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## WHEN A SEAT AT THE TABLE MATTERS



If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring in a folding chair."

Shirley Chisholm

### U.S. rep candidate Michael Hepburn pulls up his own chair

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Six white folding chairs sat behind a table skirted in black in the gallery of the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. The chairs were awaiting the Congressional candidates for District 27 at *The Miami Times* political forum last Wednesday.

In comes candidate Michael Hepburn carrying his own folding chair. Hepburn moved his designated white chair off to the side and replaced it with the purple folding chair he brought in. Taped to the front of his chair was a paper with a black and white photo of Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress.

There was a quote: "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair. Shirley Chisholm 1924-2005." "Michael A. Hepburn for Congress," the signature read.

Hepburn first heard of Chisholm's quote about the chair last Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

He was doing some door-to-door community outreach in his neighborhood when a neighbor shared the quote with him.

His mother then purchased the purple chair for him.

Hepburn said purple is the right choice because it lies somewhere between the two political parties.

Blue represents the Democratic party while red represents the Republican party.

"I am a Democrat running for Congress, but I don't like [labels]. Red and blue make purple," said Hepburn.

Hepburn is one of 15 candidates and one of five Democrats who will face off during the primary Aug. 28.

Hepburn is running on voters having easy access to education and health care. He wants to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour; and he wants to strengthen and expand Social Security benefits.

Hepburn has more rights today than did Chisholm when she won her congressional seat for a Brooklyn, New York district in 1968, touting the slogan, "unbought and unbossed."

She was the only woman among the newly elected congressional officials, according to the archives of the U.S House of Representatives.

"I have no intention of just sitting quietly and observing," she said. "I intend to focus attention on the nation's problems."

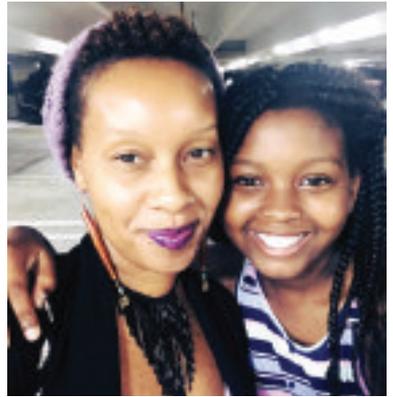
Chisholm held the position as congresswoman from 1969 to 1983. In 1977, she became the first Black woman to serve on the House Committee on Rules.



Congressional candidate Michael Hepburn brought a chair with a picture attached of Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress to *The Miami Times* political forum last Wednesday at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

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Miami Times photo/Felipe Rivas



Jamarah Amani and Mahoro Amani

## Racial slur at UM camp disappoints

Parent seeks accountability from STEM academy after recent incident

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Miami Times Contributor

"Dyke!" "Nigger!" These are the not words a middle-school student is expected to hear in a five-day educational program at the University of Miami STEM + L Academy camp. But 12-year-old Mahoro Amani was called the N-word when she was trying to defend another girl from the pejorative word for lesbian.

The white student who used both of the offensive terms did not retreat, leading Mahoro to call her a "racist bitch."

"My daughter was defending that girl and saying you shouldn't use that word," said Mahoro's mom, Jamarah Amani, about why her daughter responded the way she did. "I was expecting my daughter to

come home and tell me what she learned in STEM, instead she is coming home telling me a girl called her a nigger."

Mahoro is one of a handful of Black students in a newly 25-student exclusive program, which is designed to expose young students to science, technology, engineering and math. The camp ran from Monday, Aug. 6 to Friday, Aug. 10. The students will meet together once a month until Jan. 6.

The name calling happened the second day of the camp, Aug. 7. Amani said her daughter finished the week but still had to listen to phrases such as "I am Black inside" and "I was just joking." Amani's worried about what is going to happen when the students meet up next month.

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## Miami strong mayor measure on ballot

Voters to decide whether to change to constitution on election day, Nov. 6

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Miami's voters will decide in November if they want to make Mayor Francis Suarez and all future mayors the executive decision-maker for the city.

In a grinding meeting Tuesday, Aug. 14, the city's commissioner voted 3-2 to let voters decide whether to change the city charter and replace the city manager system for a strong mayor form of government.

"I don't like the name strong mayor," said Suarez after the vote. "It's opposite from what it should be. Citywide, people will see the mayor doing things. They have the right to



Mayor Francis Suarez

recall and the right to hold me accountable."

The need to put the issue on the ballot was spurred by the collection of 20,000 petition signatures calling for a strong mayor.

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## OPINION

### Democrats now's the time to be busy about the vote



EUGENE ROBINSON, *The Washington Post*

For President Trump, this can't be much of a vacation. The onetime chairman of Trump's presidential campaign, Paul Manafort, is on trial in federal court for tax fraud and other alleged crimes. The prosecution's star witness in that trial is Rick Gates, the deputy chairman of Trump's inaugural committee. The first sitting member of Congress to endorse Trump for president, Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.), was indicted on federal charges of insider trading. And last Tuesday's election results showed that Trump's insurance policy — the Republican Party's iron-fisted

What really happened Tuesday is that Democrats were given reason to hope for a more sweeping victory in November than they had dared to imagine — if, and only if, they work their hearts out between now and then. And Trump, for nervous GOP candidates, is the classic double-edged sword: His overwhelming popularity among his base does boost Republican enthusiasm to some degree, but it also provokes Democrats and other opponents of Trumpism to turn out in large numbers to vote against the captive and supine GOP.

Meanwhile, Trump's own Justice Department is giving Democrats another powerful issue to run on: corruption. Rather than drain the swamp, Trump has expanded it into some kind of vast protected wetland.

His own conflicts of interest — those in plain sight, such as the Trump International Hotel in Washington and the publicly known dealings of the Trump Organization — are staggering. Members of his Cabinet have played fast and loose with ethical rules since Day One. And now, the Manafort trial and the Collins arrest — both deny any wrongdoing — make it impossible to ignore the way Trump has warmly embraced the Washington swamp creatures he pledged to banish.

Trump and his aides reportedly understand how grim the midterms look. The table is set for Democrats to take the House and at least hold their own in the Senate. But Democrats should act as if they're behind, not ahead, because complacency would be politically fatal.

“The table is set for Democrats to take the House and at least hold their own in the Senate.”

control of Congress — is in danger of cancellation.

Trump is at his New Jersey golf club, ostensibly relaxing but probably stewing. I'll go out on a limb and predict a storm of angry tweets in the near future.

The people certainly do not like the job he's doing; according to the most recent Gallup weekly survey, 54 percent of Americans disapprove of his performance vs. just 41 percent who approve. And nobody I know of — surely not even Trump — seriously believes there is a prayer of a Republican “Red Wave” in the midterm elections.

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### The Miami Times recommends . . . part 1

The Miami Times sent questionnaires to many of the candidates who are seeking political office and will be on the ballot Aug. 28 for the state's closed primary election. Already, early voting is underway, so you are pondering your ballot, wondering who will live up to promises to work in the best interest of you, the voter. We tried to parse the information for you, but some who may have sincere interest in serving you did not find the time to share their views on four serious ills in Miami-Dade County: economic security, transportation, housing and personal safety. Overall, we found faces were mostly not competitive enough and then a couple where it seemed like one was in a store where everything is a dollar, but you can buy only one item. Hopefully, this list of candidates whose statements the editorial board mulled over, will help you as you exercise your Constitutional right to vote. Economic security, transportation, housing and personal safety, these issues are intertwined and affect each of us negatively in some way. For those of the candidates who gave us their solutions, we used their answers, reports and other factors to craft our support.



Andrew Gillum

bullets in 60 seconds.”

If he is elected, he will repeal Florida's contentious stand your ground law. An attorney, Gillum considers it a flawed law that is creating vigilantes. As governor, Gillum says he will veto any budget sent to him that raids the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. He plans to call a statewide summit of developers and government, where they will come up with a comprehensive plan to solve the housing crisis, including finding ways to incentivize the foreign investors who do not have a skin in the housing crisis game but definitely influence it. He likes what the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is doing in terms of creating mixed-income communities, but expects local government to do a better job of preventing gentrification and displacement. Tied directly to housing are transportation and infrastructure. Without a better transportation system, companies will not relocate to Florida because two-hour commutes reduce the quality of life of their workers. Gillum believes strongly that education at all levels will improve Florida residents' economic security. He plans to invest in having a better-trained workforce so that the state can diversify the economy with companies that pay higher wages.

Gillum's agenda is people-centric. His holistic approach to improving the lives of Floridians is why *The Miami*

*Times* says yes to Andrew Gillum for the Democratic nominee for governor.

### Sean Shaw Attorney General

When you read statements from Sean Shaw in the media, he sounds just like when a new sheriff rides into town. He wants respect, and he plans to get it. Scammers, watch out, if Shaw gets elected, he said. Safety in schools is a priority for Shaw, he says but that seems like a populous topic



Sean Shaw

with not much details. A priority that needs attention in this state is stand your ground and its ramifications as well as law enforcement who can't get prosecuted for alleged crimes they commit. The 40-year-old Democrat is the son of the late Florida Supreme Court Justice Leader Shaw Jr., so he well-connected in legal circles. We want to say more about Shaw but several phone calls and candidate questionnaires were sent to his campaign but were not returned. Still, *The Miami Times* recommends Shaw for top cop. We need a new sheriff in town.

### Jason Pizzo Florida Senate, District 38

Jason Pizzo, a former prosecutor, showed up on the scene in 2016 and quickly won over many in the Black community. His easy-going manner and friendly face helped him grow an endorsement list more than 20 deep. He was a candidate

on a crowded — albeit flawed — field but one without real scandal and headlines that made you cringe. *The Miami Times* in 2016 recommended Pizzo for the Florida Senate District 38 seat. He didn't win. He is back to face the person who bested all in the race, Daphne Campbell. But since her election, Campbell has been embroiled in scandal, one that could've been named after the movie a “Fist full of Dollars.” And while those in her district waited to have power restored after Hurricane Irma last summer, Campbell allegedly used influence to get her lights turned on. The Miami Times believes Pizzo disappeared after the election and only reemerged when the seat was up for grabs again. This is not the way to keep the trust you gained in 2016. Pizzo needs to be a fixture in a divided district, where there is distinctly haves and have-nots. He should take his family, walk around and knock on doors and just listen to people.



Jason Pizzo

People want to be safe in their homes, but they want their loved ones who end up on the wrong side of the law treated justly. Pizzo has the personality and the track record. Now he needs experience in Tallahassee and knowledge about his district that he can gain if he spends time in the district. Still, we see him as a quick study and *The Miami Times* recommends Pizzo over the incumbent.

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## The suffrage betrayed Black women

BRENT STAPLES, *The New York Times*

“It would take another half-century — and a new suffrage campaign, with Black women in a leading role — before that Black community was fully enfranchised, through the Voting Rights Act of 1965.”

The suffragist heroes Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony seized control of the feminist narrative of the 19th century. Their influential history of the movement still governs popular understanding of the struggle for women's rights and will no doubt serve as a touchstone for commemorations that will unfold across the United States around the centennial of the 19th Amendment in 2020.

That narrative, in the six-volume “History of Women's Suffrage,” betrays more than a hint of vanity when it credits the Stanton-Anthony cohort with starting a movement that actually had diverse origins and many others. Its worst offenses may be that it rendered nearly invisible the Black women who labored in the suffragist vineyard and that it looked away from the racism that tightened its grip on the fight for the women's vote in the years after the Civil War. Historians who are not in-

clined to hero worship — including Eliza Barkley Brown, Lori Ginsberg and Rosalyn Terborg-Penn — have recently provided an unsparing portrait of this once-neglected period. Stripped of her halo, Stanton, the campaign's principal philosopher, is exposed as a classic liberal racist who embraced fairness in the abstract while publicly ennobling bigoted views of Black men, whom she characterized as “Sambos” and

incipient rapists in the period just after the war. The suffrage struggle itself took on a similar flavor, acquiescing to white supremacy — and selling out the interests of Black women — when it became politically expedient to do so. This betrayal of trust opened a rift between Black and white feminists that persists to this day.

This toxic legacy looms especially large as cities, including New York, prepare monuments and educational programs to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, which barred the states from denying voting rights based on gender. Black feminists in particular are eager to see if these remembrances own up to the real history of the fight for the vote — and whether Black suffragists appear in them.

By this time, the former suffragists of the North were celebrating the amendment and were uninterested in fighting discrimination against women

who were suffering racial, as opposed to gender, discrimination. As the historian Rosalyn Terborg-Penn writes: “Within a few years, white supremacy was victorious throughout the South. Unlike Black men, who had been disenfranchised within 20 years after the ratification of the 15th Amendment, Black women had lost the vote in less than a decade.” It would take another half-century — and a new suffrage campaign, with Black women in a leading role — before that Black community was fully enfranchised, through the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The recent uproar over the monuments to white supremacy that dominate public spaces in the South has put civic groups on notice that memorials often convey pernicious messages and perpetuate historical wrongs. Organizers need to keep that in mind as they commemorate a movement in which racism clearly played a central role.





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"That's false and you're a liar," said Sen. Campbell to Pizzo's claim that she "walked out on the teachers and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools."

# Campbell rattles Pizzo at Times' election forum

## Meanwhile, Miami-Dade Democratic Party seeks the senator's audience concerning political ethics

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The tension was high as Democratic candidates for state Senate District 38, went back and forth verbally attacking each other at The Miami Times 2018 Political Forum last Wednesday at the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

The room roared with support for current Sen. Daphne Campbell, running for re-election, as she spoke about her support for the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund and other community efforts, drowning out much of what her opponent, attorney Jason

Pizzo, had to say as he made his introduction.

During his introduction, Pizzo asked the audience, "Is your life better than two years ago [with Campbell] as your state senator or eight years ago as your state rep?"

While the audience responded with some yeses, Pizzo countered by saying, "The answer, objectively and unequivocally certain, is no."

This was the start of a series of back and forth between both candidates.

Moderator Glenna Milberg, a reporter for WPLG Local 10, tried to keep order during what was supposed to be an

informational forum, which had turned into a verbal and sometimes nearly physical melee.

Pizzo criticized Campbell's missed vote on HB. 7055. The hotly contested bill, approved by Gov. Rick Scott in March, mandates that membership in teachers unions must be at least 50 percent of a district's teaching staff or the union could be disbanded. The bill makes it harder for teachers to bargain for better pay, health care, and other benefits if unions fail to get more than 50 percent of employees to join. Pizzo accused Campbell

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# STREET Talk

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## How do you feel about restoring felons' rights after they served their sentences?



Broderick Moore, 24  
Miami Gardens

Everyone deserves a second chance, but once they had their second chance, depending on the situation, I don't think restoring a felon's right is necessary.



Regine Simmons, 30  
Opa-locka

In my opinion, I feel like the crime you committed should reflect on what you're able to do once you get out from doing time behind bars.



Willie Thomas, 54  
Miami

Yes, felons' rights should be restored after they served their sentences. A lot of felons had time to think about what they've done while they waited to be released from jail or prison. So, therefore, they learned their lesson and will now know that it is time to do right by not only themselves but for their loved ones.



