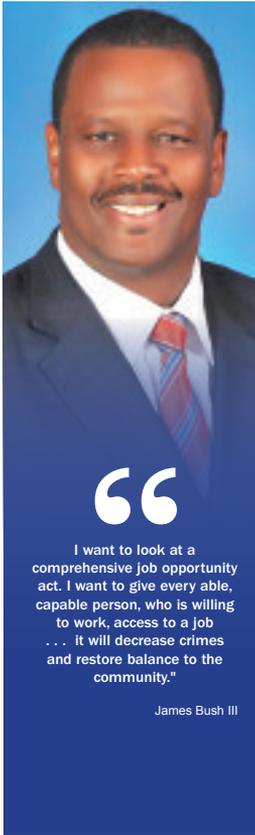


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FLORIDA HOUSE, DISTRICT 109



## McMINN V. BUSH

# Battle to end Aug. 28

Both candidates are ready to take on issues in community

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**T**he race for District 109 of the Florida House of Representatives is gearing up to be a battle between candidates' experience versus perseverance.

Young, up-and-comer Cedric McMinn will fight former state Rep. James Bush III in the Florida primary election Aug. 28 to occupy the seat that will be vacated by term-limited and current district leader, Cynthia A. Stafford, who has endorsed McMinn to fill her seat. No Republican has mounted a challenge.

District 109 includes a swath of northwest Miami-Dade including Brownsville, Gladeview, West Little River, Westview and parts of Miami, Miami Gardens and Opa-locka.

McMinn is known for his perseverance and willingness to "get his hands dirty," said Stafford. "I have known Cedric for many years, and I have watched him grow and work," Stafford said about why she endorsed McMinn. "He's worked in Tallahassee before, and he has the heart for this community."

But Bush is not backing down even though the

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James Bush III



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When I look at Brownsville, Overtown, Allapattah, Wynwood, I see communities that need experienced leadership, someone who understands the pulse of the community."

Cedric McMinn

# Mayor charter revision halted

Miami Commission to discuss further Tuesday

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Not knowing the answers to questions such as the amount of money a strong mayor would be paid and how much power he would have caused Miami City Commissioners to table a vote, which would bring a strong mayor or form of government to the city.

Four of the commissioners formed a quorum Tuesday and voted at a special meeting to carry over their special meeting to the following Tuesday.

The commissioners had two agenda items on which to vote. The first one passed and gave the city attorney's office permission to draft the language for the ballot referendum. Only Commissioner

Joe Carollo voted against the resolution while Commissioners Manolo Reyes, Wilfredo Gort and Ken Russell voted in favor. Commissioner Keon Hardemon was absent.

The second resolution, which would have put the strong mayor resolution out to the public to vote in November, had a few sticking points for some of the commissioners.

"This new position would give the mayor the additional powers. Or should I say responsibilities," said Carollo.

Commissioners questioned the amount of power the new mayor would have. According to a draft of the mayor's new duties, he would be able to hire or fire the city attorney, police and fire chief and other department heads at will.

"This is not a strong mayor," said Reyes. "This is a mayor with absolute power."

Both Reyes and Carollo agreed the language of the draft referendum was not clear as to the mayor's powers and his salary.

"I have a real question on the language," said Reyes. "This language does not enumerate the amount of power. I am very concerned with that additional power."

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez stood behind a podium addressing the commission and promoting the strong mayor or form of government. Suarez, then a commissioner, first brought the need for a strong mayor in 2012 and headed a charter review committee in 2016 for the purpose of changing Miami's government structure.

Suarez said that \$800,000 was spent already collecting 20,000 signatures on a "people's petition" because they want this vote to be taken on the next available election.

"Since you are the one who wanted this, you should pay for this with your money," said Carollo to Suarez.

"We need to have outside counsel," said Carollo. "We are rushing through this in a way that is not even meeting

**SEE MAYOR 8A**



Rendering of Miami Dolphins new training facility, to be built by 2020.

# DOLPHINS TRAINING FACILITY OFFICIALLY MOVING INTO MIAMI GARDENS

The team has outgrown previous home at Nova Southeastern University in Davie

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The Miami Dolphins are officially moving their training complex to a site next to the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. The announcement was made on Tuesday, Aug. 7 by Tom Garfinkel, CEO, vice chairman and president of the team.

The Dolphins have outgrown their current training facility, said Garfinkel. The new state-of-the-art facility will have the space needed to house the sophisticated equipment that the athletes need to play at an elite level.

Since 1993, the Dolphins have been training at Nova Southeastern University in Davie. The new Miami Gardens facility will offer the players more room and is located in the vicinity of the team's

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Rendering courtesy of Miami Dolphins

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# Political neophyte takes a run at Hastings

Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick hopes to unseat legendary congressman

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For Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, running against someone who has been in office for more than 20 years may be a challenge.

She is running against U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings, who has been in office since his election in 1992 and is now serving his 13th term in Florida's 20th Congressional District.

Cherfilus-McCormick is the CEO of Trinity Health Care Services, a company that provides home-based medical health care. She is running on a platform about economic mobility, workers' wage, af-



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

fordable health care, women's rights, immigration reform, quality of public schools and gun safety.

This is the first time the businesswoman is running for Congress, but Cherfilus-McCormick, 39, has a legal background and experience advocating in Congress. She believes these skills are positives in this race.

"One of the things you learn about being in business is that timing is everything," said Cherfilus-McCormick. "You



Alcee Hastings

always have to be serving your customers - the community. You have to know, "what are they looking for and can you meet their needs now."

Cherfilus-McCormick believes that a change is needed in District 20 and that this is an election for that to happen. Congressional District 20 includes the most Black precincts in and around Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

"I feel like it's time for him to have an opponent, especially if you look at the state of our district right now," said Cherfilus-McCormick. "Our district has a lot of people who are in survival mode, and no one is speaking up about it. There's been a group of people in the district who feel like their voices are not being heard. I feel like right now it is imperative because the people need honest representation."

Cherfilus-McCormick wants to make sure that the women in the district get equal pay.

"I'm focused on making sure that the women in our district don't get left behind," said Cherfilus-McCormick. "No one is speaking up for the women in our district, and our district is mostly women." Hastings has been in office for a while, so his face and name are familiar to the public. For Cherfilus-McCormick, one of her biggest challenges is getting her name and face out in front of the public because she has not been receiving corporate donations.

"That slows down me getting exposure," said Cherfilus-McCormick.

Democratic Party telling me that I should be helping him and not run against him."

Before Hastings, 81, was elected for Congress, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 to be the first Black federal judge in Florida and served for 10 years in

that position.

Hastings is ready for his new opponent, Cherfilus-McCormick.

"My objective is to do the service that I have done and to work hard in my election," said Hastings. "I've had opponents in all but one election,

and even then I've had a libertarian opponent on the tail end of the ballot. It is everyone's right to run for election. I applaud those that do."

Hastings said he hardly knows about his opponent.

"The truth of the matter is I do not know my opponent,

and I have done no opposition research, and won't," said Hastings. "I don't care to be in the business to beat up on somebody. It is her right to run, and it is my responsibility to do everything that I can to persuade my constituents that I am worthy."

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# Homeless veterans' numbers on decline

HUD affirms the county has the platform to place service members

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Four years ago, Ashley Esposito, a U.S. Navy veteran who served abroad, was homeless, worrying how she would provide for her children. Last year, in July, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust and its various partners helped her to purchase a home in the Homestead area.

Esposito is one of the 576 veterans who has been housed through the Homeless Trust since 2014.

On Thursday, Miami-Dade County became the first major urban area to bring a sustainable end to veteran homelessness. The announcement was made at the Firefighters Memorial Building in Doral, with many representatives from county to Congress to a Trump Administration cabinet member: U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson. Absent were many of the Black politicians representing Miami-Dade County.

"I'm thrilled that Miami-Dade County and its many partners are joining a national movement to end veterans' homelessness," said Carson. "Those who once wore our nation's uniform deserve more than life on the streets, and we have no greater responsibility than to make certain they have a home they can call their own," Carson said.

Miami-Dade joins 63 other cities that have been on the road to reducing veterans' homelessness. Among those cities are Las Vegas, Philadel-

phia and Houston.

Miami-Dade has created a system and infrastructure to make veteran homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. On July 18, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, HUD and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs verified and affirmed that Miami-Dade County has taken the right course of actions to prevent veteran homelessness in one of the nation's toughest housing markets.

The effort to end veteran homelessness began in 2014. At the time, the county was selected to join the federal Veterans Affairs' 25 Cities Initiative, which seeks to intensify and integrate local efforts to help veterans find housing.

The Homeless Trust, along with key partners like the Miami VA Healthcare System, Operation Sacred Trust, and Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development, strengthened efforts to identify, prioritize and match housing and different services for veterans. Since tracking began in 2014, the Homeless Trust has seen a 94-percent reduction in street homelessness among veterans. Today, unsheltered veterans make up less than 1 percent of the total homeless population. Miami-Dade County met the benchmarks designated by the federal government regarding the reduction of veteran homelessness.

The county demonstrated that it has the capability to shelter homeless veterans quickly, as well, proving that it has the resources, plans and



Ashley Esposito, a formerly homeless veteran, center, stands next to her husband and baby with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, fourth from right, and several county board members.



Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Ben Carson addresses the county's efforts toward ending veterans' homelessness.

system, to effectively place veterans into permanent housing.

Ronald Book, chairman of the Homeless Trust, knows

firsthand the distress and worries that veterans in the county experience. He has served with the organization for more than 24 years.

"When they called me, a week ago, from Housing and Urban Development, and told me we were certified, I cried," he said.

"This designation does not mean that no veterans will ever become homeless in Miami Dade, but that veterans who experience homelessness will get the support they need to quickly obtain a permanent home."

It has been a year since Esposito has lived in her new house. Since then she has been able to enroll at Florida International University and is pursuing a double major in international business and business management.

"I still walk through my house and smile because it is unreal," she said. "I never thought that four years ago, I would be here today." She wants to become an advocate for veterans, using her experience and education to help those who end up in similar situations.

"I would like to be able to speak to politicians and give our views," Esposito said. "A lot of times, they don't understand what veterans go through, so I want to be the voice for the veterans."



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# Boston appoints first Black police commissioner

The department has the biggest racial gap in arrests in the country

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The New York Times

Boston is a city that prides itself on making history. It created a volunteer night watch in 1636 and established a publicly funded police department with full-time officers in 1838. But it took until Monday for Boston to swear in its first Black police commissioner, William G. Gross, 54.

## Who is the new police commissioner?

For the last four and a half years, Gross (pronounced like toss) has been the superintendent in chief, the second-highest position on the force. Now he is replacing the outgoing commissioner, William B. Evans, who will become the executive director of public safety at Boston College.

## Did he grow up in Boston?

As a 12 year old, the new commissioner moved from his grandmother's farm in rural Maryland to Dorchester, a large, diverse Boston neighborhood. It was 1975, a year after a federal judge ordered the city to desegregate its public schools, a decision that led to violent protests in some predominantly white neighborhoods. Boston became a symbol of northern racism.

## When did he start his career?

After graduating from high school, Gross became a police cadet in 1983. When he became a patrolman two years later, the city was suffering from a crack epi-

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During a rally in Boston last August, just days after the deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., he was seen amid the 15,000 counterprotesters marching to denounce hate. He praised their right to peacefully exercise free speech and took dozens of photos with marchers.

demie and record-high homicide rates. His career trajectory led him to the police gang unit, the drug-control unit and the training academy. Before being chosen as chief superintendent, he supervised the night shift.

## What does the city's police force look like?

The Boston Police Department is two-thirds white. Most of its high-ranking officers are also white. White residents, though, make up only 45 percent of the city. Gross said on Monday at his swearing-in ceremony that implementing a plan to increase diversity in the department was one of his four goals. The others were expanding community policing efforts, maintaining transparency and boosting



William G. Gross, Boston's first black police commissioner, was also one of the city's first officers to volunteer to wear a body camera.

officer wellness.

## What do we know about racial disparities in Boston's policing?

A recent Boston Globe analysis found that almost 70 percent of the nearly 15,000 individuals the police had observed, interrogated or searched in 2016 were Blacks. But Black residents make up only 25 percent of the city's population.

Last month, *The Washington Post* published a report saying that among major American cities, Boston had the widest gap in arrest

rates for white and Black homicide victims. Since 2007, the police have made an arrest in nearly 90 percent of the cases with white victims but in only 42 percent of the cases with Black victims, the report said. Black victims account for most of Boston's killings.

