nation's major dailies and weekly publications. If these tariffs remain in place, scores of newspapers with smaller circulations, notably those that serve Black communities, could be forced to cease publishing a print edition or close altogether.

During the past 91 years, the Black Press has survived, endured and overcome past firebombing and improvised explosive attacks, as well as other deadly manifestations of racial disparity. The newsprint tariffs appear to have been put in place by the Trump Administration after being encouraged by the interests of a single paper mill in Washington State called NORPAC.

NORPAC argues that Canadian government policies give Canadian paper producers an unfair advantage in the U.S.

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market. NORPAC says the added duties, or tariffs, at the border are protecting it. NORPAC can fight for its self-interest but the U.S. government has an obligation to consider the impact the tariffs are having on the nation as a whole, and in particular the impact on African American owned newspapers and businesses.

We forthrightly oppose the Trump tariffs on newsprint and demand an end to the disastrous trade policies that are hurting our businesses and communities.

Given that newsprint and labor account for most of the cost of running a newspaper, it is easy to see how jacking up the price of newsprint by more than 30 percent could spell the difference between these publications eking out a modest profit or going out of business. Around 2,000 newspapers have closed or morphed into something else in the last 15 years.

Our newspapers are the lifeblood for our communities.

If there was ever a time when the country needed a range of authentic and "trusted" outlets to share news and perspectives, it is today. In today's world, the newspapers that serve African American communities will continue to play a crucial role.



This will not be a 'sundown' country

RENEE GRAHAM, The Boston Globe

We see you.

When the video corroborating your racism goes viral, you'll be rebranded with a hashtag both hilarious and shaming. You will likely lose your job because your employer will recognize that employing a known bigot is bad for business. You'll offer some pained by-the-book apology claiming that the person seen on television and social media millions of times does not at all represent the person you are.

Of course, you know better. The snarling white person who calls the police on a Black child selling water, Black teens at a pool, or Black people having a barbecue in a public park is exactly who you are.

You will not make America a "sundown" country.

After the Civil War, white officials and residents established sundown towns, where Black people within its borders were warned not to "let the sun set on them." That meant

they needed to be gone before nightfall. It was a means of controlling, though intimidation and violence, Black lives. In various eras, those rules would also be imposed on Jews, Mexicans, and Japanese-Americans.

Every time a white person calls the police on an innocent person of color, they are giving rise to new sundown rules, except these occur any time of the day.

An Ohio woman called the police after Black boy accidentally mowed part of her lawn. Police in Oregon responded to a report of a "suspicious person" who turned out to be a Black state legislator canvassing her district. In Oakland, a Black firefighter conducting a routine fire prevention inspection was suspected of "criminal activity." Harkening back to the Jim Crow era, several recent racist incidents have occurred at public pools.

Black folks can't even bury their dead. After a mourner

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We see you. There are cellphones and social media accounts to expose you. Your actions will not go unchallenged.
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accidentally knocked over a chalice, a Maryland priest ordered everyone to "get the hell out of my church." This time, it was the family who called the police — to help them move the casket of their deceased mother to another location.

And these are just the incidents we've heard about.

Here's what astounds me. White folks harassing people of color know that they're being taped — and they still don't care. They're so con-

vinced that police exist to protect and serve them alone that they can only envision an outcome where a Black or brown person is hauled away in handcuffs. Given the lethal consequences that can occur when police interact with people of color, 911 calls have been weaponized.

These callers are aping the actions of President Trump, who has drawn hard lines about who does and doesn't belong here. Making America great again will never mean embracing this nation's shifting racial and ethnic demographics amid a dwindling white population.

But we see you. There are cellphones and social media accounts to expose you. Your actions will not go unchallenged. And like #PermitPatty, #IDAdam, and #BBQBecky, the world will see exactly who you are and what happens when racism compels you to disturb someone else's peace.



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Trump administration kidnaps kids

EUGENE ROBINSON, The Washington Post

The Trump administration's kidnapping — that's the proper word — of the children of would-be migrants should be seen as an ongoing criminal conspiracy. Somebody ought to go to jail.

Under a federal court order, all 103 children under the age of 5 who were taken from their families at the border were supposed to be returned by last Tuesday. The government missed that deadline, and I wish U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw, who issued the order, had held somebody in contempt. One candidate would be Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who on Tuesday had the gall to describe the administration's treatment of immigrant children as "one of the great acts of American generosity and charity."

On Thursday, officials announced with fanfare that 57 of the kids — some still in diapers

— had been returned to their parents. But 46 others were deemed "ineligible," meaning they remain in government custody.

The reasons for failing to comply fully with Sabraw's order sound reasonable, unless you take into account the bad faith with which the administration has conducted this whole sordid exercise. In 22 cases, officials had "safety concerns" posed by the adults in question, presumably the parents; in 12 cases, parents have already been deported; in 11 cases, parents are in federal or state custody; and in one case, an adult believed to be the child's parent cannot be found.

In a joint statement, Azar, along with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, took credit for working "tirelessly" to reunite the children with their families —

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which is rich, given that the Trump administration deliberately and cynically created this crisis in the first place.

Given that the intention from the beginning was clearly to frighten and intimidate would-be migrants from Central America, why should anyone believe that the administration is acting or speaking in

good faith now? Why should we accept at face value that exactly 103 children under 5 were seized? How can we be sure there is only one case in which officials can't find or identify the parents? Given that it has taken weeks to return just 57 children, what is the likelihood the government kept adequate records?

And what about the children older than 5 who were taken from their families? Sabraw ordered that they be returned to their parents by July 26, but don't hold your breath. We don't even know how many there are, because the government doesn't seem to know. Officials first gave the number as about 2,300, but the latest estimate is nearly 3,000.

I don't think they know how many kids they ripped away from their families, and I believe it is inevitable some children will never again see their parents.



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Wells Fargo is helping empower students for their futures

Thandi Moses has always had clear plans for her future. As a high school student in Rochester, New York, she knew she wanted to go to a historically black college or university. Now that she's a student at an HBCU, she plans on attending an Ivy League law school after she earns her bachelor's degree.

"I want to go to school with people who want to succeed," Moses said. "It empowers you."

Thandi Moses applied and was accepted to Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, during UNCF's Empower Me Tour in 2007.

But as a high school student, she wondered how she would adjust to college life and the curriculum, so she attended United Negro College Fund's Empower Me Tour in Rochester, New York, in 2017 to find out more about college opportunities. There, she learned about Florida Memorial University — which she applied to and was accepted at during the event — Tusculum University, and North Carolina A&T University, and she even received one of five \$5,000 scholarships from UNCF, the largest scholarship granting organization for students of color. Today, Moses is a freshman at Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, majoring in law and government with a minor in business administration.

With support from UNCF, Najia Culhan, a senior at Calhoun University in Huntsville, Alabama, is working to complete her undergraduate studies.

The Empower Me Tour travels to colleges and universities nationwide,

providing free information about financial education, college and career readiness, college completion, and self-empowerment for high school students; college students, alumni, and administration; parents; educators; and the community. High school student participants have the opportunity to attend HBCU workshops with speakers, presenters, and recruiters, who typically offer acceptance and academic scholarships on the spot.

"There are three big things that students take away from the tour, starting with how to think of themselves and the set of experiences they have for a career," said Larry Griffith, senior vice president for Programs and Student Services for UNCF. "Often, students aren't able to associate their particular major with what might be out there for them in the world, so we help them think that through. The second thing we do is give them tools so that they can take their knowledge, ready themselves for interviews, and make things pop on their resumes. The third thing we do is give them a chance to practice. We put them in front of professionals who will look at their resumes and conduct mock interviews so they can receive feedback in a low-risk environment. The students come away thinking about what their opportunities are, are able to explore their opportunities, and put everything into practice."

The Empower Me Tour was created in 2008 by founding sponsor Wells Fargo, and the company continues to provide financial support and volunteers. It

provides \$1 million each year for UNCF's programs and scholarships, and Wells Fargo team members regularly volunteer at events like the Empower Me Tour, monitoring attendees, teaching financial capabilities, and serving on local UNCF boards. In 2007, 133 team members volunteered about 250 hours with UNCF.

Dewey Norwood, relationship manager for Wells Fargo's Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations, said it's important to provide students with guidance about college and their careers. "If you help them, they're going to want to come back and help the next generation," he said. "They are going to come back to their campuses. They are going to remember that person from Wells Fargo. They may not remember our names, but they are going to say, 'hey I met somebody from Wells Fargo who helped me build my credit,' or 'I was on a Wells Fargo webinar, and they told me the importance of building good relationships.' All of those pieces come to be a great reward long term."

Even though she is just starting her college career, Moses already plans to come back and share her story with younger students. She hopes to inspire others to take advantage of the opportunities UNCF and the Empower Me Tour provide.

"The Empower Me Tour can help people realize what they actually want to do in life and provide you with what you need," Moses said. "I would encourage all students to go to the Empower Me Tour, receive information, and get forth your best effort."

Wells Fargo ups donations to more than \$1 Billion a day to charities

Wells Fargo & Company last year continued to invest in communities across the country through its philanthropy and volunteerism, donating more than \$286.5 million in 2017 to more than 14,200 nonprofits, the company announced.

The company's plan to target \$200 million in donations to nonprofits and community organizations in 2018 is an increase of approximately 40 percent from 2017. Wells Fargo already is one of the top corporate cash donors, ranking first among financial institutions and third among all U.S. companies in a 2016 report (most recent ranking) by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

"We understand the important role we play in helping our communities, so we will continue to identify additional opportunities where Wells Fargo can make a difference," CEO, Tim Sloan said. "Wells Fargo's increased philanthropy will have a positive effect on the causes and communities we support and further enhance our Corporate Social Responsibility efforts, which will continue to focus on advancing diversity and social inclusion, creating economic opportunities in underserved communities, and accelerating the transition to a lower-carbon economy and a healthier planet."

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Wells Fargo employees volunteered a record of 5,500 hours per day

In addition to corporate donations, Wells Fargo's team members volunteered a record 5.5 million hours in 2017, valued at \$41 million (source — Independence Sector), which included 182,228 hours of service on 3,479 nonprofit boards supporting community revitalization and resilience, homeownership, small business, food insecurity, and other global challenges. During the company's annual employee giving campaign, more than 62,200 team members pledged \$87 million in 2017 to 40,000 nonprofits. As a result, United Way Worldwide named the company's workplace giving campaign No. 1 in the U.S. for the ninth consecutive year.

"We couldn't be more proud of our Wells Fargo team members who, year after year, exhibit selfless commitment to strengthening the communities we serve and enriching the lives of others," said Wells Fargo President and CEO Timothy J. Sloan. "We honor the volunteerism, determination, and leadership of our team members, who are the cornerstone of our efforts to build a better bank for all communities. Their generosity underscores one of our company's most important core values and inspires the investments in communities across the country that we will continue to make."

"We're grateful to Wells Fargo and its team members for their growing investment and commitment to building stronger communities," said Brian Gallagher, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide. "Whether it's volunteer financial coaching, charitable giving through their workplace campaigns, helping to fight hunger or supporting new job opportunities, Wells Fargo is leading across the board to make a difference in every community across America."

Wells Fargo commits \$3.5 million to increase financial capability across U.S.

Tyrell Jackson was at a low point four years ago. In Chicago's Cook County Jail for a fourth time, she was struggling with substance abuse, had no job, a limited education, terrible credit, and was burdened with debt — she didn't even have a bank account. Caught in a painful cycle that was destroying her family, she resolved to change.

"I wanted to start my life over," said Jackson. "I just needed a little help with my beginning."

The Wells Fargo Financial Capability Grant program focuses on helping people, like Jackson, who are facing destabilizing economic challenges. Started in 2017, the program's grants help people from diverse populations who are underserved by connecting them to income supports and financial training.

The program has just awarded \$3.5 million to two nonprofits with thoughtful and focused financial capability programs — the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund.

The Wells Fargo grants will provide \$1 million funding for the CFE Fund and \$2.5 million funding for LISC financial capability programs in a total of 25 U.S. cities and regions over three years.

"All of the cities we are working with demonstrated that they are looking to make financial empowerment front-and-center in the work they are doing," said Tamara Lindoo, a principal at the CFE Fund. "The long-term vision is to create a permanent hub for this work, to help make sure it is sustainable."

City leaders collaborate with CFE Fund partners to open Financial Empowerment Centers, or FECs, for their residents. At FECs, professionally trained counselors help consumers with low and moderate incomes manage their finances, pay down debt,

increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. The FEC model integrates counseling into other social services, including housing and homelessness prevention, workforce development, prisoner reentry, benefits access, domestic violence services, and more. First piloted in New York City under Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in 2008, the FECs are a proven success — about 80,000 consumers have reduced individual debt by almost \$24 million and increased their families' savings by about \$12 million. A recent CFE Fund analysis showed that this program works even for residents with very low incomes and other complex financial challenges.

"Offering financial counseling as a public service, through local governments, helps stabilize struggling households and communities. Local leaders know the importance of helping families and neighborhoods build financial stability and make better use of social services," said Jonathan Mints, president and CEO of the CFE Fund.

Wells Fargo's grant to LISC will strengthen and expand the Financial Opportunity Center, or FOC, model across 15 target markets. Working through local nonprofit nationwide since 2006, FOCs offer services including employment and career counseling, one-on-one financial coaching and education, and connect individuals with low-cost financial products that help build credit, savings and assets. FOCs also have a financial education component that provides participants with foundational reading and math skills that they need in order to get into job training programs that can lead to higher paying, living-wage careers.

"Promoting talent exists in all our communities, and we have to invest to

help people realize their full potential. That's where POCs come in," said LISC CEO Maurice A. Jones. "By connecting people to the tools they need, they can compete for the quality jobs that employees most ill in income and grow. They'll be able to earn more, save more and access life-changing opportunities for themselves and their families."

During a conversation with her parole officer, Jackson found out about a local Financial Opportunity Center housed at Chicago's Jane Addams Resource Corporation, a nonprofit local community resource center. The FOC helped Jackson find additional education opportunities and get her into a job placement program. After she successfully landed her welding job, Jackson continued to receive guidance from a financial coach. She created a budget, reduced her medical debts, and established credit.

Mike River, head of Wells Fargo Community Relations, said results like Jackson's are the goal.

"We are very excited to be working to help build strong and resilient communities by improving the financial capability of American families," River said. "We take our responsibility to the communities we serve very seriously, and with the help of organizations like LISC and the CFE Fund, we will continue to invest in community-based programs that address critical needs at the local level."

"Now addition- and debt-free with a solid credit score and a path to a career, Jackson said one of the keys to her transformation was getting a financial plan.

"I am very focused now that I've started my life over," she said. "I want to do my very, very best. So whatever it takes — I say, 'Put me in, coach!'"

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raising property taxes is not the way to go.

If school board members pass the resolution, voters will see a question about paying more property taxes to give teachers a raise as well as improve safety at schools.