Britney Campbell, 28  
Miami

I feel like felons' rights should be restored if they didn't kill anyone. There are some good people behind bars. If their rights don't get restored then they will probably go back to the life of crimes. For job's sake, they have to get money from someplace and if jobs are not considering them, they will get money the only way they know how to.



Lamar Robinson, 22  
North Miami

I think it all depends on the actual crime they did. Like, if they sold drugs, stole a car or robbed someone, then maybe that's questionable. The ability to move wherever they want to around the country and not get judged by what they had done in the past would be OK. However being around kids, schools and things that are delicate should be prohibited to them.



James Baptiste, 31  
Miramar

For felons' rights to be restored is going to take a lot. I feel like they'll have to prove themselves. I also feel like if they don't have their rights restored, then it's going to take away their potential.

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# Trump responds to Omarosa, 'that dog'

**Former senior White House adviser continues exposé book publicity tour**

**OHN WAGNER**  
*The Washington Post*

President Trump on Tuesday referred to Omarosa Manigault Newman as "that dog" as the former senior White House adviser continued a publicity tour to promote her new book depicting Trump as a racist.

In a morning tweet, Trump praised his chief of staff, John F. Kelly, for firing Manigault Newman last year. The former reality television star was the highest-ranking Black employee in the White House.

"When you give a crazed, crying lowlife a break, and give her a job at the White House, I guess it just didn't work out," Trump said. "Good work by General Kelly for quickly firing that dog!"

Trump's tweet came shortly after Manigault Newman appeared on CBS This Morning and released a new recording purportedly of a discussion in October 2016 among campaign aides about how to handle a tape on which Trump is said to have used the n-word.

In tweets Monday night,

"Well, that's not true," Manigault Newman then says on the tape.

The person said to be Pierson later says: "No, he said it.

He is embarrassed."

In her book, Manigault Newman says she understands that Trump used the slur "multiple times throughout the show's taping during off-camera outtakes, particularly during the first season of the Apprentice."

In tweets Monday, Trump attacked his former aide as "vicious, but not smart" and claimed that "people in the White House hated her."

His latest attack on Manigault Newman prompted immediate criticism from lawmakers and others.

"The president of the United States is calling a woman of color 'a dog.' How dare he!" Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.) said during an interview on CNN. "He has taken this country to its knees."

Even some Trump friends suggested that the president

had gone too far on Tuesday.

During an appearance Tuesday morning on Fox News, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway did not directly answer a question about whether Trump's use of the term "dog" was appropriate.



Omarosa Manigault Newman

Trump denied ever using "such a terrible and disgusting word," and his aides have denied having strategized about how to contain the damage if such a tape surfaced. Manigault Newman has said she heard the tape of Trump using the term, which she said dates from his years hosting the NBC reality show "The Apprentice."

Trump has come under fire previously for using derogatory terms to refer to women and Black people.

At a debate during the Republican presidential primary season, he was famously asked by moderator Megyn Kelly about his tendency to call women he doesn't like "fat pigs, dogs, slobs and disgusting animals."

More recently, Trump has repeatedly referred to Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) as "low IQ" and called CNN anchor Don Lemon "the dumbest man on television."

In her book, "Unhinged," Manigault Newman claims the Trump campaign was aware of the existence of the tape from the "Apprentice" period. She describes a phone conversation about how to handle potential fallout with Lynne Patton, then an assistant to Eric Trump, a son of the president; then-Trump spokeswoman Katrina Pierson; and campaign communications director Jason Miller.

The recording played on CBS on Tuesday morning purportedly includes the voices of Patton and Pierson. CBS said it had not confirmed the authenticity of the tape.

On the tape, a person whom Manigault Newman identifies as Pierson is heard saying: "I'm trying to find out at least the context it was used in to help us figure out a way to spin it."

A person Manigault Newman says is Patton then describes having a conversation with Trump about the alleged tape: "I said, 'Well, sir, can you think of anytime this might have happened?' and he said, 'No.'"

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Opa-locka's city hall will be occupied by new leaders after the November election.



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# Opa-locka voters to elect 4 seats come November

Qualifying dates for mayor and three commissioners ends soon

Miami Times Staff Report

Opa-locka City Commission dais will be getting a facelift come November.

Four commission seats, which include mayor, will be up for grabs.

For the first time in over a decade, Mayor Myra Taylor and Commissioner Timothy Holmes, both with more than 20 years on the commission, will not be able to run for office.

In 2014, citizens prompted an amendment to the charter instituting term limits for the city's officials, which passed and now the commissioners and mayor serve for four-year terms.

One of the standout names postulating for the mayor's seat is current city commissioner, Matthew Pigatt, who was elected in November 2016. He is leaving his unexpired commission seat in order to join the mayoral race. His term would have ended in 2020. The candidate that replaces Pigatt, would serve a two-year term.

Commissioner John Riley, whose current commission



Matthew Pigatt

term is ending, is also running for mayor.

The list of candidates has not been finalized. The qualification period for the four-year term ends on Aug. 17. The qualification period for the two-year, unexpired term ends on Aug. 24. The general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The city of Opa-locka seeks fresh faces in its city hall in hopes to move past its documented history of corruption.

For the last five years, the FBI's Public Corruption Task Force and the U.S. Attorney's Office, with assistance from the IRS, have led an ongoing federal investigation into



John Riley

Opa-locka's municipal corruption.

In February 2018, former City of Opa-locka Commissioner Luis Santiago was sentenced to 51 months in prison for his participation in a two-year-long bribery and extortion scheme.

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# Black business leaders endorse 4 Democrats

**New group formed to help Jealous, Kaine, Abrams, Cordray get elected**

**FELICIA SONMEZ and ERIN COX**

*The Washington Post*

A new political group focused on boosting the economic fortunes of Black Americans announced itself on Monday by endorsing four Democrats in closely watched races, including Maryland gubernatorial nominee Ben Jealous.

The Black Economic Alliance, which was formed by Black business leaders, promised to invest what was necessary to help Jealous, a former NAACP president, beat popular Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

The group also endorsed two other Democratic candidates for governor — Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Richard Cordray in Ohio — as well as Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), who is seeking another term and running well ahead of his Republican opponent, Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chair Corey A. Stewart.

All four Democrats have high profiles nationally and are in heated races in states where the Black population is near or above the U.S. national average.

The alliance said it raised \$3.5 million from 55 donors over the past two months and plans to invest in “competitive contests” that emphasize improved economic conditions for Black voters and where Black turnout is crucial to victory.

“We’re supporting candidates where the Black vote can be decisive and where every dollar counts,” said Akuna Cook, executive director of the Black Economic Alliance. Cook declined to specify how much the group would spend on Jealous, who has vastly less to spend than Hogan. But she said the alliance is “evaluating on a case-by-case basis what it takes for our candidates to win.”

In an interview, Tony Coles, the organization’s co-chairman, described the group’s formation as the first time the Black business community has come together in a concerted political effort focused on economic progress for Black Americans. Previously, the executives’ fundraising efforts tended to be more ad hoc, with leaders writing individual checks. That began to change after a meeting last summer, Coles said.

“As we moved into 2017, we recognized that the stakes were very high in terms of the economic opportunities for all Americans,” Coles said. “We began asking, ‘What can we do?’ And we realized in that discussion that there was great power in the collective.”

The group’s board includes alumni of the Obama and Clinton campaigns as well as executives from the tech, finance, media and pharmaceutical industries. Coles is chairman and chief executive of the biotech firm Yumanity Therapeutics.

Even though the four candidates endorsed Monday are all Democrats, the group says it is not aligned with either political party and instead is focused on policies aimed at raising Black employment levels, homeownership and income.

“I think there’s broad recognition that the work that we’re focused on is very much different than the traditional party organizations,” Cook said. “I think it’s a feeling that neither party is particularly focused on the needs of the Black community where economic progress is concerned.”

The group plans to make 10 to 12 endorsements in congressional races after Labor Day.

Abrams, if elected, would become the nation’s first

endorsed each other’s candidacies.

Jealous has built his progressive campaign on a platform of social justice and improving the lives of working families, advocating a \$15 minimum wage, reducing the state’s prison population, le-

galizing marijuana and creating debt-free college. He won a six-way primary to challenge Hogan, whose approval ratings hover near 70 percent in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2 to 1.

As of the last campaign fil-

ing deadline, a week before the June primary, Hogan had \$8.2 million on hand, while Jealous had \$260,190. Since then, the Republican Governors Association has spent more than \$1 million in unanswered attack ads.

Kaine, the 2016 Democrat-

ic vice presidential nominee, is popular in Virginia and is considered the heavy favorite to beat Stewart, who has embraced Trump-style politics in a state where the president has low approval ratings.

Michael Scherer contributed to this report.

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Group 14  
Louis V. Martinez (Group 14)  
Renee Gordon (Group 14)

Group 25  
Yery Marrero  
Joe Perkins

*Please note: All candidates in Florida's gubernatorial race were invited back to speak at tonight's forum.*

**Forum**  
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Moderated By:  
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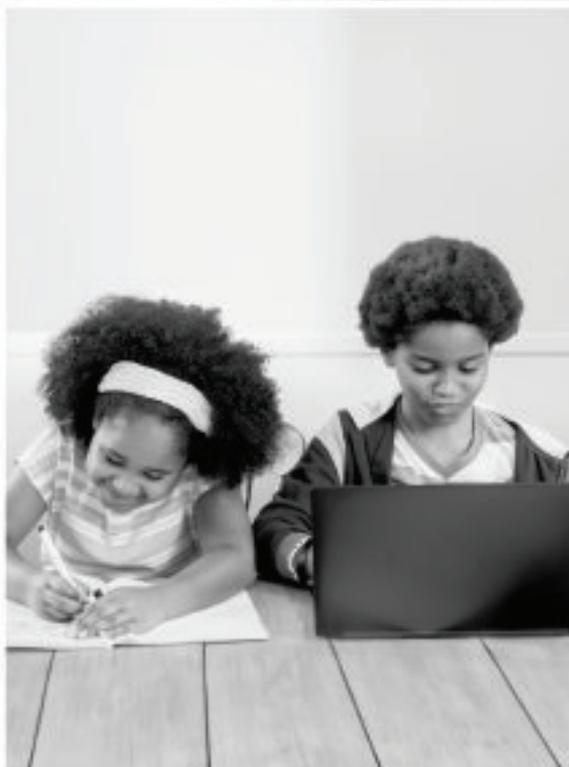


Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida. Prior to joining the ACLU, Pearson was an assistant state attorney in Miami-Dade County for 16 years.

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# Man who shot Black father in parking lot charged

Michael Drejka arrested for killing despite 'standing your ground' claim

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Charges have been filed against the Clearwater man who shot and killed Markeis McGlockton during an altercation in front of a convenience store.

Michael Drejka, 47, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office on Monday and booked in the county's jail.

The crime caused outrage in the Black community and reshaped criticism of the state's "stand your ground" law.

"I'm relieved Markeis McGlockton's family and the people of Clearwater will be heard in this horrific tragedy. I am proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them — and even sit-in when called

upon — to make sure Britany Jacobs, Monica Moore-Robinson, Michael McGlockton, and Markeis' children get the justice they deserve," wrote Tallahassee Mayor and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum, in a statement issued Monday.

McGlockton's girlfriend, Britany Jacobs, was seated in the couple's car with two of their children on July 19 when she said Drejka confronted her for because she was illegally parked in a handicapped-accessible spot.

Jacobs was waiting in the car with two of the couple's children, ages 3 years and 4 months old, while McGlockton, 28, went into the store with their 5-year-old son.

Video release after the killing shows McGlockton leaving the store. He then shoves Drejka to the ground. Seconds



Britany Jacobs speaks on behalf of her boyfriend, Markeis McGlockton, flanked by attorney Benjamin Crump, left, and Clearwater attorney Michele Rayner while facing the media at the Pinellas County Criminal Justice Center Thursday in Clearwater.

later, Drejka pulls out a handgun and shoots McGlockton in the chest.

McGlockton died as a result of his injuries.

Michael McGlockton, the victim's father, told The Associated Press at a news conference days later that his

son was protecting his family when he pushed Drejka.

However, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office did not charge Drejka at the time, saying that Drejka was defending himself under the Florida's stand your ground law.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri told The Associated Press in July that he was turning over the case to the state attorney's office for the final decision.

An attorney for McGlockton's family put pressure on prosecutors to press charges calling the incident "cold-blooded murder."

The same attorney, Benjamin Crump, is best known for representing the family of slain Miami Gardens teen Trayvon Martin.

Martin was killed by neighborhood watch vigilante George Zimmerman in 2012 while he was walking back from the store to his father's house in Sanford.

Zimmerman was acquitted of the charges of second-degree murder and manslaughter in July 2013. He attempted to use the "stand your ground" defense, but his lawyers opted out to use self-defense instead.

Martin's death sparked the

Black Lives Matter movement. He continues to be the face of the racial inequality in the country's justice system.

Crump said racism also played a part in McGlockton's death.

"We all know race is a factor in this case," Crump said at a news conference outside the Clearwater courthouse on July 26. Crump said that if McGlockton was white and Drejka was Black, "does anyone doubt that he [Drejka] would have been arrested and taken to jail if he would have not been shot right there in the parking lot?"

Gillum said that stand your ground created the environment where the shooter believed he had a legal right to murder McGlockton.

"I again call on Governor Rick Scott to declare a state of emergency and suspend this law before someone else gets hurt or killed," wrote Gillum.

Drejka is being held at the county jail on \$100,000 bail.

## RACIAL

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Laura Kohn-Wood, dean of the UM School of Education and Human Development, released a statement Tuesday that said the program was seeking assistance to resolve the racial tension.

"We are moving forward with the restorative justice intervention for the next session as well as developing a protocol going forward to

ensure this does not happen again," said Kohn-Wood.

When Amami first reported the incident, UM downplayed what happened. She wanted the program to suspend the white girl for one day to show her and her parents that name calling was unacceptable.

The program co-director, Ji Shen said he did not want to suspend the offending student because it would have a negative impact on her education, said Amami.

Instead, he made both her daughter and the other girl

apologize to each other.

"I just felt like the way they handled it made it worse," said Amami, a single parent. "They wouldn't listen to me."

When Kohn-Wood first responded to the incident Aug. 11, she did so in an open letter on Facebook, she was "extraordinarily concerned."

As parents starting buying pencils, notebooks and yellow highlighters for their children to return to school, there may be a need to prepare them for racist and sexist name-calling as well.

Racist incidents and name-calling have been on the rise in schools nationwide. Knowing what to do as a parent of a child of color is a key to their success.

In an article entitled, "What To Do If Your Child Is Experiencing Racist Bullying at School," writer Kristin Wong lays out a good formula for successfully resolving racism in schools.

First, parents should ask the school for help. They should also stay involved and proactive. And lastly, they

should make sure their children are not bruised by the incident by giving positive reinforcement.

Amami said she had requested the restorative justice circle, and so she was happy to hear that it was going to be implemented. But it's not a panacea, she said.

The camp is a part of a study through the Office of Human Subject Research, and so she believes all involved should be held accountable for what happened to her daughter.

"I am glad to know that they are addressing it officially," Amami said. "This provides a place for a conversation about what policies need to be put in place to prevent this from happening again."