The former police commissioner, Evans, told *The Globe* that detectives approach every homicide case the same way. "To think that we care less about minority victims is an insult to me," Evans told the newspaper last month. "It all comes

down to the evidence," he said, adding, "It doesn't matter what color you are."

## What is the new commissioner known for?

Gross immerses himself in the community. On Twitter, he loves to share pictures from neighborhood meetings and with residents.

At a rally for immigrants in January 2017, Gross spoke to the crowd and told them that the Boston police "are not agents of ICE." During a rally in Boston last August, just days after the deadly white nationalist rally in

Charlottesville, Va., he was seen amid the 15,000 counterprotesters marching to denounce hate. He praised their right to peacefully exercise free speech and took dozens of photos with marchers.

About two years ago, Gross became one of the first officers in Boston to volunteer to wear a body camera. Last week, Boston's mayor announced that the city will introduce 400 of those cameras to the force, providing Gross with the first of many tests in his new job.

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Thasell 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."

Thasell Moses applied and was accepted to Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, during UNCF's Empower Me Tour in 2017.

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, Najma Calhoun, a senior at Tusculum 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 administrators; 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. "Other 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 then take their knowledge, ready themselves for interviews, and make things pop on their resume. 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 spouse 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, mentoring attendees, teaching financial capabilities, and serving on local UNCF boards. In 2017, 235 team members volunteered about 960 hours with UNCF.

Devey 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 put 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 \$295.5 million in 2017 to more than 14,500 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 \$4.8 billion (source — Independent Sector), which included 183,528 hours of service on 3,879 nonprofit boards supporting community revitalization and resiliency, homeownership, small business, food insecurity, and other global challenges. During the company's annual employee giving campaign, more than 95,300 team members pledged \$83 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 uplifting the lives of others," said Wells Fargo President and CEO Timothy J. Sloan. "We honor the volunteers, 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 campaign, 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.

Teneé 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 hounded with debt — she didn't even have a bank account. Caught in a painful cycle that was destroying her family, she needed 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 underbanked 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 can do," said Tamara Lindsay, a principal at the CFE Fund. "The long-term vision is to create a permanent home for this work, to help make sure it is sustainable." City leaders will collaborate with CFE Fund partners to open Financial Empowerment Centers, or FECs, for their residents. All 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 food-insecure 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 \$94 million and increased their families' savings by about \$12 million. A recent CFE Fund evaluation showed that this program works even for residents with very low incomes and other complex financial challenges.

"Offering financial counseling as a public service, though 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 Mitts, 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 nonprofits 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.

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

help people realize their full potential. That's where FOCs come in," said LISC CEO Marilee A. Jones. "By connecting people to the tools they need, they can compete for the quality jobs that employers need to 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 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 Krey, 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," Krey 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."

New additions — 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!'"

# BATTLE

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McMinn campaign has out-raised him by almost \$100,000. McMinn has \$111,252 in contributions; the Bush campaign has raised \$11,830, according to the latest campaign finance filing with the state.

Bush has served District 109 in two separate stints. He was first elected in 1992 and termed out in 2000, and was elected again in 2008, and served until 2010. Bush is confident that his experience as an educator, politician and minister, will convince voters that he is the preferred candidate to fill the vacancy, he explained.

"When I look at Brownsville, Overtown, Allapattah, Wynwood, I see communities that need experienced leadership, someone who understands the pulse of the community," he said.

McMinn is a well-connected candidate, and the current chief of staff for Miami-Dade County Public Schools board member, Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall. This is his first time running for office, but McMinn has had experience with different campaigns at the national, state and local level. McMinn was the political outreach and African-American director for the 2008 Barack Obama and Joe Biden Presidential Campaign and was elected as a delegate for Obama in 2012. He also served as the state outreach director for the Charlie Crist For Governor campaign in 2014.

Both McMinn and Bush

grew up in District 109 and are ready to represent their community in Tallahassee.

Bush has focused his 2018 campaign on job creation. He believes that many of the issues that plague the neighborhood stem from the lack of opportunities for the residents.

"I want to look at a comprehensive job opportunity act," he said. "I want to give every able, capable person, who is willing to work, access to a job." If residents have access to work, it will decrease crimes and restore balance to the community, he explained.

In addition, Bush wants to increase support for veterans. As a state rep, Bush served in a committee that addressed veterans' needs. He has worked closely with the Make A Wish Veteran Inc., based out of Opa-locka, founded by late and fully-disabled veteran, Charles Buford, with whom Bush said he had a close relationship. The foundation is a resource center for veterans. It provides some social services for veterans. Bush said he has officiated several funeral services for homeless veterans who were beaten in the streets. The organization is run by Charles Buford's wife, Melinda, and his goddaughter, Princess Fuller.

"[Bush] is an awesome person that knows us very well," said Fuller. "Anything that he could help us with, he would." The foundation is one of Bush's endorsers, as well community pastors from Brownsville to Florida City.

But Bush has had challenges. In 2016, he ran for school board District 1 seat and drew attention because he claimed

Homestead as a home, not Brownsville, where the candidate says he lives on his filing documents for District 109. After placing last in a three-way race, Bush challenged the election results that showed Steve Gallon III a clear winner with 61 percent of the votes. Gallon is two years into a four-year term as the school board representative for District 1.

McMinn wants to use his experience working alongside Bendross-Mindingall, to make sure schools are safe and adequately funded. This is his No. 1 issue of his campaign, he explained. "Without proper education, our kids can't get jobs, can't go to college, and they won't be able to provide for their families," he said.

He wants to fuse his education plans with an inclusive jobs creation initiative to give young people opportunities to better themselves.

"We have to make sure that businesses are hiring people from the community, but we also have to make sure our community members have the skills for these jobs," McMinn said. "This goes hand in hand with education." Like Bush, McMinn believes that if the community has access to quality jobs, criminal activities around the community will be reduced.

Although this is McMinn's first race, his previous exposure to different campaigns has prepared him to serve District 109. "People are anxious for fresh, new leadership," he said. "I have the experience, and I think we will be able to take our district to another level."

# FACILITY

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home stadium.

The deal for the training campus comes with more subsidies for the Dolphins.

The Miami-Dade County Commission approved a resolution on July 24 that will increase subsidies by \$750,000 per year to the team upon completion of the new practice facility and extend the length of the agreement based on the total price tag of the new facility. The subsidies would be funded entirely by the county's tourist tax.

Under a separate agreement, Miami Gardens will provide the team an additional \$500,000 a year to offset its higher property-tax bill once the facility is built, according to a previous statement ob-



**The desire for South Florida pro sports teams to compete as close to Miami as possible so vehemently has been mind boggling over the past decade."**

funded and built on team-owned land.

As of Tuesday, Dolphins' owner, Stephen Ross, has spent more than \$500 in stadium renovations. As the news broke of the announcement, some South Florida fans tweeted their reactions.

"The desire for South Florida pro sports teams to coalesce as close to Miami as possible so vehemently has been mind boggling over the past decade. Allowing northern Broward and Palm Beach fans to lose connections and make it harder to be a part of...it doesn't make sense," wrote user @IanHest, an ESPN correspondent.

"They're called the Miami Dolphins, keyword Miami," responded user @eddiebeans69 to Ian Hest.

Miami Times staff writer Nyamekye Daniel contributed to the reporting of this article.

maintained by *The Miami Times*. The new training facility is expected to be finished by 2020 at the earliest, at a cost of \$75 to \$80 million. The training complex will be privately

rent city manager, Emilio T. Gonzalez, if he had any outside employment. Gonzalez informed him that he had an additional job.

Another impasse for some of the commissioners was the strong mayor's new salary. The charter amendment was written to give Suarez and future mayors a minimum salary of 75 percent of the Miami-Dade County mayor's salary.

Reyes said the county mayor's salary was \$324,000 based on the county's charter, but the current mayor cut it in half and receives around \$160,000. He wanted to know which salary Miami's mayor would be based upon: the county charter or what the county's mayor was actually taking home.

"I think it is misleading to voters now as it is," said Reyes. "Because there is not a number. Voters deserve to know how much he is going to make."

Reyes pushed to name an actual salary and not tie Suarez's salary to the county mayor's salary.

"This was proposed by the committee, said Suarez, who called Reyes' proposal both "illegal and deceitful." "You cannot put a number."

"What's deceitful is to say you are going to make 75 percent of a salary that someone else is making

# MAYOR

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our code."

Carollo said the city's code mandated that the commissioners get 120 days for review after the certification of the petition and another 120 days by the city attorney. Carollo said the way the petition was written would allow for an actual vote for 2019, which was the next available election since the November election was too soon.

"I don't see it like that," said Suarez. Suarez said the county would save \$1.1 million by having this charter-changing referendum vote in November. If not, a special election on the strong-mayor issue would have to be conducted at the expense of the city, which he estimated to be \$1.1 million.

Reyes asked one of the city attorneys if new elections would be held since the changes to the charter will be so significant.

"We have a new role for the mayor and commission. It's like a new charter. If that is the case, all of us should go into elections," said Reyes.

If the strong-mayor system is implemented, the city manager's job will be eliminated. Carollo asked the cur-

# STREET Talk

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## How do you feel about wealthy people using their money to run for office?



**JOE JENKINS, 24**  
Miami

I do feel as if people could use their money as they please to get in office because it's their money; it's their right.



**PATRICE Y. HOWARD, 32**  
Miami

I think it's sick and sad. People that have money have all the power to do what they want. Even though they have their own money and do good sometimes, they use their money to do a lot of shady stuff like paying people to hush or paying their way to get to the top.



**LANASHA ROBINSON, 27**  
Miami

It's 50/50. People who are wealthy should be able to use their money how they want to, even if it is to get into office. But wealthy people should not use that advantage to get into office if they mean no good for their community or the world. It wouldn't be fair because your goal should be to better the world or community.



**CRAIG HOWARD, 46**  
Opa-locka

I feel it's unfair because half of the wealthy people who seek office or have the influential role to put someone in office have no political experience. Meaning, just like Donald Trump is just a name with money to back it up. And, as for another candidate who is far more suitable for the job, probably won't get the chance because he or she doesn't have the funds or the people with funds to back them up.



**TUKECHI BOGES, 45**  
North Miami

It takes more than money to run for office. Sadly, the more wealthy you are, the greater your chances. I'm more concerned with those political hopefuls who use their money to better the community. I'd rather see what they're doing for improvement through their time in office and not just photo ops during election time.



**DAYANNA AGUILERA, 23**  
North Miami

Personally, it makes me feel concerned. I mean, just look at the president. The fact that you don't have to be knowledgeable in politics to have a position in the government's office and be able to make a decision about a matter that you may not even be familiar with, scares me.

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## THE FRAME OF A BUSINESS VENTURE

Entrepreneurs saw vision decorating faces with lensless glasses

**JULIANA ACCIOLY**  
*Miami Times Contributor*

Worn as a corrective device or a fashion statement - there's no other accessory that can transform your look like a pair of glasses. Tortoiseshell, crystal frames, oversized, rimless, square gold, there's a plethora of styles to choose from depending on how you want to see and be seen.

This season, your frame of choice might just be a pair of lensless frames. To go beyond the expected is what Suzan McDowell and Glaja Mayne had in their mind when they launched If Eye Ever, a new line of eyewear that combines their love for African patterns and self-expression. Their lensless specs, wrapped with Dutch wax prints, are not only innovative in design but in

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## Workshops to strengthen minority business pool

Five more school system OEO meet ups are scheduled before year's end

**LATOYA BURGESS**  
*Special to The Miami Times*

The Office of Economic Opportunity is hosting workshops in various school districts this summer to help minority-owned businesses become certified with Miami-Dade County Public Schools system.

Community Connections, facilitated by the Office of Economic Opportunity's Executive Director Michelle Hicks-Levy and Economic Equity and Diversity Compliance Officer Torey Alston, teaches business owners how to reg-

ister as a vendor, become a certified small or veteran business and contracting with the school system.

The workshops were created to increase the vendor pool of underutilized groups that include Blacks, Asian-Americans, Native-Americans, non-minority women and veterans.

Dozens of businesses owners flocked to the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens last month where District 1 School Board Member Steve Gallon III and Mayor Oliver Gilbert III emphasized the importance of



**Mayor Oliver Gilbert III**

more minority-owned businesses becoming registered vendors.

"The money is there," said Gilbert. "We just need the community to do their due



**Steve Gallon III**

diligence to gain these opportunities."

The Office of Economic Opportunity at Community Connections furnishes residents with the forecast of procure-

ment opportunities. Commodities that the number of certified minority business owners who provide are scarce include: transportation, construction, mechanical, mold and mold remediation, fire protection, electrical, architects and food and nutrition.

