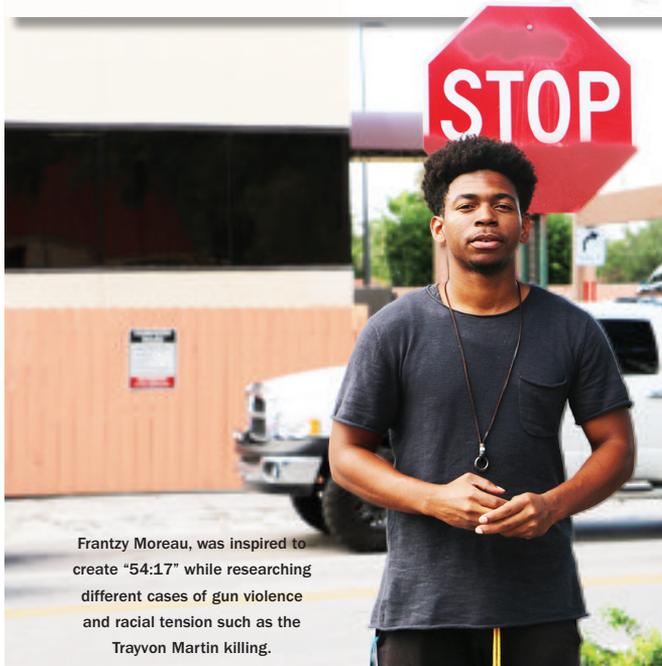


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ISAIAH'S WORDS, A DREAM RESULT IN '54:17'



Frantzy Moreau, was inspired to create "54:17" while researching different cases of gun violence and racial tension such as the Trayvon Martin killing.

Haitian-American filmmaker explores the racial tension in new online series

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The biblical prophet Isaiah said that in times of tribulation, "no weapon formed against you shall prosper," yet national headlines abound with stories of gun violence in which minorities and unsuspecting people, suffer from a lack of protection from bullets.

Though the answer is complex, Frantzy Moreau tries to reconcile the argument through art.

Inspired by the scripture, the fallout of Trayvon Martin shooting and a few dreams, Moreau explores themes of morality, gun laws, and the resulting violence in his latest project.

"54:17" is a recently released online series that takes a striking look into the current state of gun violence, racial tensions, crime and poverty.

The series, produced and filmed entirely in Miami-Dade County, is the brainchild of Moreau, a Homestead-based, Haitian-American, director, writer and actor. The project, three years in the making, features seven gripping episodes. The series can be seen on YouTube by searching for the channel name, All That Juice. The season finale was uploaded over the Aug. 18 weekend.

Moreau, a 29-year-old self-taught filmmaker, who graduated from South Dade Senior High in 2007, uses his faith and artistic vision to tackle the ugly reality of gun violence in the nation.

The death of Trayvon piqued Moreau's political need to do something about the state of racial tensions that engulfs Florida and the nation. Moreau, who raps, acts and writes,

SEE DREAM 8A

Voters to choose three seats in Miami Gardens' general election

Council members to represent 2, 4 and 6 to be decided on Aug. 28

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Miami Gardens residents will elect three council members, including vice mayor, come Aug. 28. Voters will choose from new candidates for Seats 2 and 4, which were vacated by Councilwomen Lisa C. Davis and Felecia Robinson respectively. The at-large Seat 6, has an incumbent, Erhabor Ighodaro, who serves as the city's vice mayor. Some of the candidates for Miami Gardens City Council attended *The Miami Times* 2018 Political Forum, held at Florida Memorial University on Wednesday, Aug. 15. The forum was moderated by Melba Pearson, deputy director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida.

SEAT 6

Incumbent Ighodaro in 2012, was appointed by Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert III to serve the City Council's at-large Seat 6. Ighodaro was elected again in 2014.



Erhabor Ighodaro

This time around, Ighodaro will defend his seat against some recognizable names. Several attempts to reach Ighodaro were fruitless. He is endorsed by several unions, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Congresswoman Federica S. Wilson.

He faces competition from Andre Williams, who was a Miami Gardens councilman from 2006 to 2012. Williams, a real estate attorney, served



Andre Williams

under Miami Gardens' first mayor, Shirley Gibson.

He wants to focus on creating smart growth for the city, which includes supporting local businesses and providing living wages for workers, a vision he shared when Gibson was mayor. "I'm running because I want to be a good steward of taxpayers' money," Williams said in an interview. "We need to restore confidence in our government."

Williams is endorsed



Ulysses "Buck" Harvard

by Gibson.

"I trust his leadership, his integrity, his compassion and his ability to lead and to help Miami Gardens be all it was envisioned to be when it was incorporated," Gibson said.

The U.S. Census reports Miami Gardens has a population of more than 112,000 residents as of 2017, with 79 percent of them being Black, making Miami Gardens the largest predominantly Black see seats 8A

SEE SEATS 8A



Olanike Adebayo faces Ellane Sosa-Bruzon for county judge Group 40.

Judicial hopefuls' campaign goals

Candidates answer questions about implicit bias, disparities

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As election day nears, many candidates continue to reach voters through various campaign efforts. The second *Miami Times* 2018 Political Forum, held at Florida Memorial University on Wednesday, Aug. 15, allowed the public to learn more about the different candidates. The forum, moderated by Melba Pearson, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties

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The Miami Times' RECOMMENDATIONS . . . PART 2

If part 1 of The Miami Times candidate for office recommendations picked fresher talent from the political landscape, part 2 presents a more seasoned pool, who should be grooming those less-seasoned but anxious to serve and willing to share themselves with the public.

The Miami Times supported the incumbents in the races below. The judicial candidates are all aware that the public will be watching their sentencing and community involvement. Those judicial candidates who could only identify one Black person who they have mentored need to get many more mentees. Some candidates have served in several different offices, and therefore hold storehouses of rich knowledge and experience. And while we live in a world of innovation and change, knowing our history can help us solve some of the pressing problems we face today and beyond as a society. Now more than ever, those who seek to serve must be selfless problem solvers. The rest of us should be supporting cast, on a path to improving the lives of each other and ourselves.

U.S. SENATOR BILL NELSON (INCUMBENT)

After eight years of the soulless Rick Scott as governor of Florida, it is easy to recommend Bill Nelson to keep the job as our Democratic senator for one more term - but that's it. Twenty years in congressional service is noble and should be commended. Scott did nothing for working class people as the head of our state. It should not be expected then that he would champion our issues in Washington. Let's make sure we stop Scott's march for

the wealthy and the National Rifle Association and vote to keep Nelson for another term.

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 23 TIM CANOVA

Tim Canova tried to win this seat two years ago, and he lost. What is impressive about Canova is that he never stopped campaigning for the seat. One of Debbie Wasserman-Shultz's team members said the campaign wasn't interested in The Miami Times' candidate survey. For that hubris alone, we support Canova's bid.

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 24 FREDERICA WILSON (INCUMBENT)

Frederica Wilson proved her mettle when she had to square off with a bully of a president, Donald Trump. She called Trump out when he spoke disrespectfully to the widow of a slain Miami Gardens soldier, Sgt. La David Johnson. While Trump and his supporters tried to shake Wilson, she was unmovable. Still, it is time for Wilson to pass the hat to the next generation. Hopefully, will she use this final term to develop a mandate worthy of her shoes.

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 27 MATT HAGGMAN

We live in an age of problem-solving. And Matt Haggman has shown that he is a very good problem solver. Miami-Dade County wanted to diversify its economy, and Haggman saw a way to contribute to the diversification by supporting technology-focused startups and nonprofits. When he was a program officer at the Knight Foundation, Haggman funded not only companies

that wanted to relocate or grow he also funded the not-for-profit tech-training organizations who created employees for those companies. Although a political neophyte, Haggman is an attorney and a former business reporter, which gives him a legal as well as an informed foundation. Add problem solver with integrity to the mix, and voters, you have a candidate who will bring change to the district and thus betterment to the county.

FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 108 ROY HARDEMON (INCUMBENT)

It is with reservations that freshman Roy Hardemon gets recommended to keep his seat in District 108. The district goes as far north as the Golden Glades and as far south as Miami Shores. Hardemon may not be well-spoken, and perhaps he doesn't understand that he should leave altercations between him and any gender alone, but he is sincere. He is likable, and in politics, if you are likable there is a lot of value. Hardemon said he is a hardworking freshman who managed to bring back funds from Tallahassee to support programs in his district. That is no easy feat in a Republican-controlled House and Senate, and Hardemon shows that he knows how to work with others across the aisle to get what he wants done. He is being challenged by Dotie Joseph, an Ivy-league educated Haitian American, and who is an attorney, and Joseph Beauvil.

FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 109 CEDRIC MCMINN

Cedric McMinn grew up in Miami-Dade County. He saw that

with the right education, he could do anything. At 40 years old, McMinn sees himself serving his community and being a role model for young people. He has been grooming himself for public service, supporting the campaigns of President Barack Obama and state Rep. Cynthia Stafford, whose former district he wants to lead. McMinn sees a microcosm of the problems that Floridians face in District 109: lack of transportation, lack of affordable housing, low-wage jobs and an unsure personal safety. He can bring ideas to the floor that could benefit not just his district but others statewide. Send McMinn to Tallahassee, so he can bring insight to those who can't see.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 2 JEAN MONESTIME (INCUMBENT)

Jean Monestime isn't the most boisterous voice on the commission. But he does chime in when it's time for him to champion issues that benefit his constituents. When he was chairman of the commission, he formed the Council for Prosperity Initiatives, which either eliminated or brought for discussion 14 anti-poverty measures. Some policies affected the way we work, such as training programs, youth summer work programs and pushing through ban the box, which removes the box about criminal history from county applications. He has served on the Miami-Dade County Commission since 2010. He currently represents District 2, which includes parts of North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-locka, Hialeah and unincorporated areas in the North Cen-

tral part of the county. He is being challenged by Dorrin Rolle, who he has handily defeated twice before. Monestime should continue some of the property initiatives, such as finding ways to improve the affordable housing crisis.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT 2 DOROTHY BENDROSS- MINDINGALL (INCUMBENT)

Known throughout the district as "The Queen," Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall is a beacon of hope in the community. Students and adults alike see all their potential in her. With that kind of influence, Bendross-Mindingall should sit solidly on the school board - but just for one more term. She said wisely once that should not money shouldn't run for politics because they are vulnerable. We agree. Bendross-Mindingall needs to find a successor who she can help to "get their money right" to represent the educators and students of District 2. It's the right thing to do.

Miami Gardens

In Miami Gardens, a general election is held every even-numbered year, on the day of the state primary election, which is Aug. 28. Candidates for Seats 2, 4 and 6 will be elected. If a runoff election is necessary, it will be on the state general election day, Nov. 6. Due to an oversight, some candidates were not invited to fill out candidate profiles or received invitations to The Miami Times' forums. We apologize.

SEAT 2 REGINALD LEON

Reginald Leon wants Miami Gardens to be a more user-friendly city. As simple as this sounds, it's a complex issue that will take dogged persistence. First Leon, who works for logistics company United Parcel Service, has to convince the other council members, new and not-so-new, that the city isn't easy to use. Then they will collectively have to identify the area and make the necessary changes. For a young city like Miami Gardens, being user-friendly will not only gain it loyal, happy residents, but it will be more attractive to investors and those look-

ing for a place to live. For wanting such a unifying goal, The Miami Times wholeheartedly supports Leon.