Amami, who works as a professional midwife and community organizer, said the language that we use matters. "This young person [the white girl] needs to be educated and learn that this is not acceptable speech towards anyone in any setting at any time."

## SEAT

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The political trailblazer did not stop there.

In 1972, she sought nomination for presidency. However, she was met with overwhelming racism and gender discrimination.

Chisholm was blocked from participating in televised primary debates. Only after taking legal action, she was able to make one speech.

But Chisholm said people

took more issue with her gender than her skin color.

"I have certainly met much more discrimination in terms of being a woman than being Black, in the field of politics," Chisholm once said, according to PBS NewsHour.

Hepburn made his first political attempt in 2010. He ran for the Florida House of Representatives in District 104. Then District 108 in 2014, but was defeated in both races.

The current district Hepburn is vying for includes Coral Gables, Miami Beach,



Michael Hepburn Allapattah, Cutler Bay, parts of the City of Miami and

parts of Homestead.

The former University of Miami academic adviser is a citizen on patrol with the Miami-Dade Police Department, co-founder of the Allapattah Neighborhood Association and a youth mentor for the DCS Mentoring Program.

Hepburn, who is 35 and a longtime Allapattah resident, said he has been serving his community since he was in middle school, but he did not consider the importance of Black leadership until college.

He ran for student govern-

ment vice president and won.

"That's when I starting understanding we need influence when in it comes to policy," said Hepburn.

Lobbyist and attorney Yolanda Cash Jackson said Black Miamians need more seats at the table.

"We haven't had a lot of Black leadership roles because we have been a minority for the last 15-18 years," said Cash Jackson. "I think that we have to always reflect upon the goals of our representatives adequately in the Black community, and determine whether or not we have

achieved those things."

Hepburn also thinks Black people have a long way to go 50 years later. That's why he brings his chair so he can sit at any table — expected or not.

"I remember Martin Luther King saying 50 years ago, 'what's the point of having money in your pocket, and you're able to sit at the lunch counter, but you barely have enough money to buy anything on the menu,'" said Hepburn, at *The Miami Times* forum last Wednesday. "We still have those same struggles..."

## MAYOR

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mayor form of government. There was much discussion about the language of the referendum in terms of the mayor's executive power and salary.

In framing the lengthy discussion, Commission Chairman Keon Hardemon asked the key question.

"Do we put what the petitioners demanded or do we put what is more palatable to the voters?" said Hardemon.

Suarez was elected in November 2017 with more than 85 percent of the votes. The strong mayor issue has been tossed around in Miami since 2011 but has failed to make it to the ballot until this November election.

Commissioner Monolo Reyes, who voted against the measure with Commissioner Joe Carollo, said the amendment's language was faulty because it used the term compensation instead of salary.

The referendum calls for the mayor to receive a minimum of 75 percent of the "compensation" of the Miami-Dade County mayor's salary. Miami-Dade has a strong

"I don't see the relationship to stand with..." Reyes asking why the county is even mentioned.

"There has to be a number... You have to have a specific number," said Reyes. "Everyone voting should know how much the mayor is going to make," said Reyes, pointing out that the Miami-Dade

County mayor has a total compensation of \$478,624.40. Reyes later clarified that includes salary, executive benefits, retirement, insurance and more.

"What we are missing here is that there is a major difference between salary and compensation," said Carollo. Carollo called out to the small audience to find anyone who attended the meeting who had signed the petition.

"Is there anybody here outside of the mayor that signed to have this petition put on

the ballot?" said Carollo. Only one person responded.

Suarez isn't worried that the measure didn't get full commission support. For those who voted against the constitutional change, Suarez said, "Are they doing the people's business or are they protecting their own fiefdom?"

He said the amendment will also benefit the commissioners because they will get to choose the vice mayor, for instance.

Both a city manager and executive mayor put in long

hours in a fast-paced and stressful workplace environment. Their work hours are usually 24/7.

The measure passed without amending the language.

Strong mayors run cities that include New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston and Philadelphia. Suarez, an attorney, has sued Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup alleging that these banks violated the federal Fair Housing Act in Florida and argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and won. He has served on

the Miami City since November 2009. He is the son of former Miami mayor and current County Commissioner Xavier Suarez.

The mayor will have the ability to hire and fire his department heads, the city attorney and other key positions. A strong mayor system works best if the elected official has the skills as a good administrator.

The city manager system, which was established in the early 1900s, has been faulty because of politics. If the

council or commission member to which they report disapprove of their decisions, they are usually fired. City managers have an average tenure of between one and one and a half years, according to the International City/County Management Association.

James McQueen, chief of staff for Hardemon, who represents District 5, made a simple observation about which system is best.

"Either way, the people will have the last say," said McQueen.

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of "walking out on the teachers and students of Miami-Dade County."

Fueled by jeering from the crowd, Campbell responded, "that's false; and you are a liar," as she pointed angrily toward Pizzo. According to Campbell, she needed to go to the bathroom while the voting was taking place. Campbell excused her vote because she had to excuse herself, she explained. Sen. Gary Farmers sat next to her, but he was not able to vote on her behalf, Campbell said. The bill was approved on a 20-17 margin. Campbell had voted yes on HB 7055 on its first Senate hearing.

Some community members are wary of both candidates and their plans for District 38.

"This community is broken," said a concerned male community member, criticizing both candidates. "It is sad the way you are dividing this community," he said. "It is sad the way we send you all to Tallahassee, and you all are not doing nothing [sic]."

While Campbell and Pizzo defended their positions during the forum on issues such as affordable housing, stand-



Miami Times photo/Felipe Rivas

**A concerned community member voices his opinion about the future of District 38 to Jason Pizzo.**

your ground, and addressed questions from community members, the Miami-Dade Democratic Party (MDDP) sent a certified letter and email to Campbell questioning some of her ethical decisions and political moves.

An illegal mailer was sent to voters in Campbell's district. The mailer lists Republican candidates running for governor, Congress, commissioner of agriculture, with Campbell's name written at the bottom as a candidate for District 38. Campbell is a registered Democrat. The mailer was paid for by an unregistered entity named "Your Republican

Neighbor."

"This mail piece is harming our efforts to reelect Bill Nelson, defeat Carlos Curbelo, and elect a Democratic Governor," states the email, written by Steve Simeonidis, the general counsel of the Miami-Dade Democratic Party. The local party group is working hard to elect Democrat candidates across the ballot and is suspicious that the Campbell campaign was associated with the mail piece.

The email lists Campbell's series of questionable ethics.

In 2017, Campbell celebrated her

60th birthday by throwing a re-election fundraiser. Many Campbell supporters attended the fundraiser, including Julio César Alfonso, president of a health care nonprofit, Solidaridad Sin Fronteras, an organization which seeks to help exiled doctors from foreign countries get re-certified to practice medicine in the U.S. Right before the end of the function, Alfonso gifted Campbell a white purse. He then reached into his jacket pocket, pulled out a roll of neatly folded bills and placed it inside of the purse. Two visible \$100 bills were on the outside of the fold. Campbell dismissed the situation as a gag, and that she did not take the money. The incident was caught on video and uploaded to the senator's YouTube page. Campbell, a registered nurse by trade, worked with Alfonso and his organization to pass a bill that loosened restrictions for foreign doctors during the 2018 session, earlier this year.

Last September, after the passing of Hurricane Irma, Campbell was accused of using her position as senator to have power restored to her home and homes of several family members, while thousands of residents remained without power. Rise News, an online publication in Miami, first reported the story. FPL said John H. Holley, vice presi-

dent of state government at FPL, did nothing improper.

The Miami-Dade Democratic Party wants to hear Campbell address the issue of the Republican-supporting mail piece. She was expected to meet with them Tuesday.

On Facebook, Campbell issued a statement Friday morning denying any involvement with the mailer.

"I denounce and deny the false and divisive accusations that have been asailed at me and my re-election campaign. I have confidence in the citizens of Senate District 38," she wrote. "In no way, have I been affiliated with or cooperated with anyone or entity that produced and distributed that 'Fake Republican Mailer.' I trust that the truth will prevail and I will be [sic] continue to do the great work that the people of this District 38 have entrusted me to do."

The Miami Times will host another political forum 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 for the judicial candidates, school board, county commission and state reps. Tallahassee mayor and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum will be a special guest. The forum will take place in the Smith Conference Center at Florida Memorial University, located at 15800 NW 42nd Ave., in Miami Gardens.

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Demonstrators march near the White House on the one year anniversary of the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally, Sunday, Aug. 12, in Washington.



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Demonstrators rally near the White House on the one year anniversary of the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally, Sunday, Aug. 12, in Washington.

# Charlottesville anniversary: Peaceful protests

White nationalists outnumbered; Heather Heyer grave visited by group

ASHRAF KHALIL and SARAH RANKIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of people wanting to send a message that racism is unwelcome in the United States gathered in a park outside the White House to protest a white nationalist rally on the anniversary of the deadly violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In the end, fewer than two dozen white nationalists showed up.

The events in Washington and others in Charlottesville, largely peaceful though tense at times, marked a year since one of the largest gatherings of white nationalists and other far-right extremists in a de-

cade. One person was arrested in Washington on Sunday, and four others were arrested in Charlottesville.

In Charlottesville, the mother of the woman killed at last summer's rally visited the site of the attack, saying the country's racial wounds still have not healed. In Washington, a phalanx of police and a maze of metal barriers separated the small group of white nationalists from shouting counterprotesters within view of the White House.

Jason Kessler, the principal organizer of last year's "Unite the Right" event, led the Sunday gathering he called a white civil rights rally in Lafayette Park. Kessler said in a permit application that he expected 100 to 400 people to partic-

ipate, but the actual number was far lower: only around 20.

Kessler's group was dogged by jeering vehicles from the moment they emerged from the Foggy Bottom Metro station; they marched about a mile to the White House surrounded by uniformed officers and police vehicles. Behind the barricades, in the northern half of the park, thousands of counterprotesters struggled to even catch a clear glimpse of the white nationalist rally.

The counterprotesters had gathered hours earlier in Lafayette Park and nearby Freedom Plaza. Makia Green, who represents the Washington branch of Black Lives Matter, told Sunday's crowd in Freedom Plaza: "We know from experience that ignoring white nationalism doesn't work."

After about 90 minutes, the white nationalists were packed into a pair of vans and

driven to safety.

President Donald Trump, who further enflamed tensions last year by blaming "both sides" for the violence, wasn't at home this year — he has been at his golf club in New Jersey for more than a week on a working vacation.

Washington Police Chief Peter Newsam credited his forces for successfully avoiding violence and keeping the two sides separated. Newsam called it, "a well-executed plan to safeguard people and property while allowing citizens to express their First Amendment rights."

Earlier in the day in Charlottesville, the mother of Heather Heyer, the 32-year-old killed during last year's rally, said there's still much healing to be done.

Susan Bro laid flowers at a makeshift memorial at the site of the attack in down-

town Charlottesville. With a crowd gathered around her, she thanked them for coming to remember her daughter but also acknowledged the dozens of others injured in the attack and the two state troopers killed when a helicopter crashed that day.

"There's so much healing to do," Bro said. "We have a huge racial problem in our city and in our country. We have got to fix this, or we'll be right back here in no time."

Hundreds of neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members and other white nationalists descended on Charlottesville on Aug. 12, 2017, in part to protest over the city's decision to remove a monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from a park.

Violent fighting broke out between attendees and counterprotesters. Authorities eventually forced the crowd

to disperse, but chaos erupted again when the car barreled into the crowd.

James Fields Jr., of Maumee, Ohio, is charged in state court with murder in Heyer's killing and faces separate hate crime charges in federal court. He pleaded not guilty last month to the federal charges.

The day's death toll rose to three when the state police helicopter crashed, killing Lt. Jay Cullen and Trooper-Pilot Berke Bates.

Among the other anniversary events was a Sunday morning community gathering at a park that drew more than 200 people. The group sang and listened to speakers, among them Courtney Commander, a friend of Heyer's who was with her when she was killed.

"She is with me today, too," Commander said. Michael Kunzelman contributed to this story.

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**Dionisio D'Aguiar, Bahamas' minister of Tourism and Aviation, delivers remarks at the 22nd Annual International African American Hotel Ownership and Investment Summit and Trade Show at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel.**

## Tourism summit recognizes Bahamas minister

*Miami Times Staff Report*

The Bahamas' tourism minister made a case for why the island chain is worthy of investment dollars.

Dionisio D'Aguiar, Bahamas' minister of Tourism and Aviation, was speaking at a luncheon during the recent 22nd Annual International African American Hotel Ownership and Investment Summit and Trade Show in Miami.

"The Bahamas is a vacation paradise, that's well known, but the message I'd like each of you to take away from my short talk this morning is that when it comes to investing, 'It's Better In The Bahamas,'" D'Aguiar said a released statement.

He shared that in the last 12

months, the Bahamas has eased the way of doing business by overhauling procedures and protocols, during the summit's annual scholarship awards.

The hospitality conference took place from July 25 to 29 at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel. The summit educates attendees through discussions with hospitality industry and financial experts about what it takes to become a hotel owner or investor and explores supplier opportunities.

"There are many of you here who have been looking for the right opportunity to invest," D'Aguiar said. "We need to talk. My recommendation to you is that you take a hard, serious look at The Bahamas."

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## Popeyes headquarters now in Miami

The fast-food chain moves office from Atlanta joining other giants

**DAVID LYONS**  
*Sun Sentinel*

The Popeyes chain of fast-food chicken restaurants has moved its U.S. headquarters from Atlanta to Miami, according to a public filing and media reports.

In its most recent quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Aug. 1, the company's parent, Restaurant Brands International of Canada, alluded to the move while discussing relocation and consolidation costs.

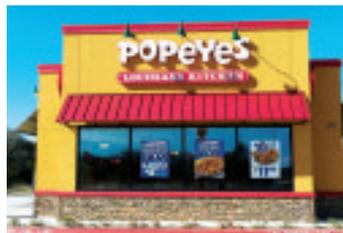
"In connection with the centralization and relocation of our Canadian and U.S. restaurant support centers to new offices in Toronto, Ontario, and Miami,

Florida, respectively, we incurred certain non-operational expenses consisting primarily of duplicate rent expense, moving costs, and relocation-driven compensation expenses," the filing said.

The *South Florida Business Journal*, citing an executive of a Miami-based affiliate of RBI, said the company is combining the U.S. operations of Popeyes and Tim Hortons with Burger King. RBI acquired Popeyes last year.

The relocation would mean that Miami is now the epicenter for the U.S. operations of three major restaurant chains.

Popeyes' move south apparently began in March, according to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. At



**Restaurant Brands International of Canada, the owner of Burger King and Tim Hortons, paid \$1.8 billion in cash to acquire fried chicken chain Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen last year.**

the time, the newspaper reported that much of the company's leadership had "quietly slipped out of town as the fast-food chain shifts its corporate headquarters from Atlanta to Miami." Some executives, the newspaper reported, were "traveling back and

forth between Atlanta and Miami, while some are already based there."

According to the RBI filing with the SEC, the company is "one of the world's largest quick service restaurant" companies "as measured by total number of restaurants."