"Our goal is to facilitate a workshop in all nine school board member districts before the end of the year," said Hicks-Levy. "We currently have 451 Hispanic-American, 232 African-American, 60 non-minority women, 21 Asian, 2 Native American for a total of 766 firms in Miami, Broward and West Palm certified - and there's probably 700 businesses within a 5 to 10 mile radius - so it's not a lot;

we definitely need to increase those numbers."

The Office of Economic Opportunity has hosted four workshops thus far and is currently working on scheduling districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The workshops help certified businesses get listed in an online directory and reveal sheltered market opportunities, in which only certified firms are allowed to compete for school district contracts.

The next Community Connections will be held Wednesday, Aug. 22 for District 5 in the city of Doral. For more information, call 305-995-1307 on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

DANIELLA PIERRE, [affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com](mailto:affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com)

### We could really end all of Miami's homelessness

The end to having homeless veterans in Miami-Dade is finally here. Last week, the county became the 64th major metropolitan area to commit to housing those who have served our country. While this new commitment has a purpose, a lot of merit, funding and county-wide support to get veterans off the streets, homelessness is still a serious problem for others, too. Because even with an 8-percent decrease from the last year, the total count of those who are still homeless in the county to date is 3,526.

"No one who has served

our country should be forced to sleep on the streets," said Ron Book, chairman of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. What a great statement, Mr. Book.

If what he said would have been put into practice back in the 1950s and '60s when the government ensured not housing – but homeownership for white veterans only, and blatantly refused to extend the same privileges to Black veterans who served, too – we probably wouldn't be in this predicament today.

The long history of how America treated Black vet-

erans is outlined in one of my favorite books, "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein. And although Ashley Esposito, who is a Black veteran was featured as the "face" of Miami-Dade County's end to homelessness initiative, she herself ended up living in a car with her children after serving our country. "Somehow" that happened to her but through a combination of resources, she and her family now have a place to call home.

#### ALL VETERANS MATTER

When it comes to veterans, there seems to be no shortage of resources and support – at least when you can find them. Oftentimes, through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other collaborative partners and policy mandates, there are tools in place to ensure that veterans receive not only their benefits but a decent and dignified living after serving. From my view,



Pierre

what is missing more than anything, is equity. And when I didn't see any of our Black county commissioners – Barbara Jordan, District 1; Jean Monestime, District 2; Audrey Edmondson, District 3; and Dennis Moss, District 9 listed on the official program or even in attendance at the event, I became very concerned. You should be, too. Because when Blacks are not represented at all levels of new initiatives or programming we are sometimes left out.

Commissioner Edmondson does serve on the Homeless Trust's board and chairs of the Housing and Social Services committee but that alone won't ensure equity or fairness. During the event, Secretary of HUD Ben Carson was praised numerous of times by our local elected officials for the initiative to end veterans' homelessness; however, the credit is really due to former First Lady Michelle Obama because it was one of her visions dating back to 2014. In fact,

according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a nonpartisan group, "to help secure commitments to this goal, in June 2014, Obama announced the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness." At that time in 2014, mayors from all over the country were challenged to pledge to end homelessness. While Miami-Dade County acknowledged the challenge launched by Obama back then, tracking of homeless veterans began in December 2014. Perhaps "tracking" or sifting out who they want. Now, two years later, we learn of the progress.

#### HOUSING FOR ALL

I agree, those who have served our country ought to have a place to call home. They should be able to have options when it comes to shelter, not just affordable rental housing, but affordable homeownership, too. And they should not have to beg for it or jump through all sorts of hoops to get it either. But what we don't want in Miami-Dade County, especially since housing is already scarce, is housing

and supportive services that will only serve one homeless population. Yes, it is okay to designate funds and preferences for veterans and their families, but others who are homeless should also be important enough to be helped to garner safe, decent and affordable housing options. What I would like to see are more initiatives that not only address homelessness but equip and empower all residents to live meaningful lives.

As we have seen in the past addressing one part of a problem just doesn't work. By taking a comprehensive nonpartisan approach and involving civil rights organizations like the NAACP, especially when the county officials who represent communities of color are absent would be a great start. It will also ensure, equity and serve as a model to others on how to establish a true continuum of care.

Are you a veteran who is experiencing homelessness in Miami Dade County? Let's hear your story. Contact Daniella Pierre [affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com](mailto:affordablehousingmatters@gmail.com).

# Facebook diversity reports are failing Black women

THE GROUP ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYEES AT THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANT



The global director of diversity at Facebook, Maxine Williams, says the company needs to invest in local communities in order to become more diverse. And that's necessary to keep the social network relevant.

JESSICA GUYNN  
USA TODAY

Facebook is inching toward increasing the diversity of its workforce but it still has a big problem: It's hiring very few Black and Hispanic women.

The social media giant's latest diversity report released July 12 shows strides in boosting the ranks of some groups who've been underrepresented at Facebook from the beginning, but a closer look at the raw numbers reveals that these women of color are being largely left out of any progress.

You can almost count on one hand the number of Black women – six – who work as senior managers or executives at Facebook in the U.S., accounting for less than 1 percent of those 769 jobs. The next layer of managers at Face-

book isn't more diverse: 34 out of a total of 2,816, or 1.2 percent.

The number of Hispanic women who are senior managers or executives can be counted on two hands – 10 – for about 1.3 percent of those jobs, according to the most recent documents Facebook filed with the federal government. Hispanic women hold 46 of the next layer of management positions at Facebook, or 1.6 percent.

Facebook, whose products are used by more than 2 billion people around the world, isn't the only major tech company having trouble reversing decades of hiring patterns and making their corporate cultures more welcoming to women of color.

Last month, Google said it would begin to focus diversity efforts on Black and Hispanic women after

similar patterns emerged. Out of the nearly 56,000 people Google employed in the U.S. in 2017, 544 were Black women. Hispanic women and Latinas numbered 945 in 2017.

Overall, Facebook employs 278 Black women, 1.4 percent of the U.S. workforce of just under 20,000. That's nearly triple the number of Black women Facebook employed in 2016, but only a slight increase percentage wise. Hispanic women number 463, more than doubling since 2016, but making up about 2.3 percent of the workforce at Facebook, up from 1.8 percent.

"We are definitely concerned," Maxine Williams, Facebook's chief diversity officer, told USA TODAY in an interview.

The sharpest deficits in Silicon Valley are Black and Hispanic women,

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Women of color, who simultaneously experience two marginalized identities within the tech ecosystem, face unique barriers and obstacles that are not well understood or acknowledged.”

Allison Scott

who make up 1 percent or fewer of workers, while across other industries they are represented at much higher rates consistent with their proportion of the overall U.S. population.

Allison Scott, chief of research at the Kapor Center, says the diversity conversation in Silicon Valley mostly focuses on race and ethnicity or gender, not both. And efforts made by tech companies to close the gender gap have boosted the fortunes of white women, while hobbling progress for women of color.

"Women of color, who simultaneously experience two marginalized identities within the tech ecosystem, face unique barriers and obstacles that are not well understood or acknowledged," Scott said. "Without a specific focus

on strategies to recruit, hire and retain women of color, progress will remain stalled."

White women are far better represented at the executive level than men and women of color, research from the nonprofit Ascend Foundation shows. Representation of white women in leadership roles improved by 17 percent between 2007 and 2015. For all other minority groups, including Black, Hispanic and Asian men and women, the percentage declined.

At Facebook, the percentage of women in its global workforce increased year over year to 36 percent from 35 percent, according to the company. Women in technical roles rose to 22 percent from 19 percent, and women in senior leadership to 30 percent from 28 percent.

## FRAME

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the social and aesthetic comment, they evoke.

"You are wearing something that is considered outside the norm," says McDowell. "These frames are real conversational pieces."

Launching a label is not without its challenges and

has required the Jamaican-born duo to perform a balancing act of running more than one business.

Then there was the learning curve of diving into retail, finding the right price point, production, inventory and intellectual property. But their dedication has paid off, and If Eye Ever has busy times ahead. The company will soon be unveiling a kids' collection along with

a line for Black fraternities and sororities and is also working with optometrists to make them functional.

Doing things differently is definitely key to Mayne, a designer of asymmetrical, oversized handbags and clutches. She devised her own technique to create the washable, foldable frames, which, she explains, are inherently unique. "African fabric is naturally geometri-

cal, when you wrap it around the frame it never comes out the same," she said.

The \$40 handcrafted frames explore some of the American archetypes: the President It's Complicated and the Veeps So Vain make for an interesting commentary on the everyday readers and the cat-eye frames are a nod to Eartha Kitt's favorite style. For a more futuristic look, there's The

Sky Walkers and the oversized, more-feminine style is called Fly Girls. The iconic Aviators are decked with an elaborate art deco print.

McDowell said 80 percent of the company's sales happen online and 20 percent through vendor booths set up at events like Jazz in the Garden and the Pride Festival.

The business uses what it calls brand ambassadors

to market the product. The ambassadors wear the glasses and shares information when people ask about them.

The potential of the business, says McDowell, is unlimited.

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# Female power brokers lead NBA

Women are some of the  
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**SCOTT CACCIOLA**  
*The New York Times*

As the sun set on another day at the NBA Summer League this month, a group of 60-odd power brokers gathered at an upscale restaurant on the Las Vegas Strip. They were among the league's elite: executives who help engineer blockbuster trades, salary-cap gurus who devise contracts and scouts who identify prospects. They sipped wine, nibbled hors d'oeuvres and made conversation; perhaps an unremarkable scene except for one thing: They were all women.

"This is the first time, to our knowledge, that this has ever happened," said Lillahh Majeed, the NBA's vice president for diversity and inclusion.

Long known for its progressive approach toward social issues, the NBA has emerged as an industry leader among men's professional sports leagues when it comes to hiring and promoting women. Richard Lapchick, the director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport, recently released a study that found that the NBA had the highest percentage of women working at the league office and with individual teams, outpacing the NFL and Major League Baseball. Women hold 31.6 percent of team management positions in the NBA, according to the study.

Some of those gains were on display in the summer league, where women worked games as referees, drew up plays

started working for the league as an intern over 10 years ago — even if there is still progress to be made. The focus at the event, though, was clearly on camaraderie rather than any challenges that remain for them while working in a field still dominated by men.

"It's awesome to have everyone come out and make connections and see that we can use each other as resources," she said. There is power in numbers. That was one of the points that Teresa Resch, the vice president for basketball operations and player development for the Toronto Raptors, set out to illustrate when she came up with the idea of organizing the happy hour this month.

The idea came to her when she was chatting with female colleagues at the NBA Draft Combine in

May in Chicago. Like Resch, they were all planning to attend the summer league. Perhaps, Resch thought, they should get together in a more formal way.

Resch often hears from women who are interested in working in the NBA, but there are only so many openings in her own organization. What if, she thought, she were able to meet more women from different branches of league operations so that when she did hear from qualified candidates she could pass along recom-

mendations? She figured a happy hour at the summer league could be the start of something important — a way to expand the pool.

"Most of the time, you just get together with people you already know," she said. "But we really wanted to include as many people as possible."

A few weeks after the draft combine, Resch was in New York for a luncheon put on by an organization called Women in Sports and Events, which was honoring Masai Ujiri, the Raptors' president, for his

advocacy of women in leadership positions. At the luncheon, Resch mentioned her happy hour idea to Majeed, who soon emailed Commissioner Adam Silver.

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

**IFB NO. 908381 MOTORCYCLE AND MOUNTED POLICE HELMETS**

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**(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Friday, August 24, 2018 at 2:00 PM)**

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City Manager




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Pre-bid Conference (Mandatory): Thursday, August 30, 2018 @ 10:00 AM  
Location: MCM 4301 NW 22nd Street, Building 3030, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #1  
Sealed Bids Due: Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 2:00 PM  
Bonding required for bids of \$200,000 or higher

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



## PUBLIC MEETINGS ON BUDGET Issues including Taxes and Fees for the FY 2018 - 19 Proposed Budget

Miami-Dade County will hold eight public meetings throughout the county to discuss the proposed budget, tax rates, and fee changes. On each of the locations listed below, the Office of Management and Budget will make a presentation to discuss the FY 2018 - 19 Proposed Budget.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 16, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.
<b>West Dade Regional Library</b> 9445 Coral Way Miami, FL 33165	<b>City of Aventura</b> 1920 West Country Club Drive Aventura, FL 33180
<b>West Kendall Regional Library</b> 10201 Hammocks Blvd. Miami, FL 33196	<b>North Dade Regional Library</b> 2455 NW 183rd Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056
<b>Milander Center for Arts &amp; Entertainment</b> 4800 Palm Avenue Hialeah, FL 33012	<b>South Dade Regional Library</b> 10750 SW 211th Street Cutter Bay, FL 33189
<b>William F. Dickinson Community Center</b> (Homestead Community Center) 1601 N. Krume Avenue Homestead, FL 33030	<b>Arcola Lakes Branch Library</b> 8240 NW 7th Avenue Miami, FL 33150

All of these sessions are free and open to the public. For further information, please call Barbara Galvez at 305-375-5143.