SEAT 4 JANICE COAKLEY

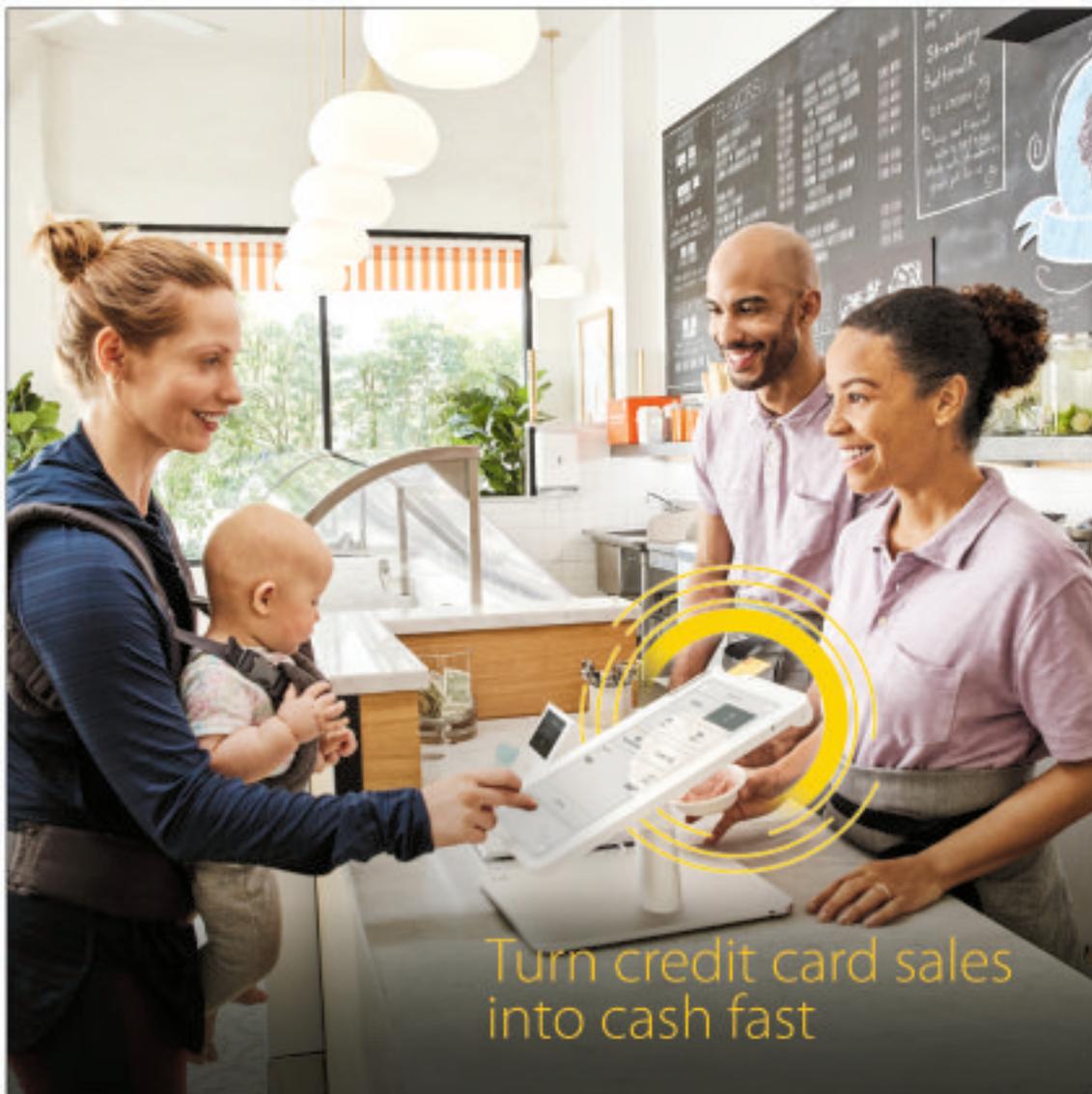
Janice Coakley wants to use her administrative skills and experience, as well as involvement in mentoring children to help residents in the community. Taking an interest in children is always a good sign because it means a candidate is considering the future benefits, not the present. While the city manager administers the city, council members need to understand how to read a budget and how their votes impact the pocketbooks of their constituents. Coakley seems anxious to show what she knows.

SEAT 6 ERHABOR IGHODARO (INCUMBENT)

Erhabor Ighodaro has been serving on the Miami Gardens City Council since 2012. He has brought substantive programs to the city such as the International Music Festival and takes students on a Rites of Passage trip through the Robert B. Ingram Foundation and Miami Carol City Senior High School. It's a program that takes students to Nigeria to foster cultural growth. If he is re-elected to this at-large seat, he wants to push ahead plans to build senior living. He also advocates for the Business Resident Economic Plan, which is an initiative that incentivizes the hiring of Miami Gardens residents for the city's ongoing GO Bond projects. With two council people termed out for this election, Ighodaro represents a historic - however brief - perspective that helps continuity.

JUDGES

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- Circuit Judge **Group 14**
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Alexis Brown, founder of Social Xchange, talks about the importance of Brunch & Vote.

Gillum surging in week before Florida's Democratic primary

PAC activities are mobilizing Black, Latino, progressive voters to turn out

Miami Times Staff Report

New Florida Vision PAC has focused its efforts on expanding the electorate by mobilizing Black, Latino and progressive voters who it says have been ignored in past elections but are turning out in 2018.

To reach non-traditional voters, the PAC held a get-out-the-vote event in Goulds, gave early voting rides to the polls, canvassed in Liberty City and Jacksonville and a held Brunch & Vote Sunday with Black millennial group Social XChange at Zest Miami restaurant. The PAC and other organizations are trying to get the word out through text and door knocking in hopes of reaching 100,000 voters to support Tallahassee Mayor Andrew

Gillum for governor. The New Florida Vision PAC and other grassroots groups such as Dream Defenders Action; FLIC Votes; New Florida Majority; and Organize Florida and national progressive organizations, Center for Popular Democracy Action; The Collective PAC; Indivisible Action Network; NextGen America; Our Revolution; and People For the American Way announced Monday that they will infuse Gillum's campaign with \$3.5 million until primary day, Aug. 28.

"Andrew Gillum represents the future of the progressive movement and we're excited to be supporting him along with so many of our allies," said Stefanie Brown James, co-founder, The Collective PAC. "Andrew will stop stand

your ground, invest in education and make sure that Floridians who work full time can truly make ends meet."

The impact of weeks of intense innovative grassroots activities is beginning to be seen in the Florida Governor's race. A recent poll shows Gillum steadily in the double-digit zone.

"Gillum has been considered the underdog in this race despite being the best qualified, and now we're seeing the moment where he comes from behind," said former state senator and chairperson of the New Florida Vision PAC, Dwight Bullard. "This year is a year of firsts across the country, and people want the opportunity to make history in Florida, too. We're doing everything we can to make sure people know that Gillum is on the ballot, and he's the best candidate with the best plan for Florida's future."

STREET Talk

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How do you feel about civil rights organizations such as the NAACP and the Urban League?



Malana Brown, 43
Miami



Antonio Artega, 21
North Lauderdale



Maquavia Shouman, 23
Miami

If they are going to continue to show people, including myself, that they care about the issues that we are facing today, then I am all for them and will support them. I have kids who are still young that are witnessing what's going on today.

They are good. It's a great benefit. More light should be on them since there's a lot of craziness going on in the world.

I've heard about the NAACP. From what I have heard, I have nothing but positive thoughts about them. But, not just NAACP, other civil rights organizations because I'd assume they have similar views such as to fight for social reforms and equality.



Harold Benjamin, 30
North Lauderdale



Shyterria Pollard, 23
Miami



Yvette Jefferson, 31
Miami

A lot of civil rights organizations are for a good cause. They're against racial discrimination and it is imperative, considering our young Black folks are witnessing those who have the same skin as they do, getting killed by someone that's white or Hispanic. It's sad to say some of them are losing their close friends due to something that could've been avoided.

I've witnessed civil rights organizations play a major part in someone's life and also my life. These organizations are so important to not only the Miami community or the Broward community but also all over the world because there's so much that's happening in today's society. We as a whole need civil rights organizations because, with them, we are aware that we share similar feelings, and we are notified that we are not alone.

Civil rights organizations are really great, especially for those who want to get involved. For example, college students or older adults who feel like there is still some justice that needs to be served. I'm all for the civil rights organizations that are keeping themselves active.

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Student testing under fire at rally

Event for a better education system appears more like a political forum

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The amphitheater at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens filled up with people wearing "Red for Education" shirts in what felt like 100-degree weather to rally for a change in the education system.

Gubernatorial Democratic candidates Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, businessmen Chris King and Jeff Greene joined the rally on Sunday, Aug. 19.

What was dubbed an education rally, seemed more of a political forum as candidates

shared their vision of educating Florida's children under their leadership.

As the 2018-19 academic school year begins, educators who were at the rally listened to the candidates pitch their ideas to better the education system.

"Yes, we agree," chanted about the 50 attendees to the rally, when Gillum and Graham spoke about removing testing from schools and eliminating school grades. When they didn't agree, all would "boo."

The Florida Department of Education requires student scores from the Florida Standards Assessments, which test reading and math skills from third grade through high school. Some have criti-



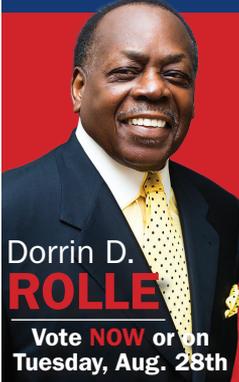
Gubernatorial candidate and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum is greeted by the media as he arrives at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex for the Red for Education Rally on Aug. 19.

cized that teachers only teach to get students to pass this test.

Brandon Alfred, a candidate for Miami-Dade County Public Schools District 2 board seat, said part of the problem is teachers are underpaid. He said his parents were able to send him to good schools, but most students may not be as fortunate. Alfred, who is 28, did his undergraduate studies at St. Thomas University and his post-graduate education at Yale.

"We have teachers and we have students who are relying on luck. Whether it's students relying on luck to have access to a great education or teachers relying on luck to provide a living for their family," said Alfred. "It's time that we all stop relying on luck."

Also in attendance was Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver
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Michael Cohen pleads guilty to 2016 campaign violations

Trump's lawyer implicates him in Stormy Daniels hush-money scheme

LARRY NEUMEISTER and TOM HAYS
The Associated Press

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer and fixer, pleaded guilty Tuesday to campaign-finance violations and other charges, saying Trump directed him to arrange the payment of hush money to porn star

convicted in Alexandria, Virginia, of eight financial crimes in the first trial to come out of special counsel Robert Mueller's sprawling Russia investigation.

In a deal reached with federal prosecutors, Cohen, 51, pleaded guilty to eight counts, including tax evasion. He could get about four to five years in prison at sentencing Dec. 12.

as he answered questions from a federal judge, said one payment was "in coordination and at the direction of a candidate for federal office," and the other was made "under direction of the same candidate."

However, in the charging documents, a news release

and comments outside the courthouse, prosecutors did not go as far as Cohen did in open court in pointing the finger at the president.

Prosecutors said Cohen acted "in coordination with a candidate or campaign for federal office for purposes of influencing the election."



Michael Cohen, former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump, leaves federal court after reaching a plea agreement in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model to fend off damage to his White House bid.

Cohen's extraordinary account marks the first time that any Trump associate has gone into open court and implicated Trump himself in a crime, though whether — or when — a president can be prosecuted remains a matter of legal dispute.

The guilty plea was part of a double dose of bad news for Trump: It came at almost the same moment his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort was

In entering the plea, Cohen did not name the two women or even Trump, recounting instead that he worked with an "unnamed candidate" to influence the election.

But the amounts and the dates all lined up with the \$130,000 paid to Daniels and the \$150,000 that went to Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal to buy their silence in the weeks and months leading up to the 2016 presidential election. Both women claimed to have had affairs with Trump, which he denies. Cohen, his voice shaky

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- **ENACT TOUGH GUN REFORM:** Levine, long a leader on gun reform issues, supports repealing the extreme NRA-backed "Stand Your Ground" law, and would ban assault weapons and will push to close the gun-show loopholes.

Democrat Philip Levine for Governor.

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municipality in the state. The economy in Miami Gardens is largely driven by health care and social assistance, retail trades, and transportation and warehousing. The census also reports that more than 23 percent of the population lives under the poverty line.

Ulysses "Buck" Harvard, no stranger to Miami Gardens' politics, is also running for Seat 6. In 2005, Harvard served on the council when he was appointed to Seat 3, replacing the late Audrey King. He lost the race to keep his seat in 2006. Harvard entered the mayoral race in December 2016, challenging Gilbert.

This time around, Harvard wants to focus on better infrastructure, business development and employment opportunities for residents. He plans to use his experience with organizations such as Community Youth Against Violence to work jointly with parents and children to determine and serve their needs. Harvard also wants to tackle the issue of crime.

"One of the biggest challenges I find in the city of Miami Gardens is crime," he said at the political forum. Miami Gardens

Police officers complain about not receiving wage increases for the last few years, which

hurts the policing around the community, he explained at the forum. One of his plans is to give police officers merit increases.

Williams nor Ighodaro attend the forum.

SEAT 2

Realtor, Francis Dave Ragoo, and operation supervisor for United Parcel Service and Reginald Leon were in attendance at the forum. They seek to be elected for city council Seat 2. Ragoo plans to use his experience in the real estate industry to broaden the economic opportunities for residents and businesses.

"We need to experience a leadership and a strong independent-minded person who is not going to say yes to everything, but understand with residents what we believe to be the best for the community at large," Ragoo said. He wants to increase the level of transparency when it comes to decision making. One of his plans is to televise council meetings.

Leon wants to help make residents' dealings with city hall more "user-friendly."