## Building architects in Miami

Workshop aims to increase Blacks in the industry by training youth

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Throughout the years, the United States has produced relatively very few Black architects. Of the 105,000 registered architects, less than two percent are Black.

In an effort to increase the representation of Black people in the industry, architect Craig Aquart of M.C. Harry and Associates created Black Architects in the Making as part of the Architects in the Making program.

BAM is a creative hands-on educational workshop focused on educating Black students about the architectural profession. Black Architects in the Making has been integrated as one of Miami Center for Architecture and

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Of the 105,000 registered architects, less than two percent are Black.

2015, BAM has conducted more than 21 workshops led by Black professionals and reached more than 300 students in Overtown, Liberty City, Richmond Heights and Homestead. In 2016, three BAM students were sponsored to attend the Architects in the Making summer camp



**Laciba Pickering, uses the computer during Black Architects in the Making workshop.**



**Donovan Terrelonge, president of Terrecon Design & Construction Inc., gives a lecture during a Black Architects in the Making workshop in Richmond Heights.**

Design community outreaches and works in collaboration with the American Institute of Architects Miami chapter to garner support from the local profession.

"The partnership between MCAD [Miami Center for Architecture] and AIA Miami [American Institute of Architects] has enabled us to create a more robust program in BAM [Black Architects in the Making], as well as our Architects in the Making Summer Camp," said AIA Miami's executive vice president, Cheryl Jacobs. "The opportunity to reach young people in our community and see their youthful enthusiasm toward architecture and design has been amazingly rewarding for us."

Since its inception in

at the University of Miami, School of Architecture. Last year, the number increased to six. This year, 30 students received scholarships to attend AIM from July 9-20 where they participated in a series of games, presentations, physical model building, creating color boards, and hands-on computer model making sessions.

"BAM is a seed planting program that we must continue in more communities to diversify the architectural profession," said Aquart. "Students who knew little or nothing about architecture and the role it plays in their communities, now understand that their involvement in building better communities is essential to their well-being."



## Camp reveals what it is like playing in paradise

University of Miami star alumni show up to woo and impress fresh recruits

As the NFL is entangled in national-anthem controversy prior to the start of its season, the University of Miami rolled out the red carpet for its top recruits of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

On Saturday, July 28, the Hurricanes hosted their third annual Paradise Camp at the University of Miami's campus in Coral Gables.

About 200 high school athletes, looking toward their future, embarked upon the two-day weekend that would hopefully end in a program offer or help them decide where to take their talents.

"Miami has always been my 'dream school,'" said attendee Romelo Brinson, a sophomore from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. "I'm trying to get an offer."

Paradise Camp has been Mark Richt's premier recruiting event since taking over as head coach at the University of Miami in 2015.

And the wooing included dinner on Friday night, a pool party that featured Richt displaying his diving prowess with his annual

back flip off the high dive and, of course, the task at hand - to evaluate and teach them football.

He also took the opportunity to tout some of the improvements the university was undertaking - an indoor practice facility, dorm reconstruction and most-recently stadium renovations.

And if that wasn't enticing enough ...

Richt brought together some of the U's current and former star players, coaches and a relative who's who of UM football alums to beguile the stand-out athletes.

Lamar Thomas, Bryant McKinnie, Horatio Benedict "Bennie" Blades Sr., Jon Beason, Gino Torretta, Clinton Portis, Warren Sapp, Jonathan Vilma, Michael Irvin all were in attendance at some point during the two-day weekend festivities.

Torretta and Hall of Famer, Irvin were added bonuses from the list of names Richt had announced earlier on Friday.

The alums took the players off to the side in groups -encouraging them, guiding



Top high school recruits huddled around Coach Richt. They came to get a taste of "paradise."

Photo via Twitter

them and coaching them up.

The recruits partook in position-specific drills and one-on-one competitions after meeting the legendary alumni-lineup Richt proudly touted, which has become a staple of the event.

Talk about wow!

It was an opportunity to display their talents in front of former players and to get coached by and to play with Hall of Famer - greats of the game who you want to model your game after?

The alums showed the students just what they can expect once they become a part of the UM family—the U brotherhood.

McKinnie, the former UM left tackle and national title winner, said it was his first Paradise Camp.

"It's such a great idea, and it shows how connected former players are to the program," McKinnie said. "Mark Richt and his coaches have made UM inviting again."

"Just the name of the camp is indicative of how we feel, how I feel about this place," said Richt. "It does look like a resort here. We do feel like we live down here in paradise."

Echoing those sentiments, Beason, a three-time pro-bowler.

"What makes this camp unique is the ties that we

still have to the University of Miami and how much we truly care about the program and kids who are coming in. They get a lot of love from the former players."

"Over the last three years, it's just unbelievable the guys that have come and have blessed this program because they love it," Richt said. "It's just a cool thing."

All in all, the event made a lasting impression on the recruits. Hurricanes commitments started coming in on Friday night and kept coming.

To name a few, Class of 2021, DE, Donnell Harris from Miami Booker T. Washington verbally committed. South Dade High's

OL, Jonathan Denis, DB, Jaiden Francois and S/OL, Keshawn Washington - all from the 2020 class - announced commitments.

Francois told *CameSport*, he "wanted to stay home and play in his backyard and win a national championship."

Denis, who has offers from 16 schools, could only say this to the Sun Sentinel, "We were all just like - we want to go there, and wow!"

I'd say he was thoroughly impressed by the Hurricanes' storied culture and Paradise Camp.

Though nonbinding until the recruits actually sign a national letter of intent, the U came away with 11 verbal commitments.

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# Shoppers finance with new ways to pay

## Installment payments with a twist

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The Associated Press

New kinds of installment plans are offering options to shoppers who may remember their parents or grandparents using layaway as something their parents or grandparents used. The payment businesses, many of them startups, are working with companies like Urban Outfitters or Expedia to give shoppers an alternative to traditional credit cards. While layaway plans were getting used again during the Great Recession, their popularity has faded as shoppers don't want to wait for their purchases.

The payment firms say they appeal to younger shoppers. "For them, it's more like a budgeting mechanism," says Nick Molnar, co-founder and CEO of Afterpay. "It means it's more manageable to them."

Afterpay, which launched in the U.S. in May, hopes to replicate its adoption in Australia, where it says it processes more than 25 percent of all online fashion and beauty transactions. Another company, Affirm, claims 1.5 million active U.S. users.

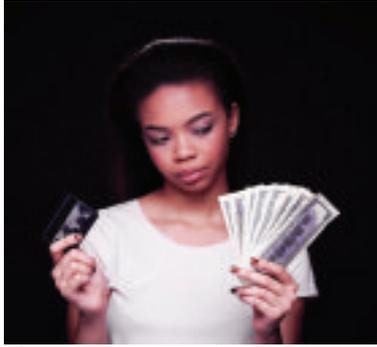
Even American Express is jumping into the game.

Shoppers who use the new payment options are likely to spend more compared to when they use traditional forms of payment, says Tyler Higgins of the consulting firm AArete. The installment plans may also help stores prevent abandoned carts by offering other ways to pay. And many of the payment firms take on any fraud risk, says Forrester Research's Brendan Miller.

But experts caution the new plans could also be encouraging customers to stretch for purchases they can't really afford.

**HOW IT WORKS:** Many of the new plans are basically mini-loans shoppers can take out for specific purchases when checking out at stores and online sites that participate. The payment firms are promoting themselves on the front pages of the retail and travel websites they're working with, and people can decide when they're ready to buy something if they want to try it out.

**WHAT CAN I BUY?:**



Consumers now have more alternatives when it comes to financing.

Retailers like Casper, Wayfair, and Expedia work with Affirm. Afterpay works with names like Urban Outfitters and the online site Revolve. Meanwhile, a company named Uplift has teamed up with travel partners such as American Airlines Vacations and Southwest Vacations and with Universal Orlando resorts.

American Express' Pay it Plan option, available on its

mobile app, allows customers to pay in installments for purchases of \$100 or more.

**WHAT ABOUT CREDIT CHECKS?:** The new payment firms don't do traditional credit checks but use several pieces of data. Both Uplift and Affirm asks for the last four digits of customers' Social Security numbers. Afterpay doesn't ask for the social security number but looks at how long

“Shoppers who use the new payment options are likely to spend more compared to when they use traditional forms of payment.”

Tyler Higgins

people have lived at their addresses and their buying histories. The "loans" are approved or rejected in seconds or minutes.

**FEES?:** They vary. Affirm says for many fashion purchases and certain other types of items, shoppers pay no interest. For others, it could be up to 30 percent based on customers' credit. It doesn't charge late fees, service fees or prepayment

fees to shoppers. Shoppers can choose a payment schedule over a period of months. Affirm charges a fee to its retail and other business partners, though it declined to disclose the figure.

Afterpay requires customers to pay every other week in four payments. A missed payment draws an \$8 fee every time, while late fees cap at 25 percent of the price. Afterpay also charges from 4.5 percent to 6 percent fees to the retailers, but doesn't charge interest to shoppers.

Uplift sets interest based on how it judges a person's credit worthiness. A \$1,500 trip broken down into 12 equal installments would average about \$10 in extra interest per month, according to founder and CEO Brian Barth. There are no late fees.

At AmEx, customers pay a fixed monthly fee based on their credit card's annual percentage rate, but no interest charge.

**WHAT TO WATCH FOR:** Know the upfront fees. Stick to a budget. And keep in mind that these companies reserve the right to report bad behavior to credit bureaus. "You can't overextend yourself," said Miller.



Photos courtesy of Bahamas Tourism

Dionisio D'Aguiar, Bahamas' minister of Tourism and Aviation, seventh from left, with Bahamas Tourism and consul general staff members at 22nd Annual International African American Hotel Ownership and Investment Summit and Trade Show in late July at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel.

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D'Aguiar said in the last quarter of 2017, the government passed the Commercial Enterprises Act, "which is a package of legislation specifically designed to improve the ease of doing business and attract new and diverse businesses. Implementation of the policies attached to this legislation will streamline and fast-track the start-up businesses in a number of areas," he said.

The summit also recognizes those who excelled in the industry.

D'Aguiar was presented with an Apex award for distinguished service at the closing banquet of the

summit. Other Apex award recipients were Marcus Margerum, from the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau; Marlinda Henry, president, of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners; Angela Clayborne, of Lancaster Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Bevan Springer, journalist, and president and CEO of Marketplace Excellence.

Organizer of the event, Andy Ingraham, president/CEO National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and Developers (NABHOOD) said the Apex awards are given to those who exceed in contributing to multicultural tourism.

"Minister D'Aguiar is leading the way in going after the African American market," said Ingraham. "We took a ship of 3,000 African Amer-

icans to the Bahamas and Minister D'Aguiar embraced it and opened his doors, created a festival, then took people beyond traditional tourism enclaves," Ingraham said Miami has the same potential to take people beyond South Beach.

He also said that the keynote speaker, attorney, H.T. Smith, cause the start of the economic revolution in Miami. It started with the economic boycott led by Smith in 1990, which lasted for 33 months and resulted in lost revenue of up to \$20 million.

To end the boycott, a 20-point initiative was created that included Blacks owning a hotel on South Beach, and educational and scholarship opportunities for Blacks in the hospitality industry.



Dionisio D'Aguiar, Bahamas' minister of Tourism and Aviation, accepts an Apex award for distinguished service at the closing banquet of the 22nd Annual International African American Hotel Ownership and Investment Summit and Trade Show.

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528.0/588.0/588.1/589.0	Maya Angelou Elementary School 1850 NW 32 St
609.0	Coral Gables Branch Library 3443 Segovia St
747.0/781.0	William Lehman Elementary School 10990 SW 113 PI
760.0	Kendall Church of God 8795 SW 112 St
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## SPORTS

# Familiar faces shine through at FSU practice

HERE ARE THE SEMINOLES' PROGRESS AND INJURY REPORTS AHEAD OF UPCOMING COLLEGE SEASON

MICHAEL HUDAK  
SB Nation

The early jitters are over. The butterflies have passed. Now four days into fall camp, players are looking to differentiate themselves from the rest of the pack.

Thursday was a defensive-oriented day from the early moments of practice. Defensive coordinator Harlon Barnett, defensive ends coach Mark Snyder, linebackers coach Raymond Woodie, and defensive tackles coach Odell Haggins all spoke with the media before practice began.

Who's it going to be? Francois, Blackman, or Hockman? Deondre Francois has shaken off the rust that was evident earlier in the week and he continues to be tremendously accurate in the open field, but struggles to find consistency in the red zone. Don't look now, but Bailey Hockman is getting better at an accelerated rate. The throws that he missed earlier in the week, he's now nailing. James Blackman is either spot-on with his targets, or overthrowing them. The question lingers on.

Not to discredit it Vic Voloria, but whatever kind of strength and conditioning Irele Oderinde has facilitated is truly showing. The video in the tweet below shows from right tackle to left tackle — it's still Dickerson, Minshew, Eberle, Kelly, and Williams.

Big takeaway from Thursday — Ny-



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Florida State football team practiced for the first time during preseason camp as a full team on Aug. 8.

quan Murray looks close to 100 percent. WR coach David Kelly was observing one drill, and when Murray stepped to the front of the line for his turn, Kelly stood directly in the line of his route. Murray didn't flinch, caught the pass, and completed the route with ease. Kelly started jumping around — "Good! Good! Good! Good job getting that fourth step." Less than five minutes later, the drill was over, but Murray wasn't. He asked for one more rep, and then this happened.

Finally, a strong

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leading candidate for the tight end position. 6-2 junior Naseir Upshur shined on Thursday.

He's differentiated himself from other tight end candidates partly because he's shown to have chemistry with all three quarterback candidates. He and James Blackman led a drive with the hur-

**INJURED/ABSENT**  
Jacques Patrick did not appear to be at practice in any ca-

ry-up offense that culminated in this touchdown grab.

Later on, Upshur made a ridiculous one-handed snag in the end zone that had everybody turning their heads. Keep an eye on No. 82.

capacity. Sources could not confirm whether or not it was an injury-related absence.

FSU's defensive tackles coach Odell Haggins was asked about the main differences going from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3. He responded by saying it involves much more attacking and much more teaching. One

of the guys that he was teaching up adamantly on Thursday was Marvin Wilson. Wilson tore his MCL and missed most of spring ball because of it. There's only so much you can determine from watching players without pads and full contact, but Wilson seems to be improving every day.

In case you missed it, Amari Gainer suf-

fered a fractured foot on the first day of practice and will miss the rest of camp and possibly some of the first games of the regular season.

Demarcus Christman, Peter Osimen, and Robert Cooper are seemingly improving as well, standing out in defensive line drills.

Special teams co-

ordinator Alonzo Hampton could be heard screaming "Lay the hammer, J-Rob!" from a mile away. Janarius Robinson has been turning heads in fall practice thus far, and it continued on Thursday when Robinson was implemented in punt-blocking formations. Not one rusher got by Robinson the entire practice.