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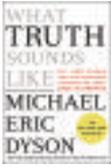
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## TV series reflects on the death of Trayvon Martin

'Rest in Power' is airing on BET for six weeks **3C**

FROM WAR-SCARRED SOMALI TO VISA LOTTERY WINNER; AUTHOR RECALLS HIS FRIGHTFUL CHILDHOOD, HIS GOOD FORTUNE TO END UP IN MAINE **5C**



## SONDRA PERRY'S EXHIBIT SHOW EXPLORES BLACKNESS AND TECH

**JULIANA ACCIOLY**  
Miami Times Contributor

"Typhoon coming on," an exhibit by Black artist Sondra Perry, is now on view at the Institute of Contemporary Art, throwing new light on Blackness, identity and how technology can shape their representation.

Upon entering the second floor, visitors are immersed by gallery-wide sound and video projection, their own shadows reflected at the bottom of a yellow-pink-and-brown seascape, alternating with rolling purple waves. The artist digitally manipulates the 1840 painting by the British artist and abolitionist J.M.W. Turner, "Slave Ship" ("Slavers Throwing Overboard the Dead and Dying, Typhoon coming on"). Perry's technique is a fresh approach to the amply covered, troubled tale of the 1781 Zong massacre, the drowning of 133 slaves by a ship captain to claim insurance compensation for "lost goods."

In the center of the gallery, on a blue-island amongst the ocean of projections, the exhibit keeps unfolding with "Graft and Ash for a Three-Monitor Workstation," a participatory work consisting of a stationary bike fitted with three video screens, where Perry delivers a monologue as a 3D avatar questioning the current productivity and efficiency ideology. In a culture of screens, what happens to the human

### IF YOU GO

**What:** "Sondra Perry: Typhoon coming on"  
**When:** 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday – Sunday; closed Mondays until Nov. 4  
**Where:** ICA Miami, 61 NE 41st St., Miami  
**Cost:** Free admission  
**Info:** 305-901-5272 or sondraperry.com

body? Perry examines what constitutes success under capitalism, drawing a connection between slavery and the current utopia that keeps us working even when "productivity is painful, and we haven't been feeling good."

In "Wet and Wavy - Typhoon coming on for a Three-Monitor Workstations," an installation consisting of a water-resistant rowing machine fitted with Wet and Wavy hair gel facing three digital screens, visitors try to roll against the typhoon but are forced to interact with it, an allusion to the Black community's struggle to transcend the limits of racial stereotypes.

A New Jersey-based artist, Perry delivers a critical examination of the imaging of Blackness in contemporary media and society with "TK" ("Suspicious Glorious Absence"), a video montage featuring media coverage of



"Sondra Perry: Typhoon coming on," installation view at the Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London 2018.

Photo courtesy of Mike Din

Black Lives Matter protests, juxtaposed with Black civil rights activist Eartha Kitt performing "I Want to Be Evil," and footage Perry made with a body-cam while tracing the path the police took to get to her home when looking for

her cousin because of traffic citations and child support. Perry was the 2017 winner of the Seattle Art Museum's Gwendolyn Knight and Jacob Lawrence Prize, and this year, the first winner of the MOCA Cleveland's \$50,000 Toby's Prize. She has said that she is very interested in "what's it like to be in resistance and what it is to be in a liberatory state. It is not about freedom, it's about what being in a liberation looks like."

In "Typhoon coming on," she makes us active participants in a multifaceted narrative, an appropriate environment to reflect on the dilemma of having infinite potential while still being limited by the ostensible paradoxes and contractions of our past.

# MAMA'S BEST Lasagna



**Prep Time:** 20 mins **Cook Time:** 1 hr 45 mins **Total Time:** 2 hrs 5 mins

The Best Lasagna is here! Layered with a rich meat sauce and a creamy parmesan white sauce, plus the perfect amount of mozzarella cheese! NO ricotta cheese needed!

**Servings:** 12 people **Calories:** 613 kcals

#### INGREDIENTS MEAT SAUCE:

1 tablespoon olive oil; 1 onion, finely chopped  
1 carrot, finely diced; 4 cloves garlic cloves, minced  
24 ounces (700 grams) ground beef mince  
10 ounces (300 grams) ground pork mince, or beef  
24 ounces (700 grams) Passata  
14 ounces (410 grams) crushed tomatoes  
3 heaped tablespoons tomato paste, (I use garlic and herbs flavoured)  
2 beef or vegetable bouillon cubes, crushed  
1 teaspoon each dried oregano and basil  
1/2 teaspoon sugar, (if desired)  
Salt and pepper, season to your tastes

#### White Sauce (Béchamel):

4 tablespoons butter; 4 tablespoons flour, all purpose or plain  
4 cups milk, (I use low fat) 1 cup fresh shredded parmesan

#### Lasagna:

13 ounces (375 grams) fresh lasagna sheets\*  
17 ounces (500 grams) fresh mozzarella cheese, shredded  
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

#### INSTRUCTIONS MEAT SAUCE:

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat, then add in the onion and carrots and cook for 8-10 minutes, or until softened. **Add** in the garlic and sauté for about 1 minute, until fragrant.

**Add** beef and pork (if using) and cook while breaking it up with the end of your spoon, until browned.

**Pour** in the Passata, crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, crushed bouillon and dried herbs. **Mix** well to combine and bring to a gentle simmer. **Season** with desired amount of salt and pepper (I use about 3/4 teaspoon each) and sugar if needed. **Cover** and cook for about 20-30 minutes, occasionally mixing, until the sauce has thickened slightly and meat is tender.

**Adjust** salt, pepper and dried herbs to your taste.

#### Parmesan White Sauce:

In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Remove from hot plate; add the flour and whisk for about 30 seconds, or until well blended.

**Place** pot back onto stove, reduce heat down to low and slowly whisk in 1 cup of the milk until well combined. Once well blended, add the remaining milk in 1 cup increments, mixing well after each addition, until all the milk is used and sauce is free from lumps.

**Increase** heat to medium and continue cooking sauce while stirring occasionally until it thickens (about 6-7 minutes) and coats the back of your wooden spoon.

**Add** in the parmesan cheese and remove from heat. **Season** with salt and pepper and mix until the cheese is melted through.

#### TO ASSEMBLE:

**Preheat** oven to 350°F | 180°F.

**Spoon** about 1 cup of meat sauce on the base of a 9x13-inch baking dish, then cover with lasagna sheets. (**Trim** sheets to fit over the meat if needed.) **Layer** with 2 cups of meat sauce (or enough to cover pasta), 1 cup of white sauce and half of the mozzarella cheese. **Repeat** layers (leaving the remaining cheese for the top).

**Pour** the remaining meat sauce and white sauce over the last layer of lasagna sheets and top with the remaining mozzarella cheese.

**Bake** for 25 minutes or until golden and bubbling.

**Garnish** with parsley and let stand for about 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

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# THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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So glad to write about the latest news as we move into August.

Florida A&M University (FAMU) held its 2018 Summer Commencement on Friday, Aug. 3 in the Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center. FAMU graduate **Mareena Robinson Snowden** delivered the commencement speech.

When she was in the 12th grade, she and her dad visited the physics department at Florida A&M University since she was deciding on colleges at the time. She enrolled at FAMU and graduated with a bachelor of science in Physics in 2011, and went on to become the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology department of nuclear science and engineering in 2017. Her doctoral research focused on the detection of passive warhead signatures that could be used as a verification tool in future nuclear arms reduction agreements. Currently, **Robinson Snowden** works as the Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C. Her research interests include nuclear arms control verification, nonproliferation and modernization issues. A native of Miami, **Robinson Snowden** served as a 2017-2018 NNSA graduate fellow in the Office of Major Modernization Programs. Snowden writes, in part: "I thrive in environments where diverse perspectives and skill-sets are valued. I am a firm supporter of historically Black colleges and universities as an irreplaceable aspect of the Black American experience."

Congratulations to the 2018 FAMU Summer grads and con-

gratulations for the signature achievement of **Mareena Robinson Snowden**. We continue to make history.

Speaking of firsts, FAMU director of bands, **Shelby Chipman**, has announced the newest drum majors of the world-renowned Marching "100" Band. The roster includes some of FAMU's most accomplished students, including one female musician that has made university and band history.

"On behalf of the FAMU band staff, I'm very pleased to congratulate the newly appointed officers and leaders of the incomparable FAMU Marching "100" student leadership team to include our returning drum majors; our new drum majors Mr. **Joshua Honore**, Ms. **Cori Bostic** and Mr. **Marquel Bowen**; our new Band President Ms. **Myrcelle Neal-Scott**; and a host of other dedicated leaders who will continue the 72-year legacy of our esteemed band program," **Chipman** said.

**Cori Bostic** is a broadcast journalism and honors scholar from Atlanta, Georgia and has made history as the first-ever female drum major in the "Marching 100." Both of **Bostic's** parents were members of the "Marching 100." Indeed, #BlackGirlsRock!

**Marquel Bowen** from Miami Gardens is a public relations scholar. He is also a student journalist and is active in multiple student organizations on campus including the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and the Strikers Dance Troupe; **Joshua Honore** is from Miami and is a music education scholar. More details are forthcoming.

**Myrcelle Neal-Scott** is a mu-

sic performance scholar from Pompano Beach. She aspires to be a music therapist. Her passion is to pursue graduate research focusing on the study of how music stimulates brain function in mental patients.

The roster of returning drum majors will be announced later this month.

"Our band leaders represent the diversity, dedication and academic prowess of our band scholars," **Chipman** said. "We are excited about the opportunity to electrify Rattler fans/supporters near and far, as we also prepare to march in the January 1, 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

In other news to share, **Basilieus Derrick Love** of Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and 13 chapter delegates traveled to New Orleans, for the 81st Grand Conclave during the week of July 20-24. Members who attended the Grand Conclave were: **Franklin Adderley**, **Anthony Britton**, **James English**, **Aldin Everette**, **Danny Felton**, **Leslie Gamble**, **Rickie Hemingway**, **Oscar Jessie**, **Michael McLeod**, **Eric Proctor**, **Damon Richardson** and **Anson Stuart**.

Some of the highlights from the conclave were the elections of the new grand officers and service awards issued to distinguished members for their outstanding service in their communities. **David Marion** was elected the Fraternity's 41st Grand Basilieus and notable attorney **Benjamin Crump** was elected Grand Counselor. Sigma Alpha Chapter also celebrated individual member's awards. One notable award was to pub-



**Snowden**

lisher emeritus of The *Miami Times* **Garth C. Reeves Sr.**, who, though not in attendance was recognized as the recipient of an 80th-year service award. Sharing some history with you, **Reeves** was initiated into Upsilon Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at FAMU in 1937, which was chartered on Friday, May 13, 1932, at FAMU by **Henry Manning Efferson**.

A native of Statesburg (Sumter County), South Carolina, **Efferson** held an associate of business degree from Atlanta University and a master's of arts from Columbia University, where he studied under a General Education Board Scholarship. During his tenure at FAMU, he served as instructor, professor and head of the Department of Mathematics, assistant dean of Men, director of FAMU's Summer School, dean of Arts and Sciences, acting dean of Students, dean of the University and dean of Administration.

Other service awards to Sigma Alpha brothers were: **Roland Burroughs**, 60 years; **Peter Harden**, **Robert Thomas**, 55 years; **Lawson Riley**, **Autley Salahud-Din**, **Charles Stafford**, 50 years; **Eugene Simmons**, **John Tellis**, **Stephen Thompson**, **Elbert Waters**, 45 years, **Oscar Jessie**, 35 years; **Khalid Mahmood**, 30 years; and **Dexter Gammage**, 25 years.

Another highlight of the conclave was the Talent Hunt finalist, which showcased all the winners of each district of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Sigma Alpha Chapter had its first international representative **Aravna**

**Pierre**. **Pierre** is a junior at New World School of the Arts. At the Grand Conclave, she performed "Praeludium and Allegro" by **Fritz Kreisler** on the violin in which she received a standing ovation. Sigma Alpha Chapter is proud and honored for **Aravna's** performance and representation of their chapter.