All eligible voters can vote for the ballot measure, not just homeowners. Voters will pay about .75 cents per \$1,000 of the Miami Dade County Property Appraiser assessed value of their home. So if the assessed value of a home is \$200,000, at .75 mills, a homeowner will pay about \$150 per year extra in property taxes. If passed, the tax levy would begin July 1, 2019 and last up to four years, Hernandez Mats said the union has studied the school board budget, and don't see another way. It also evaluated the recommendations of the school systems' Teacher Salary Tax Force. And with the Florida legislature allotting .47 cents per student to the largest school district in the state, she believes the district is doing remarkable with little.

"I would be happy increasing my taxes so that my colleagues could get what they need," Hernandez Mats

said. "Teachers should not be forced to work side gigs during the summer or take multiple jobs," she said.

Hernandez Mats said the blame falls squarely in the lap of the state representatives, who are not advocating for the needs of Miami-Dade schools.

"We need to get better reps and senators to give the support we need in Tallahassee," she said. "The state legislature continues to underfund our schools."

Hernandez Mats, who represents about 30,000 workers in education, from teachers to substitutes to para-professionals, will assemble 100 Miami-Dade County Public School teachers to host a meeting in front of the Miami-Dade County School Board auditorium, a statement released late Tuesday said. Hernandez Mats will speak about the referendum before the start of the school board meeting.

School board member Steve Gallon III had filed an item in January asking that board members explore ways to give teachers a raise. Gallon said there had been a lot of discussion about teacher pay, but no tangible action. He is tired of waiting on Tallahassee to support teacher compensation. He is quick to say he did not suggest raising taxes as a solution.

"After being elected, I had

grown fatigued around the continued discussions around teacher salaries and what the state should be doing but wasn't," Gallon said. "I have always felt that the greatest strength a person or entity has is its own, individual effort. So, I filed board item H-6 to not simply talk but collectively act as a board and community to begin the process to identify local solutions to improve the salaries of teachers and employees."

The resolution was released last Wednesday by Alberto Carvalho, superintendent of the school system, but was revised by mid-day Thursday to remove funding "innovative programs" and to add that there will be oversight of the dollars, which could total more than \$700 million over the four years.

The "innovative programs" wording set off a firestorm of social media comments and a stern rebuke from school board members who said they did not approve "innovative programs."

"Funding innovative programs is a laudable endeavor but requires a different conversation and increased level of clarity," wrote Gallon in a text message, who was at a national school boards conference in Virginia. "Presently, the clarity doesn't exist because the

conversation in the context of teacher salaries wasn't thoroughly held by the Task Force or the Board."

Late Tuesday, readers on social media continued to share their thoughts on the proposal to raise taxes to pay teachers more.

"How about we cut the politicians salary to give the teachers a pay increase? Raise taxes for teachers who pay taxes!!! That's an oxymoron!" Heather Bryant posted on *The Miami Times'* Facebook page.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Miami-Dade schools has to comply with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, passed in the last legislative session, and add an armed officer to all elementary schools.

The state allotted \$10 million for the new school resource officers. According to Miami-Dade school system's spokeswoman Daisy Gonzalo-Diego, board members will discuss and approve allocations at the July 25 meeting, but she expects that "\$2 million of that goes to charter schools. An additional \$2 million will go toward hiring additional officers. The plan would be for the remaining \$6 million to go toward assisting municipalities, including the county, with the placing of officers in our schools."

"Dealing with this in 2018, means that there is something wrong and needs to be addressed," said Randolph.

But instead of being bitter, Randolph wants the Black community to look at this situation as a "teachable moment."

"When members of the community come together and let it be known how they feel about certain issues, and let it be known that this is not acceptable, change will actually happen," said Randolph.

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terms than others who appeared before him.

Pressure mounted as the community and organizations petitioned for Millan's removal from office. Among those calling for adverse action against Millan was a consortium of Black bar associations.

Arscott's group, Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, joined ranks with the Haitian Lawyers Association, the Caribbean Bar Association, Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Associa-

tion, TJ Reddick Bar Association and the National Black Prosecutors Association.

"I am not sure we can take all the credit," said Arscott, who serves as an assistant city attorney for Miami Gardens. "But we did definitely come together as a collective when we were first informed of his comments. We quickly unified."

This was not the first time that the Black bar associations came together to affect change.

In 2015, they came together to form the Judicial Diversity Initiative, which advocates for more diversity on the bench. At the time, Black judges were few and far between in the tri-county of South Florida: Broward, Palm Beach or Miami-Dade.

"The numbers were dismal," said Arscott. "We have been working tirelessly to change that."

Working together, members of the Judicial Diversity Initiative in May signed a joint statement May 24 asking the Judicial Qualifications Commission to take disciplinary action against Millan.

"We are not happy this process had to be taken," said Trelvis Randolph, outgoing president of the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association. "But we were satisfied that there was a process to ad-

dress this issue. We want to have some better standards when our judicial system is being looked at."

Randolph explained that initially Millan was basically given a slap on the wrist. If it had not been for the public outcry and the concerted efforts of the Judicial Diversity Initiative, Millan would have been on the bench hearing cases within a few months.

But the Florida Supreme Court had to approve the action by the Judicial Quali-



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City Commission to try stadium vote — again

Unanswered questions lead to deferment on MLS soccer

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It was way into the evening and Miami commissioners still had not come to a decision about whether to ask city residents to sell their last golf course to David Beckham and the Mas brothers. The partnership wants to build a village for a Major League Soccer team.

"Do the people of Miami really want MLS in their community? And do they want it at Melreese Park?" asked District 5 commissioner and chairman, Keon Hardemon.

That was last Thursday. By the time the meeting disbanded, commissioners deferred their vote to add to the Nov. 6 ballot, the sale of Melreese Country Club. The commissioners will convene again Wednesday, July 18 to vote for the measure.

The deferment comes after the commission decided it needed more time to rectify certain parts of the proposed deal. Concerns over the cleaning of contaminated soil, replacement of lost park space and whether workers would receive a living wage among other factors, promoted the pause. Beckham, MasTec executive and Miami MLS Expansion ownership partner Jorge Mas and city commissioners will continue to amend the language and clarify aspects of the proposal prior to Wednesday's commission vote.

The public had relatively little time to learn about the stadium deal — about three days.

Mas on July 8 unveiled his vision for Miami Freedom Park, described as a "world-class soccer village and technology hub" on Instagram. The privately funded project will involve the redevelopment of Melreese Country

Club into an all-inclusive, 73-acre complex that will house a 25,000-seat soccer stadium, restaurants, hotels, retail and office space, as well as a golf course. The proposed project could take \$1 billion to complete. It's reported that the group will pay \$4 to \$5 million in annual rent to the city, as well as an estimated \$44 million in state, county, city and school board taxes. The project could begin construction as early as 2020 if approved by the commission and voters.

Jorge Perez, founder of the Related Group, a development firm rebuilding Liberty Square, recently spoke against the deal, comparing it to the Marlins Stadium fiasco. He cited concerns with Beckham's low-proposed rent and lack of community input, according to an email sent to Miami Commissioner Ken Russell. He asked the commissioner why the city is rushing to close the deal and why it has not hired an appraiser to determine the property's fair market value.

At the meeting, commissioners heard from those who wanted the stadium.

Jurgen Mainka, deputy general secretary of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association of Football, was among those who support the Miami Freedom Park Project. CONCACAF, based in Miami, manages the sport of soccer in 41 different countries, from North America to the Caribbean.

"Our interest is to see the sport grow," he said. "To see investment like this, in infrastructure, that will allow more kids to play the game, is something which is right in line with what we want to do."

But many citizens do not want to see the Melreese golf course renovated into an

elaborate entertainment complex. Some say the First Tee program that teaches underserved children golf needs its home.

"We are not against soccer," said Anita McGruder, who showed up in support of protecting the golf course. "Many kids benefit from the golf course; they learn character development through golf, and the city just wants to give this land away."

Supporters of the golf course, like McGruder, are open to the idea of having a new sports team in the city but do not like the current plans to house the team.

The MLS team for a few years has been looking for a site for a soccer stadium. Beckham made a \$450,000 deposit on a piece of land in Overtown near Culmer housing projects, but that land is tied up in litigation.

Mas said he asked many of his employees who live in Overtown and some residents if they want a stadium in their midst, and he said he found no appetite for it. He got involved in the project when asked by MLS.

Mas also did not like that the title for the Overtown site isn't clear. He said he would have never got involved in a deal that the people didn't want.

"That is why we are putting the Melreese sale to the voters," Mas said.

The proposed deal will be revised and presented to the board on Wednesday.

Hardemon last Thursday said everyone who can vote should be given a right to do so.

"I want to give the people that live in this community an opportunity to vote on this project," Hardemon said. "The only thing I am interested in is what the residents feel about what should go there."



Jorge Mas/Twitter

A newly released rendering of Freedom Park.

STREET Talk

COMPILED BY JAYDA HALL, *digital@miamitimesonline.com*

How do you feel about raising property taxes in order to give teachers a pay increase?



DAPHANIE LAWSON, 46
Miami



DEBRA JENKINS, 42
North Lauderdale



RICHARD DAVIS, 55
Miami

The government should raise the tax money they make off lottery to compensate teachers. Raised taxes place burdens on low-income taxpayer payers. Raising taxes will increase, in my opinion, more foreclosure, and potentially homeowners losing their homes altogether. It's pricey and a bad idea.

Folks have a hard time paying their mortgage, let alone property taxes at the end of each year. I am all for teacher's getting a pay increase because it is long overdue. We live in a country where mainly every other profession other than education is receiving a decent pay.

No! I disagree with taxes being raised through property taxes. There should be other ways of funding so teachers can get a pay increase.



CELESTE JENS, 28
Miami



MAYRA VEGA, 27
Miami



URIAL BURROWS, 67
Miami

Property taxes are already high. Teachers are not the only ones that need a pay increase.

It wouldn't be fair. Why should it come from the homeowner? Isn't a portion of the homeowner's property taxes already going to the school district?

They get enough money from the lotto; they get enough money from property taxes. Teachers are doing all that they can and much more and coming out of their pockets to buy school supplies, but why are they asking about raising property taxes to pay teachers more money? No! You don't keep going to the well trying to get water."



Tensions rise as both sides support their opinions respectively.



Photos courtesy of New Florida Majority

The New Florida Majority hosts a meeting of community and voting rights leaders with former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. and his National Democratic Redistricting Committee on July 11 in Miami.

Holder in Miami to address election redistricting

Former attorney general chairs committee to combat 200-year-old voting problem

K. BARRETT BILALI
Miami Times Contributor

Former Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. was in Miami Wednesday, visiting organizations in the lead up to the 2020 general election process.

He met with a group of representatives from local and statewide voting rights partners at the Miami office of the New Florida Majority. Holder served as Obama's Attorney General during most of his administration but was invited to speak at Wednesday's event in his role of chairman of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

"I hope you have all seen our video that's out today," said Holder, in his opening comments to the group. Many had already seen the video.

"I guess some of you follow me then," said Holder, which brought a few chuckles from the attendees.

The three-minute video

features President Barack Obama speaking to the issue of redistricting. Holder used Wisconsin and Virginia as states where Democrats beat Republicans with sometimes as much as 10 percent of the vote but suffered losses in representation because of how district lines were drawn.

"This is how parties gain more seats but by winning fewer votes," said President Obama in the video. "Which isn't fair."

"Politicians shouldn't pick their voters. Voters are supposed to pick their politicians. That's why I support former Attorney General Eric Holder in starting the National Democratic Redistricting Committee," said Obama.

The non-governmental and supposedly nonpartisan committee said it is "the first-ever strategic hub for a comprehensive redistricting strategy." It has a four-part strategy that includes "advancing legal



Gerrymandering, redistricting and voting suppression were among the topics discussed at a July 11 meeting with former Attorney General Eric Holder Jr.

action, mobilizing grassroots energy, supporting reforms, and winning targeted elections."

Holder led the group in an open discussion on redistricting, the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census, voter suppression and gerrymandering. All of these topics have historically had a negative impact on Blacks when it comes to voting rights and gaining a voice in state houses and the U.S. Congress.

Gerrymandering is a

has continued to date.

The U.S. Census, which is mandated in the Constitution, is completed every 10 years to determine how many representatives each state should have. Republicans are strongly advocating for only counting citizens and not undocumented immigrants who cannot vote.

"The census is about counting people, not citizens," said Holder.

Holder made it clear that Democrats need to change their strategy of simply dragging to the polls Black church members on the Sunday before Election Day to vote.

"We need to bring a whole new group of people to the polls," said Holder.

At the end of the discussion, the various groups pledged to do their part in keeping the redistricting issue in the minds of the communities they serve.

"This is a great start to an important discussion that strikes at the heart of what it should mean to hold free and fair elections in Florida," said

Mone Holder, senior program director for the New Florida Majority.

"We look forward to having Attorney General Holder and the NDRC as partners who want to invest in what needs to be done to make democracy work for everyone, not just powerful, monied interests or those who benefit from ridiculously gerrymandered seats."

Groups in attendance for the hour-long meeting included the ACLU, SEIU, State Voices, the FLIC Votes, Faith in Florida and the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation.

Earlier this year, when asked if he would consider running for president in 2020, Holder, the nation's 82nd attorney general, said he had given the idea some thought.

"Yes, I'm thinking about it, but I've not made any determinations," said Holder in an interview with MSNBC's Christopher Hayes in April.

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County Commissioner Barbara Jordan. During the first reading of the updated proposal, the majority of the commission board signed up as co-sponsors, including Diaz, she said.

Jordan and Diaz are hopeful the proposal will receive the majority of commission votes at the final reading.

Several groups were at the commission meeting demonstrating in support of improved economic conditions for service workers. More than 2,000 concession workers are expected to benefit if the pro-



Photo courtesy of Wendi Walsh

Unite Here Local 355 members in the commission chambers ready to voice their opinion in support of the proposed living wage ordinance for concession workers at MIA.

posal is approved.

Unite Here Local 305 represents many workers hoping for better pay and benefits. They cheered as the board made the unanimous decision to move the proposal forward to a final commission vote. Wendi Walsh, secretary and treasurer of Unite Here, is hopeful that the proposal will pass the vote on July 24.

"I do believe this [proposal] will pass," she said. "We want to make sure the living wage reaches actually the greatest amount of workers as a result of this."

Carlos Caballero, 24, represented by Unite Here Local 305, celebrated the board's decision. Both he and his wife work at the airport full time

and struggle to make ends meet at times.

"This proposal can change a lot of lives for the better," he said. "They will be able to live how they want to."

Ana Tinsly, spokesperson for 32BJ SEIU, the union representing passenger service workers at the airport, and

union members were at the board meeting in support of the concession workers. These union members already make the living wage.

"It's a huge issue because in recent years a lot of these jobs have worsened with little pay and no benefits," Tinsly said.

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Pallbearers leave the Church of God in Christ in Chicago with the casket of Emmett Till in September 1955.

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Official: Renewed Emmett Till probe

Justice Department will reopen 63-year-old lynching case of teen

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A 2017 book that revealed lies by a key figure in the Emmett Till case has prompted the U.S. government to renew its investigation into the brutal 1955 slaying, a federal official said Thursday.