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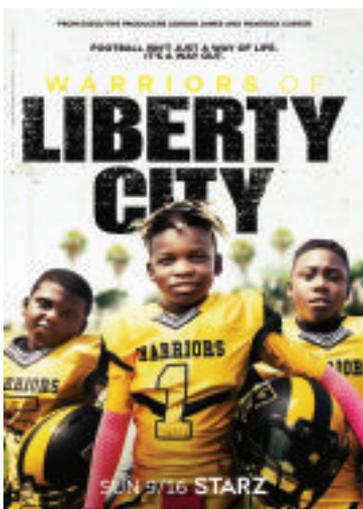
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**Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell**, one of the executive producers of the STARZ docu-series, "Warriors of Liberty," welcomes attendees at a screening Aug. 8. at Perez Art Museum Miami.

Photos courtesy of STARZ

## Warriors shine in new STARZ series



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When we set out 29 years ago to start this program, we never envisioned it to be on a big screen show for the world to see.

Luther Campbell

A season with a youth football program called the Liberty City Warriors, known for creating top recruits for the NFL.

### THE LIBERTY CITY OPTIMIST TEAM STARS IN SHOW

JANEY TATE  
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Next month the world will get a chance to see what makes professional football players from Miami some of the best in the country through the new STARZ docu-series, "Warriors of Liberty."

The TV show, which premieres Sept. 16, will explore the lives of little league football players, cheerleaders, their families and coaches from the Liberty City Optimist Club. The show is executive produced by Lebron James and Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell, who also the co-founded the optimist club nearly 30 years ago.

The Aug. 8 advanced screening took place at the Perez Art Museum Miami and guests included com-

munity leaders, politicians and celebrities. Campbell spoke to the crowd before the screening and thanked the student-athletes, coaches and STARZ production crew.

"This project is a long time overdue. This is a project said with the vision of a guy named Sam Johnson, my co-founder. He's not here, but he's somewhere in the building," said Campbell of the late Samuel K. Johnson, who was a Metrobus operator. "When we set out 29 years ago to start this program, we never envisioned it to be on a big screen show for the world to see. It's a good thing that the good people at STARZ saw the vision. When people see this, they will see we are proud people from Liberty City."

The screening brought out many of the optimist club's former football players such as former NFL players Brandon Harris, Edgerrin James and Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson, who was also featured in the docu-series.

Harris, who played for the optimist club from 1997 to 2004, said the series gave insight on how athletes grow up in Miami.

"Everybody knows Miami for being a place with a lot of talented athletes, but sometimes they don't see where it starts," said Harris. "A lot of times people don't understand the sacrifices that goes into this. A lot of people just see guys who make it into the NFL. They don't see the obstacles they have to deal with or how

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# Jackson **Women's** HEALTH ISSUES

THE MIAMI TIMES | AUGUST 2018

## A transplant survivor's mission in the Caribbean

Jamaican-born Robert Hamaty is a successful businessman, dedicated husband, loving father, and former airline captain. He recently celebrated his 70th birthday, a milestone made possible because of a lifesaving heart transplant in 1986 at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Hamaty, the founder of the famous Tortuga Rum Company, Ltd. realizes that every day since his transplant is a gift – and that he was fortunate to receive the medical care he needed in the United States.

Some countries in the Caribbean do not have existing organ procurement programs, and organ donation is not an option like it is in the United States. Hamaty vowed to change that.

"The people residing in the islands are at a disadvantage," said Hamaty. "I wanted to create a bigger pool so that organs can be used to help individuals that are waiting on organs here in the Cayman Islands and in the United States. Organ donation extends someone's life and my life was extended 22 years."

In July 2018, the gov-



Robert & Carlene Hamaty

ernment in the Cayman Islands approved legislation to establish a Human Tissue Transplant Council, which will be responsible for the creation of a human tissue donation registry so that islanders can register to become organ donors. Hamaty, who championed the effort, was asked to serve as one of the council's five members.

Hamaty's journey towards transplantation

combined with his advocacy makes him the perfect candidate.

In 1965, Hamaty began flight training at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida – a passion fueled by his father, an attorney by trade and private pilot who owned a small plane.

By age of 24, he became an airline captain for Air Jamaica, and then for Cayman Airways.

In his early 40s, Hamaty came down with the flu virus, which grounded him in a hospital in the Cayman Islands.

"I had never gone to any hospital or taken any tablets," said Hamaty. "I played soccer and ran track. I was healthy with no indication of any medical conditions."

The flu took a toll on SEE MISSION 6C



### Breakfast Egg and Ham Burrito

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- 4 egg whites
- 1 dash hot pepper sauce
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons cheddar cheese (reduced-fat, shredded)
- 2 teaspoons margarine (trans fat-free)
- 4 slices of deli ham (reduced sodium, chopped, (about 3 ounces))
- ¼ cup onion (diced)
- ¼ cup green pepper (diced)
- 4 corn tortillas (heated)
- 4 teaspoons salsa

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, egg whites, hot pepper sauce, black pepper, and cheese.
2. Heat the margarine in a medium non-stick pan over medium heat. Add the ham and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Remove the ham from the pan.
3. Add the onions and green peppers to the hot pan, and cook for about 5 minutes. Add the ham back to pan.
4. Reduce the heat to low and add the eggs to pan. Gently stir the eggs with a spoon or spatula and continue lightly cooking over low heat until the eggs are cooked and set.
5. Evenly divide the egg mixture into 4 servings. Spoon each portion of the egg mixture into a tortilla and top each with 1 teaspoon of salsa. Fold the tortilla to close.

Source: American Diabetes Association

## UM's medical school, Jackson share rich history

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

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

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

In the early 1950s, several cities were lobbying before the Florida Legislature to open the state's first medical school. Ultimately, Miami and the University of Miami were chosen. The University of Miami School of Medicine opened on



September 22, 1952, welcoming its first class of 28 students — 26 men and two women.

Jackson Memorial Hospital immediately became an integral part of the medical school's program, with a formal agreement designating Jackson as the school's teaching hospital signed in December 1952. The medical school obtained permission from the then Dade County Commission to use Jackson's facilities in exchange for caring for the hospital's indigent patients.

Medical students began clinical training in 1954 in the old Veterans Administration Hos-



Vintage picture of UM medical students

pital in Coral Gables and at Jackson. This class graduated two years later as the American Medical Association and American Association of Medical Colleges issued formal accreditation for the University of Miami School of Medicine.

The first university-owned building was a five-story structure known as the Medical Research Building, created specifically for medical research and education. It originally operated in the Biltmore Hotel prior to moving to its permanent location.

Today, the mission of the now University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine remains the same: to be a state-of-the-art academic medical center that delivers high-quality, compassionate health care, promotes the health and well-being of our community, and educates the next generation of medical leaders.



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# THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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In writing this column for this third week of August, allow me to catch up. I heard from **Lois Lee**, president of Beta Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Let the good times roll, as they say in "he Big Easy, and I understand did they ever, as members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority converged upon the city of New Orleans July 18-22 for their Grand Boulé, painting the town in royal blue and white. The very first Boulé was held in Washington, D.C. in December 1920. Since then, the biennial event held in various cities nationwide has drawn members from as far as Dubai to convene for educational and self-empowering workshops, business sessions, and most importantly - sisterhood.

During this year's Grand Boulé, members elected **Vale-rie Hollingsworth-Baker** of Brooklyn, New York - the sorority's previous international first vice president - to the position of international grand president. Other highlights included a workshop presented by **Vivica A. Fox** and performances by **Ginuwine** and **Marvin Sapp**. In attendance of Beta Tau Zeta chapter, which is located at 1743 NW 54th St., Miami, were: **Lois Lee**, president, and members, **Torika Alonso-Burford**, **Marietta F. Bullard**, **Arleace Carrion**, **Cora Coleman Portee**, **Keysha Coley**, **Andrica Edmonds**, **Brenda Ellis**, **Barbara S. Gardner**, **Sonya W. Gardner**, **Alberta W. Godfrey**, **Felicia Greggs-McRae**, **Lillie F. Harris**, **Johanna Jerome**, **Michelle Johnson**, **Tarese Joseph-Mars**, **Julia E. Kearns**, **Johannie M. Kerr**, **Barbara Kirnes**, **Lona B. Matthews**, **Rochelle Mercere**,



Beta Tau Zeta Chapter are members in New Orleans for their Grand Boulé.

**Lourvanette Orange-Tyson**, **Glady B. Smith**, **Darlene T. Sparks**, **Jeanette Tullis**, **Olga VanBeverhoudt**, **Brenda S. Williams**, **Lawanda Williams** and **Tangela Wilson**. Also in attendance were members of the Zeta Amicae of Miami: **Lettie Cogdill**, **Euphemia Ferguson** and **Vernice Texeira**. Important history to note about Zeta Amicae nationally is that as early as 1940, graduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority had begun to realize the importance of the prestige, goodwill, and cooperation of women who for various reasons were not members of any Greek-letter organization. They chose the Latin name, Amicae (friends). The Zeta Amicae of Miami was organized on Feb. 27, 1954, by Beta Tau Zeta Chapter member **Ruth North Polite** to bring the chapter in line with national headquarters' policy. Amica **Sue Harris** served as the first president of Zeta Amicae of Miami. The first secretary was Amica **Maybell Bryanon**.

Today, Zeta Amicae of Miami continues the tradition of awarding scholarships to de-

veloping young ladies. On the national level, Zeta of Amicae is as the largest auxiliary chapter in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and has won more awards for involvement in community services than any other auxiliary. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc was founded in 1920 and is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization with hundreds of chapters worldwide and a membership of over 125,000. Sounds like the good times did roll for the Miami members in attendance.

Thanks to reader **Alonzo Hardy** who corrected my error about his being a 1958 graduate of Mays High. **Hardy** wrote: "I'm not a 1958 graduate of Mays High. I attended Mays as a junior high after integration and graduated in the 'founding class' of Miami Southridge in 1978. As a Goulds native, I will always carry Mays in my heart and thank you for putting Mays in the spotlight in your recent article. I have enclosed pictures of two notable Mays High grads who were football greats. Please share them." And so I am sharing this history with all of you because it is im-

portant that we remember and recognize people who made a difference in this community. In Miami, we had our Black communities from north to south. Our schools were an integral part of our villages. I hear from many readers who thank me for the mention of family members and friends who may be forgotten, so I'm always elated to share your news.

**Otis Collier**, Mays High School, Class of 1965 participated in football and track during his four years of high school. In football, **Otis** was named an All-City halfback and most outstanding athlete for the **Mays Rams** in 1965. **Otis Collier** is one of eight members (six players and two coaches) with ties to Mays High enshrined in the Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame. **Dennis Davis**, Mays High School, Class of 1964 was a standout football player at Mays High School and went on to play as a defensive back at Savannah State College where he served as co-captain of the 1967 Tigers' Southeastern Athletic Conference championship team. While serving as a high school principal, he re-



Otis Collier and Dennis Davis attend the Davis family reunion.

ceived the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Principal of the Year. **Davis** played along with three other ex-Rams at Savannah State: **Horace Graham**, **Charlie Platt** and **Edward Stinson**. That is indeed relevant HBCU history.

In my other catch-up news, the **Davis** family celebrated a mini-family reunion in July. The family spent the better part of a year coordinating dates, which would be acceptable to all. According to **Cupidine Davis Dean**, "We were blessed to be able to enjoy a happy, loving, adventurous, memorable and spiritually-filled vacation together. Anytime we are together, we always venture back into time to Overtown-old residences and neighborhoods, and all of the glory and happiness Overtown offered. No hotel was booked; we stayed with family. We piled up in our cars; we were our own drivers as we drove and reminisced together. Our parents, the late **Benoni** and **Bessie Lanora Hammond Davis** both from Alabama, had 11 children - three girls and eight boys and all except two, were **Booker T. Washington** graduates."

**Cupidine** is the fourth child, the first born in Miami and the oldest surviving sibling. Visiting family included niece, **Glo-**

**ria Davis** of New York; baby brother, **Leonard Leroy Davis** and his wife, **Theora Rivers Davis**, **Norman Wayne Davis** and daughter, **Michelle**, both residents of Ventura, Calif.; **Nikki Davis**, grand-niece. Other siblings, family members and friends included: **Delores Davis Hills** and her children - **Byron**, **Janeene** and **Janelle Hills**; **Herbert Arnold Davis** and wife **Patricia Smith Davis** and daughter **Meisha Davis**; **Nigel Davis** and daughter **Tonya**; **Jacquelyn L. Dean**, **Sharrice Dean-Collins**, **Benjamin John Salathiel McNamee** and his fiancée- **Vonkevina Davis**; Vincent and Nicole Davis; Eunice J. Davis, widow of the late David F. Davis, **Devin Davis**, **Daren** and **Aisha Davis**, **Daneisha Davis** and **Marty Davis**; **Stephanie Renay Hightower** and family. Close friends and extended family **Lorenzo Brice**, **Alisha Casey**, **Arnett Hepburn**, **Lorraine King**, **Delores Brown**, **Glora Chisholm** and daughter **Dee Dee**, **Gail Brown**, **Linda Rogers**, **Bee-Bee** and **Fay James** and **Loretta Henderson** were also a part of this joyous celebration.

So we continue to share and make history, record our history as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh, Sing and Dance in this Whirl. Blessings.



Rapper Busta Rhymes is slated to perform on Aug. 18 in Deerfield Beach.

## Busta Rhymes to headline new South Florida festival

The Big Buck Music Fest premieres in Deerfield Beach Saturday, Aug. 18

Miami Times Staff Report

Hip-hop heavyweight Busta Rhymes will be busting rhymes on stage in Deerfield Beach on Aug. 18.

The city of Deerfield Beach in partnership with Irie Weekend Management and the Irie Foundation will present the music festival, The Big Buck, at the Overtown McKeithen Recreational Complex for the first time.

"We are so excited about having DJ Irie's Foundation and Busta Rhymes in our beautiful city. This will be a first-rate event like no one has ever seen in Deerfield Beach. So, you better get your tickets early," said Vice Mayor Gloria Battle.

Busta Rhymes is an 11-time Grammy Award nominee, a Billboard Music Award winner, and most recently his voice was heard in the Broadway Hit, "Hamilton" in the song, "My Shot."

Born Trevor Smith Jr., the Jamaican-American artist from East Flatbush, Brooklyn is known for his ragga-inspired style and vibrant personality.

According to allmusic.com, Busta first appeared on the hip-hop scene on A Tribe Called Quest's "Scenario," the incredible remix of Craig Mack's "Flava in Ya Ear" (also featuring Notorious B.I.G. and LL Cool J), as well as other projects with Boyz II Men, Mary J. Blige and TLC.

Busta's first solo album, "The Coming," proved a huge hit; the single "Woo-Hah! Got You All in Check" hit the Top 10 and pushed the album into gold record territory. His second album, "When Disaster Strikes," debuted at No. 3 in September 1997. "Extinction Level Event" followed a year later, and in mid-2000 Busta released "Anarchy" while ap-

pearing on the silver screen in a remake of "Shaft," according to the website.

"It Ain't Safe No More" arrived in 2002 and "The Big Bang" followed in 2006. Creative differences with Interscope kept his career on hold until 2009 when "Back on My B.S." became his first album for Universal/Motown, allmusic.com states.