"People that want to come in and start businesses; there's a lot of things that they need to be done," Leon said. "We have to make sure that they understand the process. By making the process user-friendly, that will help them out when it comes to opening up a business." Leon also wants to help

business around Miami Gardens provide living wages for residents.

Seat 2 covers the areas from Northwest 183rd Street to 25th Street and roughly from Northeast Second Avenue to some parts of Northwest 27th Avenue. The other candidate postulating for Seat 2 is Linda Hodges Holloway.

SEAT 4

Janice Coakley was the only Seat 4 candidate at The Miami Times forum. Coakley is an activist and grassroots activist, who worked in public service in different positions including human resources, utilities and purchasing, she explained. She also is an active member of the Girl Scouts.

"I know how to read budget; I know how government is supposed to be run, and my voice will be the voice of the people," she said. If elected, Coakley wants to use her position to continue working for the young people of the community, she said.

The jurisdiction for Seat 4 is from Northwest 151 Street to Northwest 199 Street and from Northwest 27th Avenue to some parts of Northwest 57th Avenue. The other candidates for Seat 4 are Shannon Campbell, Sandra McDowell and Katrina Wilson.

Early voting for the Miami Gardens general election is underway until Sunday, Aug. 26.

Election day is on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Reactions from viewers have been favorable.

"Dropping mad knowledge & wisdom in this episode #message," wrote YouTube user, Isaac Beverly. "This made me want more ... can't wait to see what happens next! Great Job bro!" wrote YouTube user, Martin Villa. Moreau plans to make a season two of the series.

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Through Isaiah, the question of morality is posed, including the concern of providing for one's family, while engaged in notorious activities, such as theft, drug dealing and gang involvement, a reality in which many people in underserved communities often find themselves.

The series title, "54:17," is a biblical reference to the 54th chapter, and the 17th verse of the Book of Isaiah, which reads, "no weapon formed against you shall prosper."

The message behind that scripture is one of hope, change and endurance.

The scripture "let us know that whatever is thrown at us, it will not prevail," said Reverend Vensen Ambeau, a Haitian-American senior pastor of Allen Chapel in Miami. Although gun violence hurts and kills people, believers hurting from this narrative should not be defined by it, Ambeau explained.

He said that scripture can be used to motivate members of the community to speak against gun violence, and use it as a turning point for change, much like what Moreau wants to achieve with "54:17."

Moreau, who is of Christian belief, wanted to introduce a faith element in the project, which help foster the themes of ethics and morality.

The narrative of the "54:17" series veers from Isaiah's own questions regarding his line of work, to explore different aspects of the racial tensions and gun violence through different, but related, storylines.

The episodes run for about seven to 10 minutes. Each episode is titled to represent different issues that have made national headlines in recent years. With names titles such as "War," "Trayvon," "Parkland" and "Chicago," Moreau attacks the poignant realities of today's headlines.

Moreau decided to split the episodes into segments, instead of releasing a feature-length video, so that the audience can grasp the idiosyncrasies of each episode and reflect upon them. He also did not want to be excessively "preachy," he explained.

"The best thing that I can do right now is get the message out there and start a conversation," Moreau said. "I did not just want to put up a post on Facebook or Twitter and be a keyboard activist. I wanted to make a statement that will live forever."

DREAM

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wanted to use the premise of the events that led to Trayvon's death as the visuals for a music video for one of his songs. While investigating the details of the Trayvon case, Moreau realized that the story he wanted to tell would need a stage bigger than that of a music video.

Snuffing out Trayvon's life is just one piece of the Florida's deadly gun history.

Florida has averaged per year 827 gun-related homicides, 1,538 gun-related suicides and 1,694 nonfatal, interpersonal shootings. That's according to a report issued earlier this year by the Gifford Law Center, whose mission is to prevent gun violence. The data used in the report came the Centers for Disease Control and prevention injury reports.

The report puts a \$5-billion price tag on costs stemming directly from gun violence. The billion-dollar figure includes the combined costs of health care, policing, employer costs and lost wages. About \$950 million of the gun violence costs are paid directly by taxpayers, the center reported.

Locally, the Miami-Dade Police Department reports that violent crime in the county is down almost percent from last August.

THE DREAMS

Moreau came up with the idea for what would eventually become "54:17" through a daydream. He saw visions of gang shootings, authority figures berating young Black people, and most original of all, the vision of a young gunsmith, providing the guns to people in his neighborhood. Thus, the character of Isaiah was created.

"It was conflicting to me," he said about the creative process behind "54:17." "It was so polarizing in my mind, and I thought: 'whoa, this is deep.'"

In "54:17" Isaiah, portrayed by Moreau, is a young Black male from a good family, who has a job working in an under-world gun-making facility, as a gunsmith, making weapons including assault weapons. A scene from the series with lasting impact comes when Violet, Isaiah's mother, confronts her son's line of work and the perpetuation of violence he embodies.

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Meeting about ICE gets heated in Miramar

Visitors to the federal agency's field office in Miramar left in the ele-

CAROL PORTER
Miami Times Contributor

Frustrated attendees at a recent town hall meeting in Miramar asked questions and screamed that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency needed to be abolished.

Known as ICE, the immigration agency has a field office in Miramar at 2805 SW 145th Ave., and since the Trump Administration's crackdown on immigration, many people have been referred to field offices for monthly check-ins, where they encounter long wait times in the heat without access to bathrooms or water.

Miramar officials hosted the town hall at the Miramar Cultural Center Aug. 8 because the city had been dealing with backed up traffic and even protests in the streets like one that happened back in July when about 17 people were arrested, according to

information that will clarify and dispel rumors and misperceptions that are going on in the community," said Messam. "Because we have an ICE facility in the city it has brought out a lot of issues, including the national discussion as it relates to immigration."

City Attorney Cole said the federal government takes precedence in the situation. He encouraged residents to write to their state and federal elected representatives to ask them to address the problem and change it.

"You will tell your representatives we're not happy with this and please change it," said Cole. "That's the conclusion. There's very little a city can do."

Chief Williams said temporary tents and additional parking have been added. Messam said food and water collection were ongoing for people using the ICE facility.

Hastings chastised the fed-



Miami Times photos/Carol Porter

Miramar City Attorney Jamie Cole, Congressman Alcee Hastings Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Police Chief Dexter Williams are pictured Aug. 8 at the Miramar Cultural Center for a town hall on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Miramar.



Congressman Alcee Hastings addresses the crowd at a town hall meeting about the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Miramar.

published reports.

Officials tried to address concerns about the current treatment of immigrants and to inform residents about the level of Miramar's jurisdiction over the federal agency.

Among the speakers were Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam, Police Chief Dexter Williams and City Attorney Jamie Cole, as well as Congressman Alcee Hastings and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson. Representatives from ICE and other federal agencies had been invited but did not attend.

The meeting was interrupted by frustrated attendees at many points, who said ICE needed to be abolished. However, at no time was anyone removed from the meeting. Attendees were allowed to write questions on cards, and some were addressed.

Hastings at one point said that he was willing to support legislation that would abolish ICE, but the effort had not gotten enough votes in Congress.

Messam said immigration was an important issue, since Miramar was a city of immigrants, much like many cities and towns, in the country. He spoke of what the city could and could not do, and that he was aware that families of people waiting to get into the facility were faced with hot summer weather and long lines. He acknowledged the traffic on 29th Street where the facility is located. He said many people had posted to social media about the conditions they faced when they came to report their status as they were legally required to do. He noted that people visiting an ICE facility in Fort Myers had some of the same problems as Miramar.

"We hope that the town hall meeting will present some in-

formation that will clarify and dispel rumors and misperceptions that are going on in the community," said Messam.

"Let me make this clear to you," said Hastings, "I don't know how many people in the audience are Republican. I mean exactly what I am saying. All of us know the circumstances of the deportees, and the children who are still being held and not being reunited with their parents. This country is better than this. We cannot allow for this kind of activity to continue. I would like to remind Donald J. Trump that his wife came here as a result of chain migration. If you continue to elect Republicans, you will get just what you got here."

Wilson said she visited several ICE facilities, and noticed

that officials still were trying to separate children from their parents. Wilson called the president anti-immigrant and racist.

"You can be sure that he does not respect immigrants," said Wilson. "He calls them murderers and rapists. This is how he feels about people of color. Those hats that say 'Make America Great Again,' mean make America white again. We are fighting the policies put in place by this administration. Our office is working with Alcee Hastings' office, and the entire delegation locally, and the city of Miramar to do what we can. We have to hold their feet to the fire."

Pembroke Pines City Commissioner Angelo Castillo, who was present at the meeting, expressed frustration

with what was going on, and how people at the ICE facility should be better treated.

"Repeatedly, we have seen ICE, among other federal agencies, shocking the conscience of Americans by mistreating people, most often people of color, in needlessly harsh and increasingly dehumanizing ways," said Castillo. "The conscience of our people can only be tested so long and the protests we're seeing now are a direct reaction to this offensive treatment."

Miramar resident Laurie Woodward Garcia was concerned, she said, about what the city was doing and how the conversation at the meeting seemed one-sided.

"I woke up this morning with a deep sadness," said Garcia. "The city of Miramar's town hall on the ICE Miramar facility filled me with the same profound weakness in my bones I felt the morning of Nov. 9, 2016. Our nation, our community, our people are lost and broken. No one wants to listen. I really believe that if you want to be a great leader, you do not earn respect by telling people 'no one had to do anything.' You do not earn respect by not allowing people to ask questions. You do not earn respect by being tone-deaf to your audience. You do not earn respect by advertising a town hall and then refusing to converse with the people who showed up. You do not earn respect by not allowing a conversation with the people in the community who go out of love each week to help others. You do not earn respect by refusing to acknowledge the Marias in the audience who work tirelessly to help our community. You do not earn

respect by lecturing the community on abuses they witness firsthand. Respect is earned by allowing dialogue. A one-sided conversation is not respect. If you want our respect, you have to be willing to sit down and listen to us, not some chosen questions you read off a notepad."

Garcia also said by the city creating an extra parking lot; erecting tents; putting up benches; allowing a third building for outside access;

entertaining a budget; and hiring more officers at ICE Miramar, they are enabling ICE to expand their operations

"Although these actions might have been well-intended, the end result has been to add fuel to the fire. It is a slippery slope that leads to my last question, said in sarcasm: 'When does the electrified-fence, children-caging area, ankle-bracelet station, five-story ICE building go up?'"

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ATTEND POLICE ACADEMY

The Miramar Police Department is holding a free 14-week academy class at 7 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday now until Nov. 13. Courses include a ride-along with an officer, CPR certification, a K9 demonstration and more. For more information, please call the Public Affairs Unit at 954-602-4351 or email oha11@miramarpr.org to sign up. You can also go to www.miramarpr.org to download an application.

More than 500 youth from Miami-Dade and Broward counties are expected to attend to address officials from both school districts. Expected for an aspiring message is James Shaw Jr., a young man who was hailed as hero for disarming a gunman armed with an AR-15 rifle during a shooting at a Waffle House restaurant in Antioch, Tenn. The event is at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Aug. 25 at 330 NE Second Ave., in Miami.

STUDENT SCHOOL HALL MEETING

Former Miami Heat player and founder of The Mourning Family Foundation, Alonzo Mourning, and the Miami-Dade Branch NAACP will host a Back-to-School Youth Summit school hall meeting to address gun violence in schools and communities across South Florida.

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Union, featured many circuit and county judicial candidates. The candidates fielded questions about implicit bias, the disparity in sentencing and their community involvement efforts.

There are three 11th Judicial Circuit races, which include Groups 8, 14 and 25.

Group 8 candidates include incumbent veteran Miami-Dade Circuit Judge David C. Miller, who seeks to remain on the bench. He is going against up-and-comer Elisabeth Espinosa.

Miller serves in the civil division of the court and took office in 2001. He served as a lawyer in the circuit court for 22 years before becoming a judge. His combined experience of working more than 40 years in circuit judge, as well as raising a family, and having grandchildren, make him the most-qualified candidate, he said.

"I was picking my first jury just before my opponent was born," Miller said. "I also have a life experience that she doesn't share: I have five grandchildren; raising a family, coaching the kids, playing with the grandchildren, that gives you a little bit of perspective for dealing with family court issues."

Espinosa has served as a lawyer for more than 10 years, six as a prosecutor and four as a civil litigator. She has tried 73 jury trials and 67 bench trials, many of them involving violent crimes, theft and drug offenses. She wants to bring a fresh perspective to the bench and her experience on both criminal and civil court distinguishes her from Miller, she said.

"I understand the importance of due process, and the importance of giving everyone the right to speak," Espinosa said. "And that is what we need in our courts: someone who is going to listen and to be fair to everyone, and that is what I intend to do."