The reopening of the case had stayed quiet until the contents of a federal report came to light earlier in the day. Till relatives and social justice activists welcomed a fresh look at the killing that shocked the country and stoked the civil rights movement, but acknowledged that the passage of time could hamper justice.

Hours after news broke about the renewed investigation, a federal official familiar with the matter told The Associated Press that information in the 2017 book was what led federal investigators to re-examine the case. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.

The book "The Blood of Emmett Till" by Timothy B. Tyson quotes a white woman, Carolyn Donham, as saying during a 2008 interview that she wasn't truthful when she testified that the Black teen grabbed her, whistled and made sexual advances at a Mississippi store six decades ago.

Tyson told reporters Thursday that he was contacted by the FBI weeks after his book was published in January 2017, and he furnished them interview recordings and other research materials. He doesn't think his research alone would support new charges but said investigators may be able to link it to other material in their possession.

"It's possible that the investigation will turn up something. But there's nothing that I know of, and nothing in my research, that

is actionable, I don't think," he said. "But I'm not an attorney or a detective."

The reopening of the Till case was disclosed in a federal report sent to lawmakers in March that said the Justice Department had received unspecified "new information." The report's contents weren't widely known until Thursday.

A potential witness with the 14-year-old Till in the store that day, cousin Wheeler Parker, said Thursday that he has talked with law enforcement about the case in recent months.

The prosecutor with jurisdiction over the Mississippi community where Till was abducted, District Attorney Dewayne Richardson, declined to comment on whether federal authorities had given him new information since they reopened the investigation. The Justice Department also declined to comment.

It's unclear what new charges could result from a renewed investigation, said Tucker Carrington, a professor at the University of Mississippi law school.

Conspiracy or murder charges could be filed if anyone still alive is shown to have been involved, he said, but too much time likely has passed to prosecute anyone for other crimes, such as lying to investigators or in court.

The case was closed in 2007 with authorities saying the suspects were dead.

Two white men — Donham's then-husband, Roy Bryant, and his half brother, J.W. Milam — were charged with murder but acquitted in the slaying of Chicago teen Till, who had been staying with relatives in northern Mississippi at the time. The men later confessed to the crime in a magazine interview but weren't retried. Both are now dead.

Donham, who turns 84 this month, lives in Raleigh,



Emmett Till

North Carolina. A man who came to the door at her residence declined to comment about the FBI reopening the investigation.

The government has investigated 115 cases involving 128 victims under the "cold case" law named for Till, the March federal report said. Only one resulted in a federal conviction since the act became law.

Deborah Watts, co-founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said it's "wonderful" her cousin's killing is getting another look but she didn't want to discuss details.

"None of us wants to do anything that jeopardizes any investigation or impedes, but we are also very interested in justice being done," she said.

Abducted from the home where he was staying, Till was beaten and shot, and his body was found weighted down with a cotton gin fan in a river. His mother, Mammie Till Mobley, had his casket left open. Images of his mutilated body gave witness to the depth of racial hatred in the Deep

South and inspired civil rights campaigns.

Donham, then 21 and known as Carolyn Bryant, testified in 1955 as a prospective defense witness in the trial of Bryant and Milam. With jurors out of the courtroom, she said a "nigger man" she didn't know took her by the arm in the store.

"He said, 'How about a date, baby?'" she testified, according to a trial transcript released by the FBI a decade ago. Bryant said she pulled away, and moments later the young man "caught me at the cash register," grasping her around the waist with both hands and pulling her toward him.

A judge ruled the testimony inadmissible. An all-white jury freed her husband and the other man even without it.

In the book, author Tyson wrote that Donham told him her testimony about Till accusing her wasn't true.

"Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him," the book quotes her as saying.



Deborah Watts, cousin of Emmett Till, says the Justice Department's new investigation should prosecute any accomplices in Till's murder to the fullest extent of the law.

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Legal service link for small business

MUCE, others say program offers quality help with contracts, taxes

JULIANA ACCIOLY
Miami Times Contributor

Correctly handling the legal aspects of setting up a business is vital and, for many entrepreneurs, a daunting task. It often demands knowledge and capital outlay they might not have.

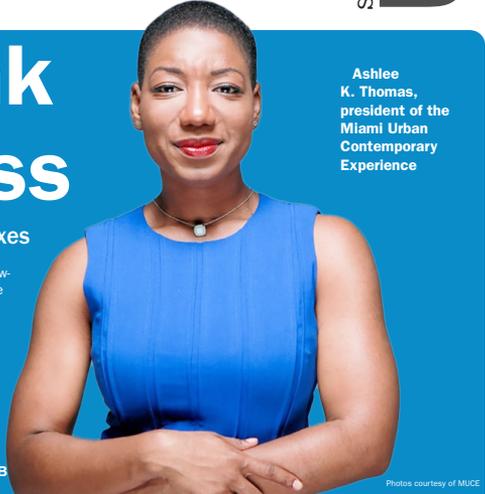
To help such dreamers and doers, Legal Services of Greater Miami is hosting the Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Project to provide free assistance for small businesses on legal issues.

It's a hands-on affair, run by Jordan Chisolm, a transactional attorney and the project director.

Launched in 2017 under a two-year fellowship sponsored by Equal Justice Works, the program offers consultations, aid with legal tasks, business workshops and, when needed, structured meetings with corporate attorneys.

The goal, said Chisolm, is to help small businesses in Miami-Dade that urgently need the right tools and information to secure long-lasting benefits. "We target people with skills and the ambition to grow," he said. The service is also for those "who need

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Ashlee K. Thomas,
president of the
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Cowork in Overtown with your tribe

Space offers not only essentials for business but a sense of community

JULIANA ACCIOLY
Miami Times Contributor

People's mindset toward entrepreneurship has come a long way over the past decade and so has the office landscape. In this technological age, work has become nomadic and co-working spaces, with their ready-made infrastructure and access to local talent for collaboration, have become imperative for many of the new talent running their businesses on laptops.

Space Called Tribe, a Co-Work & Urban Innovation Lab, in Overtown offers just that.

"We give people a structure, a place to tune in, work and network," said Lashae-

via Burns, Tribe's community manager.

"People come in but don't feel like they need to stay in a cubicle. This is an inviting, creative space."

Amenities at the 10,000-square-foot space, spread over two floors, include desks and offices, private conference rooms, Wi-Fi access, coffee, water, printers and parking. Membership begins at \$79 for using Tribe as mailbox or business address and a monthly fee for \$500 buys a dedicated office space and 24-hour access to the building. Day passes are available and, on Fridays, doors are open to anyone free of charge.



Space Called Tribe Co-Work & Urban Innovation Lab in Overtown offers office space, conference rooms and mailing boxes to entrepreneurs.

These options bring together a diverse networking platform of experts in various fields.

"We come from many corners," said Karen Moore, a North Miami Beach resident who has been a member since April. The owner of New Synergies Consulting, which focuses on preservation and creation of local cultural assets. Moore commutes to her small office in Overtown about three times a week to see her clients, gather research, catch up with projects and administrative work. Important to her decision to center her work at Tribe was a sense of community.

"I had been to other spaces in South Florida but felt uncomfortable as the only Black woman there and management seemed awkward

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Why 'serving Black' isn't a drawback

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Sports star gets new goal

Ex-NFL player Justin Tuck lands Goldman Sachs vice presidency

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Two-time Pro Bowler and multi-time Super Bowl champ Justin Tuck played 11 seasons in the NFL. A career that spanned more than a decade saw Tuck act as one of the best pass rushers in the game. Originally a Notre Dame product, Tuck ended his career following the 2015 season having recorded 66.5 sacks. He also helped lead the New York Giants to two Super Bowl championships in his nine seasons with the team.

What has Tuck been up to since he retired

as a member of the Oakland Raiders a few years back? This past May saw Tuck graduate from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a Master of Business Administration in management.

It's considered the No. 1 business school in the United States by Forbes. Yes, that's ahead of both Stanford and Harvard. He joins the likes of President Donald Trump, American business magnate Elon Musk and billionaire economist Warren Buffett to have graduated from the school.

In and of itself, that's an amazing accom-



plishment. But it gets better.

Later in July, Tuck will begin a career at Goldman Sachs as a vice president in the private wealth management division. How prestigious of a job is this? Only three percent of the 300,000

annual applicants ultimately get hired by the firm.

Having earned \$40 million during his NFL career while playing on the game's grandest of stages, one might think Tuck isn't feeling pressure entering his new career. That couldn't be

further from the truth. "At the NFL level, not being prepared means Tom Brady throws 400 yards against you," Tuck said, via CNBC. "Not being prepared at a place like Goldman Sachs means that some of your trusted clients are losing money."



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CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, for the purpose of granting the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENT(S), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT ("EASEMENT AGREEMENT"), IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, TO LINDEN AIRPORT SERVICES CORPORATION D/B/A WATSON ISLAND HELIPORT CORPORATION, A FLORIDA CORPORATION ("LINDEN"), FOR A TEMPORARY, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN (55,807) SQUARE FEET OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON A PORTION OF LAND AT 980 MACARTHUR CAUSEWAY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF: (1) CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING A DRIVEWAY TO PROVIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE HELIPORT FOR FUELING, USE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES; AND, (2) PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OFFICES RELATED TO THE PROJECT, WITH THE RIGHT TO RECONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, ADD TO, ENLARGE, CHANGE THE SIZE OF AND REMOVE ALL OR ANY OF THE FACILITIES WITHIN SAID EASEMENT, FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED THE EARLIER OF: (A) RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY OF THE HELIPORT FACILITIES; OR, (B) AN EARLIER DATE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES.

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CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CAMPING WITH DWYANE WADE

Basketball star brought together 200 youth from around the globe for fun and fundamentals on and off the court

JENNY ZIEGLER
Miami Times Contributor

He's the face of the Miami Heat franchise and the face of Miami-Dade "Wade" County. And this past weekend, Dwyane Wade brought smiles to the faces of hundreds of campers at his celebrity sports academy.

The academy took place at the Jose Marti Gym in Miami on July 7 and 8. It was two fun-filled days of basketball and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 7 to 18 years old, capped off by a visit from the three-time NBA Champ himself and a special invited guest.

The sports academy went from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and campers had their choice of half or full days, mornings or evenings, or all day both days, with lunch included.

Wade greeted, offered insight and personal testimony to the campers. He played basketball with them, cheered with them and personally handed out awards for sports challenges and individual achievements. Each child took part in group pictures with Wade and received an autographed frame to put it in.

Camp co-director Jessica Dereschuk estimated that it's cool to be a "geek."

What is Courtology you say?

It was the study hall portion of the camp, where they focused on the mental game, the passion of the sports and sportsmanship.

"Dwyane Wade puts a lot of emphasis on that they're students first, then athletes. He wants to make sure that they focus on their schoolwork, being a good person and giving back to their community. So, that classroom setting brings home those values," said Donell Ausley, founder of the Courtology Institute of Basketball. Ausley's class was geared toward instructing about character development and sportsmanship.

Being a good student and an athlete - a stu-

dent-athlete - was the theme and focus of the weekend.

"We try to inject in them how to be a citizen. A real human being. More less of a basketball player. Learn to be a giver. Learn to be a helper. Learn to be outside of basketball. The other curricular of life that the kids are not getting in high school and other clinics that are going on in the parks. It's a way that Dwyane Wade and the Wade Elite program is giving back to the community, knowing that there is a need in the community," said Vasil Saunders, assistant coach for the Wade Elite Program.

As part of their camp training, the youth also had to go to class.

Class sessions for the older children involved a variety of different guest speakers, who shared their insights and expertise on the game and life. Wade's personal chef was on hand and spoke about nutrition and how to properly fuel their bodies. They also received mentorship and instruction from former NBA and overseas player, Kamron Taylor, Wade's father, Dwyane Wade Sr. and Wade's trainer.

In session called "Courtology," younger campers were taught that it's cool to be a "geek."

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Dwyane Wade poses for photos on the outdoor basketball court with his campers at his celebrity academy.

Even though being a good student was stressed for the campers, they did not leave out the "fun" in the fun-da-mentals.

"That's what it's all about," Nicholas Chambers said, who brought his son Troy for the camp. "He's having a great time learning a lot and looks like he is having a lot of fun," Chambers said.

"He wanted to work on his footwork, and he is definitely able to practice that in these game situations that they are doing out here."

Parents were encouraged to stay and watch their kids participate in camp activities.

"He loves it," Kawana Quinn said of her 10-year-old son, Isaiah's camp experience. "He said he was tired, but he is not stopping. He's learning agility and strengthening. He

is learning how to pass, dribble and shoot with his left and right hand. So he is learning a lot of fundamental skills that he needs for basketball."

Give me a W, give me an A, give me a D, give me an E ... what does that spell? Wade, of course.

The cheerleading campers were not to be left out of the fun. Their class involved dance routines, a variety of

skills, dance moves and teamwork-building exercises. They were also taught strength in numbers and the importance of being active in their daily lives.

There was a total of 29 girls ranging from 4 to 14 years old. Not only did Wade visit the girls, but he posed for group photos with them and even participated in their dance

routines.

Grading the 15-year NBA veteran's dance moves was Victoria Seuss, the cheerleading instructor for the academy. She said on a scale of one to 10, "I'd give the camp a seven. He was good, he picked up pretty well in the room," Seuss said.

But she still has some doubts as to whether he would be able to make it as a professional cheerleader or dancer.

The young ladies also had another very special treat. Genesis Dávila, Miss Florida USA 2018, came by and posed for a photo with the girls, participated in the dance routines and brought and autographed pictures for all the young ladies. They also had the opportunity to try on her crown.

The cheer campers ended their camp experience by showing off the moves that they learned over the course of the two-day

camp. They had the opportunity to perform their dance routines at the close of both the morning and evening sessions.

Wade's sports academy sponsored groups of kids from the Miami chapter of the Boys & Girls Club and the Martin County, Big Brothers & Sisters chapter.

Laticia Jenkins, executive director of the Bill and Barbara Whitman Boys & Girls Club of Indian Town in Martin County, had a busload of 20 campers.

"They left at 7:30 a.m. to get the kids to the camp. A tired, yet grateful Jenkins put it all into perspective.

"It is an awesome experience, because if anyone has ever visited Indian town, it's a very rural area," Jenkins said. "It's an experience that these kids may not have ever seen."

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Inquiries from other potential sources of such a package who feel that they might be able to satisfy the City's requirements for this item may contact Charles Johnson, Senior Procurement Contracting Officer, at the City of Miami Procurement Department at (305) 416-1924.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., to consider the award of contract to the for-profit organization listed below through pass-through funds from The Children's Trust, for the 2018-2019 contract period. Families First program is designed to incorporate literacy skills, parent-child activities, strengthen oral language development, give parents a venue to share concerns, learn new behavior strategies, and connect parents to a variety of support services and other such activities in conjunction with the following grant from The Children's Trust to the City, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation techniques are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

• School Year "Families First Parenting Program", various childcare centers throughout the City, —Exceptional Consulting for Educational Leaders, Inc.,

Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Esther Balsera, Education Initiatives Coordinator, City of Miami Office of Grants Administration, at (305) 416-1532.