During the last eight years, Busta appeared on tracks with Chris Brown, Lil Wayne, Tiestö, Diplo, Twista, Fat Joe and Kanye West. In 2012, he released his ninth effort, "Year of the Dragon," as a free digital download. The album featured Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, Gucci Mane and more. A joint EP with Eminem and Everlast titled "Calm Down: The Clash" arrived in 2014.

The Big Buck will take place from 4-9 p.m. at 445 SW Second St., Deerfield Beach. Tickets are free and available at eventbrite.com. For more information, call the Community Events and Outreach Division at 954-480-4429.

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# Destinations

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## Florence, Italy

A wonderful city to explore any time of year, Florence is bustling even in August when the weather is warm and many Italians and other Europeans head out of town for vacations.



## Manhattan Beach, California

Perfect summer temperatures in the mid-70s, white sand beach, and lots to do make this South Bay beach town a great spot to visit in August — or any time.



## Tahiti, South Pacific

Exotic and inviting, Tahiti is about eight hours by air from Los Angeles, halfway between California and Australia.



# THE BEST PLACES TO TRAVEL IN AUGUST

For beaches, pools, and sunshine along with learning, check these destinations

PATRICIA DOHERTY  
*Travel & Leisure*

August is the second most-popular month for summer vacations, behind July. There's still time to plan a trip in August, or even a staycation if time or resources are limited this year.

Our suggestions include a few cooler spots for those who long to escape the summer heat as well as warm weather destinations with beaches, pools, and plenty of sunshine. A little education along with pleasure never hurt anyone, and learning is fun in a museum focused on comedy, science, or food.

From small town U.S.A. to historic European cities to tropical islands and beaches, your perfect August vacation awaits. The warm and sunny days of late summer spell peak season for many destinations, but fewer crowds and great deals still exist — if you know where to go.

### MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Perfect summer temperatures in the mid-70s, white sand beach, and lots to do make this South Bay beach town a great spot to visit in August — or any time. There's a walkable down

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## Ottawa, Canada

August is a popular season for tourists in Canada's capital. Temperatures are in the mid-70s, just right for taking in the sights.

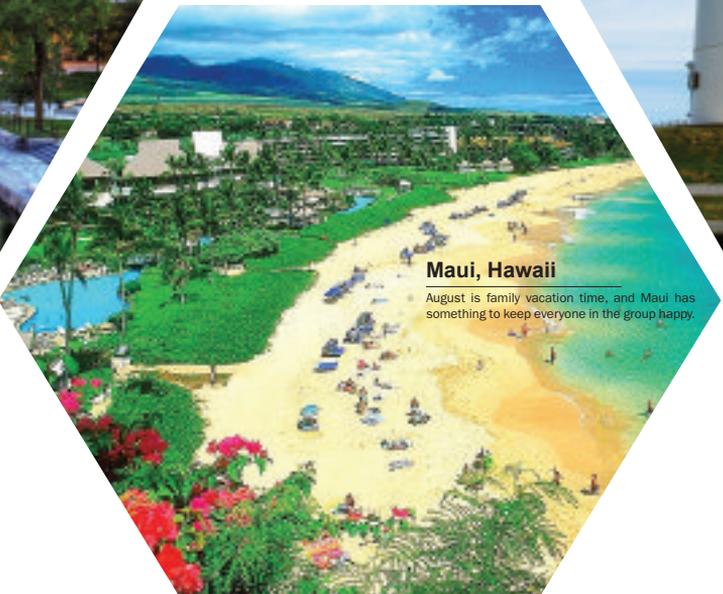


## Cape Cod, Massachusetts

August is a popular season for tourists in Canada's capital. Temperatures are in the mid-70s, just right for taking in the sights.

## Maui, Hawaii

August is family vacation time, and Maui has something to keep everyone in the group happy.



# LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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## EVENTS

### ■ Cardenas Marketing Network (CMN) Sports

An international soccer friendly event; Colombia and Venezuela; Sept. 7; Hard Rock Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.hardrockstadium.com](http://www.hardrockstadium.com).

### ■ Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB)

Annual Partner Expo and Luncheon at 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 23; Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail. To register, please visit <http://miamifit.simpleviewcrm.com/webapi/rs/vp/v2?action=registra>

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### ■ National Baptist Convention Health Bus Tour

1 – 6 p.m. on Sept. 16; 1899 NW 64th St. For more information, please contact Ms. Bryant at 305-301-6010 or email at sg2back@aol.com.

### 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](mailto: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 305-681-3330

### ■ Booker T. Washington Class of 1967

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

### ■ Miami Northwestern Class of 1961

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

### ■ Miami Jackson Class of 1971

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

### ■ Miami Northwestern Class of 1959

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

### ■ 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

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

#### ■ Women on the Move, Inc.

Every fourth Saturday for women 55 and older who are interested in traveling and

networking; Location and time: TBA; Info: Call 305-934-5122

### ■ The Miami Central High Alumni Association

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

### ■ The George Washington Carver Alumni Association

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

### ■ The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University

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

### ■ Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter

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

### ■ The Morris Brown Col-

### lege Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association

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

### ■ Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

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

### CLASSES:

#### ■ Women in Transition of South Florida

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

#### ■ Inner City Children's Tearing Dance

Class: Free introductory classical ballet workshops for girls ages 6-9 and 9-12; Time and date TBA; 1350 N.W. 50th Street; Info: Call 305-758-1577 or visit [www.childdance.net](http://www.childdance.net)

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

# TRAVEL

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town with shops featuring apparel, collectibles, souvenirs, and home furnishings, along with restaurants ranging from pizza and burgers to upscale dining. Its pier offers spectacular sunset views and a small aquarium, and the Strand, a 22-mile-long beachside paved path, welcomes joggers, bikers, and strollers. The August schedule includes the International Surf Festival, volleyball tournaments, concerts, and Shakespeare in the Park to supplement the swimming and sunbathing. Conveniently located minutes from Los Ange-

les International Airport, Manhattan Beach offers a range of lodging. The newly re-designed Westdrift Manhattan Beach, with loaner bicycles, a nine-hole golf course, pool, and restaurant, is an inviting and comfortable choice.

### MAUI, HAWAII

August is family vacation time, and Maui has something to keep everyone in the group happy. There are sandy beaches for swimming and snorkeling, waves for boogie boarding and surfing, calm bays for stand-up paddle boarding, breezes for windsurfing, and sunshine for lounging and tanning. Golfers have their choice of resort or public courses, all with views that will make them forget

their bogies. Historic Lahaina Town, once a great whaling port, is now a bustling center of restaurants and shops. The second largest of the Hawaiian Islands, Maui is called "The Valley Isle" because its central area is located between two mountains, Haleakala (a dormant volcano) and the West Maui Mountains. Visitors can explore miles of beaches, visit upcountry pastures and farms, or just relax by the hotel pool. The Montage Kapalua Bay offers a range of experiences that include lei making, ukulele lessons, and children's Paintbox programs. The Champagne Hale at Cliff House is the resort's special place to enjoy sunset with a glass of bubbly.

### CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

Popular in summer for good reason — perfect weather, dune-lined beaches, nature trails, fresh seafood, history, entertainment, and more — Cape Cod extends from southeast mainland Massachusetts about 80 miles from Boston. Music lovers might go for the Provincetown Jazz Festival on Aug. 9 and 13, but jazz venues throughout the Cape offer entertainment almost nightly. On Sunday, Aug. 12, the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will play in Hyannis for the annual Pops by the Sea event. Provincetown is also an ideal spot for whale-watching, with boat tours and humpback whale sightings. The town houses a

museum and the largest granite structure in the U.S., the Pilgrim Monument, which commemorates the landing of the Mayflower in 1620. The Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club, an ideal home base, offers rooms at their beachside mansion or golf view villas as well as restaurant, spa, tennis, and children's activities.

### BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

Just an hour from Nashville, Bowling Green offers August experiences ranging from a national park to museums, farms, wineries, minor league baseball, and hot rod racing. Mammoth Cave National Park covers the world's longest known cave system, with eight

tours of varying lengths and challenges. There's even a lantern-lit night tour. A zip line and underground river cruise will also delight adventurous guests. The park includes nature trails, hiking, and canoeing on the Green River. Sports car fans will love the National Corvette Museum with displays of over 80 classics and prototypes. Beach Bend Park and Splash Lagoon is the place for amusement park rides, a lazy river, campground, and drag racing. If a minor league baseball game on a warm evening spells summer for you, the Bowling Green Hot Rods will be great entertainment, and a beer from the local White Squirrel Brewery will top off the experience.

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICIAL VOTER GUIDE

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### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, District 24

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### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, District 27

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# STARZ

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the adults in their lives are mentors."

The stories told in episode one were funny, touching and will make viewers want to cheer the cast on every step of the way. The audience will be able to see the teams as they prepare to win the 2017 football season and how that all unfolds.

George Harris Jr. is one of the late-King Carter's best friends and a member of the Boom Squad. George shares his aspirations to be a top football player and make his father, Coach George Harris Sr., proud. George stands out because of his talent on the field and his golden-brown dreadlocks.

The producers also do not neglect to show the importance of female involvement in the Optimist club. We get to meet Destiny and see how serious she is about competing as a cheerleader. She and her

coaches explain to viewers that cheerleading is a sport and can lead to opportunities to get a college scholarship.

"The hardest thing about living here is people think we're all the same. They think we're all ghetto," Destiny said in the first episode. "How can you say that if you don't know me?"

Viewers will also see how much the coaches care and make financial sacrifices for the student-athletes.

Herbert Ritchie, head coach of the Warriors' 155-pound team, was one of the people the show featured. He was excited to see himself on television but more excited that many people will see how the coaches love the kids who play for the Optimist club.

"It's not about wins or losses. It's not about sports. It's about building," said Ritchie. "We want to be remembered for helping these kids rather than be them going to the league, becoming a surgeon or a pastor. We just want to help these kids be great."



Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell, Miami-Dade Public Schools Board Member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and director Evan Rosenfield attend the advanced screening at the Perez Art Museum Miami on Aug. 8. of a new STARZ docu-series based on the Liberty City Optimist Club.

# MISSION

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Hamaty. He was uncharacteristically weak, and experienced shortness of breath. Hamaty asked to be transferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital to be seen by Stephen Mallon, MD, a cardiologist who he had met at a fishing tournament in Jamaica.

Dr. Mallon determined that the flu had caused Hamaty to develop an enlarged heart leading to viral cardiomyopathy. It is a disease of the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood to the rest of

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A peaceful feeling came over me like the wait was over," recalls Hamaty. I was prepared and went into the operating room with no fear at all. I felt especially fortunate to have my family by my side."

Robert Hamaty

the body and can result in heart failure. He received the grim news that his life

expectancy with this condition was just five years. It was a stunning diagnosis for the then 43-year-old athlete.

Hamaty's only hope at living a long life was a heart transplant.

His days of flying for pleasure and a career were over. Instead, he began frequent trips between the islands and Miami for appointments with Dr. Mallon at Jackson Memorial.

While coping with his medical issues, Hamaty was also focused on the launch of a new business venture.

In 1984, Hamaty and his wife, Carlene, were founders of the Tortuga Rum Company, Ltd., which introduced the first rums of

the Cayman Islands. Three years later, they opened the first Tortuga duty-free liquor store, and later that year introduced the now world-famous Tortuga Caribbean Rum Cake.

But as the company grew to become a global success, Hamaty's health continued to deteriorate. Breathing became so difficult for him that he needed supplemental oxygen and could only sleep while seated in a chair.

His only chance at survival, doctors advised, was a heart transplant. On February 26, 1998, after six weeks in intensive care at Jackson Memorial, Hamaty's prayers were answered: a donor heart was available.

"A peaceful feeling came over me like the wait was over," recalls Hamaty. "I was prepared and went into the operating room with no fear at all. I felt especially fortunate to have my family by my side."

The surgery was a success. After a six-month recovery in Miami, Hamaty was finally able to return home.

As fate would have it, Hamaty learned that the donor heart he received belonged to a 27-year-old pilot who died after a skydiving incident at the same Daytona Beach airport where Hamaty first learned to fly.

"I have the heart of a pilot," said Hamaty. "My transplant journey became even

more meaningful to me."

Determined to make the most out of his second chance at life, Hamaty celebrates every birthday as a milestone. He recently enjoyed his 70th birthday celebration in the Cayman Islands with family, friends, and even some of the medical team who saved his life.

Hamaty continues running the family business with his wife and daughter, while also advocating for organ donation throughout the Caribbean so that others can have a second chance at life.

"I have five grandchildren that I would've never met if it wasn't for my heart transplant," he said. "I'm very fortunate to be alive."

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Democratic candidate for Florida Governor

## Garth Reeves Sr. joins state press top hall of fame

Miami Times Staff Report

The publisher emeritus of *The Miami Times* has been inducted into Florida Press Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Garth C. Reeves Sr. inherited *The Miami Times* from his family after serving in World War II, where the hypocrisy of fighting for freedom while living in segregation at home angered him.

"The association says the Bahamian native "exercised his clout to 'prick the conscience' of other Miamians in order to bring about social justice."

The 99-year-old Reeves was unable to attend Friday's ceremony in Orlando.

Here is what the Florida Press Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame had to say about the Reeves:

"Garth C. Reeves Sr. has lived through events that most of us have only read about.

Growing up in a newspa-



Garth C. Reeves Sr.

per family, he saw firsthand how his father published a newspaper every week, even through difficult times. They experienced true challenges, such as the paper shortages in the 1920's, and then the infamous hurricane of 1926, when his family still got the paper out by turning the press by hand since there wasn't electricity.

Born February 12, 1919, in the Bahamas, Reeves grew  
**SEE REEVES 8D**



## THE WALLS CHRISTIAN GROUP WORSHIPS

Young siblings inspire their peers as they sing for the Lord

**MALIKA A. HARVEY**  
Miami Times Contributor

Some may say it's rare to see youth worship God. But hundreds of young adults and teenagers wholeheartedly worshipped and experienced spiritual breakthroughs last Friday night at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, in Miami Gardens.

The Walls Group, a Stellar-award winning quartet

of young siblings who are signed to Kirk Franklin's For Yo Soul, ushered a crowd of more than 350 people into a place of worship. The group didn't only sing, but ministered, prayed and prophesied to their peers.

The Walls will begin working on their third studio album with Warryn Campbell, this month.

Very aware of the issues that many young adults

and teenagers face, The Walls encouraged the audience to "trust in the rock" and sung "there is healing for your soul."

Darrel Walls, 27, the oldest of the group, offered encouragement to people who may have been dealing with depression.

"One thing I've learned in life is all things work together for the good of those who love God and who are called according

to His purpose," Darrel said. "The good and the bad are working for your good. It's working to build your character to push you to be the best person you can be."

The concert allowed many young people to worship God freely for the first time, Ty Jones, Youth and Young Adult minister at Antioch, said.

"For one young man, he  
**SEE WALLS 8D**



The Walls Group is pictured with organizers of Antioch's Engage Conference 2018, which was held for youth and young adults.