The Sigma Alpha Chapter was chartered March 13, 1939, by 14 young Miami professional men. **A. B. Benson**; **George W. Styles**; **James E. Hogan**; **Elmer A. Ward**; **A. F. Crosby**; **James E. Scott**; **L. H. Portlock**; **Lawton E. Thomas**; **Geoffrey W. Hawkins**; **Charles D. Wyche**; **E. B. Haley**; **E. R. Jones**; **C. H. Carey** and **H. E. Martin**.

Pi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity in South Dade also had members who attended the Grand Conclave which included: **George H. Grace**, 37th Grand Basilieus; **Gregory Barnum**, **Lateef Battle**, **Gregory Beckford**, **Willie Carpenter**, **L. T. Clayton**, **Don Darbeau**, **J. Kenneth Dove**, **Leviticus Gilliard**, **Charles Hankerson**, **John Hazelton**, **Samuel Jackson**, **Clarence Jones**, **Harvey Middleton**, **Jason Richardson**, **Kevin Richardson**, **Walter Richardson**, **Shawn Skinner** and **Joe Tolliver**. Service awards - Brother **Clifford McKinney**, 50 years; and **Brothers Chester Fair Jr.**, **John Hazelton**, **Curtis Lawrence**, **Kenneth Moore**, and **Timothy White**, 35 years. Congratulations to all.

The "Friends of Gillum," the South Florida Activists of Miami Springs, and the South Dade Democratic Black Caucus - **Ron Brown** Chapter hosted a fundraiser for Mayor **Andrew Gillum** for governor, Sunday, July 22, on the grounds of Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights. Master of Ceremonies **Aaron McKinney**, Florida Democratic Party's State Committeeman representing the Miami-Dade Democratic Party, welcomed the attend-

ees followed by the invocation given by the pastor of Second Baptist Church, Reverend **Dr. Alphonso Jackson Sr. Freddie Young**, a retired principal and representing the "Friends of Gillum," introduced **Gillum**.

**Gillum** was born in Miami and christened at Bethel Church by Apostle **Carlos Malone** in Richmond Heights. He attended Kindergarten at **Frank C. Martin** Elementary. Prior to the family moving to Gainesville, he completed his elementary school years at Vineland Elementary.

Congratulations to **Rose Lynn Hall** who has been selected to serve in the Peace Corps and will be headed to Ghana.

**Hall** graduated from Miami Springs Senior High School and then was off to Florida State University for her undergraduate degree, and received her graduate degree in public administration from Clark-Atlanta University. **Rose** is the daughter of **Janelle Gilbert Hall** and the late **Gregory Hall**. Her maternal grandmother, **Wilma Wake Gilbert**, taught for many years at Dorsey Junior High. Her maternal grandfather was Reverend **Shedrick E. Gilbert**, who served many years as deacon at the Historic Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church in Overtown. The Wake family is another pioneer family in Overtown. God-speed and many blessings to **Rose** with this quote from **Dr. Seuss**:

*Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
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You'll be on your way up!  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
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who soar to high heights."  
And so it is, so much news, so much changing in these days. But we are in constant faith; we've come this far by keeping the faith as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh, Dance, Sing and Cry in the Whirl. We share our blessings.*



Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton attend the "Trayvon Martin: Rest in Power" screening on May 16 in Washington, DC.

## TV series reflects on the death of Trayvon

'Rest in Power' is airing on BET for six weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Six years after his death, Trayvon Martin's name is known throughout the country as a symbol of social injustice and a rallying cry for the Black Lives Matter movement his killing helped forge.

Yet Trayvon was initially identified by the authorities as a "John Doe," something that his father, Tracy Martin, still finds unsettling. It took enormous pressure for the police to release Zimmerman's 911 calls from that evening, which captured George Zimmerman chasing after the hoodie-clad high-schooler, who was armed only with Skittles and an Arizona Iced Tea. It was

six weeks before Zimmerman, who was ultimately acquitted, was arrested.

That Trayvon, the 17-year-old who was shot and killed by Zimmerman in Sanford, on February 26, 2012, might easily have remained anonymous to the wider public is one of the indelible impressions left by the six-part documentary series "Rest in Power: The Trayvon Martin Story." The first episode premiered Monday, July 30 on BET. The next episode is slated for 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6 on BET. Deadline reports that 1.2 million viewers on BET and Paramount Networks watched the premiere.

"The state really tried to sweep this whole scenario under the rug," Martin said in an interview. "We had to go through hell and high water just to get an arrest. They

weren't going to arrest the individual who killed our son. That's kind of been forgotten."

"Rest in Power," produced by Jay-Z charts the long, hard-fought journey that began as a family's tragedy but grew into a nationwide protest movement on civil rights, gun violence and racial profiling. "It took my son being shot down for me to stand up," says Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon's mother, in the series.

"It didn't start with Trayvon," Fulton said in a separate interview. "It didn't end with Trayvon."

Based on Fulton and Martin's 2017 book "Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin," the series is also a painful reflection for Trayvon's parents, who have remained politically active

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# Amara La Negra performs live in Miami Gardens

## International Music Fest brings out diverse crowd

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“Love and Hip Hop Miami” star, Amara La Negra, entered the Miami Gardens community with open arms on Aug. 4.

Before La Negra made her way on stage, some aspiring rappers, dancers and singers performed on stage in front of the crowd.

The audience danced along with the rappers, dancers and singers such as the Circle of Brotherhood members, while they waited for La Negra to come out on stage and perform.

Food vendors were in the sightline of the audience and they found themselves walking over to get a taste of the delicious-smelling food. Once they returned to their seats, audience members found themselves standing up again to showcase some of their dance moves while they waited for La Negra.

Once La Negra came out, the crowd danced and sang along. Some even approached the stage to take pictures and video-record the star.



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# 2018 POLITICAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

**#1** Wednesday 6 p.m.  
**August 8**

**Little Haiti Cultural Center**  
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Moderated By

**Glenna Milberg**

WPLG Local 10 reporter and co-host of “This Week in South Florida.”

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U.S. Representatives (Districts 23, 24 and 27)  
Miami-Dade County Commission (District 2)

**#2** Wednesday 6 p.m.  
**August 15**

**Florida Memorial University**  
15800 NW 42nd Ave



Moderated By

**Melba Pearson**

Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida.

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

■ **George Washington Carver High School Class of 1966**  
Noon every second Saturday; 1234 NW 79th St.; Info: Call 305-300-7630

■ **Northwestern Class of 1962**  
3 p.m. every second Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-218-6171

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■ **Booker T. Washington Class of 1967**  
4-6 p.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-333-7128

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1961**  
Noon every second Tuesday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-696-1154

■ **Miami Jackson Class of 1971**  
2:30 p.m. every first Saturday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-285-2533

■ **Miami Northwestern Class of 1959**  
10:30 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-897-2646

■ **Booker T. Washington**

Class of 1959

11 a.m. Aug. 7th at Jackson Restaurant on 10th St and 3rd Ave in Overtown. For more information, call 305-989-0994.

## ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS:

■ **The Citizen Advisory Committee**  
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# From war-scarred Somali to visa lottery winner

Author recalls his frightful childhood, his good fortune to end up in Maine

JOHN WILLIAMS  
The New York Times

Abdi Nor Iftin was 6 years old when civil war broke out in Somalia, his home country. Violence and uncertainty became constants in his life. Another constant was Mr. Iftin's obsession with American culture. He taught himself English by repeatedly watching action movies like "Rambo" and "Commando." Eventually, he defied the odds to win the diversity visa lottery, which admits immigrants to the United States from countries that do not send many people here. It's a program that President Trump wants to end. In "Call Me American," Mr. Iftin details his harrowing childhood in Somalia, his escape to Kenya and his ultimate move to America. He now lives in Portland, Me., where he works as a translator for other Somali immigrants. Below, he talks about the trauma of revisiting his memories, how his book — and his thoughts about the United States — changed after Trump's election and more.

**When did you first get the idea to write this book?**  
I realized there was a lot of media interest in my sto-

ry after I won the U.S. green card lottery when I was still in Kenya. But the idea of turning it into a real book came after an interview I did with "This American Life" in 2015, just a few months after I came to the United States. When it aired, people were so touched and wanted to know more.

I was excited for many reasons. I realized I was in America, which is a country that has so many bookstores, so many libraries, and people who are craving to read books and stories, and specifically stories that are unheard. People have not heard a lot about Somali life outside of TV and movies like "Black Hawk Down" and "Captain Phillips."

**What's the most surprising thing you learned while writing it?**

It was not easy. It was really, really difficult. Even though I was in Maine when I started writing the book in 2015, it was hard to go to bed at night after talking with my mother for the book. She was the last person I talked to every night, realizing that she is still living on the same street in Mogadishu where I was almost killed many times as a child, and where I was almost recruited by Islamists as a teenager. I



Abdi Nor Iftin is pictured in Maine, where he settled after finally gaining a green card.

would call my family when I wanted to ask a question, and at times it was so hard because we could not hear each other because of the bullets raining. And we would wait an hour to try again. And that one hour to me felt like a year.

**In what way is the book you wrote different from the book you set out to write?**

I started this as a book of love and respect for America, because I hope to live in peace, prosperity and freedom in the United States. But

I never thought I would end my book with this American president. I saw America completely differently at the time, compared to today. When Trump became president, my book wasn't out yet. I felt the current U.S. administration had betrayed the American dream by banning Muslims and Muslims from coming to this country. I added something about the election, and my frustration and anger about what happened on Nov. 8, 2016. I woke up the day after and I was looking

through the window, and I told work that I couldn't come in because I was afraid people would come and deport us. I have a green card, but I didn't know what that would mean under President Trump.

Most of the chapters in my book are about a fundamental human desire for survival. There's nothing I can change about that, because that's my story. But I changed my perception of America, a little bit, after the election. I haven't been here long enough to understand the division in

this country. But when Trump came, I saw it. I don't sleep at night feeling 100 percent safe the way I did before the ban.

**Who is a creative person (not a writer) who has influenced you and your work?**

Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has hugely influenced my life in many, many ways. I was 7 years old when I started seeing his face, and I wanted to be like him. I didn't realize he was an immigrant until later, when I learned English and started figuring out the way the world works. He became the governor of my favorite state, California. It was the first state I knew, the beautiful beaches there. I haven't seen it in person, sadly. I keep hoping my book tour will take me there; I talk to my publishers about it.

Being an author makes me proud. He's an actor, and I'm an author. That's pretty good.

Persuade someone to read "Call Me American" in 50 words or less.

This is a timely book, especially during the current political climate. Against all the narratives coming from the White House and the president, this book shows the determination and risks I undertook as a refugee to come here to live in peace, work hard and, most importantly, become an American.

## FILM REVIEW

# Cartoon 'Teen Titans' goof across DC universe

Critic says flick is 'Deadpool' for middle schoolers; with silly humor

MARK KENNEDY  
The Associated Press

When it comes to superhero movies, there's a perception that you've got to choose between DC's gritty, do-or-ferrings or Marvel's winking humor. But five cartoon wannabe heroes armed with fart jokes are trying to change that.

Warner Bros. has elevated its "B level DC superheroes in Teen Titans Go! from basic cable to the big screen in hopes they can do what so many of its A-list films cannot — add a dose of surreal and goofy humor to its universe. Think of it like "Deadpool" for the middle school set.

"Teen Titans GO! to the Movies" might be aimed at fans of the manic and under-rated Cartoon Network show but any parent who tags along will likely chortle as the film gleefully skewers the world of superheroes and the film industry itself.

Jokes take on "Apocalypse Now," Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and "The Lion King." There's a scene

when Shia LaBeouf gets beaten up and an appearance by Stan Lee, the Marvel icon, who, yes, makes fun of himself in a cameo in a DC film. This is a film that adores mocking itself. One of the original songs features Michael Bolton singing the exquisitely cheesy "Upbeat Inspirational Song About Life" that features colorful unicorns, dolphins and jet skis.

The film's central premise is mocking the endless supply of tights-and-cape wearing flicks out there. The Teen Titans — Robin, Starfire, Beast Boy, Cyborg and Raven — want one, too, but they're not considered famous enough to warrant their own franchise. So they band together to force Hollywood to take them seriously. "Having a movie is the only way to be seen as a real hero," intones Robin.