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (re "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

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City Clerk

The Rumcake Factory is in Whole Foods

The StartUP FIU Food incubator program drives business' growth

PATRICIA CÁRDENAS
FIU News

Cayenne pepper, garlic, thyme and lots of lemon. These are the signature flavors of Creole Louisiana cuisine. Elena and Larry Robinson, married business owners, have mastered these flavors and want to share their magic with South Florida.

Their business, The Rumcake Factory, is backed by StartUP FIU Food, which supports local food entrepreneurs in expanding their brand and its reach. The program provided them with mentorship, access to the test kitchen at the Florida International University's Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and a \$500,000 grant from Citi Foundation.

Now the Robinsons are preparing for their newest venture. Starting this fall, their signature rum cakes will be sold at Whole Foods Market stores in South Florida.

First established as LR Cajun Kitchen, the Robinsons transformed their business into The Rumcake Factory five years ago, retaining their original vision: serving quality authentic Louisiana Cajun food just like Larry's mother would make. They currently work out of their food truck, which you may spot around South Florida



Photos courtesy of FIU Startup

Chef Larry Robinson making his signature barbecued shrimp.

and can track on social media.

Larry is from Louisiana and Elena from New York. The couple met on a plane ride to Miami and have been living here since 1987.

"These are all my mother's recipes," says Larry, the head chef.

There is an undeniable personal touch to his cooking. It's intuitive, relying less on accuracy and more on what feels authentic, like a language he's been fluent in for his whole life. He doesn't need to know how much garlic herb butter to use when making his barbecued shrimp, or exactly how long he must mindfully stir the rue for his hearty gumbo. These recipes are ingrained in his heart, and the food speaks for itself with its charm and comforting familiarity.

His favorite meal to make is Jambalaya, which he calls "our version of paella."

"The African flavor is key in our food with the spices and seasonings that we use. The Spanish-French influence is also behind that," he adds.

The star of the show, however, is the rum cake. A succulent sponge that delights the senses with its perfectly balanced sweetness and finely chopped walnuts on top. It truly warrants having the entire business named after it.

The rum cake, too, is his mother's recipe - one which he felt would particularly stand out above the others.

"I did some research to see who my competitors would be if I went into this business, and we took off from there."

"Coming here and being here, there's a lot of people from the Caribbean, and I know everyone loves rum cake," says Larry.

They currently make three variations of the dessert: original, piña colada, which will be available at Whole Foods, and a vegan variation as well.

At this year's Food Network & Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival, the Robinsons had samplers of the rum cake served at the suggestion of StartUP FIU.

"We made 2,500 miniature rum cakes. It was a lot! But it was great and it was packed, so we ran out. After that, we went to walk around, and when we came back someone told us there were people asking for more rum cake!"

The couple is thrilled about this new chapter for their business.

"This has been a vision I've had with my wife for five years," says Larry. "We have been working toward that, and we have finally have gotten that opportunity."

Elena hopes to eventually have their rum cakes distributed elsewhere across the city.

SEE FOOD 12B



Amber Williams is a marketing professional who says Black-owned businesses can still find success by branding solely to the Black American market.

PunkyFlair

WHY 'SERVING BLACK' ISN'T A DRAWBACK

Marketing pro says businesses should be proud of authentic branding

JANELL HAZELWOOD
Black Enterprise

With Black buying power set to surpass the trillion-dollar mark by 2021, Black consumer magic is becoming more than a phenom. However, for some Black entrepreneurs, being known for catering to a solely Black customer can have a few stigmas attached.

Typical negative stereotypes about Black businesses have even led some founders to hide the fact that their businesses are Black-owned, and some entrepreneurs see the label as limiting in terms of attracting new business, diverse customers, lucrative opportunities and increased revenue.

"I think there's a huge misconception that targeting Black people is going to result in a small business that can't reach the million-dollar mark, and that's not the case at all," says Amber Williams, a former marketing professional and founder of PunkyFlair.

Williams has been successful at helping Black-owned brands like Heat Free Hair

find immense success by effectively incorporating authentic storytelling that includes being proud of serving Black consumers.

Black Enterprise caught up with Williams to talk more about the benefits of Black businesses leveraging an authentic brand story and why it's a good idea to cater to your own community with no shame.

Why is it important for entrepreneurs to embrace being Black-owned, and for Black consumers, how can they get past the negative misconceptions to support Black enterprises?

Amber Williams: This is important to know: Just because you target one group of people doesn't mean others won't buy. I don't know if you can name one high-earning Black woman who doesn't own a [designer bag], however, if you go to websites [of popular luxury brands] and you look at their ads, you can barely find a Black woman or any melanin anywhere. We still buy. I always tell my clients just because you speak to who your brand is



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for, doesn't mean other communities won't buy from you.

I'm really passionate about Black people putting Black wealth back into our communities. To those who say, 'Oh, I've had such a bad experience' or 'This always happens when I buy from a Black-owned company,' I ask, what are you doing to change that? What are you doing to fix it? Are you going through the proper channels to let them know that there needs to be improvement? Are you using your talents to help change the perception? When you come across a good experience, are you writing that review or sharing on social to help debunk myths?

I work with Black entrepreneurs every day who run their businesses amazingly — who have top-notch customer service and who have high integrity with their products. If more Black people would promote those businesses, we could help change the narrative.

How can Black entrepreneurs overcome stigmas associated with being labeled
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Papa John's founder resigns as chairman after using slur

He left CEO post last year after NFL protest remarks

NEW YORK (AP) — Papa John's founder John Schnatter, who resigned as CEO last year after complaining about NFL protests, is now out as chairman after reportedly using a racial slur during a pizza chain's logo, though, illustrating the difficulty for companies closely tied to an individual's image.

The chain announced that Schnatter was leaving the company's board late Wednesday, hours after he apologized for using a slur during a conference call in May. Schnatter, who has appeared in TV ads for the chain, still owns about 30 percent of the company's shares.

Papa John's has noted in regulatory filings that its business could be harmed if Schnatter's reputation was damaged. Last year, Schnatter blamed disappointing pizza delivery sales on the outcry surrounding football players

knocking during the national anthem.

Barron Harvey, dean of Howard University's business school, said Papa John's needs to distance itself from Schnatter's image, and that this is a chance for the company to retool its marketing strategy so it's not tied to one person.

"They have to see this as an opportunity, not a challenge," Harvey said.

As of Thursday morning, Schnatter's image remained all over Papa John's website. Papa John's did not immediately respond to whether the company would keep using it.

The two incidents with Schnatter seem to be linked, as Forbes reported that Schnatter used the N-word during a media training exercise. When asked how he would distance himself from racist groups, Schnatter reportedly complained that Col-

onel Sanders never faced a backlash for using the word.

In a statement released by Louisville, Kentucky-based Papa John's, Schnatter said Wednesday that the reports attributing use of "inappropriate and hurtful" language to him were true.

"Regardless of the context, I apologize," the statement says.

The incident prompted Papa John's marketing firm to break ties with the company, Forbes said. The University of Louisville also said Wednesday that Schnatter resigned from its board of trustees, effective immediately.

Schnatter's departure as chairman of Papa John's board comes after Netflix last month fired its top spokesman over use of the N-word. Netflix said Jonathan Friedland used the word in a meeting of public relations staff about sensitive words. Several people told Friedland how inappropriate and hurtful his use of the word was.

Public Notice

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SHIP funds are also used to provide homebuyer education and counseling in preparation for homeownership.

For a contact list for Homebuyer Education and Counseling Services please visit our website at <http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/homebuyer-opportunity.asp>.

For more information about the County's SHIP Program and all of our other programs, please contact Mr. Shawn Topps at 786-469-2100 or via e-mail, Shawn.Topps@miamidade.gov between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, except County observed holidays.

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- Jackson West Project Specifications. Prepared by Perkins and Will Architects, Inc. – July 3, 2018
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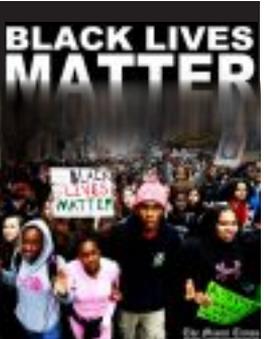
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St. John Community Development Corporation will hold its Annual Membership Meeting and election on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at 12:00PM, in the St. John Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1328 NW 3rd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136. Nominations will be accepted for three (3) community seats on the board of directors. Persons elected to fill the sets will serve three (3) year terms. Candidates for nomination as a member of the Corporation must be at least 18 years of age. At least 1/3 of the board shall be either low income neighborhood or community residents. No more than 1/3 can be public officials. St. John CDC was established in 1985, to develop housing and other economic revitalization activities in the Overturn and greater Miami-Dade County communities.

Membership applications are available at the office of the St. John CDC, 1324 NW 3rd Avenue until 4:00pm July 20, 2018.

**Invitation to Bid
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SOUNDS OF DIVERSITY

Symphony partnership with Carnegie Hall help to add ethnic talent to lineup

JULIANA ACCIOLY
Miami Times Contributor

The New World Symphony has partnered with the Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute for the third season of its National Youth Orchestra program. After a two-week intensive training, the 80 young musicians from the orchestra will be in residency in Miami this week to study, rehearse and perform alongside New World Symphon fellows and alumni.

Launched in 2016, National Youth Orchestra 2's task is to bring diversity to the classical orchestral field by increasing its ethnic and social range. The program recruits youngsters ages 14-17 via online auditions and is free to all participants. In addition to orchestral rehearsals, students engage in private lessons, master classes, chamber music readings, seminars and workshops. This year, they will also have the opportunity to volunteer at the Greater Miami

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Photo courtesy of New World Symphony

Side by Side performance



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New World Symphony performs Bluebeard's Castle at the New World Center.

New World Center Exterior

Photo courtesy of Claudia Uribe



Rickey Smiley slated to open South Florida Book Festival

Lectures, topics range from improving lifestyle to publishing

Miami Times Staff Report

Comedian and radio show host Ricky Smiley will kick off the 2018 South Florida Book Festival at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) in Fort Lauderdale.

Dubbed "Book Life," the book fair runs two days, July 20-21. Smiley will host Eat, Drink, Read: A Literary Culinary Experience from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20.

Other featured guests on Friday include Kevin Belton, the New Orleans-based PBS television celebrity chef; Melba Wilson, Harlem restaurateur; Taymer Mason, a Caribbean chef specializing in vegan cuisine; and Jerrelle Guy, an award-winning food

photographer and baker.

Attendees will meet Smiley, the celebrity chefs and sample literary-inspired selections from their cookbooks. The culinary experience will be paired with cocktails courtesy of Victor George (first Black American vodka distributor) and Barefoot Wine.

The \$40 ticket is all-inclusive for food, cocktails, live entertainment, gated parking and a complimentary book of your choice from any of the 2018 South Florida Book Festival authors. Proceeds benefit The Friends of AARLCC, which sponsors programs for children and adults. Tickets are available at the door or online.

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Life without limbs has no limits

Police major living a life of gratitude one year after motorcycle accident

On May 7, 2017, Miami-Dade Police Major Ricky Carter lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into a guard-rail on I-75, near Northwest 138th Street. Good Samaritans rushed to aid him at the scene of the crash.

Carter was fortunate that Vianca Diaz, a nurse and clinical care coordinator at Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital, happened to be driving by. She stopped to help Carter and saved his life by applying tourniquets to control the bleeding. Carter's friend, Roberto Lanzetti, and Thalia Rodriguez, an 18-year-old student lent a hand in the lifesaving procedure.

The severely injured motorcyclist was then airlifted to Ryder Trauma Center, where he underwent surgery by a team of trauma resuscitation nurses led by Dr. Rishi Rattan, UHealth - University of Miami Health System trauma surgeon. His legs had been badly mangled in the crash and could not be saved.

Exactly one year after the tragic crash, Carter returned to Ryder Trauma, where he was reunited with his medical team, the good Samaritans who helped save his life, and the EMS teams from Hialeah and Miami-Dade Fire departments that assisted him before he was transported to Ryder Trauma.

"It's very humbling because, as a police officer - I've been an officer for 23 years - I'm always the one to help everybody else," Carter said. "Now, to be in the position to be so vulnerable where I need the help of others, and they stepped up. They will say they are very humble, they will say they are just doing their job. It's more than that because all these people here saved my life."

Grateful to his entire medical team at Jackson, the police major would undergo five surgeries. He also received a comprehensive in-patient physical therapy treatment led by Dr. Seema Khurana, UHealth Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Medicine, at Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital. Carter was discharged two months after the crash. He continued aggressive

outpatient therapy for four months, before moving to another rehabilitation facility closer to home. "I intend to show the world that life without limbs has no limitations to be fearless and courageous in the quest to achieve your dreams," Carter said.

Carter was recently fitted into his new prosthetic legs, and walked for the first time at his daughter's graduation in May. He had been training for his daughter's big day. "It was amazing," he said. "It was my daughter's most important day."

The veteran police officer, who oversees the county's Northside District, is now setting new goals for himself. He hopes to be able to run with his prosthetics legs by the end of the year.



Balsamic Chicken with Mushrooms

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound, chicken breasts (boneless, skinless)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon margarine (trans fat-free)
- 10 ounces mushrooms (sliced)
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup chicken broth (fat-free, less sodium)

DIRECTIONS

1. Place the chicken breast in a plastic bag and pound thin with a mallet.
2. Heat olive oil over medium-high heat in a skillet.
3. Dredge the chicken in flour and coat it on both sides. Add the chicken to the pan and sauté 5 minutes per side. Remove the chicken from the pan and set aside.
4. Melt the margarine in the pan. Add the mushrooms and pepper and cook for 5 minutes. Add the balsamic vinegar to the pan and bring it to a boil to reduce the liquid.
5. Add the chicken broth to the pan and simmer 2 more minutes. Add the chicken breast back to the pan and simmer for 5 minutes.

Source: American Diabetes Association

Staying up on health through the decades of life

It goes without saying that men and women are different — in so many ways. Communicating, raising children, managing households and processing stress are the common and well-known examples.

However, there is one thing they have in common: to be at their best, they must maintain their health throughout their lives.

The best way to do that is to focus on preventative care, according to Dr. Josenie Desamour, a primary care physician with Jackson Medical Group. The Haitian-born medical professional specializes in internal medicine.

"I believe in primary care in particular. We should not be trying to save people when they get to the ICU," said Desamour. "We should try to save them before they get sick in the first place."

Jackson is positioned to help men and women throughout every decade of their lives as it recognizes that the needs of a



Dr. Josenie Desamour

20-year-old vary from that of a 50-year-old.

TAKING ON YOUR 20S

Even during the ages of 18 to 29, physically one of the best times in life, there are health risks that can be minimized. For instance, testicular cancer is most common among young men, and they are at risk for

high cholesterol and blood pressure, as well.

One of the most common causes of high blood pressure in young Black men is alcohol abuse.