Photos by Ryan Holloway / Miami Dade County

## Edmonson hosts annual school drive, fun day

Dozens of children received free book bags filled with school supplies, food, haircuts and health screenings just in time for the first day of school.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson hosted her 12th annual Back to School Fun Day, Saturday at Olinda Park, 2101 NW 51st St.

The event included free dental screenings from Colgate

Bright Smile, Bright Futures; free vision tests from Miami Lighthouse Heiken Vision Program for children; free vision and health screenings from Bascom Palmer/UM School of Medicine DOCS Program. The children also had fun with McGruff the CrimeWatchers' Dog; the Miami Dade Police helicopter and DARE program zoom vehicle; music, bounce houses and raffle prizes.





AP/David Goldman

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms at an election night party with her children.

## States ask if child care is a campaign expense

Question arises with large number of female candidates in national races

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Connecticut resident Caitlin Clarkson Pereira has always shown a "minor" interest in politics, she says. Like many other women, though, she became more politically active after the 2016 presidential election.

Her civic engagement began with protests. She participated in the 2017 Women's March and an airport protest in New York City against President Trump's travel ban. By December, she decided to run for the Connecticut state House of Representatives.

While campaigning, and working a full-time job at Southern Connecticut State University, child care for her 3-year-old daughter quickly became an issue. Many state and local candidates are prohibited from using campaign funds for child care, says Richard Briffault, a government ethics expert and professor at Columbia Law School.

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But with an unprecedented number of women running for office, some are rethinking that rule.

In May, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) ruled that congressional candidates can use campaign funds for child care. Since then, Clarkson Pereira and other state and local candidates across the country, many of them running their first campaign,

have been petitioning to get their child care covered.

They have received mixed responses.

Child care expenses in campaign ethics had not received much national attention prior to the FEC decision, says Briffault. To him, the reasoning behind campaign expenses and personal expenses "is pretty straightforward."

"[A campaign expense] is incurred because you are in a campaign versus an expense you would be incurring whether or not you are in a campaign," Briffault says. "If you had previously hired outside help for child care [prior to running for office], it's not clear why you should be able to have a tax-exempt fund for this." But if a person suddenly needs to hire more outside help "because she is in a campaign, then that is a legitimate thing to do."

In the case of Jenn Gray, a candidate for the Alabama House, the state's Ethics Commission in June determined that candidates may use campaign funds for child care "if tied to a specific campaign event." Gray has a remote job that allows her to look after her 10-year-old daughter who is on the autism spectrum. But since the campaign started, she does not have the same flexibility to care for her daughter.

The decision is an important victory for all parents, she says. Alabama Ethics Commission Chair Jerry Fielding described it as a "logical request" and recalled his family's need to provide child care during his run for circuit judge in 1982.

Catie Robinson, who is running for commissioner in Wichita County, Texas, also received positive news. The

Texas Ethics Commission in June said it will allow candidates to use political contributions for campaign-related child care. The first-time candidate says she initially took up a part-time job as a Starbucks barista to help with the child care costs incurred due to her campaign. The ruling was a big relief.

"There are so many more women running for office now... It's matter of the law catching up hopefully," Robinson says.

Not all candidates have received such happy news.

Last month, the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board ruled against Reyma McCoy McDeid, who lost her bid for state House but incurred child care costs during her campaign.

The board thought this matter was "best left to the legislature," said Megan Tooker, the board's executive director and legal counsel, in an emailed statement. In its opinion, the board cited the Iowa code, which states that candidates "shall not use campaign funds for personal expenses or personal benefit."

In Connecticut, Clarkson Pereira also faces an uphill battle. The compliance unit of the Connecticut Elections Enforcement Commission issued an opinion on Thursday advising her against using campaign funds to cover child care.

"The Citizens' Election Program regulations provide that funds are not to be spent on items that are personal in nature, even if some use may be campaign-related," the opinion reads.

This opinion, however, is not a formal decision, says Joshua Foley, a staff attorney with the commission, and Clarkson Pereira can appeal to the commission itself for a "declaratory ruling."

## CHURCH Listings

### CATHOLIC

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## WALLS

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wasn't a believer in Jesus Christ, and he left that night saying that he had an encounter with Him that night," Jones said. "I believe it was almost impossible to be in that place and not feel impacted in some way."

Tara Reid, 20, one of the youth leaders at Antioch, said the concert exceeded what they planned or imagined. Jalisa Faye, a young Miami-based Gospel singer, also encouraged the crowd as she sang uplifting worship songs on Friday.

"It was such a powerful night of worship and praise with nothing but the presence

of the Holy Ghost," Reid said. "It was beyond impactful. It was literally a night filled with breakthrough not just for me personally, but for so many I know. Definitely the consecration for personal growth and greatness."

### A FAMILY THAT WORSHIPS TOGETHER

Although young, the Walls Group have had more than eight years of experience singing and leading people to worship God.

Darrel, 27, Rhea, 23, Alic, 22, and Abijah, 21, are the four oldest of eight children of music ministers Roger Walls (organist) and Alicia Walls (singer/pianist).

Alic said that their parents' passion for music also became their passion.

"Being my mom's offspring and my father's offspring who both loved music," he said. "It just kind of flowed with us, too."

The siblings have been singing professionally and ministering since they were teenagers. They are well-known for attracting millions on YouTube, where they post uplifting Gospel cover songs.

The group's singing gifts, talents and anointing have always spoke for them and "made room for them."

"They remember" posting their first video on Facebook only for their mom's friend to see, but someone re-shared the video and it went viral.

"We didn't seek out to do music professionally but it just kind of happened that way," Darrel said.

## REEVES

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up in a segregated Miami and was affected by his military experience in World War II. He was displeased with the hypocrisy of the United States, as he served as a soldier in World War II, but he didn't have basic rights because of segregation.

Reeves thought about leaving the country for good. However, after a conversation with his mother, he threw his

energies into using The Miami Times, the newspaper he inherited, to advocate for social change. He established himself as an important figure in the Miami community during the civil rights movement by taking a direct role in desegregating Miami beaches and golf courses.

Reeves also maintained a voice in the governing of local boards and charities, using his clout to "prick the conscience" of other Miami-ians in order to bring about social justice. His service to his community is borne out

by countless awards from the Boy Scouts of America, National Business League, the Urban League, Florida A&M University, YMCA and the National Newspapers Publishers Association.

It was important to Reeves for The Miami Times to provide an important perspective that wasn't a focus of other Miami newspapers. His experience led him to take a different look at journalism and the power of the press, and he didn't mind using that power to bring about change."

## FAITH CALENDAR

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■ **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. now 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.

■ **St. John Community Development Corporation**  
Will host its 18th annual 'Things Are Cooking in Overtown' fundraising Gala at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 at Jungle Island. For more information, please call 305-372-0682 or email Susan Kelly at Skelly@stjohncdc.

org. Tickets are available via stjohncdc.org.

■ **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 Pray

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 954-360-9348 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.lire@ic.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.



Constance Collins, center, Irene Taylor Wooten, second from right and Annie Neasman, right, help cut the ribbon Saturday at a new Jessie Trice health center at Lotus Village in Overtown. Below, family and friends enjoy activities at the grand opening.

Miami Times Photos/ Kishanda Burns

## New health center opens in Overtown

Jessie Trice Community Health Center in partnership with Lotus Village to help fill unmet medical needs

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Jessie Trice Community Health System welcomed its newest health center to the Overtown community on the Lotus Village campus.

Smiles lit up faces of staff and friends of Jessie Trice and Lotus Village on Aug. 11 as they prepared to cut the big red ribbon with a pair of big blue scissors.

"I would say it's a dream come true to have Jessie Trice as a partner in service in a shared mission with us here in Overtown," said Constance Collins, executive director of the Lotus House Community Shelter.

Lotus Village, which is located at 217 NW 15th St., is celebrating 12 years in the Overtown community, while

Jessie Trice is celebrating 51 years in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Lotus Village is an expansion of Lotus House, a shelter for families and the elderly. The clinic was proposed as part of the expansion.

Lotus Village shares the same vision as Jessie Trice — fulfilling unmet medical needs. Jessie Trice and Lotus House decided to partner about four years ago. The new location will offer medical, dental, ophthalmological and OB-GYN services.

"This is a way to prevent homelessness. So many of our women and children have serious unmet medical needs," said Collins. "We must have preventive [care]; we must have access to prenatal care, pediatrics, women's health-care and mammograms."

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Constance Collins



Mentioned at the ribbon cutting was a men's health initiative that will be coming soon.

"Before the village began, we were speaking to men — young and old, who are community leaders, about developing a special men's initiative," said Collins. "We want to have them serve in an advisor capacity, so we could build a kind of safety net to ensure whole health for the community."

Irene Taylor Wooten, board chairwoman of Jessie Trice said the benefit of Jessie Trice is that it understands the needs of the community.

"There's a lot of competi-

tion out there. There's a lot of people that spring up and say that they are going to provide health care but not necessary comprehensive health care. So, you're always competing," Taylor Wooten said.

President/CEO of Jessie Trice Community Health Center Annie R. Neasman said the health outposts are in the community because in 1967 those services were not available for individuals in the community.

"We are more than a doctor's office. We are a comprehensive center that has not only medical services for pregnant women or women who are thinking about get-

ting pregnant, but also for

pediatrics," said Neasman.

In the next 50 years, Jessie Trice's goal is more expansion in the community.

"Expansion to do more, to continue to do what we do — provide excellence and do more of it. We want to do it in many places as possible," said Wooten.

The new Jessie Trice's location is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Community members may call to schedule an appointment for dental, pediatric, family practice or health and wellness. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Jessie Trice at 305-637-6000.



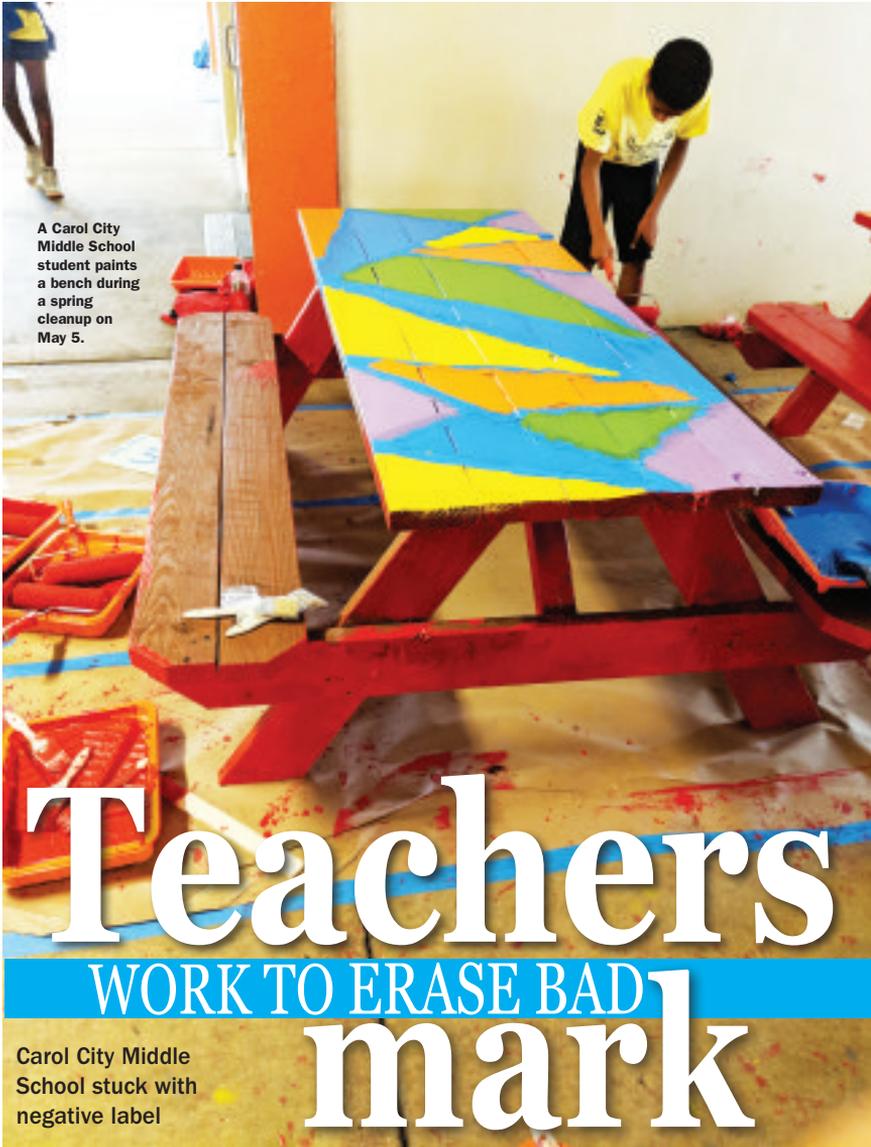
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A Carol City Middle School student paints a bench during a spring cleanup on May 5.

# Teachers WORK TO ERASE BAD mark

Carol City Middle School stuck with negative label

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Four years ago the staff at Carol City Middle School heard rumors that the school would be closing. But through a deliberate effort and community partnership, the school has not only remained opened — it has improved its profile.

Carol City Middle has a reputation that is synonymous with the neighborhood it is in, according to the school's principal.

"People don't see the school as a place for safety," said Principal Derek Negrón. "Parents feel if they live a lot farther west, there will be a better experience."

The school is located at 3737 NW 188

Photos courtesy of Derek Negrón



Students participate in a spring festival at Carol City Middle School on May 5.

St., Miami Gardens, east of Miami Lakes, and southeast of Miramar. The violent crime rate in 2016 for Miami Gardens is 50 times higher than the state average, which is the polar opposite of the neighboring cities, according to CityRating.com.

But the administration and the faculty of Carol City Middle have worked for the last two years to improve the experience for their students.

Negrón, who started as an assistant principal two years ago, and the other principals of the school, created a plan that included professional training for teachers, walk-throughs, active recruitment and curriculum revamping.

Carol City Middle has since improved by two letter grades.

The school is now a "C" letter grade after being an "F" for five consecutive years before Negrón started two years ago.

The first thing they did to get results was to recruit students on their own.

"We made calls to individuals who have children who were going from the fifth to sixth grade convincing them to come to our school," said Negrón.

The list was easily obtained from Barbara Hawkins Elementary next door.

Then administrators tackled the culture of the school.

They retrained teachers. The training changed the educators' approach to appealing to students, said four-year Carol City Middle language arts teacher Bridgette Mills.

"I learned how to deliver my lessons effectively. Through the process, I have learned that I am flexible," she said. "Even though I am a certified teacher, I still have a lot to learn myself."

The teachers also had coaches assigned to them that will follow up and do walk-throughs to monitor their progress.

In addition to the teachers getting lessons of their own, the school also formed community partnerships that lend financial, academic and social support to the students.

The school receives school supplies from Office Depot; obtained a renovation grant from Walmart; secures 10 cents per gallon pumped by a nearby Raceway; receives free coffee for staff from a nearby Starbucks; and gets mentoring help from Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

St. Thomas University creates tutorials for students and helps with beautification projections and report cards reviews. Florida International University offers high school and college credit courses.

Yanna Flowers has a sixth and a seventh grader who attend Carol City Middle, and her daughter just graduated from the school.

She said the changes have been a great benefit for her three children especially the dual-enrollment partnership.