Group 14 candidates are Renee Gordon, Louis V. Martinez and Vivianne Del Rio.

Martinez practiced law in Chicago before moving to Miami. He has represented clients in civil and criminal investigations and litigation before federal and state courts and is a member of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority Board of Directors. Gordon has worked for the public defender's office for 22 years.

Moderator Pearson asked both candidates their take on implicit bias.

"I don't look at an individual based on their race, color, or sexual orientation," said Martinez. "You have to make sure that you treat someone equally, regardless of who they are and what they've done."

Gordon believes that people should learn more about their own bias and correct them, she said.

"I have taught diversity to judges at the judge's conferences," Gordon said. "If you don't understand where your bias comes from, they see into your decisions."

She believes that diversity on the bench will help judges understand different worldviews. In return, they will make better judicial decisions.

Del Rio did not attend *The Miami Times* forum.

Group 25 pits Very Marrero up against Joe Perkins.

Marrero has practiced law 29 years, 10 years of which she was an assistant public defender. In 2000, she opened her own firm, which is minority-owned, representing individuals with state and federal criminal offenses. Perkins has a decade of experience, litigating on fraud cases and commercial disputes. He also has experience in dealing with real estate, contracts and business torts.

The candidates were asked about criminal justice reform



Melba Pearson, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union and judicial candidate, Rene Gordon are pictured at *The Miami Times*' political forum at Florida Memorial University. Pearson moderated the event.



Kristy Nunez, county judge candidate for Group 2, at the 62nd Miami Times 2018 Political Forum.



Christopher Pracitto, county judge candidate for Group 32, addressing the crowd.

in the Florida judicial system.

"My years of experience in the public defender's office and being in the criminal system, there is a need for reform," Marrero said. Many people are not represented by an attorney in misdemeanor court, thus being clueless on what to do in that situation, she cited as an example. "I believe that they should be represented by an attorney," she added.

However, Perkins argued that reform is needed in the judicial system.

"We need to make sure that when we are comparing apples to apples. People of color are not disproportionately sentenced when compared with people not of color," said Perkins.

Perkins also said that judges need to be aware of the implicit bias and that judges need to exercise better discretion when it in dealing with people that are different from them.

There are five county judge races, which include Groups 2, 32, 33, 40 and 43.

In Group 2, Kristy Nunez faces Rosy Aponte. Nunez has been an attorney working in the state attorney's office for over 13 years. For the last two years, she has been running a human trafficking unit to protect young children and teenagers from the dangers of sex work. In 2010, she started Urban Promise Miami, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping inner-city children graduate from colleges and stay away from a life of crime.

"I think my past can show you what my future could," Nunez said at the forum when

asked about criminal reform in the judicial system.

As part of her answer, she referred to Urban Promised Miami where many of her defendants were minority teenagers facing serious adult charges with little to no support from their families or the community.

"I do believe in reform, and I believe that there is a need to bridge the gap in the community,"

Lizet Martinez is vying for county judge in Group 32 against Christopher Pracitto. Both candidates have extensive experience working in cases involving juveniles, family court and domestic violence. The candidates were asked about racial disparities in the judicial system.

"I would treat those who appear in front of me with respect and dignity regardless of race, religion and affiliation," Martinez said. "I will look at all factors in the law, and I will apply the law fairly."

Pracitto also pledged to be fair. "I represented the minorities and people of color in Dade County, and I will make sure that in my courtroom everyone gets fair treatment,"

Olanike "Nike" Adebayo faces Eleanore Sosa-Bruzon for county judge Group 33. Adebayo has more than 20 years of experience, which include working for the state attorney's office and the police legal advisor office.

"I attend to be a very trial active judge," she said at the forum. "I have litigated probably 100 jury trials, so I know the evidence, and I know how to introduce it."

Michael Barket is running against Elena Ortega-Tauler in Group 40.

Barket comes from a strong tradition of family members that have become lawyers, including his father, a WWII veteran. He has practiced law for more than two decades. He has worked with the Miami-Dade County Teen Court program, a program that helps first-time nonviolent teen offenders.

"If I help one kid stay out of the system, I have done my job," Barket said. "I think the true joy of being a lawyer and judge is serving and helping our community."

Vying for Group 43 is Milena Abreu and Miguel Mirabal.

Abreu is one of seven women to be certified to try death penalty cases in the county and has served as traffic hearing officer for seven years.

Mirabal has practiced law in the U.S., Europe and Latin America. He has taught business law at the college level.

Abreu said she has been faced with the difficulty of dealing with implicit bias as a traffic hearing officer.

"I have eight years of being the local traffic hearing judge in the county court, where I seek to be elected, dealing with implicit bias," Abreu said. "Those are the really tough issues, and I know them."

Mirabal said he tackles the issue head-on.

"I have done inclusion and diversity training," Mirabal said. Mirabal has established a minority-run and owned law firm, which allows him to work on implicit bias, he said.

WORD ON THE STREET

Every student needs a Ruth Moore in their life

Brian Dennis

I was a piece of work when I was in school. I came from a great home environment but I didn't want people to know how smart I was so I acted out in school and cut classes.

Sunday, we had a routine in church. We would go around to the altar and receive communion. Part of my routine in the Church of the Incarnation was to wave at my great-grandmother, Geraldine Wright. Next to my great-grandmother was my social science teacher from Charles R. Drew Middle School, Ruth S. Moore.

This was "boil-fish-and-grits" Sunday. I nearly lost my appetite and had a nervous breakdown when I saw her. For the first time, I read someone's lips and paid attention to their body language, and I knew what was going to go down after church — an old-fashioned Bahamian-behind whooping. She told me and saved me at the same time by making me promise to be in class. After class the next day, she said my participation shocked some of my classmates. I was the class clown. They never knew that I read the newspaper after school like an old man. But she did.

Everything she taught me in school or told me in my life I have used or has happened. She cared enough about me as a student and saw potential in me when I wasn't caring for myself. She taught me how to look at a situation and look at it in totality to get the desired answer that was needed. "Even when folk don't want to tell you the truth, they will tell you the truth," she once said

to me. "Because the moment that they know that you've found them out to be a liar, the unnecessary exposure leaves them out in the open like a field of grass, when all they had to do was tell the truth. That's politics."

If you ever wondered why I am so blunt in my writing and so straightforward when it comes to community issues or a particular subject that has an effect on our people or American society, it is because of what Ruth S. Moore taught me. Each and every one of

us has a teacher or college professor or someone with such influence who has impacted our lives outside of our family members. Out of all the teachers who I've had and I've had some really great teachers, none has impacted my life more than she did. Anywhere I

saw her I would let her know that I truly appreciated her. It was late last year when I saw Karen Moore in Walmart and she said to me, "I have a surprise for you," and there, standing a few feet from me, was Ruth Moore.

I would think about her over the years in my adult life. Ms. Moore left us last Thursday, Aug. 16. Whenever I get opportunities to speak to young people, I would always share life lessons that she taught me. I haven't been in school in more than 30 years, but every student needs a Ruth Moore. Ecclesiastes 7:1 says, "a good name is better than precious ointment and the day of death than the day of one's birth ..." When the preacher stands up talks and talks about the dash (the day of birth — the day of death), he can truly say that Ruth Moore's name is in Lamb's Book of Life.



Gubernatorial candidate and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum speaks at the Red for Education Rally on Aug. 19.

RALLY

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Gilbert III. Gilbert, who is not running for office, believes in investing in education for educators and students.

"We're going to be great by educating the least and the left out," he said. "We're going to be great by investing in the public education system, by investing in public educators that we trust our children with."

"The chance to stop the grading of schools and to exempt students from high-stakes tests that determine if a child should go to the next grade level is what many of the candidates and educators

are advocating.

Gillum came to the stage and quoted Aretha Franklin's song "Respect."

"You've already heard the leadership up here tell you that we have got to have a governor at the other end of the Capitol so that they can complement and sign the good public policy of legislation that will put some R.E.S.P.E.C.T back on education in the state of Florida," Gillum said.

Graham said that when she becomes governor, she is going to stop the grading of schools.

"We have to restore the commitment so teachers can have resources and students can have resources," said Graham. "We're going to bring back art, music and technical training."

Have Russians hacked Florida's voter records?

Bill Nelson blasted for saying Soviets penetrated state's election database

KEN DILANIAN
NBC News

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat, has rapped the political whirlwind in the 10 days since he proclaimed that Russian hackers had "penetrated" some of his state's county voting systems.

The Republican governor of Florida, who happens to be running against Nelson for his U.S. Senate seat this fall, has blasted his claim as irresponsible. The top Florida elections official, also a Republican, said he had seen no indication it's true. And the Washington Post weighed in Aug. 10 with a 2,717-word fact check that all but accused Nelson — without evidence — of making it up.

However, three people familiar with the intelligence tell NBC News that there is a classified basis for Nelson's assertion, which he made at a public event after being given information from the leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The extent and seriousness of the threat remains unclear, shrouded for reasons of national security.

The episode illustrates the extent to which secrecy, politics and state-federal rivalries can stand in the way of a unified response to the threat from Russian attacks on a diffuse U.S. election system run by state and local officials. Through a spokesman, Nelson declined to comment.

At an Aug. 7 campaign event in Florida's capital, Nelson said Intelligence Committee leaders asked that he "let supervisors of elections in Florida know that Russians are inside our records." He added that Russian hackers "have already penetrated certain counties in the state and they now have free rein to move about."

"Either Bill Nelson knows of crucial information the federal government is withholding from Florida election officials, or he is simply making things up," said Gov. Rick Scott, who is seeking to take Nelson's Senate seat, which he has held since 2001.

But Scott, who as governor has a security clearance, has not actually disputed Nelson's assertion. His spokesman said the governor had not personally called anyone at the Department of Homeland Security to seek a classified briefing to get to the bottom of the matter. The governor's appointee to supervise elections in Florida, Secretary of State Ken Detzner, was reaching out to federal officials for clarity, spokesman McKinley Lewis told NBC News.

Detzner faced criticism this year for delaying an application for federal funds to improve Florida election security, only to be overruled by the governor.

A February report by the left-leaning Center for American Progress gave Florida an "F" grade for election security, one of only five states that received a failing grade. Florida was one of 21 states notified by DHS that it had been targeted by hackers in the 2016 election.

NBC's sources declined to provide the exact details of what Nelson was attempting to describe, because they remain classified. They said Nelson was talking about intelligence related to ongoing repercussions stemming from a 2016 hack of a Florida elections vendor, VR Systems, based in Tallahassee. They said the intelligence had been described to Nelson by Republican Richard Burr of North Carolina, the chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, and Mark Warner of Virginia, the ranking Democrat.

A Top Secret National Security Agency document leaked last year to the Intercept web site said that VR Systems had

been penetrated in August 2016 by hackers working for Russian military intelligence, and that the hackers "likely used data obtained from that oper-

ation to ... launch a voter registration-themed spear-phishing campaign targeting U.S. local government organizations."

The NSA report didn't name the company but it described some of its products, making clear which company was being referenced, the Intercept

reported. VR Systems Chief Operating Officer Ben Martin did not respond to a request for comment.

The report described a scheme in which Russian hackers tricked local government voter systems officials into clicking on bogus links

that would allow the hackers to access credentials for voting systems.

The report said it was unknown to what extent the campaign had been successful, and what data on "election-related hardware and software applications" may have

been obtained.

"The threat from that breach seems to be ongoing," a cyber security expert briefed on the matter told NBC News.

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Rep. Clyburn to Democrats: Prioritize the Black vote

Politician is favored among peers to succeed House leader Nancy Pelosi

STACY M. BROWN

NNPA Newswire Contributor

There's at least a perceived growing number of Democrats who say they want to replace California Rep. Nancy Pelosi as the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives. South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn has emerged as a favorite among his peers to become the first Black American to hold that position.

In an exclusive interview with the NNPA Newswire, the 25-year congressman said that, while he's ready for the challenge, Democrats currently have much bigger fish to fry.

"The first order of business is to win the [midterm] elections on Nov. 6," Clyburn said. "That's what I've been concentrating on."

Clyburn and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Cedric Richmond each told the NNPA Newswire that they've identified 37 districts across the country they believe can be won by Democrats this year, which would wrest control of the House from Republicans.

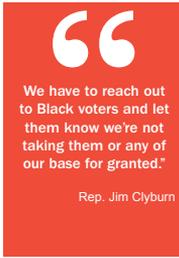
"We feel, with the right kind of effort, we can win," Clyburn said.

Clyburn listed three keys to success this November.

The first key, Clyburn said, is to prioritize the Black vote; Democrats can't afford to take the Black American vote for granted.