"Our young people are drinking too much," Desamour said. "Healthy drinking is two to three drinks a couple times a week. Moderation is the rule in alcohol consumption."

While advising against smoking at any age, the internal medicine physician recommends that young men minimize risk through screenings, including:

- Cholesterol
- Blood pressure
- Annual physical which will include age appropriate cancer screening
- Vision
- Blood
- Sexually transmitted diseases screening (STD)

For women in their 20s, recommended screenings include:

• Cervical cancer screening every three to five years (this is a change in the old guideline which recommended screening every year)

• Annual breast exam by their primary care physician or gynecologist

- Blood pressure check
- Blood test
- Vision screening
- STD screening (if sexually active)

New recommendations include:

- Glucose (every five years)
- Cholesterol tests (every five years)

"Cervical cancer is a very slow growing cancer," says the doctor. "They found out we're doing the Pap smear too quickly because from year one to year two, there's not a lot of changes."

Changes in marks or moles on the skin should prompt skin screenings for cancer for both sexes but for women in particular as they are at risk of melanoma, the most dangerous

form of skin cancer.

THRIVING IN YOUR 30S

In their 30s, men and women should continue the screenings and exams from their 20s with a few additions.

Men in their 30s face increased risks of:

- Weight gain
- Stress-related sicknesses
- Women in their 30s face risks of:

• Cervical cancer
• Breast cancer
• Type 2 diabetes

Additionally, both men and women can face reproductive difficulties and fertility issues. It is recommended that they speak to their primary care physician or, for women, their gynecologist if they have been unable to conceive after a year of trying. Women should also get mammograms and genetic counseling, if necessary.

STAYING FIT IN YOUR 40S

In their 40s, men and women should continue the

screenings from their 20s and 30s, adding:

- Annual eye disease screening
- Prostate cancer screening
- Annual mammogram every one to two years in women

40-something women should also talk to their primary care physician if they are having perimenopausal symptoms, including changes in mood, hot flashes, vaginal dryness, etc.

GOING FAR IN YOUR 50S

Men and women in their 50s and older should continue getting all of their prior screenings — most importantly a colonoscopy every 10 years.

"As we age, the body can develop diseases and the only way that you can prevent them is by paying attention to yourself, seeing your doctors regularly, and trying to keep a healthy lifestyle," says Desamour. "Both men and women

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THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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The theme for The Bahamas' 45th Independence, "We've Come This Far by Faith" and, as with much faith, Bahamians have proudly told and shared their history as they have made great contributions.

On the east coast of Florida, from Key West to Fort Pierce, Bahamians migrated and contributed to the growth of these communities. Communities in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Coconut Grove, Richmond Heights, Goulds, Carver Ranches, Delray Beach, Deerfield, West Palm Beach, Dania and more have a rich history of Bahamian settlers. An ecumenical service in celebration of the July 10 independence was held on Sunday at the Historic St. Agnes' Episcopal Church in Overtown. At the service, **Garth C. Reeves Sr.**, publisher emeritus of The Miami Times, was honored. Congratulations to this community icon.

During the summer months, besides class reunions, picnics and family reunions, there are also conventions and national meetings held by many organizations. One such organization is The Links Inc. Established in 1946, The Links has a membership of nearly 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters, located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of Black Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Link sisters gathered in friendship and service for the 41st National Assembly in In-

dianapolis, Indiana on June 27 to July 1. Links in attendance engaged in activities that both connected and inspired them as they celebrated the rich history of Linkdom: Linking Our Legacy, Owning Our Future! Local Links in attendance from the Greater Miami Chapter includes: **Marcia Anderson**; **Gail Ash Dotson**, president; **Regina Jolivet Frazier**, ninth national president; **Donna Ginn**; **Anne Turner Herriott**, southern area director; **Renee Jones**; and **Nicole Strange-Martin**. The Dade County Chapter was represented by **Diana Barry-Frazier**, **Elsie Hamler**, president; **Tammy Reed**; and **Denese Waiters**.

Members from the Miami-Biscayne Bay Chapter included: **Vanessa Woodard Byers**, **Darlene Gay**, **Carolyn Hazelton**, president; **Georgia McLean** and **Rosa Simmons**. Miami transplant **Kozalynn Frazier** (Metro-Manhattan Chapter) was also in attendance.

The National Assembly opened with special guest and keynote speaker **Michael Eric Dyson**.

At each National Assembly, the community service project provides a way for The Links to leave the local community with something of value and a way to tangibly demonstrate the organization's commitment to service. This year's project was a Community Health and Safety Fair located inside the historical **Crispus Attucks High School** in Indianapolis.

The highlight of the Community Health and Safety Fair was the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures mobile dental van that is equipped to screen children for common



AKA honorary members

oral health conditions with a goal to help raise awareness about the importance of children's dental health. **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** received a \$1 million legacy grant that will help advance three sickle cell disease programs from The Links Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The Links.

Sickle cell disease is the most commonly inherited blood disorder in the United States, affecting about 100,000 Americans. Sickle cell disease is more common in people of African descent; Hispanics; and people of Middle Eastern, Asian, Indian and Mediterranean descent. About one out of every 365 Black babies born in this country has the disease.

The legacy grant will support expansion of three St. Jude clinical efforts, including studies designed to increase

knowledge of cognitive deficits in children with sickle cell disease, the development of a community health worker education program to counsel parents of infants with sickle cell disease in Nigeria and an age-appropriate mobile app to help patients develop adequate self-care and disease literacy.

St. Jude is the fifth organization to receive the legacy grant from The Links Foundation. Previous award recipients include the United Negro College Fund, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the National Civil Rights Museum and the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture.

Those attending found much to see and enjoy in the Indianapolis community as they were informed during workshops, fellowshiped



Dade County Chapter members in Indianapolis

with Link sisters, shopped, and more.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority painted Houston pink and green as sisters convened there July 6-July 12. The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. inducted five new honorary members at their 68th Boule in Houston. International President **Dorothy Buckhannan Wilson** led the induction ceremony. She noted that the sorority, the oldest organization founded by Black college-educated women, bestows honorary membership upon women with high ethical standards, who have achieved international recognition for their outstanding contributions.

"Each of this year's inductees have demonstrated remarkable strength and perseverance to achieve her goals and have a positive impact on the world," she said. "Most importantly, these women have done so with a commitment to serving others, a hallmark of Alpha Kappa Alpha."

The honorary members inducted were: **Yolanda Adams**, five-time Grammy award-winning artist whose music heals, encourages and inspires; **Teta V. Banks**, national chairwoman of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). Born in Nigeria, she is the first person of African descent to hold this position in the organization's 70-year history; **Jeanette J. Epps**, who was selected in July 2009 as a member of the 20th NASA astronaut class. The New York native was a NASA Fellow during graduate school and authored several journal and conference articles describing her research; **Chantel Harris**, human rights activist and the great-granddaughter of Alpha Kappa Alpha founder, **Ethel Hedgeman Lyle**; and **Margo Lee Shetterly** the author of the book "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who

Helped Win the Space Race." **Shetterly** is also the founder of The Human Computer Project, an endeavor that is recovering the names and accomplishments of all of the women who worked as computers, mathematicians, scientists and engineers at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and its successor NASA from the 1930s through the 1980s. In 2014, **Shetterly** received the **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow** and was a Virginia Foundation for the Humanities grantee. A native of Hampton, Virginia, she knew many of the women behind the history in the "Hidden Figures."

Previous honorary membership inductees include **Jada Pinkett-Smith**, **Maya Angelou**, **Ntozake Shange**, **Alice Walker**, **Iyama Vanzant**, **Ella Fitzgerald**, **Alicia Keys**, **Glady Knight**, **Coretta Scott King**, **Rosa Parks**, **C. Delores Tucker**, **Suzanne de Passe**, **Mae Jemison**, **Eleanor Roosevelt**, **Zina Garrison** and **C. Vivian Stringer**.

As the Boule ended, **Glenda B. Glover** became the 30th international president of the sorority. She will lead by "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service." **Glover** is president of Tennessee State University in Nashville. I know so many of my sorors were in attendance and I dare not write any names until I get them all. Pink and green won't be forgotten soon in Houston, I'm sure.

Sarah Mobley celebrated her 98th birthday at Villa Maria in North Miami. Niece Vivian Rutherford Johnson arranged the celebration. **Mobley** graduated from **Booker T. Washington** in the Class of 1939. Blessings indeed.

And so it is as we celebrate our history and traditions, and more importantly, share them. We have all "Come this far by Faith," living, praying, loving, laughing, singing and dancing in the Whirl.

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R&B artist Jon B hyping up the crowd.

Ginuwine fun in Overtown

Hundreds came out to dance, eat and play at the annual Overtown Music and Arts Festival, presented by Headliner Market Group and the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency, Saturday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Artists such as Musiq Soulchild, Estelle, Ginuwine and Tito Puente Jr. gave musical performances, while vendors provided various ethnic food and crafts. The festival took place in Miami's Overtown Business and Entertainment District at Northwest Second and Third avenues between Northwest Eighth and 10th streets.

Photos Courtesy of Miami Community Redevelopment Agency



Attendees participating in an art installation that explores different shades of Black skin tones.



A visitor cools off as she visits the different stands.



A supporter of Overtown showing off some of the Overtown Music Festival related SWAG.

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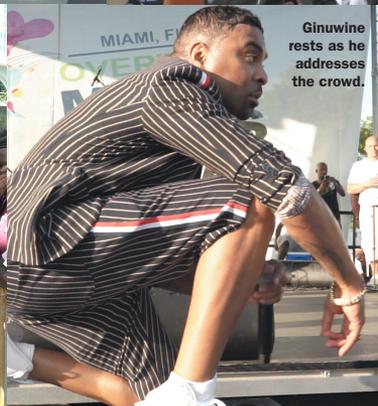
The younger audiences enjoyed their own performers and area as part of the festival's Youth Zone.



The festival brings in different types of crowds, from local community members to tourists.



Kids interacting with the performers.



Ginuwine rests as he addresses the crowd.



District 5 commissioner, and part sponsor, Keon Hardemon addresses the crowd.

LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL MEETINGS: Miami Northwestern Class of 1968

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

Miami Northwestern Class of 1973

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

Miami Carol City Class of 1968

4 p.m. every fourth Sun-

day to plan 50th reunion on Sept. 14-16; location TBA; Info: Call 305-494-6265

George Washington Carver High School Class of 1966

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

Northwestern Class of 1962

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

Booker T. Washington Class of 1967

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

Miami Northwestern Class of 1961

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

Miami Jackson Class of 1971

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

Miami Northwestern Class of 1959

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

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS:

The Citizen Advisory Committee

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

Women on the Move, Inc.

Every fourth Saturday for women 55 and older who are interested in traveling and networking; Location and time: TBA; Info: Call 305-934-5122

The Miami Central High Alumni Association

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

The George Washington Carver Alumni Association

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

The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman

University

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

Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter

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

The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association

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

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

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

CLASSES:

Women in Transition

of South Florida

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

Inner City Children's Touring Dance

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

OPPORTUNITIES: South Florida Tuskegee Alumni Club scholarship:

Financial aid scholarships are currently being offered to returning and newly accepted South Florida students attending Tuskegee University. Please request applications by submitting your name and contact information to sfalumni@gmail.com by Jul.15.

The deadline for the Lifestyle Calendar is Fridays at 2 p.m.

BOOK REVIEW

Book about Nelson Mandela may be strong for kids

Story still important as leader's 100th birthday celebration is near

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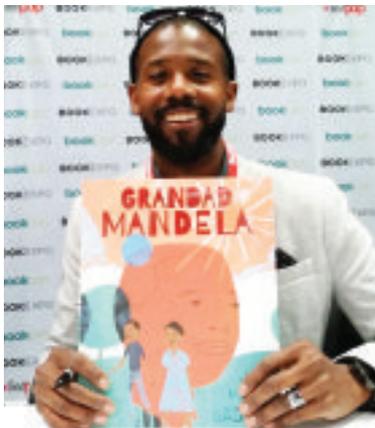
You never get tired of hearing about your Mom and Dad, and how much fun they had on their first date; or that one tale about your uncle (so funny); or the story about your cousin's very first car. Please tell me a story, you ask, and in "Grandad Mandela" by Zazi, Ziwelene & Zindzi Mandela and Sean Qualls, two children hear of their great-grandfather's heroism.

When Zazi and Ziwelene were playing at their grandpa's house one day, they found a picture of someone they'd never met, and they asked grandpa Zindzi to tell them about the man in the photo. He was grandad

Nelson Mandela, grandpa Zindzi's father.

The story was a familiar one; they'd heard it before, but there were parts of it that they loved hearing again. Zazi always asked why grandad Mandela went to jail, and grandpa Zindzi answered that grandad went to jail "because he was fighting against apartheid - a law in South Africa that separated Black people and white people."

Grandad Mandela hated that law. He hated it enough to be imprisoned for his beliefs, and that was "hard" for his family. Grandpa Zindzi was just a little girl then, and she had to be sent away to school, for her own safety. Being away from her mother was especially difficult, but it made grandpa Zindzi stronger.



Sean Qualls is one of the co-authors of the book "Grandad Mandela."

Ziwelene asked where grandad Mandela went to school, and grandpa Zindzi told the children so much more about him. His need for justice in South Africa started very early; even as a boy, he was a champion of equality, and many people around the world agreed with granddad that apartheid was "evil." He was willing to be jailed to end apartheid, and he was glad to know that "people were pushing harder . . . for him to be free."

That meant a lot, so grandad waited patiently until eventually, he was freed. Later, he became president of South Africa and this year, the 100th anniversary of his birth, there is one big way that children everywhere can honor him.

"Grandad Mandela" may be a lot for your child to take in.

Don't be mistaken: the story that Zazi, Ziwelene &

Zindzi Mandela, with Sean Qualls, tells is an important - almost essential - one that young children may not know. It's absolutely a great way to start teaching about Mandela's legacy. But the narrative for this book is long, perhaps too long for squirmy picture-book connoisseurs, and it contains a lot of big words that kids may not quite grasp. Also, while Qualls' illustrations set the tone for this book perfectly, they may not be colorful enough for youngsters who are used to the flash usually found in other age-appropriate books.

Even so, as we near what would have been Mandela's 100th birthday, here's a great book to have around - especially if your child is patient or a little past the picture-book age. Five-to-8-year-olds might like "Grandad Mandela" a lot; for younger children, that may be a different story.

WOMENS HEALTH ISSUES

Jackson Health System's presidential connection

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

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

A lot has changed since Jackson's humble beginnings 100 years ago, but its commitment to the health and well-being of the community has remained the same.

In February 1933, Jackson Memorial Hospital's medical resident on duty heard the sounds of sirens and the squeal of brakes. Dr. Joseph R. Leary, who at the time was the orderly,

ran outside. There, in the rear seat of an open sedan sat two men. One was badly wounded with his shirt covered in blood. Struggling to get the wounded man out of the car, Leary ordered the other man to move his legs.