"My daughter's grades went up during the middle of her seventh-grade year," said Flowers. "I think that it is really great that they can experience college."

Carol City Middle also changed the academic experience for the students by adding a variety of STEM and innovative programs from health science and robotics to drama, journalism and marketing.

This school year six new "academies" were added that cover topics such as financial literacy, law, entrepreneurship and tourism.

Mills, who said that "the only place she has not traveled to is Antarctica," will be teaching hospitality and tourism. She also has a master's degree in hospitality and marketing.

"The choices that are available to our students are pretty good," said Mills. "A lot of people are probably thinking, 'Oh Carol City, I was not expecting that from them.'"

Shortly before The Miami Times filed this story, Negrón got word that Carol City Middle has been selected by the National Parent Teacher Association to receive a grant from Instagram. The details will be announced on Aug. 24.



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# Pastor OF THE WEEK



**Joey and Sonja Foster**

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## The Fosters are doing a fresh thing for ministry in West Park

Church aims to help people others tend to overlook

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Joey Foster is not your typical pastor, and it's a distinction the 36-year-old - who co-pastors The Fresh Church in West Park, along with his wife Sonja - is proud to have. "I don't have the traditional pastor story. ... I'm

unashamed about it. I'm a pastor for people who are un-churched; I'm a pastor for people who are de-churched, meaning they're done with the church; I'm a pastor for people who need a fresh start - so that goes for ex-cons and executives, because regardless of who you are, all of us are in need of a

fresh start somehow," Foster said.

God placed a strong burden on his heart for the people Jesus refers to in the Bible as "the least of these" when he was a teenager, Foster said. It carried on throughout his college years at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he met

Sonja in 2005 while singing in the gospel choir. Despite his good deeds, he admitted he wasn't attending church regularly.

"I would love on people who were less fortunate, but then I wouldn't go to church. ... I noticed even while I was out doing whatever I wanted to do, God still was faithful to me. He still showed me grace, mercy and He sent me this woman that, literally since we've been connected, the trajectory of my life has really changed. That was the biggest blessing," Foster said.

The couple married in 2009 and, while serving heavily in their local church, Foster said he heard the Lord's instruction to step out.

"We launched The Fresh Church with no denominational backing. All we had was God, and God said these specific words to me: 'If you launch it, I'll land it,'" Foster said.

After three years of prayer and preparation, The Fresh Church began in 2015 with three members - The Fosters and their daughter Kiersten. Today, the church is constantly growing and The Fosters also have a son, Jace. "Praise the Lord it's not

just me, my wife and my daughter anymore. More of the saints are there, and it's all kinds of people. Like I said from ex-cons to executives, from lawyers to homeless, from teachers to CEOs, we have an amalgam of different types of people and professions and it's a bunch of young people who are crazy for the Lord," Foster said.

Because the church attracts so many young families, Foster said he and Sonja were compelled to use their personal experiences as a Christian couple to teach other believers how to have healthy, God-pleasing relationships.

"They released a book entitled 'Relationship Goals' in February and launched a five-part relationship series Sunday that covers topics such as: Being single and saved, why some couples are married and miserable, what a man is supposed to do before he pursues a woman or why a woman should not look for a man who is good in bed but not good for her head. It will continue every Sunday for the next month.

"It's really a ministry in and of itself. We do travel and we talk and we empower relationships and marriages. We hold these Relationship

Goals one-night singles seminars," Foster said, stressing the importance of tangibly addressing practical matters.

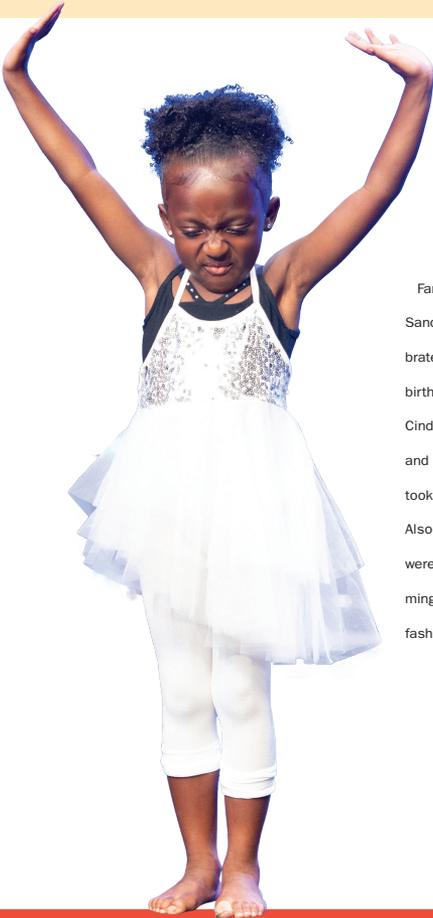
The church hosts events like its recent Back to School Bash; bi-weekly bible studies at homeless shelters; an annual Gospel on the Green concert and partners with organizations to do mission work in Haiti.

Located at 2201 SW 42 Ave. in West Park, services begin at noon on Sundays. Foster said they welcome people from all backgrounds to come and receive sound biblical teaching that will help them be who God created them to be.

"Whether you have on shorts or a suit, you'll feel comfortable at The Fresh Church. What we try to do is remove all barriers from people getting to Jesus; that's our goal. Our mission is real simple, our mission is 'Show Jesus, Share Jesus.' We try to show Jesus in our lives and share Jesus with the world," Foster said.

To learn more about The Fresh Church, visit [www.thefreshchurch.org](http://www.thefreshchurch.org).

Do you know of a spiritual leader who should be featured in this column? Email [ishkah@gmail.com](mailto:ishkah@gmail.com).



# Fantasy Theatre celebrates Chief Rivers birthday

Fantasy Theatre Factory at Sandrell Rivers Theater celebrated Chief Sandrell Rivers' birthday on Aug. 11. Supa Cindy from WEDR 99 Jazm and comedian Larry Dogg took part in the festivities. Also included at the event were children's programming, three acts of poetry, fashion and music.



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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

**New Vision For Christ Ministries**  
Services  
Early Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. Michael D. Screen  
13650 N.E. 10th Avenue  
305-899-7224

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

**93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church**  
Services  
7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Evening Worship  
1st & 3rd Sunday 8 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study 7 a.m.  
Website: cmc.org  
Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson  
2330 N.W. 93rd Street  
305-836-0942

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

**Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
Services  
Early Worship 7 a.m.  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
NBC 10:05 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 4 p.m.  
Mission and Bible  
Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.  
5946 N.W. 12th Avenue  
305-751-9323

**New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International**  
Services  
Sunday Worship 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.  
1 (800) 254-NBCB  
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2300 N.W. 135th Street

**Pembroke Park Church of Christ**  
Services  
SUNDAY Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
TUESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
www.PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com  
954-962-9327  
3707 S.W. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33023

**Hosanna Community Baptist Church**  
Services  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3:30 p.m.  
Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins  
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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

## Grace

**MILTON OMAR DAILEY**, 65, music teacher, died August 7. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**BESSIE ADDERLY**, 93, nurse, died August 11. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Gamble Memorial Church of God in Christ.



**LYLLANDRO T. BYER**, 62, mechanic, died August 5. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

**WILLIE JAMES LOVETT**, 57, died July 28. Services were held.

**ROBERT A. GALL**, 65, mechanic, died August 2. Services were held.

## Richardson

**EDWARD "COACH EDDIE" JONES**, 60, transportation, died August 6 at Vitas Hospice Sunrise. Service 2:30 p.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



**BETTY MCPHERSON**, 89, homemaker, died August 10 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



**VIOLA BULLARD**, 72, caregiver, died July 31 at Baptist Hospital. Final rites in Bimini, Bahamas.



**MICHAEL MONROE**, 44, barber, died August 9 at Jackson Memorial Hospital North. Service 3 p.m., today in the chapel.



## Paradise

**HAROLD BAILEY**, 96, died August 5 at Jackson South Community Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Christ Fellowship Church.



**HAZEL MAE BORELAND**, 82, died August 3 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Kingdom Builders Church.



## Gregg L. Mason

**VALIREE DAVIS**, 87, died August 8. Loving wife, mother, grandmother and faithful servant of the Lord. Viewing 5-9 p.m., Thursday. Service 11 p.m., Friday, at New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith. Entombment: Caballero Rivero Southern.



## Eternal Rest

**RICKEY LEE WALLACE, JR.**, 33, supervisor, died August 8. Service 11 a.m., Friday at Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



**LINDA JONES**, 63, teacher, died August 4. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



**HOMER HAWKINS**, 75, floral designer, died August 6. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**RICKEY OLIVER MARTIN, SR.**, 62, laborer, died August 7. Service 2 p.m., Friday at Faith Deliverance Cathedral.



**ALVIN MOORE**, 87, retired administrator, died August 3. Services were held.

## Range-Coconut Grove

**VANESSA M. MIXON**, 56, classroom teacher for Leisure City K-8 Centers and Miami Dade County School Board, died August 11. Survivors include her parents, Leola B. Washington (Andrew); Mattie Brown; three brothers; seven sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 5-7 p.m. Friday at Kingdom Covenant Ministries. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.



## Hadley Davis MLK

**AL MORGAN**, 60, construction worker, died August 3 at Jackson Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



## Eric S. George

**PRISCILLA BLAKE**, 51, died August 8. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, at Koinonia Worship Center.



## Mortuary Services

**MALIKA JANA ROYAL**, 27, retail associate, died August 10. Viewing 2-6 p.m., Friday at Manker Funeral Home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at New Missionary Baptist Church.



## Hall Ferguson Hewitt

**JAMES SCONIERS**, 75, educator, died August 4. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Cornerstone Christian Center Church.



## Manker

**JOCELINE SIKI**, 36, homemaker, died July 30 at Aventura Medical Center. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

## Wade

**MAURICE ANTON NICKLES**, 34, XPO logistic, died August 7 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

## Range

**RUSSELL S. FOSTER**, 67, laborer, died August 9. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**MARY STRACHAN BAKER**, 81, homemaker, died August 13. Survivors include her husband, Oliver Baker; daughters, Sheryl Johnson (Pastor Willie Johnson) and Lauren Brown (Lee); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Rosary Service 6 p.m., Friday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at the church.



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We the family of,



**LADY RUTHIE MAE JONES**

would like to express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of comfort and support during our hour of bereavement. Your acts of kindness did not go unnoticed. It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father shows an abundance of Blessings upon each of you.

With Gratitude,  
Beverly Ingraham  
Etta Pearl Williams

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**GEORGE L. SAUNDERS**  
03/28/1915 - 08/15/2011

Remembering our father, Reflecting on his devotion and Respecting his dedication. Your loving family.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of our wonderful mother,



**ORA LANIER WILLIAMS**  
03/28/1919 - 08/19/1999

"Mother Dear," "Earth has no sorrow, Heaven cannot heal."

Missing you more and more.

Shirley, Wendell, Harry, Charles P. Williams and The Family.

## Death Notice



**HARRIS WILSON**  
07/18/1941 - 08/07/2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Harris Wilson announce his passing after a long battle with illness on Tuesday, August 7 at the age of 77 years.

Harris will be lovingly remembered by his wife of close to 50 years, Hyacinth and his son, Michael Russell (Eugenia); grandchildren, Michelle, Michael, Jr., Mia Russell, and many siblings. Harris will also be forever remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

One Love, you will be missed.

Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel. Service entrusted to Range Funeral Home.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**DAVID N. JONES**  
01/01/1951 - 08/21/2015

Gone, but never forgotten. Your co-workers



Credit: Rick Diamond/Getty Images

**Henry Butler, right, performing during the 2011 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. He was acclaimed as a member of a New Orleans piano pantheon that includes Jelly Roll Morton, James Booker, Professor Longhair, Fats Domino, Allen Toussaint and Dr. John.**

## Henry Butler, 69, New Orleans pianist, dies

Henry Butler, a pianist who carried the flamboyant, two-fisted traditions of New Orleans to the brink of the avant-garde, died on Monday in a hospice facility in the Bronx. He was 69. His death was confirmed by his manager, Art Edelstein. Butler, who had lived in Brooklyn since 2009, had been treated for metastatic colon cancer.

Butler's music was encyclopedic, precise and wild. He was acclaimed as a member of a distinctively New Orleans piano pantheon alongside Jelly Roll Morton, James Booker, Tuts Washington, Professor Longhair, Fats Domino, Allen Toussaint and Dr. John. He was also a forthright, bluesy singer who often used New Orleans standards as springboards for improvisation.

Butler commanded the syncretized power and splashy filigree of boogie-woogie and gospel and the rolling poly-rhythms of Afro-Caribbean music. He could also summon the elegant delicacy of classical piano or hurtle toward the dissonances and atonal clusters of modern jazz. He could play in convincing vintage styles and sustain multileveled counterpoint, then demolish it all in a whirlwind of genre-smashing virtuosity. Dr. John (Mac Rebennack) once described him as "the pride of New Orleans and a visionistical down-home cat and a hellified piano plunker to boot."

Ivan Neville, who leads the New Orleans band Dumptasthunk and recorded with Butler as part of the all-star group New Orleans Social Club, said by email on Tuesday that Butler was "an amazingly, truly gifted musician and pianist like no other." He added, "At times it sounded like he had three or four hands instead of just two."

Butler was born in New Orleans on Sept. 21, 1948, to George and Natlea (Bell) Butler and grew up in the Calliope housing projects there,

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



**CHRISTINE K. DAVIS-FELTS**  
11/01/1927 - 08/16/2014

Mother, your memory is still fresh in our hearts. We will never forget you. Daughter, Mary Newbold, grandkids and Kinsler family.

which were torn down after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Glaucoma left him blind in infancy, and he attended the Louisiana State School for the Blind in Baton Rouge (now the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired), where he studied piano along with drums and trombone. He also learned to read classical music in Braille notation while picking up popular songs



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by ear.

Butler went on to Southern University in Baton Rouge, where he majored in voice and minored in piano, mentored by the clarinetist and educator Alvin Batiste. He also studied with the jazz pianists George Duke and Roland Hanna, and earned a master's degree in music at Michigan State University in 1974.

In New Orleans, Butler had a few marathon piano lessons with Professor Longhair (Henry Roeland Byrd), and he also got to work with Booker.

Although he was surrounded by New Orleans jazz and R&B while growing up, as a young musician Butler at first disdained those traditions as "tourist music."

"In those days, we used to see a lot of people getting drunk," he said in an interview with NPR. "So we sort of associated this music with that kind of stuff. As I grew older, I realized it really wasn't the music that was the problem."

He was 14 when he began playing professionally at dances and clubs. He performed at the first New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festival in 1970 with fellow Southern University students, and appeared at nearly every JazzFest afterward, including this year's.

After receiving his master's degree, Butler returned to New Orleans and taught in the vocal program at the Performing Arts High School of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts.

In 1980, he moved to Los Angeles, where he began his recording career as a mainstream jazz musician. He had distinguished sidemen on his debut album, "Evin' 'Round," in 1986 (including the trumpeter Freddie Hubbard) and his 1987 album, "The Village" (including Batiste, the bassist Ron Carter and the drummer Jack DeJohnette).

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