They decide they need an arch-nemesis to legitimize them and find one in Slade (a sort of DC version of Deadpool), which proves a rich vein of jokes). Part of the reason they decide on Slade is his name is "fun to say in



This image release by Warner Bros. Pictures shows characters, from left, Beast Boy, voiced by Greg Cipes, Cyborg, voiced by Khary Payton, Robin voiced by Scott Menville, Starfire, voiced by Hynden Walch and Raven, voiced by Tara Strong in a scene from "Teen Titans Go! to the Movies."

a dramatic way." He's voiced by Will Arnett, who played Batman in the two "LEGO" movies, and is happy to break the fourth wall: "Don't you know anything about arch-villains?" he asks when he seems to be defeated. "We always have a back-up plan."

Some of the other guest voices include talk show host Jimmy Kimmel as Batman, singer Halsey as Wonder Woman, rapper Lil Yachty as Green Lantern, actor Wil

Wheaton as Flash, comedienne Patton Oswalt as Atom, and actress Kristen Bell, as a film mogul. You'll also get to hear Nicolas Cage voice Superman — a role he famously almost played in a live action film in the late 1990s. But most of the celebs have very few lines so don't go just for the guests.

Do go for the world created by the writers and directors Aaron Horvath, Michael Jelenic and Peter Rida Michail,

who have been collaborating on this screwball world since 2013, going from mocking Napoleon Bonaparte to the film "A Few Good Men." Their transition to the big screen is admirable — taking a 22-minute TV show into an hour and a half movie can't be easy — but it never lags.

The filmmakers are brimming with ideas, from explosive diarrhea jokes to time-travel montages accompanied by Huey Lewis &

The News' "Back in Time." They also supply some of the songs (but might not win any lyrical awards for rhyming "booty" with "movie"). And they're also not afraid to bite the hand that feeds them — much of the shenanigans take place on the Warner Bros. back lot.

"Teen Titans GO! to the Movies" is the sort of silly film you and your kids can both enjoy, a slice of pure escapism fare in these divisive days. It's decidedly not political. (One note: Robin is notoriously sensitive about his baby hands. That is NOT a Trump thing — it predates jokes about our commander in chief's small hands.)

The kids will come away with life lessons — friendship is more important than fame, teamwork is always worth the effort — and the adults will laugh about watching Green Lantern admit that "we don't talk about" the disastrous "Green Lantern" movie — in a DC flick, at that.

"Teen Titans GO! to the Movies," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "action and rude humor." Running time: 88 minutes. Three stars out of four.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Book embraces time when civil rights mattered

It is the most important read of the summer and the blueprint on race

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"We have to talk."

It's never good when someone tells you that. Even if it's said with a smile and a pat on the back, you can feel doom in those words. "We have to talk" never helps anyone except when, as in "What Truth Sounds Like" by Michael Eric Dyson, it does.

In late May of 1963, Robert "Bobby" Kennedy, Attorney General for President John Kennedy, did something remarkable enough to make the front page of The New York Times: he had a "secret" meeting with a group of Black leaders to discuss "an 'explosive situation' that

could impact the nation.

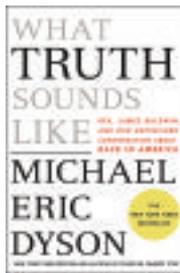
For many reasons, Civil Rights among them, 1963 was a "landmark." Since taking the oath of office, Jack Kennedy had walked a fine line between politics and social justice. He and Bobby were "villains in the eyes of ... white bigots" for their support for Black people and Martin Luther King Jr., in particular, though Jack really only "tiptoed around the prospect of equal rights for Negroes." Still, in Dyson's telling, Bobby almost seemed smug in what he thought he knew about 1963's simmering atmosphere when he met with James Baldwin, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne, playwright Lorraine Hansberry



Michael Eric Dyson

and activist Jerome Smith.

He wanted acknowledgment and gratitude for what was being done on behalf of Black Americans. Instead, the "Negroes" gave Kennedy a verbal trouncing.



Smith said Kennedy "... don't have no idea what trouble is..."

Hansberry threatened to give guns to people on the street "poetic license," Dyson muses. Baldwin fanned the flames, Smith dismissed the meeting as "cocktail-par-

ty patter," and Kennedy fumed before Hansberry dropped a final bombshell and Kennedy's guests stalked out.

In the days after this seminal meeting, Kennedy had a chance to ruminate. He'd heard "unvarnished truths in ways white ears ... were unaccustomed to." It changed his life and altered his political career with a lesson that still resonates, especially for liberals and those who are trying this year to capture Congressional seats.

"It's a lesson we must learn today," says Dyson, "if we are to overcome our differences and embrace a future as bright as our dreams allow."

"What Truth Sounds Like" is both the first book you should want this summer — and the last.

Absolutely no one would

ever mistake this for a beach read; it's too serious and thought-provoking for vacation frivolity and it's absolutely not skimmable like a novel.

Conversely, considering what's going on in the nation and in the world, this may be the most important book of the season. Dyson shows how a meeting held so long ago actually offers a sort of blueprint for anyone concerned about current issues of race. That includes "artists" and entertainers who seem to oppose what Baldwin would've advocated, and activists who need to know their history.

Give yourself plenty of time with this book. Pick it up, put it down, read anew, and it may help you to change minds. For sure, "What Truth Sounds Like" holds ideas you'll want to talk about.

## MARTIN

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(Fulton campaigned in 2016 for Hillary Clinton) in an effort to honor their slain son's legacy. In the series, Martin brokenheartedly recalls going to his son's room to smell his laundry, fresh with the scent of fabric softener.

Reliving the trauma was a difficult, if familiar experience.

"We truly relive the story every day," said Martin. (He and Fulton divorced in 1999 but have stayed close.) "But it was emotional seeing it at this magnitude, seeing it put

together from the perspective of someone else's eyes. The satisfaction of seeing it put together so well from someone who's not a part of the immediate family, it did hit home."

"There were a lot of things I had forgotten about," said Fulton. "That was a really, really dark period in my life. It's a period of my life I don't want to relive. To lose a child is different kind of pain. It's a different kind of hurt."

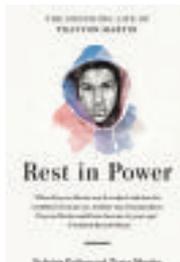
As much as Trayvon's story is his story, too, the parents believe "Rest in Power" holds lessons for all.

"It's a teaching tool. It's a direct path to being engaged in many social justice issues

that are plaguing our society today," said Martin. "We're looking for this to be very impactful. We feel that the documentary is diversified. Everyone can relate to this."

"There's going to be times where the audience is going to tear up," said Fulton. "There's going to be times when they smile at the screen and say, 'Yes!' And there's going to be times where they say, 'OK, I need to do more.'"

Since the incident, Zimmermann has tried to auction off the gun he shot Trayvon with, labeling it an "American Firearm Icon." In 2015, he was arrested for aggravated assault and domes-



tic violence with a weapon after he allegedly threw a wine bottle at his girlfriend.

He was acquitted in the shooting of Martin on the grounds of self-defense. The case brought new attention to Florida's "stand-your-ground" law, which was signed into law by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush with NRA lobbyist Marion Hammer by his side.

Martin and Fulton have advocated for gun control reform, focusing primarily on keeping guns out of the hands of "irresponsible" people.

"A lot of people are afraid to go at the NRA. But I have nothing else to lose. I'm a father of slain child," said Martin. "With this new administration in office, it's been

a setback. There's not been enough attention focused on the humanitarian aspect of it all. Recently, the focus has only shifted because of the Parkland incident. It had to take a Parkland incident for the country to say: Let's make a change."

Trayvon's parents, who have considered running for political office, have high hopes for "Rest in Power." But they also have one simple goal.

"I just want people to remember that his life mattered," said Fulton. "I want people to remember he had a right to live. And I want people to know that Trayvon represents so many others."

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## LIVE, EXOTIC ANIMALS GRAB ATTENTION

Liberty City community comes together for family fun at a two-day event

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**K**ids crowded around the black fence where a lion sat in a cage.

The lion, whose name is Noah, lazily rose and walked about the cage.

The kids grabbed their cellphones and took pictures of the lion, who looked like the ones they saw in their storybooks – brown hair, brown laughing eyes with a big tongue.

Noah was among several animals at the Flambe Festival Friday and Saturday in Liberty City.

The festival is the brainchild of Yahweh Ben, founder of The Order of the Celestial Lodge.

Ben said he brought the lion to inspire the community, which has seen a lot of tragedy.

"... it's about time for good people to come together and stop fighting each other and just bring smiles," said Ben.

According to The Order of the Celestial Lodge website, the not-for-profit international organization assists communities across the United States that cannot help themselves. The Lodge brought

together the Liberty City community to enjoy a family-fun event.

The Flambe Festival was a two-day event that included a food giveaway, and people in the community who came out to help to make sure there were smiles put on faces.

Featured at the event were vendors, exotic live animals, live music and more.

Yahweh Ben, who is recognized as King Yahweh the Holy Ghost, said the quickest way to bring a smile is to bring a big lion.

"Either you're going to smile or run," said Ben. "But, for the most part, they're smiling."

With smiles on their faces, kids participated in horseback riding and were able to see and touch animals such as rabbits and ponies.

"The community has suffered a lot of pain over the years," said Ben. I feel this is the best way to bring people together. My personal philosophy is when good people stop fighting good people, the world will change overnight. I want to play a part in that and change the world."

Children wait to horseback ride.



Miami Times photo/Kishanda Burns



◀ A Flambe Festival vendor sells T-shirts.  
▶ Noah, the Lion.





The Pentagon has identified the remains of Lawrence E. Dickson (second left), pictured in 1942 with members of the graduating class at Tuskegee Army Flying School.

## Pentagon identifies remains of missing Tuskegee Airman

The Defense Department has found first of two dozen lost Black flyers

MICHAEL E. RUANE

The Washington Post

The Defense Department announced Friday that it has accounted for the first of more than two dozen Black aviators known as Tuskegee Airmen who went missing in action during World War II.

Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, a fighter pilot who had trained at the Tuskegee Army Flying School, was 24 when he went down over Austria on Dec. 23, 1944, while on a mission.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) had been investigating the possibility that human remains and other items found at a crash site in Austria this past summer were Dickson's.

On Friday morning, the DPAA informed his daughter, Marla L. Andrews, 76, of East Orange, N.J., that the remains were those of her father.

"I feel great!" she said in a telephone interview. "I really do feel a relief... I had a good crying jag."

Dickson is probably the first missing Tuskegee Airman found since the end of World War II, the DPAA has said.

There were 27 Tuskegee Airmen missing from the war. Now there are 26.

DPAA investigators said the crash site was a few miles from where his P-51 Mustang was reported to have gone down. Debris at the site was from a P-51. And German records report a lone P-51 crash there the same day Dickson disappeared.

Historically, the site was a match, Joshua Frank, a DPAA research analyst, said earlier this year.

Last summer, the site was excavated by the DPAA and a team from the University of New Orleans, and human remains were recovered.

**"I feel great! I really do feel a relief... I had a good crying jag."**

Marla Andrews

Dickson was among the more than 900 Black pilots who were trained at the segregated Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama during the war.

They were Black men from all over the country who fought racism and oppression at home and enemy pilots and anti-aircraft gunners overseas.

More than 400 served in combat, flying patrol and strafing missions, and escorting bombers from bases in North Africa and Italy. The tail sections of their fighter planes were painted a distinctive red.

Two days before Christmas 1944, Dickson took off from his base at Ramitelli, in southern Italy, in a sleek P-51D nicknamed "Peggin," headed for Nazi-occupied Prague.

Dickson was on his 68th mission and had already been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious service.

He was leading a three-Mustang escort of a fast but unarmed photo reconnaissance plane, according to the account of a wingman, 2nd Lt. Robert L. Martin, many years later.

(Lt. Martin died Thursday morning at the age of 99 at his

home in Olympia Fields, Ill.)

The four planes headed over the mountains for Prague. About an hour into the trip, at an altitude of 26,000 feet, Dickson radioed that he was having engine trouble and began losing speed.

His wingmen stayed with him as he dropped back. The twin-engine reconnaissance plane sped on and was soon out of sight.

Dickson decided to turn for home in his crippled plane, and his buddies stuck with him.

The trio gradually descended, as Dickson looked for a spot to land or bail out. Martin thought they were near the town of Tarvisio, in a mountainous area of north-eastern Italy.

He saw Dickson jettison the canopy of his cockpit before bailing out, and swerved to avoid Dickson's plane. But when he looked again, Dickson was gone.

The two wingmen circled, looking for a parachute, a column of smoke or burning wreckage. There was nothing but an empty, snow-covered valley.

Marla Andrews holds a composite photograph with herself, her mother Phyllis Finney and her father Tuskegee Airman Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson. (Bryan Anselm for The Washington Post)

Lawrence Dickson had married Phyllis Constance Mailard in November 1941. (She died Dec. 28, 2017, in Nevada at the age of 96.)