The second, the Democrats shouldn't rely on an anti-President Donald Trump wave to get out the vote. Finally, Clyburn said that candidates must advertise in the Black Press, if they want to win in November.

"We are also talking about



districts where Barack Obama won twice and where Hillary Clinton also won, but these voters don't turn out for the so-called 'off-year elections,' Clyburn said. "We can't let these voters feel like we're taking them for granted."

Clyburn, 78, said he was recently taken aback by one candidate, who said that he could win the Black vote by running on an anti-Trump platform.

"Wait one second," Clyburn said that he told the individual. "We can't just go around being 'Republican-light.' We have to be out there putting forth an alternative message for our base, and we have to reach out to Black voters and let them know we're not taking them or any of our base for granted."

A former history teacher, Clyburn said Trump's obsession with dismantling Obama's legacy is reminiscent of tactics employed by Andrew Johnson to demean his predecessor, Abraham Lincoln.

Johnson, who was impeached by House, had a vision of America as a white man's government, according to historians.



South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn

"If you remember, it's the same kind of reaction Johnson had to Lincoln and I remember sitting alone once in the Oval Office with Obama and

I told him that this would be the kind of reaction he could expect," Clyburn said.

"(Obama) was never going to get the kind of respect for

his presidency that was shown to presidents before him," Clyburn said. "The narrative that exists in this country is that there are certain things

that Black folks are not supposed to do and one of those things is becoming the president of the United States and [President Trump] and his administration, feel they have to do whatever they can to wipe out any semblance that Barack Obama was ever president of the United States."

Clyburn continued: "[Trump] has a deep-seated hatred for people of color and it manifests itself every day."

Though he doesn't support or agree politically with former Trump aide Omarosa Manigault Newman, Clyburn said he was deeply troubled when Trump referred to her as a "low life" and a "dog."

"I'm the father of three daughters and I'm deeply insulted by the president of the United States referring to an African American woman the way he referred to her," he said. "Politics aside, I'm insulted that the president of the United States would denigrate the office in this way."



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Board members, host and judge were photographed after the board installation. From left are Judge Kenneth Gillespie; Rodney Baltimore, master of ceremonies and HOT105 radio host; Brian C. Johnson, vice mayor, West Park; Bryan Cunningham, Urban League of Broward County's Entrepreneurship Center; Shaheewa Jarrett, Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce founder; Jeff Bridges, executive vice president, Center for Independent Living of Broward County; Rosalind Osgood, Broward County School Board member, District 5; Anthea Pennant, Broward College; Garrie Harris, Alpha1 Staffing & Search Firm; and Toney Coley, BB&T.

BROWARD LAUNCHES BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Helping businesses provide more job opportunities on the agenda

MALIKA A. HARVEY
Miami Times Contributor

More than 250 Black business owners and leaders celebrated the launching of the Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce last week. The chamber was established to increase the bottom line of chamber members, which would allow them to create more job opportunities for Black workers.

"Although [our community] has made tremendous progress, there is still work to be done and the statistics reveal that underlying truth," Shaheewa Jarrett, founder of the Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce, said. "Black chambers will always be relevant as long as we have disparities in the way public contracts are awarded, loans are administered and imbalances in opportunities with large, private corporations."

The Broward County Black Chamber plans on partnering with both the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, which both have existed since the 1970s.

Gordon Eric Knowles, president of Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, said he is glad that Broward now has an organization focused on Black businesses.

"It's a great thing. We need more advocates for Black businesses," Knowles said. "I look forward to working together to make sure that Black businesses are able to connect and grow."

Along with helping its businesses increase revenue and win more government-funded contracts, Jarrett said com-

“Our goal is to impact our unemployment numbers by helping people in our community start and expand their businesses so that jobs are created in our community.”

Shaheewa Jarrett



Shaheewa Jarrett, founder of the Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce speaks at event.



Judge Kenneth Gillespie administers oath during the board installation.

in the Black business community is to create jobs so that people in our communities can take care of their families."

According to the Small Business Administration, second to the federal government, Black businesses are the largest employers of Black Americans in the United States.

Statistics show that about 12 percent of Blacks in Broward are unemployed, while about 5 percent of white people and about 9 percent of Hispanic people are unemployed.

The chamber's other focuses are: accessing capital, advocacy, capacity building, connecting, promoting and education.

Already the chamber is diving into a nearly untapped market for Black businesses: medical marijuana. It will host a mixer 6 - 10 p.m. Aug. 23 at NYSW Jazz Lounge, 107 SW Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale to educate members about opportunities.

EDUCATION AND GROWTH

Anthea Pennant, board member of the chamber and district director of supplier relations, diversity business services and resource management at Broward College, explained why it is important for chamber members to learn more about accessing government-funded contracts.

"The reality is when you look at the procurement process, Black businesses are not as successful at winning the same amount of contracts as many of their ethnic counterparts," Pennant said. "So there's a need to be educated on how to access government-funded contracts."

Pennant explained that many local, small-and-minority businesses are "pretty talented" and have the skill

set but will greatly benefit from learning more about obtaining government contracts.

"Through the chamber, I'm hoping to use my voice of advocacy to really try to encourage companies to come and get the knowledge that they need so they can take themselves to the next level," she said. "My hope is that Broward College will become a center for entrepreneurship for all businesses."

Chad Cherry, a chef who co-founded Refresh Live Cafe Inc. with his wife Karen Pandy-Cherry, said he plans on joining the chamber to interact with other business owners and build capacity.

"One of the things that has been most impactful for us in our business is the support that we've found in communities of color," Pandy-Cherry said. "But that support was always fragmented. So when we walked in and saw all of these people we know working together in one place for one common goal that is exciting for us."

Kristen Goss, a family lawyer and chamber member, said she is interested in learning more ways her business can grow and how she can help others who are a part of the chamber.

"The chamber is much needed in Broward County," Goss said. "I think it's high time that we support each other in the Black-owned businesses [marketplace] by making sure that each of us grows because there's power in numbers."

Currently, members meet once a month at The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.

For more information contact the chamber at 954-451-1542 or info@browardcountymbblackchamberofcommerce.com.

USA's Ali Khan joins Trinidadian cricket team

SUMMER TOURNAMENT TO MATCH UP KNIGHT RIDERS AND TALLAWAHS IN LAUDERHILL

Miami Times Staff Report

The Trinbago Knight Riders added USA fast bowler Ali Khan to their squad for the 2018 Hero Caribbean Premier League tournament.

The tourney started Aug. 8 and runs through Sep. 16.

"Ali Khan has shown that he is a rapidly improving bowler of real potential, and we are excited about him joining TKR for the 2018 tournament. We are sure he will be a

real asset," said Venky Mysore, director of the Trinbago Knight Riders.

Khan will be replacing Ronsford Beaton in the squad as he continues remedial work on his bowling action.

First started in 2013, the Hero CPL is a franchise-based T20 format cricket tournament. Combining broadcast and digital viewership, more than 197 million fans watched the 2017 season to make it one of the fastest growing leagues in world cricket.

Ali Khan has played at the Hero CPL before, representing the Guyana Amazon Warriors in 2016, claiming the wicket of Kumar Sangakkara with his first delivery. He was first selected for the USA team in 2016 and has become a regular for his national team since.

The Trinbago Knight Riders are the current Hero CPL champions and the other competing teams are the Barbados Tridents, Guyana Amazon Warriors, St. Kitts & Nevis Patriots, St. Lucia Stars and

Jamaica Tallawahs.

Khan joined his new Hero CPL team on Aug. 11 at Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad wicket-to-wicket against the St. Kitts & Nevis Patriots. For the home match, Khan snared a three-wicket haul. However, St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots won by 42 runs.

Khan will also be returning to play for his new team in the USA when the Trinbago Knight Riders take on the Jamaica Tallawahs at Central Broward Regional Park in Lauderdale on Sunday, Aug. 19.



The St. Kitts & Nevis Patriots and Trinbago Knight Riders stand off at Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Aug. 11.

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JENNY ZIEGLER, Miami Times Contributor

To tweet or not to tweet — that is the question

Sports figures are haunted by social media posts that will never go away

There are instances when sports and tweets don't mix. Those instances include when athletes' views were better left unexpressed, better left un-tweeted.

Twitter is just one of the many social media platforms that have captured our attention. Twitter continuously feeds our insatiable need to be in the loop at all times.

At its core, social media has become the information highway. And most of the time, it's a pleasant and fun journey. In 280 characters or less, you get an overview of some of the hottest news and sports topics, the latest entertainment happenings or the 411 on something as trivial as what someone had for lunch.

It is also an avenue to espouse one's views on controversial topics such as politics and religion.

Navigating these byways are tricky at best, and one slip of the "character" can cause one to lose friends, fans, fame, followers, respect of peers and sometimes even one's job.

For better or for worse — Twitter puts personalities on full display.

Athletes are becoming their own publicists. Twitter has become their way to break their own news — thereby controlling the narrative — telling their story how and when they want to tell it.

Tweets can trip up a professional athlete, especially



Rashun Dixon

when clever becomes off-color. And especially, when prejudices are heralded toward a certain group of people based on their race, religion and/or sexual orientation.

Fans and the media hang on every word — or rather every one of these 280 characters. For the average person, it's not the biggest of deals, as they probably only have a few hundred followers.

But for professional athletes — with thousands and sometimes millions of followers — tweeting can become a pitfall.

Attempts at being humorous and polarizing beyond just being an amazing athlete to fans, teammates and media tend to leave one over-exposed.

Some questions profession-

al athletes should be asking themselves whether "to tweet or not to tweet?" Do I really want to tweet this? Should I tweet this? What are the possible implications, if I tweet this?

Along with notoriety, comes greater scrutiny. As with words once spoken, a tweet once tweeted cannot be taken back. You can try to delete it, but the internet never forgets and sometimes neither will the fans.

If you ever tweeted it, they will find it.

Recently, several sports stars have been exposed and scrutinized for off-color humor and homophobic rants.

Yankees' Sonny Gray found this out first hand earlier this month when an old tweet from 2012 in which he referenced a former teammate resurfaced from his twitter account.

Gray who is white, tweeted this to Rashun Dixon, his Black former teammate from the Oakland Athletics: "@sir_peanut 1: You didn't go to college. 2. You are black. #followtheliderleaderleader clap clap clap" and @sir_peanut what is a frat house?" Sonny Gray @sonnygray2.

Gray apologized saying it was just an "inside joke" with one of his former teammates,

yet his statements were made on a very public forum.

Milwaukee Brewers' Josh Hader, now 24, having tweeted this at 17 years old, covered all the wrong bases with his racist, homophobic and threatening tweets.

"White power lol" "KKK"—"N----bot? The (expletive)! That just made my night! Smh"

"I hate gay people."

"I'm deeply sorry for what I've said, and it doesn't reflect any of my beliefs going on now. I was young, immature and stupid, and there's no excuses for what was said or what happened," said Hader.

Although he said there are no excuses, he continued to blame his youth, immaturity and possible rap lyrics.

Racism and bigotry is not a rite of passage. #SMH. And the tweets just keep on coming.

Washington Nationals shortstop, Trea Turner came up short and racially tone deaf. He is yet another athlete to have odd, offensive tweets surface. Turner's tweets are from 2011 and 2012.

@treaturner - "if I was black I would have some long a_dreads and "once you go black, you're gonna need a wheelchair."

How about once you go on ridiculous racist rants, no matter how long ago, you're going to need #sensitivity-training?

Atlanta Braves pitcher, Sean Newcomb also apologized recently for a series of offensive tweets he sent as a teen. He called them "some stupid stuff."

One tweet was reported to include racial epithets that were a part of a rap song lyrics, and several others contained gay slurs.

Stupid is an understatement. Tweeting racially offensive material is more than just a stupid prank.

Openly gay, former outfielder and current Major League Baseball vice president for social responsibility and inclusion, Billy Bean said in a statement, "such inappropriate comments have no place in our game."

Nor do they have a place in our society.

The Fifth Amendment guarantees every American freedom of speech, but it doesn't immunize one to the consequences that go along with saying or tweeting whatever one thinks.

The old saying, "think before you speak," should be modernized to say, "think before you tweet."



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RYAN SUPPE
USA Today



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More of the country's highest paying jobs are in technology, and they all require specialized training – but not necessarily an advanced degree. In return, workers can expect a salary of \$100,000 or beyond.

Glassdoor, a jobs and recruiting website, found that 13 of the 25 highest-paying jobs in America are in tech, up from 11 in last year's report. Tech has the most jobs of any field in the top 25, while health care holds the spots for most richly paid.

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What are they? In tech, the highest-paying jobs include enterprise architect (\$115,944 median base salary), software development manager (\$108,879) and software engineering manager (\$107,479).