"I am sorry, I am unable to do that," apologized the man. That man was later identified as President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was left paralyzed by polio as a younger man.

Earlier that evening, Roosevelt spoke at a political rally in Bayfront Park. As he prepared to leave, he called his friend, Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, to his sedan. And in that moment, a deranged man, Giuseppe Zangara, fired several bullets, missing the president but striking Cermak and four bystanders. Cermak was rushed into

surgery at Jackson Memorial. The assassination attempt put the hospital on the front pages of every newspaper in the country. Dozens of reporters camped out at the hospital for weeks. The mayor died nearly three weeks later.

In the past 100 years, Jackson Memorial has made national and international headlines for treating high-profile patients, including Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace in 1997.

Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial is also the designated South Florida facility to treat the President of the United States, if necessary, and has a rooftop helipad that can withstand the weight of a 20,000-pound Black Hawk helicopter.

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

and less costly.

- Exercise regularly. Physical activity is key to a healthy lifestyle. Some options are walking in the park, playing rope with your kids, jumping rope and riding bicycle.

Jackson Medical Group physicians provide primary care, as well as cardiology, colonoscopy, and other specialty services, for all generations of men and women.

To schedule an appointment, call 305-585-4JMG or visit JacksonMedicalGroup.org.



After President Franklin D. Roosevelt was shot, he was taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

BOOKS

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5:30 p.m., there will be a full day of book presentations, panel discussions, book signings and presentations and workshops. The event is free, but register online to reserve a seat. Attendees can enjoy an array of topics including home design, vegan cooking, cupcake baking, entrepreneur skill building, dating advice and publishing tips.

Attendees can learn the secrets of becoming a successful fiction author from national and New York Times best-selling authors Mary Monroe, Kiki Swinson, and Zachary Tate. The author of "Like a Fly on the Wall," Simone Kelly, will moderate this workshop.

Want to change your life-

style? Join Dr. Wardine Saunders and sex therapist, Jennifer for the Great Sex at Any Age seminar. Author Ann Marie Sorrell will share tips with the ladies and fellas for successful dating during Chronicles of a Serial Dater, with Michelle Talbert as moderator. Philbert Lakes, Ezekiel Williams, and Georgia Bryce will help to inspire and motivate you on the path to achievement during Inspirational Stories of Faith, Love and Spirituality.

Foodies can enjoy the official release of local phenomenon, Chef Chad Chery's first cookbook, alongside his wife Karen, as well as samples of their recipes. For vegans, Chef Taymer Mason will have a tasting from her cookbook, "The Caribbean Vegan." For dessert, join author Jerrelle Guy and Lykeisha the Baker for baking tips and cupcakes

inspired by Guy's cookbook, "Black Girl Baking."

For those interested in increasing their business skills, national author and owner of Dobbins International, Randall Dobbins, will provide tools to create a blueprint to become a successful entrepreneur. Ash Cash will offer Living Your Best Financial Life: 8 Steps to Financial Freedom seminar and Melba Wilson of Melba's Restaurant in New York, will show how to cook up a successful restaurant of your own.

Looking to spruce up your home? Design and lifestyle expert, magazine contributor and So Flo Home Project TV host, Martin Amado, will show how to get the designer look for less in your home with tips from his new book.

For more information, visit <http://www.sfloridabookfestival.com/2018/>

HEALTHY

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need to eat right, pay attention to their body weight, get 150 minutes of exercise per week outside of their workplace as recommended by the CDC [Center for Disease Control and Prevention], and keep up with age-specific immunizations."

Desamour recognizes that some people face socioeco-

nomic challenges that make attaining quality health care and healthy food difficult, so she recommends taking control of your own health early on. Some ways to do so are:

- Cook your own food. You are more likely to eat healthier when you cook at home, instead of eating fast food. If you can't buy fresh vegetables, the frozen variety are also nutritious and less expensive.
- Instead of drinking soda, choose water. It's healthier



Photo courtesy of Rui Dias-Aldos

Pulse-Late Night at the New World Symphony

CONCERT

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Youth Symphony's Summer Camp and Ponce de Leon Middle School in Coral Gables.

Doug Beck, director of the artist training program for the Carnegie Hall Music Institute, said that the collaboration sprung from the alignment between the two institutions' goals, both deeply invested in educational programs with a focus on inclusion initiatives. "The power of a role model

that looks like you is so powerful; we are aiming for the broadest possible representation," he said. "We want orchestras to look as much as America as possible."

A New World Symphony fellow working in the program, Blake Anthony said that there's a prevalent notion that classical music is just for white males; women and Black male players like himself often lack a visual representation on stage.

"We feel alone most of the journey," he said, adding that he thinks the initiative can aid

in realigning perceptions. "For me, it is inspiring to serve as the role model and teacher I didn't have access to when I was a kid."

"The issue of race in the orchestral world is urgent," noted Cassidy Fitzpatrick, vice president for musician advancement at New World Symphony. "Less than 2 percent of professional orchestra members identify themselves as Black, which is discouraging, considering the makeup of our country."

As for the new generation of musicians, she said that "by in-

vesting in them we are trying to ensure a future for classical music that is diverse in performers, audience members and programming."

The networking element of the project is an integral part of that vision. Betti Kelly, a Black 16-year-old violinist who's attending National Youth Orchestra 2 for the second consecutive year, said that the interaction with diverse people and audiences has helped her develop her musicianship beyond what she thought possible. "You can only get better when everyone

around you is so amazing," said the Kansas native. "This experience has helped me understand that playing classical music for a living is possible."

The orchestral training in Miami will culminate in a performance composed by Carlos Miguel Prieto at the New World Center on July 21. The youngsters will be joined onstage by Grammy-award violinist Gil Shaham and the event will also be presented as a free Wallcast concert in SoundScape Park. Following their Miami residency, the musicians return to New York

for a final performance at Carnegie Hall on July 24.

Anthony de Pena, 16, a cellist from Kendall, said he's thrilled that on his list of things to do in his lifetime — playing at New York's great concert hall — will be checked off. "As a musician, sometimes it's hard to feel completely satisfied with yourself when surrounded by so much talent. But I'm here and that's all that matters."

Tickets for National Youth Orchestra 2's July 21 performance may be purchased by visiting www.nws.edu or by calling the 305-902-6856.

The First Lady of Gospel wows fans

Concertgoers sing along and Fort Lauderdale mayor bestows honor

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The First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar, performed to a packed, rocking house on July 15 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

While fans waited for Caesar, they praised and worshipped with guest soloist Christine Robinson and the New Sounds of Joy Ministry.

But before the main event, there was some housekeeping to be done.

The late Reverend Joe Johnson of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church was honored at the event. Johnson died May 25, and his family accepted his honorary award.

Also honored were Bishop C.E. Glover of Mount Bethel Baptist Church and Bishop Jimmie Williams of Lighthouse Worship Center Church of God in Christ.

"Today we are honoring men of valor, men of strength, men of standard. These individuals are paid to unlock the doors to the community. They are anointed, appointed, and they are called," Jacqueline

Sheppard said, presenter of the honoree awards, about the men who were being honored.

Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Dean Trantalis, was there to honor Glover and Williams. As he finished reading the biographies of both men, he permitted them their special day, July 15, 2018, which is named after them.

"It's indeed a privilege and honor to stand on stage with these two fine gentlemen, and at the same time to be able to read this proclamation. It is just an understatement of the dedication, and the commitment, and the value that they bring to our community," Trantalis said.

As both Glover and Williams accepted their awards from Trantalis, they shouted, "Never would have made it."

Caesar then made her way to the stage to perform some of her hit singles.

"If you came for a show, you're in the wrong place," Caesar said to her fans. "Let me get somebody that don't mind talking."

Fans were called to the stage to sing "Jesus, I Love

Calling Your Name," one of her singles. Caesar learned that her fans could sing.

Caesar also performed "I Remember Mama," "Armor of God" and "It's Alright; It's Ok."

As many hoped, Caesar performed the "You Name It" challenge.

The "You Name It challenge" comes from Caesar's song "Hold My Mule." In the "Hold My Mule" live performance, Caesar says, "I got beans, greens, potatoes, lamb, rams, hogs, dogs, chicken, turkey, rats, you name it!" Fans jumped, screamed and laughed in delight.

The concert concluded with a prayer, and fans exited the building with smiles on their faces, seemingly to show they were satisfied with Caesar's performance.

Shirley Caesar performs July 15 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Photo courtesy of Gregory Reed



In 'Skyscraper,' the Rock towers over action tropes

MARK KENNEDY
The Associated Press

I like to imagine what King Kong, as a popcorn-chomping moviegoer, might make of "Skyscraper," the latest summer actioner starring Dwayne Johnson. Would he, watching a goliath ascend the exterior of a high-rise with helicopters and klieg lights swirling, woundedly mumble, "Hey, that's my gig." But in Rawson Marshall Thurber's thriller, there is Johnson steadily — and without too

much trouble, really — swinging up a 100-story-high crane to then leap across a mammoth chasm and land in an open window on the burning 220-story tower where his wife and twin kids are trapped.

The Hong Kong-set "Skyscraper" is a kind of West-meets-East "Die Hard," but without the gritty flair of John McTiernan's film, nor anything like the villainous heights of Alan Rickman's Hans Gruber. Johnson's protagonist, too, is a polished family man, the in-

verse of Bruce Willis' unshaven divorcee.

Johnson plays Will Sawyer, a former military man who, after a haunting hostage encounter, has become a security systems consultant. "I put my sword down," says Sawyer, who has a prosthetic leg from the incident — a welcome touch in a movie world where disabilities are seldom represented.

Along with his former combat surgeon wife (the nice-to-see-again Neve Campbell, whose part exceeds the stereotypi-

cal spouse role) and their two kids (McKenna Roberts, Noah Cottrell), Sawyer is in Hong Kong to ready the security for "The Pearl," a state-of-the-art skyscraper promoted as three times the size of the Empire State Building. With a swirling turbine midway up and a tennis ball-like sphere at the top, it looks a little like a giant World Cup trophy.

The building is the pride of billionaire developer Zhao Long Ji (Chin Han), who has filled it with extravagant attrac-

tions, like a kind of digital hall-of-mirrors that will inevitably serve as the setting for a "Lady From Shanghai"-like shootout. He presides over it from the penthouse, more than 100 floors above anyone else in the unfinished high rise.

"Skyscraper" doesn't have any such thoughts — or, really, any thoughts, period — in mind. It's counting on your amnesia to the past, on screen and off, and it will readily supply you with two hours of mindless escape. It does the job better

than most, thanks largely to its hulking hero. When Johnson makes his crane leap — the movie's much-promoted central set piece — throngs surrounding the building ooh and aah. It's a bird! It's a plane! It's the Rock.

"Skyscraper," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sequences of gun violence and action, and for brief strong language." Running time: 102 minutes. Two and half stars out of four.



A rendering of the Opa-locka Community Care and Resource Center is on display at the property during a community meeting about plans for the center.



The playground outside of the Opa-locka Community Care and Resource Center

Miami Times photos/ Nyamekye Daniel

Plans for a COMMUNITY RESTORED?

Opa-locka city officials want to renovate a building that once served as a lifeline for families, homeless

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Opa-locka officials want the city residents' input on the rehabilitation of a resource center.

The Opa-locka Community Care and Resource Center once served as a place for those in need, but it was closed four years ago due to disrepair. Now with the help of a \$471,000 grant from the county, the center will be serving a new purpose.

"Our Community Empowerment Team use to be here, and it was utilized as a community center for social services," said Opa-locka Vice Mayor Joseph Kelley. "I want to call it a mini Caleb Center in a sense."

Located at 2105 Ali Baba Ave., the facility used to be the Young, Bowers and

Brown Cultural Arts Center. The building started serving the needs of the community as the Opa-locka Community Care and Resource Center in 2010. But it was closed due to mold, mildew and structural and electrical issues in 2014.

Next to the two-story, 4,043-square-foot building that has the signature Moorish architecture of Opa-locka, is a small playground with about three slides attached to a jungle gym. When the heat from the sun started to fade, it rung with the pitter-patter of a few small feet.

The outside of the building looks intact, but officials said inside is an unsafe and unhealthy environment. They plan to perform interior demolition, install American with Disabilities Act-com-

plaint bathrooms and elevators, replace flooring, upgrade lighting, repaint the inside and replace the roof.

The plot of land the building and playground sit on has a rich history in the city, according to Gregory Gay, the Zoning & Community Development director.

The area where the building is located, dubbed Magnolia North, was developed during the '50s. Contrary to the drab, underdeveloped street that Opa-locka officials and residents sat on to have a meeting on Monday, July 9 about the building's destiny, the east side of Opa-locka back then saw a different life.

Gay said the neighborhood, which is now 25 percent vacant, used to have a motel, barbershop, restaurant and floral shop.

However, after a downward



Gregory Gay, Opa-locka's Zoning & Community Development director speaks about the history of Magnolia North.

trend of crime, the vibrancy faded away. People needed a place where they could go for help.

"We need to make this area much more active, more active in terms of people living

here and people using the community center," said Gay.

Kelley was a member of the Community Empowerment Team who started the supportive operation in the building back in 2010.

The empowerment team is a coalition of organizations focused on the wellbeing of families, the elderly and those with special needs.

It was a nine-hour operation.

"What usually occurred in the morning is people would come in and look for jobs; apply on the computer; get assistance with food stamps; housing; and clothing," said Kelley. "We would put them in touch with those agencies who do those types of things."

In the evenings, children would attend aftercare and tutoring programs, and an area of the building was used for a police substation.

The Opa-locka commissioners, Public Works director, Airia Austin and Gay held what they called a Community Visioning Workshop last Monday to get residents' will for the building.

Some residents said they would like to see the center.

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Arson victims get help from Adventists

Miami Gardens Police and church fed displaced families on the Sabbath

Miami Times Staff Report

On Wednesday, July 11, a fire broke out in the Crystal Lakes Apartments, located in Miami Gardens.

Affected were residents of the apartment complex. The fire reportedly destroyed six apartment units, while others were damaged by smoke and water.

Malachi Wilder, 19, was arrested in what authorities believe was a failed suicide attempt. The teen now faces charges including arson and attempted murder.

Through no fault of their own, some residents lost everything.

The Miami Gardens Police Department saw the plight of

some of those residents and sought a way to help. The suggestion was made to reach out to the Pisgah Pantry, the food-sharing ministry of Mt. Pisgah Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is also located in Miami Gardens.

By Friday, when the Miami Gardens Police were able to contact Jondra Grier, the manager of the Mt. Pisgah Pantry, they discovered that Grier and other members of the congregation were already busy discussing ways the ministry could reach out to help the affected residents.

The police and church joined together. Phone calls were made; church members were asked to volunteer; and

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Miami Gardens Police officers and members of Mt. Pisgah Seventh Day Adventist Church line up in front of more than 50 boxes of food donated to help victims of arson.