On July 14, 1942, in Harlem's old Sydenham Hospital, they had a daughter they named Marla.

After the war, the Army searched for Capt. Dickson near Tarvisio and nearby Malborghetto. Other crashed planes and remains were found, but not his.

In 1949, the Army recommended that his remains be declared "nonrecoverable."

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## Pope seeks to abolish death penalty, changes teaching

View criticized by conservatives and hailed by anti-death activists

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has decreed that the death penalty is "inadmissible" under all circumstances and the Catholic Church should campaign to abolish it, a change in church teaching that could influence Catholic politicians and judges in the U.S. and across the globe.

The change, announced Thursday, was hailed by anti-death penalty activists and scorned by Francis' frequent conservative critics, who said he had no right to change what Scripture revealed and popes have taught for centuries.

The Vatican said that Francis had amended the Catechism of the Catholic Church — the compilation of official Catholic teaching — to say that capital punishment can never be sanctioned because it constitutes an "attack" on

position, though St. John Paul II began urging an end to the practice and stressed that the guilty were just as deserving of dignity as innocents.

The new teaching says the previous policy is outdated because there are new ways to protect the common good, and the church should instead commit itself to working to end capital punishment.

"Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme means of safeguarding the common good," reads the new text.

Today "there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes," it said, adding that society now has effective ways to detain prisoners so they aren't a threat

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Pope Francis

the dignity of human beings.

Previously, the catechism said the church didn't exclude recourse to capital punishment "if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." Past popes have upheld that

## FAITH CALENDAR

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### Second Canaan Missionary Baptist Church

Honoring Minister Aron Maxwell with a musical gospel explosion at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 1470 NW 87th St. For more information, please call Pamela Holland at 305-741-1222.

### Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Come and join the Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 for their Annual

Old Fashion Day. For more information, please contact Barbara Jones at 305-322-5005 or email at jonesbarbarie@bellsouth.net.

### Tenth Tabernacle Bethel

Hosting a back-to-school bonanza from 1 – 5 p.m. on Aug. 12 at 2298 NW 62nd St. Free food, drinks and activities for kids of all ages. For more information, please call 786-477-7723 or visit Miami.fl@cogasoc.org

Bethany Seventh Day

### Adventist Church

Bereavement sharing groups; 3-4 p.m. every second Sunday; Fall Into Fitness Five-week Challenge; Starts 9 a.m. Aug. 12 until Sep. 16. For more in details call 305-634-2993

### Golden Bells 40th Anniversary

Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m. at New Beginning, and Aug. 19, 4 p.m. at New Covenant. Call 786-251-2878 for more information.

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 for more details.

### Gathering All Parents to Prayer

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

### Greater New Bethel Baptist Church

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

### Sistah to Sistah Connection

Women's empowerment

### meeting; 10 a.m. – noon every

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

### The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center

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

### Metropolitan AME Church

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

### Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church

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

First Haitian Church

### of God

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

### New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry

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

### Florida Independent Restoration Ministries

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

### MEC Ministries

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

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

## BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH



## Breastfeeding gets attention this month

Big Latch on Aug. 4 part of a global campaign for mothers

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Breastfeeding month is a time to focus on the many reasons why mothers should breastfeed and the importance of breastfeeding.

Aug. 6, 2011, the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee declared National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. World Breastfeeding Week, which was Aug. 1-7, is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The month is dedicated to women in hopes that they will commit to breastfeeding because of the health benefits for baby.

According to Fit Pregnancy and Baby, babies who breastfed for at least six months are less likely to experience ear infections, diarrhea and respiratory illness. They are also less likely to develop childhood obesity.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, the WIC Program and Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade held a walkathon to raise awareness of the positive outcomes for breastfeeding on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40th St.

The Big Latch On, a worldwide event in which women around the world, breastfed their infant or child at the same time, was held at the walkathon, to break a world record.

Photo via Facebook

**Dozens of parents attended the breastfeeding awareness walkathon on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Tropical Park.**



## North Shore Medical Center names new CEO

Mark Racicot is transport from sister facility in Fort Lauderdale

*Miami Times Staff Report*

North Shore Medical Center has appointed Mark Racicot to the position of CEO. He will now be responsible for overseeing all strategic, operational and clinical activities.

North Shore Medical Center is a 337-bed general acute care community hospital, located at 1100 NW 95th St. in Miami. The hospital is part of Tenet Healthcare's Miami-Dade Group and has been serving the medical

and health care needs of the North Miami community for more than 65 years.

"Mark comes to North Shore from the hospital's sister campus, Florida Medical Center, and he has extensive knowledge of the market which poises him well to grow services that are important to the community," said CEO of Tenet's Miami-Dade Group, Jeffrey M. Welch. "We are very excited to have Mark as the new chief executive officer at North Shore



**Mark Racicot**

Medical Center." Racicot will oversee operations of North Shore's 24-hour emergency care, maternity services with a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a cardiac catheterization lab, psychiatric unit, Community Cancer Center, Comprehensive Breast Institute, Sleep Disorders Center, Pain Care Center and Comprehensive Stroke Care Center.

Prior to his appointment to North Shore Medical Center, Racicot was the CEO at Florida Medical Center and he also served as the chief operating officer at Palmetto General Hospital where he was

also the lead COO for Tenet's Miami-Dade Group hospitals. While in leadership, Racicot implemented processes to improve standardization and efficiency across the five hospitals. He also helped create a regional capital plan to refurbish patient rooms over a three-year period across the 10 hospitals in Florida. At Palmetto, Racicot oversaw the design and construction of the hospital's new 31-bed clinical decision unit. He also managed a variety of projects including a new CT unit and MRI replacement in the imaging department and telemetry system upgrades on three

relationship builder. Racicot was also responsible for leading ancillary and support teams to significantly improve patient experience. He previously worked in health care in New England.

Racicot holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is a registered engineer. In addition, he has a master's degree in business administration from Fitchburg State University.

To learn more about North Shore Medical Center, please visit [www.northshoremedical.com](http://www.northshoremedical.com).




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A new study says that increasing the number of elementary schoolteachers can help decrease dropout rates and reduce achievement gaps in Black male students.



## Key to Black boys academic success

File photo courtesy of Miami Dade County Public Schools

Hiring schoolteachers that look like them can help

TED GREGORY  
*Chicago Tribune*

Near the end of his freshman year at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Ja'Wan Williams heard that a dean there had been a member of the fraternity Williams was pledging.

After bonding over their shared affection for Alpha Phi Alpha, Dean Alfred Tatum persuaded Williams to shift his academic focus. Instead of preparing to teach high school math, Tatum suggested, why not major in urban elementary education?

Modest as it may seem, that change is an example of what supporters say could help solve daunting challenges confronting Black students, particularly boys, across the country. Spurred by Tatum, UIC's dean of the College of Education, the school aims to invest about \$1 million in an initiative to recruit and train male elementary education majors of color, similar to how universities recruit and train star athletes.

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Ja'Wan Williams



Zbigniew Bazdak/Chicago Tribune

Ja'Wan Williams, 19, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is enrolled in a new program designed to recruit and educate Black and Latino men to become elementary school teachers.



### Back-to-school superstars

Five great ways to start the year off right!

As summer break draws to a close, parents and children across Miami-Dade are busy checking off boxes on their back-to-school lists. But often missing among the entries of notebooks, pencils, rulers and backpacks are all-important strategies for success. These insider secrets - which cover everything from easing first-day jitters to boosting your kid's brain power - get A+ results.

**1. Get excited!** While kids may drag their feet at the thought of starting school, gathering supplies is an easy first step to ramping up their enthusiasm. Low-cost items like glittery stickers and book

covers lend a brand-new look to binders and folders, while brightly colored pens and pencils, fun novelty erasers and cool-for-school calculators actually entice children to use them. You can also keep their enthusiasm revved up by talking about the opportunities that await them: field trips, creative outlets for learning, and after-school and social activities.

**2. Ease anxiety.** The first day of school, whether it's your kindergarten's, sixth-grader's or college freshman's, is special - so pull out all the stops to play up the positives. Start their day with a little pomp and



Children in Classroom/stock.adobe.com

circumstance: a favorite family breakfast, a few selfies of them in their uniforms or back-to-class clothes, and a confidence-boosting pep talk that helps ease their fears. Let them in on a little secret, too: Even teachers can feel nervous on the first day of school.

**3. Embrace organization.**

Children benefit from a sense of structure, especially when it comes to things like their educational materials. "The main reason for ... getting kids organized is that they will use those skills during the school year and also continue to be organized in the future," says award-winning teacher Ron

Clark, author of "The Excellent II: Qualities Teachers and Parents Use to Motivate, Inspire, and Educate Children." He recommends a notebook for each subject, a homework notebook and folder, and graded-paper folders (one for homework and one for tests). Clark notes that this structuring also helps parents keep track of work that needs to be completed.

**4. Promote problem-solving.** Kids are naturally curious; instead of providing the answers they're looking for, make them active participants in the process of decision-making. "Problem-solving ability is mostly a matter of attitude," asserts Robert D. Ramsey, author of "501 Tips for Teachers: Kid-Tested Ideas, Strategies, and Inspirations." He stresses the concept that problems

are friends. "Without them, there would be no challenge, no learning, no victory." Help expand growing minds with brain-teasing games, contests and puzzles, recommends Ramsey. "Kids don't know [something's] hard when they're having fun [learning about it]."

**5. Build a support network.** From family members to outside resources (e.g., peer tutors or school counselors), a reliable group that can pitch in and help when needed makes all the difference between children acing their grades and those who lag behind. "Grandparents make great ... mentors, readers, storytellers and listeners," notes Ramsey, who believes the older generation brings a special patience, love and wisdom to a child's educational experience.

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# FAMU gets first female drum major

## Cori Bostic earns historic role in the Marching 100 at the Florida HBCU

**BYRON DOBSON**  
Tallahassee Democrat

Cori Bostic has stepped from the piccolo section and moved to the front of the Florida A&M University Marching 100.

Last Tuesday, FAMU Director of Bands Shelby Chipman took to social media to announce Bostic has been named a drum major, the first woman to hold that post in the nationally recognized band's 72-year history.

Chipman also announced last Wednesday that Joshua

Honore and Marquel Bowen will be joining Bostic as new drum majors.

FAMU President Larry Robinson tweeted: "Congratulations Cori Bostic! You're marching into Rattler history!"

Kelvin Lawson, chairman of the FAMU Board of Trustees, also responded: "This is a historical day, and I am proud to be associated with the university as we welcome our first female drum major!! Go Rattlers!!"

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority hailed the

historic achievement of their sorority sister on Facebook.

Bostic, a resident of Lithonia, Georgia, is a junior broadcast journalism student. Her ties to FAMU and the Marching 100, run deep. Her parents are both FAMU graduates and former members of the Marching "100," according to a Facebook post.

Her father, Cory Bostic is a band director in Dekalb County, Georgia, and her mother, Lenise Yvonne Bostic is a school principal in the Atlanta area.

Bostic was a member of the Southwest Dekalb High School Band, where she also was a drum major.



Cori Bostic, center, is the first woman drum major of Florida A&M University's marching band.

# New donation added to Black Archives' endowment

## Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson now a member of Wall of Distinction

Miami Times Staff Report

Miami-Dade County Commission Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson is one of the first donors to contribute to the Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida's sustainability campaign with a gift of \$50,000.

Edmonson's donation joins that of the late Carmetta Russell, a former Black Archives Board of Trustees member and the daughter of Coconut Grove pioneers who bequeathed \$5,000 toward a future Black Archives endowment upon her death in 2009.

The fund was established with a \$50,000 donation by Black Archives board member and publisher emeritus of *The Miami Times*, Garth C. Reeves Sr.

Donations to the endowment support the future operational and programmatic needs. The Black Archives will be able to continue its mission "to preserve, protect and disseminate to the public, South Florida's Black history," a recent statement it released said.

"The Black Archives has existed in South Florida for over 40 years," said Timothy A. Barber, Black Archives



Carmetta Russell

executive director. "The purpose of this endowment is to ensure that we exist for 40 more years, and beyond. Black people of the African Diaspora have a deep-rooted and rich history in this region and as custodians of much of that history, our perpetual



Audrey M. Edmonson

existence is essential to our story—the true story—continuing to be told."

The nonprofit organization is housed at the Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Cultural Arts Complex, a historic landmark on the National Register of Histor-

ical Places built in 1913. The names of endowment donors with gifts of \$5,000 and higher will be placed on the Garth C. Reeves Sr. Wall of Distinction, located in the administrative lobby.