Overall, physician jobs pay the most (\$195,842 median base salary), pharmacy manager is second (\$146,412) and pharmacist is third (\$127,120).

The report is based on salary reports from people who hold these positions shared on Glassdoor's website.

There are no CEOs, professional athletes or movie stars on the list because Glassdoor doesn't include "C suite" or executive jobs with a "Chief" at the front of the title. And the company only includes positions with at least 100 reviews on its site.

"For many years tech roles have dominated this list," says Amanda

Stansell, an economic research analyst at Glassdoor. "This reinforces that employers are willing to pay top dollar for these positions."

High demand for skilled tech workers continues to outpace supply, Stansell said.

Those jobs don't only exist at major tech companies, as many tech roles have moved to other industries. In retail, for example, companies "need skilled tech workers to research and analyze data to further their business practices," Stansell said.

A different study from real commercial real estate firm CBRE, released last month, found similar results. That report said cities like Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., have an influx of tech graduates but not enough jobs to

keep them all there. Many of those tech graduates are relocating to cities with a lower cost of living in the American Midwest and Canada.

Skilled workers entering the workforce now should look at their online network for people doing the jobs that they want, says Stansell. That way, they'll see the diverse paths to get there.

For a data scientist in particular (number 25 on the list), there are many different ways to

land a high-paying job, and it doesn't always require an advanced degree.

"You can get many of these jobs by attending a coding boot camp or by learning different coding languages," Stansell said.

Other jobs, like

a scrum master, or someone who manages the process of how information is exchanged (number 20 on the list with \$98,239), require several years of on-the-job experience.

Stansell predicts the number of high-paying tech jobs will continue to grow as it has for the last few years.

Eight job titles are new to the list this year, including strategy manager (No. 18, \$101,754), cloud engineer (No. 23, \$96,449) and data scientist (No. 25, \$96,116).

Glassdoor also studied what job seekers are looking for when researching job ads. A survey found that salary and benefits

are the most important factors for Americans when job searching, followed by location, commute time and positive employee reviews.

Once on the job, employees care most about "company culture and values, career opportunities and trust in senior leadership," Stansell said.

**CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVES COMPENSATION, REMUNERATION OR EXPENSES FOR CONDUCTING LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES BEFORE CITY STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OR THE CITY COMMISSION. A COPY OF THE APPLICABLE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK (MIAMI CITY HALL), LOCATED AT 3500 PAN AMERICAN DRIVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33133.

AT THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M., IN ITS CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 3500 PAN AMERICAN DRIVE, THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM RELATED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENTS, ACCEPTING THE PLAT ENTITLED "NEOS SUBDIVISION", A REPLAT IN THE CITY OF MIAMI, SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE PLAT AND STREET COMMITTEE AND THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN CITY CODE SECTION 55-8, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATIONS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SW 23 STREET, BETWEEN SW 18 AVENUE AND SW 19 AVENUE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PLAT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDATION OF SAID PLAT IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Copies of the proposed Resolution are available for review at the Public Works Department, Survey and Land Records Section of the Construction Division, located at 444 SW 2nd Avenue, 4th Floor, during regular working hours. Phone 305-416-1232.

The Miami City Commission requests all interested parties be present or represented at the meeting and may be heard with respect to any proposition before the City Commission in which the City Commission may take action. Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 250-5361 (Voice) no later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding. TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service) no later than five (5) business days prior to the proceeding.


 Todd B. Hannon
 City Clerk
 #31274

Public Health Trust
Jackson Health System
 Miami, Florida 33136

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Proposals are hereby solicited and will be received on behalf of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Health System of Miami-Dade County in the Procurement Management Department, 1500 NW 12th Avenue, Suite 814, Miami, FL 33136 on the date indicated below. The Request For Proposal (RFP) solicitation document can be obtained at the same location at this time. This competitive RFP process is governed at this time by the "Code of Silence" in accordance with County Ordinance No. 98-106.

The following Request for Proposals (RFP) is due by 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

RFP No. 18-16146-TC: Construction Management Services for Diagnostic Treatment Center (DTC) Vertical Expansion ICU Tower Project

Contact Name: Teodoro Carrasco, Ph.D., CPO, CPPB, Senior Procurement Contracting Officer
Contact Number: 305-585-8291
Email Address: teodoro.carrasco@jhs.miami.org

To view bid documentation, visit JacksonSupplierPortal.org.


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The Associated Press

Aretha Franklin, who was born and rose to fame during the segregation era and went on to sing at the inauguration of the first Black president, often used her talent, fortune and platform to inspire millions of Black Americans and support the fight for racial equality.

“She not only provided the soundtrack for the civil rights movement, Aretha’s music transcended race, nationality and religion and helped people from all backgrounds to recognize what they had in common,” said longtime civil rights leader the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery.

Franklin, who died Thursday at 76, was a close confidante of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and a financial lifeline to the civil rights organization he



ARETHA FRANKLIN

leaves powerful civil rights legacy

co-founded, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Queen of Soul’s commitment to civil rights was instilled by her father, the Rev. C.L. Franklin, who also knew King and preached social justice from his pulpit at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit.

The church, in fact, was the first place King gave his “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963. Among those in the congregation were Aretha Franklin and Mahalia Jackson. It was Jackson who later urged the civil rights leader to “tell them about the dream, Martin” at the March on Washington, where he delivered the oration for which he is most famous.

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But Blacks were still a year away from the Fair Housing Act. And just months after the song was recorded, urban centers, including Franklin’s hometown of Detroit, would burn, exposing police brutality and unequal living conditions and job opportunities.

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“Her songs were songs of the movement,” Andrew Young, the former King lieutenant and U.N. ambassador, said Thursday. “R-E-S-P-E-C-T... That’s basically what we wanted. The movement was about respect.”

The SCLC often struggled financially, but Franklin played a vital role in keeping the movement afloat.

“Almost every time we needed money, there were two people we could always count on: Aretha Franklin and Harry Belafonte,” Young said. “They would get together and have a concert, and that would put us back on our feet.”



STRONG FAITH

King and Franklin were like spiritual siblings, sharing a bond rooted in their Christian faith, Young said. King would often ask Franklin to sing his favorite songs, “Amazing Grace” or “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” When King was assassinated in 1968, Franklin sang “Precious Lord” at his funeral in Atlanta.

Franklin’s “Amazing Grace” was also a comfort to the Rev. Al Sharpton when he was a boy. He recalled that his mother would play the song nonstop in their Brooklyn home after his father left.

As an adult and an activist, Sharpton became friends with the soul singer. He noted her unwavering faith, which she brought with her on stage to every performance.

“Whether it was the White House, Radio City Music Hall or the Apollo Theater, she always did gospel numbers,” Sharpton said. “She was unapologetically a hard-core, faith-believing Baptist. At the height of her career, she cut a gospel album. Who does that? Her faith is what motivated her.”



COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Long after the civil rights movement ended, Franklin remained committed to social justice, helping Sharpton as he began his organization, the National Action Network, in New York. She would call Sharpton for updates on the emerging Black Lives Matter movement, asking about such cases as those of Trayvon Martin and Eric Garner.

“She gave so much to so many people, from Dr. King, to Mandela, to Barack Obama,” said Rev. Jesse Jackson, a longtime friend who visited her the day before her death.

Her presence and influence were as valuable to the movement as her financial contributions, Sharpton said.

“To have someone like that that involved and interested... was a statement,” he said. “It gave all the credibility in the world. Others had celebrity, but she had gravity and respect.”



On a civil rights trail

A history tour is even more meaningful when you don’t follow the map

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A new brand for Macy’s

Rituals launched its line of bath and body products in the store

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Campers wow audience with ‘Sounds of Motown’

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SBC Community Development Corp. Youth Zone displays talent

Miami Times Staff Report

Jitters, giggles and excitement filled the Seminole Theater in Homestead on Friday evening, Aug. 10.

Summer camp participants from the SBC Community Development Corp. Youth Zone took the stage for their culminating summer production performance of "The Sounds of Motown."

"The Sounds of Motown" is a children's musical featuring student and professional actors chronicling the real story of Berry Gordy and Motown Records. It celebrates the

SEE SBC 6C



Photos courtesy of Mary Williams-Evlin

Campers at the SBC Community Development Corp. Youth Zone portrayed some of the best Motown acts in their end-of-summer production, "Sounds of Motown."



Miami Times photos/ Kishanda Burns

A NEW BRAND FOR MACY'S

Rituals launched its line of bath and body products in store

KISHANDA BURNS
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Customers shopped and looked around the spacious department store curious to discover what was the cause of all the white balloons.

What they found in Macy's Aventura is a luxury bath and body booth for Rituals.

"Rituals is a luxury cosmetic company from Europe," said Amelia Swygert, the brand's wholesale

coordinator. "We originated in Amsterdam in 2000 and our founder was trying to bring a little peace and tranquility into everyone's daily routine."

Rituals had its launch in Macy's Aventura through a partnership the brand's founder Raymond Cloosterman made with the store a year ago.

Swygert found herself informing and engaging with customers to educate them about the line that includes different body scrubs and

shower gels.

Customers became excited once they had learned that it was a possibility they could win up to \$25 in free products along with other offers.

"The whole idea is to help you slow down and enjoy the moment and transform your daily routine into meaningful rituals," said Swygert, "instead of just taking a shower; you really enjoy the experience."

Customers were able to sample Rituals' products.



Johnny
MATHIS

is still wonderful

KAREN HELLER
The Washington Post

Johnny Mathis, master of the velvet vibrato, exercises with a personal trainer at 5:30 in the blasted morning every weekday that he's not on perpetual tour of America's midsize cities and casinos.

"Everything counts when you're onstage," he says, perched on a stationary bike at a hotel gym. "The age thing crept into my life for the first time when I became 80 years old."

Which was two years ago. Mathis's self-discipline extends to a practice of limited talking in the days before a concert to maintain his lustrous tenor, "which is everything" — his livelihood, his identity.

His music became the soundtrack for people's lives, for their loves and heartaches. And literal soundtracks: "Goodfellas," "Silver Linings Playbook," "Mad Men." In 2017, he recorded an album covering contemporary hits (Adele, Bruno Mars, Josh Groban) with smooth-jazz trimmings: "Johnny Mathis Sings the Great New American Songbook." But his fans require the classics. His crystalline enunciation, caressing every note, never quite jelled with rock-and-roll.

Mathis sports an enviable halo of sable hair. He's trim, fit, natty and a surprisingly compact 5 foot 7. Little reveals his age except a slight shuffle (two titanium hips) and his 1950s songbook. At every concert, he performs "my holy grail" of hits — "Chances Are," "The Twelfth of Never," "Misty," "It's Not for Me to Say" — from the days when he held court on Ed Sullivan and headlined the Copa Room at the Las Vegas Sands.

"You have to take advantage of every opportunity," Mathis says, flat on his back in soaked feet while lifting 20-pound free weights. "New generations come along all the time who don't know who you are. It gets very embarrassing. Go to the man behind the desk at the hotel. You go, 'Mr. Mathis.' And they say, 'Who?'"

Here's who: Columbia Records' longest-running record-

ing artist. An album-selling juggernaut whose 1958 "Johnny's Greatest Hits" spent almost a decade nesting on Billboard's chart.

A confidant of Nancy Reagan ("we talked about everything and everyone"), who nudged him to deal with his champagne habit at a rehab in Havre de Grace, Md. Collegiate high-jump champion whose 6-foot-5 1/2 record bested that of future NBA legend Bill Russell.

Winner of the Sinatra-vs.-Mathis "best make-out singer" debate, as adjudicated in the 1982 film "Diner." The unlikely role model of high-camp maven John Waters, who once hailed him as "so unironic, yet perfect."

Victim of Dr. Feelgood to the stars Max Jacobson, whose infamous amphetamine cocktail landed Mathis in the hospital and almost sidelined his career. A singer's singer: Barbra Streisand proclaimed, "There are a number of good singers, a smaller handful of truly great singers, and then there's Johnny Mathis."

A Black artist favored by predominantly white audiences. A gay man adored by female fans. "Poised on the cusp of Black and white, masculine and feminine," Mathis's finest songs "projected an image of egoless tenderness, an irresistible breath of sensuality," critic Robert Christgau wrote.

Long before the terms "multiracial" and "gender-fluid" came into vogue, Mathis owned those spaces. He was a man in the vanguard but performing as a most traditional artist, with a catalogue of classics and a 29-piece band.

The face, dimpled chin and all, matched the voice. "I fell in love with him immediately. He's one of the most handsome men I've met," says Deniece Williams, the R&B star who collaborated with Mathis in the '70s.