Photo courtesy of Mt. Pisgah





Mark Humphrey/Associated Press file

The Southern Baptist Convention's Nashville headquarters

Plans to share a church fall apart

Leadership intervenes as white members push out Blacks

ERIN B. LOGAN
The Washington Post

What started as an attempt to modernize a Georgia church led to expulsion from Southern Baptist Convention on the grounds of racism. Raleigh White Baptist Church, which once boasted a membership of 253, recently had fewer than 20 people attend on Sundays. The all-white church in Albany, Ga., planned to bequeath its facilities to New Seasons, a Black church, to reflect the changing demographics of the surrounding community. The plan was simple: New Seasons would share facilities with Raleigh White for

six months, at which time the building would be passed off. But after Raleigh White leadership changed and internal opposition surfaced, the plan collapsed. Marcus Glass, the pastor of New Seasons, told The Washington Post that many in his congregation complained about treatment from Raleigh White members. There were small offenses, such as hostile glares and refusals to speak — violations of Southern hospitality. Then things escalated, Glass said: denying a 9-year-old access to a restroom, and a horde of white women jeering over a Black woman while she cleaned feces off a floor.

Glass said he tried to play nice. He, alongside many in his congregation, would arrive early to their service with the hope of greeting white churchgoers as they left their own morning service. Glass said Raleigh White objected to the encroachment and changed its service time to avoid the interaction. The deteriorating relationship between Raleigh White and New Seasons prompted an investigation by Mallory Baptist Association, a Southwest Georgia conference of churches and missions. The association attempted to mend the relationship. **SEE CHURCH 11D**

PLANS

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revived for just the children while others wanted just a resource center for the poor. They eventually agreed to meet halfway. Pastor Yvonne Hampton-Barley has a church in the neighborhood. She believes the focus should be on the children and "keeping them busy" with a game room and academic lessons. "You guys need to have a facility for the children in the neighborhood to come and get tutoring and after-care and all that stuff, and that's something that I think needs to be done here," said Hampton-Barley to the city officials. "The kids will have

somewhere to play other than in the streets." Opa-locka resident Stephanie Holden said the playground at the center needs to be remodeled with something to shield the children from the smothering heat. "Look at Miramar Parkway, the park there. Kids can go and get wet; it's a big umbrella and a large size area to play," she said. Holden was also concerned about the homeless and unemployed in the area. More than 13 percent of Opa-locka's 15,867 residents live below the poverty level and the same amount is unemployed, according to the November 2016 Miami-Dade Economic Advisory Trust Annual Report. "You need to think about the homeless people. Peo-

ple need jobs," said Holden. "Make this building like it was but add the kids to it." Commissioners Matthew Pigatt and John Riley told the residents that Opa-locka could not afford too many luxuries right now because of its financial status. The city owes the county and other vendors nearly \$8 million. However, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners awarded Opa-locka a \$471,916.70 Community Development Block Grant for the renovation. "We are in a financial crisis right now. No, ifs, ands or buts about that," said Pigatt. "But I want to encourage everyone to put your ideas on the table, and we will talk about what is the best use."



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Opa-locka resident Stephanie Holden, center, gives her input about what the plan should be for the Opa-locka Community Care and Resource Center during a meeting on the property on July 9.

FAITH CALENDAR

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- **Gospel Arena International Ministry:** The 15th annual Community Day will offer free health screenings, free food and drinks, back-to-school giveaways and food ministry 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 28. Call 786-953-8583.
- **Temple Emanu-El:** Upcoming events: Erev Tisha 8'ay 7:30 p.m. on July 21; and Va'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu 7:30 p.m. on July 28. Call 305-538-2503.
- **The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.:** Free counseling, tutoring, health screenings and messages of services are being offered by Senior Pastor Felicia Hamilton-Parramore. Call 954-707-3274.
- **Gathering All Parents to Prayer:** Prayer for youth; noon every third Saturday; 835 NW

CHURCH Listings

- CATHOLIC**
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Rev. Alexander Ekechukwu, CSsp
1301 NW 71 Street • 305-691-1701
- BAPTIST**
New Philadelphia Baptist Church
Pastor Rickie K. Robinson Sr.
1113 NW 79th Street • 305-505-0400
- Greater Harvest Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth McGee
2310 NW 58th Street • 786-717-5818
- MISSIONARY BAPTIST**
New Christ Tabernacle Church
Rev. Harold Harsh
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578
- Walking in Christ M.B. Church**
Rev. Larry Robbins, Sr.
3530 NW 214th Street • 305-433-0443
- New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**
Elder William Walker
5895 NW 23rd Avenue • 305-635-3866
- New Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church**
Rev. Harold Marsh
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578
- Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church**
Elder Johnnie Robinson
1395 NW 69th Street • 305-835-8316
- New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**
Rev. Bernard E. Lang, Pastor/Teacher
7103 NW 22 Avenue • 954-433-2028
- Second Canaan Missionary Baptist Church**
Rev. Jeffrey L. Mack, Pastor
4343 NW 17 Avenue 305-638-1789
- Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church**
Rev. Van Gaskins, Jr., Pastor/Teacher
7510 NW 15th Avenue • 305-418-0012
- True Faith Missionary Baptist Church**
Pastor John M. Fair
1890 NW 47th Terrace • 786-262-6841
- The Kingdom Agenda Worship Center**
Prophetess Felicia Hamilton-Parramore
630 Sharar Avenue • 954-707-3274
- AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL Metropolitan A.M.E. Church**
Rev. Michael H. Clark, Jr., Senior Pastor
1778 NW 69th Street • 305-696-4201
- New Resurrection Community Church**
Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Tate
2167 NW 64th Street • 305-342-7426
- PENTECOSTAL**
New Faith Deliverance Center COGIC
Pastor Dr. Willie Gaines
3257 NW 7th Avenue Circle • 305-335-4389
- New Life Christian Center**
Rev. Bruce Payne
5726 Washington Street • 786-536-9039
- MORAVIAN CHURCH**
New Hope Moravian Church
Pastor Gregorio Moody
6001 SW 127th Avenue • 305-273-4047
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Church of Christ at Coconut Grove
Minister William D. Maddox
3345 Douglas Road • 305-448-0504
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Revival Tabernacle Assembly of God
Pastor Leonard Shaw
2085 NW 97th Street • 305-693-1356
- NON DENOMINATION**
Lively Stone Church of Miami
Pastor David Doriszar
8025 NW Miami Court 754-400-0899



Photo courtesy of Mt. Pisgah

Dressed for church, but ready to serve, Adventist Delroy Damallie helps deliver boxes of food to arson victims.

ARSON

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on Saturday, the congregation's religious Sabbath Day of worship and rest, boxes of food were loaded onto members' trucks. A small convoy, led by the police lights, was seen leaving the church. "They served about a 125 people for breakfast," said Grier, "and a 150 for dinner, and we gave out about 50 boxes of food."

According to Grier, the

Pisgah Pantry serves the public twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. "We serve between 200 and 220 families every other week, which totals over 400 families a month."

"Our church was ready," said Alex Royes, the senior pastor at Mt. Pisgah Seventh Day Adventist Church. "They [Miami Gardens Police Department] did call us, letting us know that 50 families had been displaced in Miami Gardens. "They called us saying that they

needed us to organize 50 boxes of food. We immediately went to the food bank, picked up some extra food, got volunteers to come to the church and made up 50 boxes of food. They then requested us to come back in the morning [Sunday] to help serve breakfast for these families.

"We've been an integral part in our community," said Royes. "We were able to be of assistance immediately, and help those families get what they absolutely needed at that time."

119th St.; Call Apostle Thelma Knowles at 305-332-1736.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center:** Gospel Kickback with entertainment and fine dining;

noon - 6 p.m. every Sunday. Call 305-224-1890.

■ **Metropolitan A.M.E. Church:** Food and clothing giveaway every second Saturday. Call 786-277-4150.

■ **Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church:** Food and clothing distribution; 4 p.m. every Wednesday. Call 786-541-3687.

■ **First Haitian Church of God:** Food drive; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. Call 786-362-1804.

■ **New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry:** Free mind, body and soul self-improvement and Zumba fitness

classes. Call 305-691-0018.

■ **Florida Independent Restoration Ministries:** Prayer for families dealing with drugs and alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayer line, ext. 104.

■ **Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church:** Bereavement sharing groups; 3-4 p.m. every second Sunday. Call 305-634-2993.

■ **MEC Ministries:** Provides healing services; 7:30 p.m. every fourth Friday. Call 305-693-1534.

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



NO SNOOZE, LESS SLUMBER FOR BLACKS

Study finds connection between race and sleep, gap in hours of rest when compared to white counterparts



Fully closing the sleep gap would require addressing all of the societal factors that have created it, such as structural racism, but Yip points out that even being aware of the relationship between discrimination and sleep disturbance is a step in the right direction

SPENSER MESTEL
The Washington Post

On May 8, campus police officers at Yale University responded to a call from a white graduate student about a Black graduate student, whom she said was unknown to her and sleeping in the common room. For many, the incident was further evidence that Black Americans are targets of harassment even in communities that are ostensibly their own, but the interaction is also a window into another, less-publicized disparity: It's likely that, over the course of their lifetimes, white students have slept hundreds of hours more than Black students.

According to a forthcoming paper by Tiffany Yip, a psychology professor at Fordham University, the sleep gap between white and nonwhite students begins with children as young as 2 years old — and it grows from there. What starts as a 15 minutes-a-day sleep deficit in childhood eventually becomes almost an hour a night in adulthood.

But it isn't just a difference of time. According to a study conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, Blacks are more likely than Caucasians to have insomnia, sleep apnea and daytime sleepiness. In addition, they spend 15 percent of their night in deep sleep (considered the most restorative phase), compared with Caucasians' 20 percent.

Sleeping in on the weekends can compensate for lack of sleep during the week, study suggests

Lauren Hale, professor of family, population and preventive medicine at Stony Brook University, calls the sleep gap "a matter of social justice" and identifies

two other significant predictors in addition to race: level of education (those without a high school diploma are more likely to have sleep disorders) and neighborhood context (city dwellers typically sleep less than those outside the urban core). Hale said of her findings in a 2013 TEDx Talk, "If the very people who are the most socially disadvantaged and most need that extra boost to function better during their days wake up the least prepared, then they are at a disadvantage throughout every aspect of their day."

Of course, race is also intertwined with education levels, Zip code and other factors that impede a restful night's sleep, such as crowding and cigarette smoking in the home and living in a higher-crime neighborhood. But, Yip says, "there are still independent effects of race that go above and beyond socioeconomic effects."

To study the sleep gap among adolescents, Yip recruited 146 participants from five public high schools in New York City. For two weeks a year, the freshmen self-reported their sleep length and quality, as well as their experiences of discrimination. In addition, they wore a wristband that tracked their activity 24 hours a day.

Using teenagers was especially helpful for Yip's research because adolescence is typically when our brains develop enough to be able to form a racial identity. Yip says, "Seeing discrimination in the world as it happens to people of different racial, ethnic groups, as it happens to people in your own racial, ethnic groups, as it starts to happen to friends and family members and as well as yourself — all of those things require a pretty sophisticated cognitive understanding."

As teenagers start to process these events, they

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FMU's interim president Jaffus Hardrick, center, poses with other professionals at his welcome reception July 16 at the university's Smith Conference Center.

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FMU'S NEW LEADER INSTALLED MONDAY

Jaffus Hardrick shows his Florida International University connections by feting Mandela Washington Fellows at HBCU

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While Monday, July 16 was Jaffus Hardrick's first official day at Florida Memorial University as its interim president, he has already made his presence and connections known.

Hardrick's first official day culminated in a reception of about 250 family, friends, faculty and staff in the university's Smith Conference Center.

On Friday, Jaffus entertained more than 20 participants in the 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, a program of the Young African Leaders Initiative, which is housed on Florida International University's Modesto A. Maidique campus. FMU, South Florida's only historically Black university or college, put on a reception for the fellows in its Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts. Among the attendees

were Susan Webster, who directs the Mandela Fellows program, Miami Gardens Councilman David Williams and John Yearwood, former chair and now a board member of the International Press Institute.

"I think it's a great idea. It exposed the fellows to an HBCU, an important part of the higher education system," said Yearwood, who is also a media consultant. "It also allows a mostly African-Ameri-

can audience to interact with some incredibly talented young leaders from Africa. It was such a powerful evening that I'm surprised it wasn't done sooner."

The Mandela Fellows hail from various countries including: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Nigeria, United Republic of Tanzania, and South Africa.

The fellowship, since 2014 have been bringing bankers, lawyers and other professionals to the United States for

leadership training and networking. The fellows get to interact with each other and share experiences.

Webster said that FIU's president, Mark Rosenberg, usually receives the fellows. And now FMU had a chance to host them.

Hardrick thanks the FMU staff for putting together the reception "at the last minute."

"I had to receive the fellows since they are here with us," Hardrick said about the fellows. "We are the only HBCU in South Florida. They had to see this."

Hardrick spent 10 years at

FIU, last serving as first vice provost for Student Access & Success and as vice president of Human Resources simultaneously.

He is the third interim president since Roslyn Clark Artis left for Benedict College.

Already, he has issued his longterm goals for the university, which has struggled financially.

"There are five areas of strategic focus that will guide our success ... student success, academic quality; financial sovereignty; relationship development; and operational excellence," Hardrick said.



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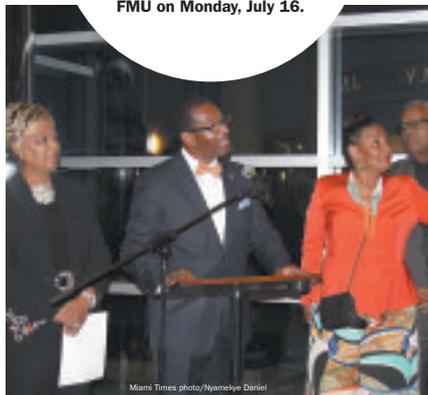


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FMU interim president, Jaffus Hardrick, treats the FIU Mandela Washington Fellows to a reception July 13 at FMU's Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts. He officially started his new position at FMU on Monday, July 16.



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Pastor OF THE WEEK

Pastor Anthony Reed



Anthony Reed labors to help South Dade residents thrive

Pastor says churches should improve quality of life

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When Anthony Reed was growing up in Charleston, South Carolina, he never imagined he'd be pastoring a church in South Miami-Dade. Though he grew up in church, the gifted track athlete wanted to be an Olympian and lawyer — but as the saying goes, the Lord works in mysterious ways.

Reed, 41, has been a pastor for 16 years now, the last 13 of which he's spent at Martin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church (also known as The Purple Church), located at 14700 Lincoln Blvd. in the Richmond Heights neighborhood of Miami.

"I never thought I'd live in Miami, but it's a place that I never want to leave now, especially South Dade. South

Dade has such great potential. There are so many untapped resources, and I really feel called to this area," Reed said.

Reed holds a bachelor's degree in religion from Charleston Southern University, a master's of divinity in pastoral care and counseling and psychology of religion from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center,

and a doctorate in leadership development and organizational dynamics from the United Theological Seminary.