Black Archives programming explores aspects of Black life and culture through educational workshops, research, archival exhibits, arts and culture entertainment, job training and employment.

"The Black Archives is in the unique position to have a 360-degree impact on our community," said Kamila E. Pritchett, Black Archives operations and programming manager. "We are able to provide cultural impact through entertainment and educational programming, economic

impact through the employment and training of residents, and impact the tourism industry by presenting activity that attracts visitors to the Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater in Overtown. This is what donations will support: improvement of the quality of life in our community, and keeping Black history alive."

The Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida documents the history of people of the African Diaspora in Miami-Dade County from 1896 to the present. It was founded in 1977 by Dorothy Jenkins Fields. For more information on how to contribute to The Black Archives endowment fund, please call 786-708-4610 or email kpritchett@bahf.org.

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and even provide the possibility of rehabilitation.

"Consequently, the church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide," reads the new text, which was approved in May but only published Thursday.

The death penalty has been abolished in most of Europe and South America, but it is still in use in the United States and in countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This week Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said the death penalty could soon be reinstated in Turkey, where it was abolished in 2004 as part of its bid to join the European Union.

Within hours of Thursday's announcement, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo vowed to introduce legislation to remove the death penalty from New York state law.

Francis' new teaching is also likely to feature in the confirmation process for Su-

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Sister Helen Prejean

ka under Gov. Pete Ricketts, who Prejean called "a pro-life Catholic."

"If we say we are for dignity of all life, that includes innocent and guilty as well," she said in a telephone interview with *The Associated Press*.

She said she was "high as a kite" over Francis' decision to close what she said were loopholes in previous church teaching that failed to recognize that when a prisoner is strapped to a gurney, he is rendered completely defenseless before his executioner.

"We can't claim anymore that's the only way you can defend society," she said.

Francis has long denounced the death penalty and even opposes life sentences, which he has called "hidden" death sentences.

He has also made prison ministry a mainstay of his vocation, and on nearly every foreign trip he visits inmates to offer words of solidarity and hope. He remains in touch with a group of Argentine inmates he ministered to during his years as archbishop of Buenos Aires.

In an accompanying letter explaining the change, the head of the Vatican's doctrine office, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, said the pope wasn't contra-

dicting prior church teaching on capital punishment but was "reformulating" it to express "an authentic development of doctrine."

The Rev. Robert Gahl, a moral theologian at Rome's Pontifical Holy Cross University, agreed.

"With this new text the pope is not rejecting past teaching regarding the death penalty. He's not referring to the inherent morality or immorality of it, but to political expedience within new circumstances to emphasize the possibility of redemption for all, including the most guilty," he said.

In addition to Sister Prejean, other Catholic organizations are active in the anti-death penalty campaign, including the Sant'Egidio Community, which together with Italian authorities always lights up Rome's Colosseum whenever a country abolishes capital punishment.

In a statement Thursday, Sant'Egidio said the change served "as another push to the church and Catholics, based on the Gospel, to respect the sacredness of human life and to work at all levels and on every continent to abolish this inhuman practice."

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"I felt that it was great that they were pinpointing that demographic," said Williams, a 19-year-old Chicagoan and graduate of Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills. "It's amazing. There's definitely a need for them."

Nationwide, 2 percent of public schoolteachers are Black males and 2 percent are Hispanic males, while students of color make up about half the nation's public school enrollment from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Illinois State Board of Education data show that the percentage of Black male teachers in the state's public elementary schools is even smaller. There are about 575 Black male public elementary school teachers in Illinois — roughly 1 percent of the total — and the number who are Hispanic and male is even smaller, at approximately 465.

Research suggests that those meager percentages are associated with academic problems for young Black

male students in particular, from higher dropout rates to larger achievement gaps between them and white students. Differences for Hispanic students are less distinct.

And analysis after analysis shows that increasing the number of Black elementary schoolteachers can help reverse those trends.

Research by an economist at University of California at Santa Barbara, for example, showed that Black students with Black teachers were suspended less often than Black students with white or Hispanic teachers.

A 2016 study by the American Educational Research Association concluded that, test scores and other factors being equal, Black students were three times more likely to be assigned to gifted programs when taught by a Black teacher than a non-Black teacher.

Other research from North Carolina and Tennessee showed that merely having one Black teacher in early elementary grades led to greater expression of interest in college by Black boys and raised the proportion of Black students taking a college entrance exam by 10 percent.

Researchers call it the role model effect.

# 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.  
Tue. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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**Services**  
Sunday Morning 8 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
Tue. Bible Class 8:30 p.m.  
Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.

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**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. 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Michael D. Screen

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**Services**  
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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.

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1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Website: cm93.org

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**St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

**Services**  
Sunday 7:30 and 11 a.m.  
Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

## Range-Coconut Grove

**JOSEPH F. MADISON, 73**, security officer, died July 25 at home. Memorial service 11 a.m., Saturday at The Bethel Church.



**LOTTIE GREY BECTON, 77**, supervisor, died August 4 at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Mary Baptist Church.



**LAVERNE WILLIAMS, 81**, daycare mother, died July 26 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 3 p.m., Friday at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church.



## Richardson

**GEORGE WASHINGTON LANE, SR., 84**, technical engineer, died July 27 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Faith Community Baptist Church.



**RICHARD TYRONE JOHNSON, 64**, custodian, died July 31 at Treasure Isles Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**MATTIE RICHARDSON, 76**, nursing assistant, died August 6 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.



**BEAUFORT KINLEY, JR., 72**, awning installer, died July 24 at Miami Veteran Affairs Hospital. Service 10 a.m., today at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



## Eric S. George

**PRESTON MILTON EDWARDS, SR., 70**, died July 30. Final rites in Nassau, Bahamas.



**LILLIE P. ROSIER, 81**, died August 1. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church Hallandale.



## Eric L. Wilson

**CARROLL MORGAN OYETUNJI, 71**, professional cook. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Birth Baptist Church, Miami.



**BOBBY L. OWENS, JR., 65**, viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at Tabernacle Baptist Church, West Park, FL. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist, Hollywood, FL.



## Hadley Davis MLK

**JESSE BRITT, 69**, truck driver, died July 21 at Jackson Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



**QUEEN EVANS, 76**, retired news distributor, died July 31 at home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at 93rd St Community Baptist Church.



**LEONARD WILLIAMS, 64**, retired truck driver, died July 30th at North Shore Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



## ROBERT LEE YOUNG

**58**, died July 31 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Gospel Arena International Ministries.



## DARCY LYNDELL COBB

**61**, facility manager, died August 3 at Jackson North. Service 1 p.m., Friday at Florida Memorial Chapel.



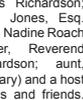
## Range

**KEVIN GRACE, 60**, self-employed barber, died August 3. Survivors include his daughters, Ivis Askins (Fredrick) and Shayvonne Rumph (Lucious); mother, Dr. Ivis Richardson; sisters, Dawn Jones, Esq. (Theophilus) and Nadine Roach (Kevin); brother, Reverend Dwayne Richardson; aunt, Cheryl Evans (Gary) and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater Love Full Gospel Baptist Church.



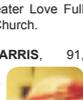
## Trinity

**CORNELL BERNARD CONELY, 63**, disabled, died July 28 at Jackson North. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



## Hall Ferguson Hewitt

**OSWALD WYMAN, 57**, security guard, died August 5. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



## LOUISE HARRIS, 91

retired cafeteria worker for Mercy Hospital, died July 11. Survivors include her friend, Mother Helen Jenkins; niece, Thelma Walker; nephew, Bishop Horace Smith. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Saint City.



## Jay's

**ARTHUR C. TIMMONS, 57**, custodian, died July 28 at home. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



## Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

**MOSES WILSON, 78**, retired, died August 2 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Apostolic Revival Center.



## Nakia Ingraham

**ANTONIO JAMES, 43**, chef, died August 1. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

**GILBERT BRYAN, 87**, general contractor, died July 27. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

## Wright and Young

**GEOFFREY JORDAN, 59**, longshoreman, died July 30. Service 11 a.m., Wednesday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



**MARGARET KNIGHTON, 86**, retired medical technician, died August 1. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater New Macedonia Baptist Church.



**MATTIE DAYS, 87**, retired child care supervisor, died July 30. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.



**BOBBIE DWIGHT, II, 47**, master plumber, died July 30. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



## EUGENE XAVIER FULLER

**46**, auto mechanic, died August 3. He leaves to mourn, his devote wife and kids. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.



## Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



**VALARIAN J. GARDNER**  
08/14/1972 - 01/31/2018

If words could say how much we miss you, yes you would be amazed. We all love you in so many ways. Love Mom, Dad and the family.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**EDWARD BRAZO THURSTON**  
11/06/1964 - 08/11/2011

Missed and loved Family and friends.

## Card of Thanks

The family of the late,



**DENISE BURROUGHS**

would like to thank you for helping us during this very difficult time. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us.

Special thanks to Mr. M.A. Hall and staff, Universal Truth Center, Reverend Charles Taylor and congregation.

May God continue to bless all of you. Betty and Deidre Burroughs and family.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**MALISSA SELDON JENKINS "LISA"**  
02/13/1957 - 08/11/2013

Though you abide around God's throne,  
We miss your shining face and smile  
Your beautiful laughter  
Your kind ways  
Your essence of life  
We feel your love for us, as we dearly love you.  
We will see you again one day.  
In loving memories,  
Your Family



**Former California Congressman Ron Dellums died on July 30. He was 82. Photo taken during a 2013 event celebrating Nelson Mandela's birthday at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C.**

## Former Congressman Ron Dellums, dies at 82

NNPA Newswire Contributor

Ron Dellums, the firebrand former Oakland, California mayor and founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, who vigorously fought on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised, died on Monday, July 30.

Dellums, who helped shaped politics in the Bay Area for decades, reportedly died after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 82.

Tributes celebrating Dellums political and civil rights activism poured in from colleagues and friends.

"I have known and admired Ron Dellums since I was a child," former U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice said in a statement. "He, in part, inspired my interest in public service."

California U.S. Senator Kamala Harris also expressed her condolences.

"I'm deeply saddened by the loss of former congressman and mayor of Oakland, Ron Dellums. His years of service to both the Bay Area and California will continue to serve as a beacon for change and progress," Harris tweeted.

Minnesota's Democratic U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison said Dellums counted as a courageous freedom fighter. He remembered Dellums for his "inspiring example, courage, humor and relentless faith in our ability to make a better world."

Born on November 24, 1935 in Oakland, Calif., Dellums served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956 after he was denied the college scholarship he had sought, according to his biography at Blackpast.org.

After service in the Marines, Dellums, with the help of the G.I. Bill and an outside job, attended San Francisco State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960.

He went on to earn a master's degree in social welfare

from the University of California at Berkeley in 1962.

After teaching at San Francisco State University and at Berkeley, Dellums became a politician. He was elected to the Berkeley City Council, where he quickly became known as the spokesperson for Black community affairs and for his radical political beliefs.

After only three years on the Berkeley City Council, Dellums decided to run for Congress.

With crucial campaign assistance from Coretta Scott King, the widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as from Berkeley's powerful anti-Vietnam War organizations, 35-year-old Dellums was elected to Congress, where he quickly emerged as one of the most radical and outspoken lawmakers in Washington.

Within weeks of his election, Dellums called for congressional investigations into alleged war crimes in Vietnam and co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus.

Two years later he began a long campaign to end the apartheid policies of South Africa and in 1986 introduced the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act, which called for sanctions against the nation's government.

President Ronald Reagan vetoed the bill, however his veto was overridden, marking the first time a presidential veto of a foreign policy measure was overridden by Congress in the 20th Century.

In 2006, he was elected as the mayor of Oakland, succeeding former California Governor Jerry Brown. He left office in 2010.

"We mourn the loss of one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus," the CBC said in a statement. "His work for his community and his work for the Caucus will be missed."

The Reverend Al Sharpton called Dellums a "true progressive and courageous man."

"We spoke often," Sharpton said. "He was a brilliant man."

In a statement celebrating Dellums' legacy, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) called him "a great warrior and statesman."

"The contributions that Congressman Dellums made to our East Bay community, the nation, and the world are too innumerable to count," Lee said in the statement. "I feel blessed to have called Congressman Dellums my dear friend, predecessor, and mentor. I will miss him tremendously, and I will hold dear to my heart the many lessons I learned from this great public servant."

"The statement continued: 'My condolences are with the Dellums family, friends, and loved ones. His legacy and spirit will be forever with us.'