"It was cute," Mathis concedes, resting in a lounge chair in his furnished penthouse rental. "I had curly hair. I was not hostile. I was very agreeable. And I sang pretty songs. Most of the time, I sang them pretty good."

SEE MATHIS 6C

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

VENNDA-REI GIBSON | VENNDAL43@GMAIL.COM

Last week, the world learned of the death of **Aretha Franklin**, listened to her music on radio stations, saw many tributes and video clips of her performances and, perhaps, read the many articles published about her in newspapers.

On Aug. 16, *The New York Times* published an article with the headline: “**Aretha Franklin’s 20 Essential Songs.**” **Brian McCollum**, of the *Detroit Free Press* wrote an article with the headline: “**Aretha Franklin: The 10 defining songs from her 60-year career.**”

My classmate and friend **Langston McKinney** called me soon after reading these articles and said, “They didn’t have ‘Sweet Bitter Love’ on either list.” He reminded me that during most of our class reunions and class get-togethers, we always talk about the music, play the old school music, dance if we can to this music, and what comes to mind is radio station WMBM in the 60s. If you are of a certain vintage, you probably remember the old station located on Third Avenue with a large picture window where you could watch the disc jockeys. **Langston** said that **Butterball** would close his show with the playing of “Sweet Bitter Love,” sung by **Aretha**. WMBM still exists, serving the community with a different genre of music and news. The station has

been around for decades through many changes during our changing times.

Speaking of memories, this ad from the pages of *The Miami Times* newspaper dated

Oct. 5, 1963 is a wonderful bit of Black history. **Jacob Katel** wrote:

“WMBM was called the community station. Miami radio in 1963 was a major force in national playlists for R&B, pop, and dance music not only in the U.S., but the Caribbean as well. Flowing on the strength of the trade winds, even a tiny AM station like WMBM could be picked up as far away as the Bahamas, Cuba, and Jamaica, where listeners hungry for the newest American hits would go out of their way to position antennas in just such a way as to hear these crucial tunes and entertaining DJs, even if they had to wade through some static to do so. Guys like **Milton “Butterball” Smith** and **Terry Johnson** became stars in Miami, but also the island nations where their influence helped shape new genres like Ska, and gave salsa orchestras the latest jazz chops to study and integrate into their sound. **China Valles**, who was a buddy with **Duke Ellington**, was the jazz man. **Rev. Ira McCall** preached and played gospel. **Frank Martin** handled news.



Hall

Louise Griffin is a community specialist. **Sam Gyson** loved conducting interviews. **Terry Johnson** was into R&B, and so was the famous **Butterball.**”

Monday was the first day of the 2018-19 school year in Miami-Dade County and the first day of school always brings back some historical memories of earlier school and college days. Despite **Jim Crow** and the deeply rooted tentacles of segregation, we were fortunate to have high schools for Blacks in our community. It brought to mind stories told by friends who did not grow up and attend school in Miami. The late Dr. **Samuel Allen COUNTER**, a college classmate would remind us Miamians if how very blessed we were to have these schools. He grew up in Palm Beach County and attended Roosevelt High, the second high school for Blacks in West Palm Beach. The first was Industrial High. Roosevelt High graduated its first class in 1951. Black children rode buses from Jupiter, Riviera Beach and other communities down to Roosevelt. Those of us from Miami would be teased and called “big city” students because of vibrant communities like Overtown where we could shop, have entertainment and hotels.

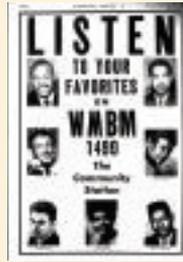
Our historically Black schools had intramural

sports programs and there were rivalries among these schools. In Monroe County, **Frederick Douglass High School** was where Black students attended until 1965 when schools in Monroe County were desegregated. Key West was a magnet for many Bahamians seeking to immigrate to the United States in the late 19th Century. During the war, many more Blacks came to Key West for jobs at the Naval Air Station. Students had to travel to communities in Dade County and beyond to participate in sports activities. We made a way out of no way.

So perhaps on Monday, some of you thought of former teachers, administrators and students from your past who are a part of your historical memories and the schools that existed in our Black communities. Black schools produced and made contributions through the graduates of these schools to Black communities across the nation.

As I close, I want to reiterate that I write news about all of the sororities and the work they do in the community. Members contact me and share. I welcome these tidbits so I can share them. *The Miami Times* is a Black newspaper, and if we don’t share these stories, who will?

When I speak of sororities, I often think of the meaning of the word so-



See the need, wait not to bleed
move forward together
hand in hand.

A sisterhood of green,
blue, gold and red
Wearers of every hue at
will.

Deal breakers, power
makers, always on the
brink

They are powerful, pio-
neers, sister of links.

A chain of sisters mag-
nificent

Melting together every
shade of sisterdom.

Each link connected to
another

Calls its sisterhood Link-
dom

Across the spectrum of
colors

Sisters of many hues are
bonded,

They analyze humani-
ty’s condition

Then Step up, Speak up
and step in for humankind.

I also share a picture of
Rose Lynn Hall who
was recently selected to
be a member of the Peace
Corps. **Rose** is quite a
remarkable young woman.
Her picture wasn’t in-
cluded in a recent article.

Cherish our right to
vote and exercises it. We
stand on the shoulders
of all who fought for our
right to vote. Changing
times call for much dili-
gence and vigilance at the
polls.

And so it is, with grati-
tude to all of you readers
as you Live, Pray, Love,
Dance, Sing and Laugh in
our whirl. Cherish all of
your stories to share, tell
them, talk about the good
ole days. Talk about the
not so good and bad ‘ole
days. Talk about the days.

We make history each
day. Today will be history
tomorrow and hope-
fully you’ll remember before
you forget. Blessings.

SISTERS OF COLOR

Earth tone, ivy green
comes on the scene.

No borders these sisters
know.

Across the pond or great
oceans they go,

Making changes in the
status quo.

These sisters like their
red, perhaps rose hues

Crimson, heart deep
made.

They step up, they step in
Ready, expecting and
anticipating the manifesto.

These sisters don the
blue,

Royal mystical that says
authority.

They hear the call
And answer one and all.

Sisters in bands of gold
Silently strong, they
guard the domain

WILD FOR
ALASKAN SALMON
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Publix

Image courtesy of Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute



RON STODGHILL
The New York Times

While awaiting the arrival of the all-Black cast of her original production "Tulsa '21: Black Wall Street" for a final rehearsal, Brooke Watkins waxed nostalgic about Tulsa's promise at the turn of the century, inviting me to step back in time and imagine the gentrified neighborhood that now surrounds us on the morning of June 1, 1921. Back then, Greenwood, which the famous Black scholar Booker T. Washington renamed the Negro Wall Street, was booming with more than 600 Black-owned enterprises, including hotels, theaters and restaurants.

"And then, on that hill, around sunrise," Watkins said, her finger tracing a horizontal line in the air, "men gathered with machine guns and they started killing people from up there. White women and children gathered up there and took pictures, like a spectacle." The killing spree, one of the bloodiest episodes of racial violence in American history, ended with, according to various historical accounts, as many as 300 Black Tulsans dead and Greenwood, the wealthiest Black community in the country, reduced to rubble.

Admittedly, investigating a nearly 100-year-old mass murder was a detour from my intended journey.

Earlier, I had set out on a nicely scripted jaunt to several sites listed on the United States Civil Rights Trail, a driving tour recently coordinated by state tourism agencies. The tour wends its way across 15 states and a succession of churches, courthouses, schools, museums and other landmarks where activists challenged segregation in the 1950s and 1960s, largely in the South. Initially, if the idea of landmark-hopping through a couple of states seemed an efficient way to gain insight into major events of the civil rights era. Ultimately, I designed and followed a kind of hybrid trail, cobbling together sites designated by the tourism departments with decidedly middle-America places whose histories I believed were either too important or intriguing to pass by.

To be sure, it's only natural that a civil rights tour would find its heart in the South, in the epic and well-chronicled battles for equal access to public education, public transportation and voting rights. In Greensboro, N.C., you can visit the Woolworth's lunch counter where Black college students staged sit-ins; in Selma, Ala., walk the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where a bloody march led Congress to pass the 1965 Voting Rights Act; or in Memphis, visit the church where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, and the Lorraine Motel, the site of his assassination, now expanded into the popular National Civil Rights Museum.

In a sense, my United States Civil Rights tour became a convenient excuse for me to explore Black history in the heartland. Indeed, Missouri and Kansas lay claim to at least two landmark civil rights cases — Dred Scott v. Sandford, in St. Louis, and Brown v. the Topeka, Kan., Board of Education.

For my travels, I plotted a simple route: I would drive counterclockwise from central Missouri into Kansas, and then head into Oklahoma, and lastly north into the southwest corner of Missouri.

Starting in the early 1700s, Missouri began trading slaves to work in an

A mural across the street from Monroe Elementary School in Topeka, Kan., painted by the community.

Photos: Robert Rausch for The New York Times

On a civil rights trail

A HISTORY TOUR IS EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL WHEN YOU DON'T FOLLOW THE MAP

economy fueled by farms rather than the large cotton or rice plantations in the South. In general, most Missouri masters held only one or two slaves, according to historical records.

My first stop, Independence, Mo., home of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, quickly proved me a wayward traveler. Less drawn to Truman's 1948 signing an executive order to desegregate the armed forces, I found myself bypassing the museum, a major attraction on the trail, to explore an unlikely pre-Civil War alliance: William Quantrill, the notoriously savage

Confederate guerrilla leader, and John Noland, a free slave who served as his primary scout and spy. Historians speculate that Noland teamed up with Quantrill's raiders as a kind of revenge against Jayhawkers — often-violent gangs of abolitionist Kansans — who had abused Noland's family.

John Noland, one might conclude, died on the wrong side of history. Far more inspiring is the story of Hiram Young, a freed slave who became a wealthy manufacturer of freight wagons in Independence in the mid-1800s.

Kansas City, a trail suggestion for

those visiting Independence, tells a familiar history of urban riots following King's 1968 assassination, when citizens were gunned down by police, local businesses burned and National Guard troops swept in. Stafford and I talked about the city's history of racial unrest as we hung out around 18th and Vine, the renowned mecca of Black politics and entertainment in the city.

As we strolled the neighborhood, past a colorful mural of the founders of the Kansas City-born Negro Leagues — the Black baseball teams that played between the 1920s and 1950s — I took note of the rich history packed into a few city blocks, pausing at The Call building, headquarters of the famous Black newspaper founded in 1919 and still operating. Its newsroom was home to one of my heroes, Lucile Bluford, who worked as a reporter and editor covering civil rights issues.

The United States Civil Rights Trail is heavy with tales of Blacks struggling to gain access to an adequate education, but the theme crescendos in Topeka, Kan., a designated trail site, where Oliver Brown, the father of a Black schoolgirl, challenged the nation's "separate but equal" doctrine and changed the course of history.

SEE TRAIL 6C



Woodlawn Cemetery in Missouri, where John Noland and Hiram Young are buried.

LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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EVENTS

■ The Miami Arts and Entertainment Council (MAEC)
Seventh Annual Paint Me Miami competition at 7 – 9 p.m. on Nov. 2, 8990 Biscayne Blvd #2. All talented artists, art students, up-and-coming artists and art aficionados are invited. The event is free. For more information, please visit the MAEC website at www.miamigov.com/arts/ or email Miriam Flores, MIFlores@mi-amigov.com.

■ 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.

■ 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://miamifl.simpleviewcrm.com/webapi/rsvp/v2/?action=registrationForm&eventid=799&sessionuid>

■ 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

■ 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 Po-

lice Station; 799 NW 81st St.; Info: Call 786-512-3641

■ Women on the Move, Inc.
Every fourth Saturday for women 55 and older who are interested in traveling and networking; Location and time TBA; Info: Call 305-934-5122

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

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

■ The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University
6:30 p.m. every second Thursday; Omega Center, 15600 NW 42nd Ave.

■ Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter
9 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts

Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-336-4287

■ The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association
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■ 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.

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■ Women in Transition of South Florida
Class: Free computer lessons for women; time, date and location TBA; Info: Call 786-477-8548

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

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

BOOK REVIEW

Storm mirrors stormy life, spurs change

Carole Boston Weatherford tells the story behind hymn, 'Amazing Grace'

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In church, you sing a lot of songs. Some are just for Sunday School, and you clap when you sing them. Others make you dance right in your seat. And some songs you sing in church are very old and have a quiet, hidden meaning. In "How Sweet

the Sound" by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison, you'll learn about one song that feels a lot like a prayer.

John Newton was not a very nice man.