He was ordained in 1999 at Charleston's historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church — where nine Black parishioners were murdered by a white supremacist — and at age 25, he assumed his first pastoral assignment at St. Paul AME Church in Boynton Beach. Three years later his bishop asked him to lead Martin Memorial.

The church has services on Sundays at 10 a.m., Bible study on Mondays at 7 p.m., mid-week worship service on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., ministry and outreach on Thursdays and Fridays, and ministry work days on Saturdays.

It is also known for being a tangible resource to the community through outreaches that include a feeding program, help for the homeless, support for juvenile offenders, adopting disenfranchised housing complexes, toy giveaways and more.

"We do a lot of philanthropic things. A lot of the members are involved in a lot of social and also civic affairs. We're not just here on Sundays, we're a 24-7 kingdom experience that empowers people," Reed said.

In addition to their community outreach programs,

Reed said the church has a big commitment to social change because it follows the example of Christ.

"One of my philosophies is that Jesus never pastored a congregation. He pastored a community so the people that came to him who were hurting. He didn't care whether they were Jews or Samaritans, his job was always to help. So I really believe theologically God has always called us as a people to always help those who are

one accord and raise scholarship funds on The Day of Pentecost.

"It was started by a vision God has given me, and it's been working really well thus far. The proceeds go towards scholarships for anyone that wants to go to college. We've raised about \$35,000 to \$40,000 thus far," Reed said.

Reed is married to Karen Stokes Reed, who co-pastors the church with him. They have three sons Anthony Reed Jr., 12, and twin boys Jeremiah and Joel, 9. He said his family loves Miami.

He said he is committed to providing leadership both in the spiritual and natural realms.

"The people of South Dade really need prophetic leadership... I think God is calling churches to be active and involved for the greater good of people to help improve their quality of life. One of my roles is to be a prophetic leader on Sunday, but also a public servant leader throughout the week so people can hear and see a vision and see something greater than what they're used to," Reed said.

For more information, visit www.thepurplechurch.org. Do you know of a spiritual leader who should be featured in this column? Email ishekah@gmail.com.

"I never thought I'd live in Miami, but it's a place that I never want to leave now, especially South Dade."

CHURCH CONTINUED FROM 8D

But Raleigh White's leadership would not budge, according to Mallary officials.

The affair exploded on a Sunday morning in March. Raleigh White planned to receive an influx of visitors and told Glass that his church's service would need to be pushed back several hours.

Raleigh White's service lasted longer than expected and white members met Black churchgoers at their cars, telling them not to come into the building, according to Glass.

"If you were white, you could go into the church. If you were Black, you were not allowed in," Glass said.

Frank Stimpson, a senior member of Raleigh White, said that "the allegations are untrue." But, he told The Post by phone: "We've put it behind us."

The March incident prompted Mallary to take more aggressive action, expelling the 75-year-old church from its 53-member association.

"What we did was to protect the other 52 churches in our association from being party to one church's actions," said Hans Wunch, the director of the association. "We regret these actions had to be taken, but we couldn't sweep them under the rug. We wanted to think this was something besides racism. But, it just became overly clear that it became a component to what was going on... We could not associate with that anymore."

Mallary's spring decision prompted the Southern Baptist Convention to follow suit, removing the church from its ranks.

Sing Oldham, a spokesman for the SBC, told The Post that this

is the first time the convention has removed a church because of allegations of racism. The organization has expelled churches as recently as 2014 "for openly affirming homosexual behavior," Oldham said.

Last year, the SBC passed a resolution disavowing the all-right and white supremacy.

Glass, the New Seasons pastor, said the SBC has made sincere steps in the area of race and hopes Raleigh White can one day do the same.

"I take no pleasure in what is happening with our sister church," he said. "I pray one day we can come back and reconcile."



Pastor Tracy L. McCloud
Church Revival

The membership of New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 7103 NW 22 Avenue will be hosting their Annual Church Revival beginning Wednesday, July 18th through Friday, July 20th, 7:30 p.m. nightly. Pastor Tracy L. McCloud, D. Min. of Peace Missionary Baptist Church will be the Evangelist for the week. Other churches will be participating in these services. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Bernard E. Lang, is the pastor.

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become more sensitive to discrimination, whether it's a major traumatic event, such as not getting fair housing, or whether it's a more mundane event, sometimes called a microaggression, such as a Black American being complimented for being "very articulate."

Both kinds of discrimination negatively impact sleep, which Yip explains, starts a negative feedback loop. Chronic sleepiness can make it more difficult for teenagers to regulate their

emotions, which sharpens the blow of discrimination, further disturbing their rest. In that regard, Yip thinks of sleep as a "biological mechanism" that links stressors, such as discrimination, with more tangible outcomes, such as weaker academic performance or more frequent symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Fully closing the sleep gap would require addressing all of the societal factors that have created it, such as structural racism, but Yip points out that even being aware of the relationship between discrimination

and sleep disturbance is a step in the right direction. This is especially true after someone has experienced an event that isn't overtly racist, which tends to invite speculation as their head hits the pillow and they think of "all the things they could've done differently," Yip says, "If we can do some of that processing before bedtime, I think [that] might help to alleviate some of the disparity." Being able to do that processing, through activities such as journaling, or with a group of peers who have had similar experiences, might

soften the effect.

Of the many disparities in health between whites and nonwhites, the sleep gap has received relatively little attention. For example, it's unknown whether the gap is affected by the level of racial integration in a neighborhood. Yip was also surprised to discover that it was actually Asian American teenagers who slept the least of any racial group — 45 minutes less than their Caucasian peers. That difference, she believes, might be explained by the source of the discrimination against them.

"African American children experience discrimination from teachers and police officers and adults," she says, referring to a 2009 study that appeared in *Epidemiologic Reviews*, the journal of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "The Asian kids experience more discrimination from peers." She hopes to test that thesis on an upcoming study of college students.

Across the board, though, Yip has one recommendation: Don't disregard the importance of sleep. "I think if we can underscore that a little bit more, then I think that people will appreciate the importance of going to bed rather than staying up all night to study for an exam."

Southern FL Jurisdiction Holy Convocation

The South Florida Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ cordially invites the community to its 20th Annual Holy Convocation July 23-29 at Gamble Memorial COGIC, 1898 NW 43 Street, Miami, where Bishop Julian C. Jackson is Senior Minister, teacher and host pastor.

The convocation will commence with a musical extravaganza, Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, evening worship service will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. Sunday services will convene at Bethany Seven-Day Adventist Church, 2500 NW 50 Street, Miami, FL. Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m., and the official morning worship service at



Bishop Julian C. Jackson

11 a.m. The Jurisdictional Prelate, the Honorable Bishop Julian C. Jackson will deliver the official day sermon. For additional information call 305-821-3692 or 305-757-6620.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Apostolic Revival Center
Services
Wed. Interspersed Prayer 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun.-Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith
6702 N.W. 15th Avenue
305-836-1224

Liberty City Church of Christ
Services
Sunday Morning 8 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
Tue. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.
Evangelist Eric W. Doss
1263 N.W. 67th Street
305-836-4555

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

Brownsville Church of Christ
Services
Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.
Min. Harrell Hentton
4561 N.W. 33rd Court
305-634-4850

93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church
Services
7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship
11 a.m. Morning Worship
Evening Worship
1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Website: cmcnc.org
Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson
2330 N.W. 93rd Street
305-836-0942

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

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

Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Services
Early Worship 7 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
NBC 10:05 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 1 p.m.
Mission and Bible
Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.
5946 N.W. 12th Avenue
305-751-9323

New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International
Services
Sunday Worship 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.
1 (800) 254-ANBC
305-685-3700
Fax: 305-685-0705
www.newbirthbaptistmiami.org
Bishop Victor T. Curry, D.Min., D.D., Senior Pastor/Teacher
2300 N.W. 135th Street

Pembroke Park Church of Christ
Services
SUNDAY Bible Study Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
www.PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com
Minister Kevin D. Jones, Sr.
3707 S.W. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33023

Hosanna Community Baptist Church
Services
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
Worship 7:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3:00 p.m.
Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins
2171 N.W. 56th Street
305-637-4404

Hadley Davis MLK

HATTIE MAE BROWN-BRADLEY, 74, funeral home assistant, died July 10 at Claridge House. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at St. Matthews Freewill Baptist Church.



BETTY NELMS, 84, nursing assistant, died July 6 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.



MAURICE ANDERSON, 54, security guard, died July 10. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



NATHAN HOOKS, JR., 68, landscaper, died July 12 at Jackson Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

GAYNELL WASHINGTON, 63, homemaker, died July 6 at Jackson North Medical Center. Service 10 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



ISRAEL LINDER, 26, rapper, died July 10. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



BABY EMMA MARIE MAESTRE TIRADOR, died July 5. Services were held.

ISIAH LAMBERT, 81, retired, died July 11 at Jackson Hospital. Services were held.

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ANDREW HARRIS, 45, construction worker, died July 13 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Apostolic Worship Center.



Range Homestead

DEMARCUS A. DAVIS, 34, federal correction officer, died July 13 at Kindred Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Upper Room Ministries.



Richardson

VICTORIA GLORIA BYRON, 93, retired daycare teacher, died July 11 at home. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Saint Agnes Episcopal Church.



LARRY URIE JOSEY, SR., 68, postal driver, died July 13 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.



Gregg L. Mason

PATRICIA HOLMES, 67, retired teacher assistant, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, died July 5. Survivors include: devoted companion, Gabriel Tyrone Linder, Sr.; sons, Keith Holmes, Sr. and Gabriel Tyrone Linder, II; sisters, Janet Vereen and Theda Miller; two grandchildren, Keith, Jr. and Isaiah; other relatives. Services were held.



ELLIOTT MAURICE DAVIS, 35, entrepreneur, Car Wash, died July 13. Survivors include: daughters, Charese, Yaurice, Eloyna and Elyna Davis; parents, James and Mozell Davis; step-son, Chirshad Chaffton; fiancée, Rachel Carter; other relatives. Viewing 5-9 p.m., Friday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 740 NW 53 Street, Miami, FL. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at the church. Interment: Caballero Rivero Dade North.



Wright and Young

CHERRY JOHNSON, 59, homemaker, died July 9. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church.



CHARLES E. HALL, 66, landscape supervisor, died July 10. Service 3 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



MACEO WRIGHT, 26, died July 9. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



MELVIN GREGORY BASS, 59, died July 11. Final rites in Illinois.

Trinity

CYNTHIA JENKINS, 60, died July 10 at home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at God Word God Way Church of God in Christ.



ESTHER THOMPSON, 73, homemaker, died July 9 at Unity Nursing Home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Happy Birthday



In loving memory of **ALFRED BARR** 07/19/1939 - 07/14/2015

It's been three years since you left us and your memories still lives on in our hearts. We love and miss you. Love the family.

Paradise

WILLIE MOSELY, SR., 85, paving contractor, died July 15 at home. Memorial service 6-8 p.m., Thursday at Martin Memorial A.M.E. Church, 14700 Lincoln Blvd., Miami, FL 33176. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Lloyd, FL.



Range

ELLIOTT REMARD GUILFORD, JR., 32, security officer for Kent Security Company, died July 13. Survivors included his wife, Crystal Walker Guilford; mother, Hallie Johnson Guilford; father, Elliott Guilford, Sr.; daughters, Makayla Levels, and Savannah Guilford; sisters, Asia Guilford and Ciara Guilford; grandmother, Catherine Sulton; mother-in-law, Eleese Walker; a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



HELEN MARIE BARBARY WILLIAMS, 75, retired school teacher for Miami-Dade County Schools, died July 10. Service 12 p.m., Tuesday, July 31 at Church of The Incarnation.

Ralph Paige, advocate for Black farmers, dies at 74

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The Washington Post

members could draw from to finance farming operations and personal needs, including sending their children to school.

ed Press in 1990. "They're the backbone of this country."

Two years later, Paige led a caravan of Black farmers to Capitol Hill and the USDA headquarters to protest the agency's discrimination. He brought with him a live pig to underscore the federation's disdain.



Ralph Paige

Ralph Paige, a community organizer who helped Black American family farmers in the South stay on their land, obtain access to loans and sue the federal government, resulting in one of the largest civil rights settlements in history, died June 28 at a hospital in Atlanta. He was 74.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said his daughter, Kenyatta Carter.

A Georgia native, Paige gave voice to thousands of struggling Black farmers and small business owners through the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, a nonprofit organization.

Paige, who joined the group in 1969 and was executive director from 1985 until his retirement in 2015, helped organize Black farm families into large economic cooperatives to give them more purchasing and marketing power. The federation began with 22 cooperatives and grew to 75 during Paige's tenure.

Under his leadership, the organization also educated Black American families on how to keep their land through wills, estate plans and deeds, and created community credit unions that

With other advocacy groups such as the National Black Farmers Association, Paige also helped expose years of discrimination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which had for years disproportionately delayed or denied loans to Black farmers. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan dismantled USDA's civil rights office, which provided oversight of how loans were approved or denied, and it remained shuttered until the Clinton administration reopened in 1996.

As a result of neglect or racial bias during that period and earlier, many farmers went out of business, lost their land and fell into debt. A later USDA-commissioned audit found that loans to Black farmers averaged 25 percent less than those to white farmers, and that white farmers received a greater proportion of disaster payments. "I think the government should be concerned about all small farmers," Paige told the Association of Black Farmers and

Paige helped file a Freedom of Information Act request seeking any civil rights complaints leveled at the USDA. He received thousands of documents, including letters the USDA sent farmers admitting discrimination, said John Zippert, the federation's director of program operations. Those FOIA letters — along with original copies retained by the farmers — were integral in helping lawyers put together a class-action lawsuit, and Paige helped identify and prepare plaintiffs.

In 1997, lawyers brought the suit, *Pigford v. Glickman*, against the USDA, claiming discrimination and failure to investigate complaints from 1981 to 1996. The case was settled two years later, with over \$1 billion going toward more than 15,000 farmers as compensation.



James Wells writing his signature in a book about the Friendship Nine.

James Wells, 77, one of Friendship Nine, dies

The Associated Press

movement. Their time on a chain gang in York County encouraged protesters to stay in jail to fight segregation, Jim Crow laws and other forms of racism.

The convictions of Wells and the other members of the Friendship Nine were overturned in 2015. York County prosecutors apologized to the group for their arrest and their time in jail.

"We cannot rewrite history; but we can right history," John C. Hayes III, the chief administrative judge for South Carolina's 16th Judicial Circuit, said when the misdemeanor charges were vacated. "Now, as to the Friendship Nine, is the time and opportunity to do so. Now is the time to recognize that justice is not temporal, but is the same yesterday, to-



James Wells

day and tomorrow." Wells was born on June 25, 1941. A lawyer and an Air Force veteran, he is the third member of the group to die. Robert McCullough died in 2006, and Clarence Graham died in 2016. Ernest A. Finney Jr., the lawyer who represented the Friendship Nine, died

last year. Survivors include his wife, Ella. Wells and the other members of the Friendship Nine are honored with stools at the former lunch counter where the protests took place. There also are signs and markers about the group around the city.

Obituaries are due
4:30 p.m., Tuesday
305-694-6210