He was a brawling sailor, wand that was why he was so mean: he had to be tough, and that meant fighting and swearing and hurting people. He'd been doing it for

years, and he didn't have plans to stop. Toughness was in his blood.

But then, one night, there was a storm, and John was at the wheel of the ship as she tossed back and forth on the waves. The rest of the crew was frightened and, truthfully, so was John. He began to think about all the things he'd done in his life. He remembered how much he loved his mother, and he recalled when she died.

Was that when John be-



came a not-so-nice guy? Was that when he started "picking fights" and arguing?

No, John was still nice then. He met Mary, the woman he loved, and they had plans for the future until the Navy nabbed John and forced him to enlist.

Ah, there's where John became a cruel bully. It happened aboard a ship, where he worked hauling humans over the ocean to bring them to slavery. Oh, John suddenly understood – and he began to pray.

He prayed when he bailed water. He prayed as he plugged the leaks. He talk-

ed to God while he was at the helm of the ship. He prayed and prayed until the sun peeked over the horizon on wet but peaceful sails. He prayed because the crew still wasn't out of danger, and he kept praying until the ship reached land.

God spared John's life, and in gratitude, John became a preacher and spoke out against slave ships. Then he wrote a song that people of many faiths have learned on in times of trouble.

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The George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Mo.

TRAIL

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The most natural next step in my journey, I suppose, would have been to visit Little Rock, Ark., where nine Black students, known as the Little Rock Nine, enrolled at Central High School under National Guard protection, in a momentous test of Brown v. Board.

Some two hours north, off a two-lane gravel road in Diamond, Mo. — and off the designated trail — I encountered a far more prominent Black success story at the George Washington Carver National Monument. Carver, born around 1865 into slavery, rose to become one of the world's most renowned chemists, his inventions, agricultural research and teaching praised around the world.

Off the trail, with the sun fading — and a year-old NAACP travel advisory warning Black drivers about the risks of driving through Missouri still in effect — I headed home exhausted, Taney's words echoing across darkening highways and the nation's "original sin" lurking always close in my rear view.



The statue of Dred and Harriet Scott at the Old Courthouse in St. Louis.

Photos: Robert Rausch for The New York Times

MATHIS

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Yet, he says, "fans were often surprised to discover I was Black," even though his face graced every album cover. White admirers perceived him as one of them. Mathis knew his past

from the details. Although he helped raise money for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington, Mathis never felt comfortable putting himself out there or making a ruckus.

"I'm not one for being told what to do," he says. "I'll find a way of helping. I had to dodge people who wanted me to do something I wasn't



Brian Cahner/Associated Press

Mathis is surrounded by fans as he arrives in London for a tour in 1963.

was more complicated than Black and white, as was his place in popular culture. His maternal grandmother was part Choctaw, and he suspects that his grandfather, whom his mother never knew, was white.

At his concerts, Mathis is typically one of the few Black people in the theater. "My crowds have long been 90 percent white. It's all about the perception of the music," he says. "There must be a thousand reasons, but none of them are valid."

Mathis maintains that racial bias never affected him growing up in the 1940s and '50s — not until he toured the South, but again, he shies

ready for."

He's been guided by discipline and restraint, both in his private life and career. Some critics have argued that Mathis's affability and modesty — his deference to producers, his self-perception as a voice but not a musician — held back his artistry.

"Mathis had the greatest voice of his generation — one that was far better, technically, than Frank Sinatra's or Tony Bennett's or even Nat 'King' Cole's," Jesse Green wrote in the New Yorker in 2000. "And yet this did not mean that he was the greatest singer. He was too reserved for that, too hidden behind his amazing technique."



Photo courtesy of Mary Williams-Evyn

Campers at the SBC Community Development Corp. Youth Zone portrayed some of the best Motown acts in their end-of-summer production, "Sounds of Motown."

SBC

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music that inspired a generation, defined an era and reshaped the music industry.

The youth-filled production depicted all of Motown's big artist groups such as the Jackson 5, the Supremes and the Temptations.

"I wanted to play the part of Tammi Terrell because I felt like I could connect with her role. I used to listen to the song 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' all the time, and I did not know it was her," said Na'yilah Anderson who did portray songstress, Tammi Terrell. "I loved it. It made me realize that the music from that era is better than the music now!"

Christopher Robins portrayed Stevie Wonder, and acknowledged the artist's talent.

"[He] is an amazing, talented performer, and by portraying his role I was able to identify with being blind and to realize that it takes a gift that only God could give for him to be successful," said Christopher. "I think the production

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Na'yilah Anderson

was by far one of the best SBC CDC shows I've ever participated in. It really made people believe that even the younger generation can appreciate the older generation's music and talent."

Earlier in the day at the Seminole Theater, the SBC Youth Zone students hosted a private show for I am Different Inc., Camp Seminole, Homestead YMCA, Youth Impact, J&A Residences and the Children's Learning Center. Professional actor Joe Louis Sumpter narrated the production.

"Believing in the vision set forth by the SBC staff of empowering and inspiring the youth to do something positive and entertaining in the community, I thought that it was evident that team-building was essential in making this project work. From the staff to the choreography with each group performing, it was amazing to see children come together and work as a team."

Devonte "TJ" Miller was the musical director for "The Sounds of Motown." Miller summed up the night by saying: "The production was amazing!"

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Veterans from the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center won medals in bowling.

Photos courtesy of Zuleika Smith

GOing for GOLD

VETERANS COMPETE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION THAT WINS MEDALS AND BETTER WELL-BEING

JANIAH ADAMS
Miami Times Contributor

At the Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center are a group of former service people who have proven to be champions. In their late 60s into their 70s, aren't afraid to run a mile or throw a horseshoe. In fact, they train for months throughout the year to qualify themselves for the National Veterans Golden Age Games. But the training these vets receive physically carries out into other aspects of their lives.

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Zuleika Smith

“It's a senior adaptive rehabilitation program and it's designed to improve the quality of life for older veterans. So, we're basically promoting a healthier leisure lifestyle and overall health for seniors,” said Zuleika Smith, a recreation therapist at the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center in Miami. She's also one of the two coaches who help the veterans to train throughout the year.

The national games are held every two years. The team of 14 veterans recently returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the games

SEE VETS 8D



Pictured here are some of the veterans who participated in the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

Fathers form circle of support

Gun violence subject of town hall during men's conference

Miami Times Staff Report

The circle of fathers spread over two counties this past weekend. Tracy Martin, father of the late Trayvon Martin, started a gathering of men five years and dubbed it the Circle of Fathers Weekend Conference. This year, the men focused on the theme, “Bearing the Burden, Carrying the Load.”

The conference, hosted by the Trayvon Martin Foundation, kicked off with a mixer at NoMi Bar & Grill, 738 NE 125th St, North Miami.

Rod “Shooter” Gates, star of VH1’s “Love and Hip Hop Atlanta” was a special guest at the conference. In 2017, Gates’ eldest son, Rod Jr., 20, was shot and killed outside of an apartment complex in Morrow, Georgia. Since then, Gates has become an advocate of stricter gun laws and hosted an anti-gun rally to honor his late son.

A free town hall at the Miramar Civic Center focus on the effects of gun violence and its impact on the community. The panelists include: Tracy Martin, Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam, Gates, Santonio “Blaze” Carter, father of slain King Carter; Jason Jenkins, Miami

Tracy Martin, father of the late Trayvon Martin



Photos courtesy of Gregory Reed

Dolphins Foundation; and a representative from the Miramar Police Department.

The weekend included a gala Saturday at the Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale Beach, which highlighted the accomplishments of Dr. Rudolph Moise, Johnny Fannin, Lee “Freezy” Prince, Bryce Graham, Dr. Jameson Mercier, James “James T” Thomas and Darren Whitaker.

The Trayvon Martin Foundation was created in honor of Trayvon Martin, who died Feb. 26, 2012, due to gun violence. Since then, Tracy Martin has continued to serve as a role model to fathers and youths.

“There is nothing we can do to bring back Trayvon, but, if there is something we can do to help other families from going through this, then we're here,” said Tracy Martin.



Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam, Santonio “Blaze” Carter, Rod “Shooter” Gates and Jason Jenkins



“Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin”



Veterans compete in the horseshoes event during the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

VETS

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were held earlier this month. Their fourth time competing, this year, the team won four gold medals, four silver medals, five bronze medals, a fourth and a fifth-place ribbon.

The basic qualifications for the national games is that the veterans have to be registered at a veterans affairs medical center, have to be turning 55 by the end of the year of the competition, and they must get medical clearance from their primary physician.

The games have many athletic events, including bowling, basketball, air rifle, table tennis, swimming, golf and track and field.

"We've been fortunate to receive different donations of equipment, [and] monies from some organizations in the past, so we've been able to purchase some equipment," Smith said. "We've formed some community partnerships with different places in the community to use their facilities in order to train."

During their months of training, the two coaches create a schedule for the different events for which they'll train.

"Friday, we usually practice track and field, basketball and horseshoes and also the power walk," Smith said. "Some of the guys go out on their own sometimes and meet up and practice. We have somebody that coaches them in badminton and some of them meet up on Fridays and go bowling together. So, it's a concerted effort between us and some of the vets. Some, on their personal time, are part of bowling clubs or go golfing every week. Some of them have their own routines they follow."

With all of this training, Smith said many of the vets can do things most people in their age group would find



Participants in the Veterans Golden Age Games enjoy a basketball free throw event.

difficult to do. She said competing not only improves their health, but boosts confidence.

Charles James, a 77-year-old Vietnam veteran, said training for the games helps him to stay fit.

"I started practicing around January, and some started even before that. Once a week, I would go in and practice my craft. I play golf all the time," James said.

James competed in the basketball free throw contest, horseshoes, badminton, bowling and golf. He won a gold medal in basketball and won first place in golf.

"You want to go do well because the other members of your team, you're pulling for them," he said. "There are two to three other Vietnam vets, so you automatically have some kind of relationship with them. Now, you have a reason to get up in the morning and be active instead of staying home and watching TV."

Michael Chambers, a 71-year-old veteran who served in the Vietnam war from 1967-1968, said the games are valuable to him physically, emotionally and socially.

"You get to meet a lot of guys. More often than not, you're meeting guys who served in Vietnam the same time you were there," Chambers said. "Now you're in a group of people who are

speaking and getting to express themselves so it's very valuable to me."

Chambers suffered from two strokes in his lifetime, which caused his left side to be weaker than his right. He said his balance is "somewhat bad."

"Moving, it allows you to get better with coordination," Chambers said. "I know I'll never get the coordination I had, but I'm satisfied with the fact that I'm alive and these games help you to stay alive. It helps you to get up in the morning and do what you need to do and live a better life."

Smith said the team will continue to practice for local senior games, which are open to all seniors, starting in September. At that point, the veterans will set rehabilitation goals. Those goals can range from physical ability to mental health, Smith said.

"If we're talking about something with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or depression, having them work together in a group kind of forces them to form a bond," she said. "We try to keep it like a family unit. The team is good at coming out to support each other. We've seen some people kind of come into their own and we see their true personality come out ... We as coaches and therapists have seen their progression over the years."

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Rev. Alexander Ekechukwu, CSSp
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BAPTIST

New Philadelphia Baptist Church
Pastor Rickie K. Robinson Sr.
1113 NW 79th Street • 305-505-0400

Greater Harvest Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth McGee
2310 NW 58th Street • 786-717-5818

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New Christ Tabernacle Church
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Walking in Christ M.B. Church
Rev. Larry Robbins, Sr.
3530 NW 214th Street • 305-430-0443

New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Elder William Walker
5895 NW 23rd Avenue • 305-635-3866

New Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church
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Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Elder Johnnie Robinson
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Saudi Arabia prepares for the annual Muslim pilgrimage

Hajj represents one of the five pillars of Islam faith

OMAR AKOUR

The Associated Press

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia is preparing to host the annual hajj pilgrimage beginning Sunday, as over 2 million Muslim faithful are ready to take part in the ultraconservative kingdom.

The pilgrimage represents one of the five pillars of Islam and is required of all able-bodied Muslims once in their life. In recent weeks, the faithful have arrived in Mecca from across the world, all chanting "Labayk Allahuma Labayk," or "Here I am, God, answering your call. Here I am."

The hajj offers pilgrims an opportunity to feel closer to God amid the Muslim world's many challenges, including the threat of extremists in the Mideast after the Islamic State group was beaten back in Iraq and Syria and the plight of Myanmar's



A Muslim prayer pilgrim, only hands seen, prays near the Kaaba, the cubic building at the Grand Mosque, ahead of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

Muslim Rohingya minority want to pray for all Muslim countries, for them to live free in all places, in Palestine and in Burma, in all places, in Afghanistan and in India."

FAITH CALENDAR

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■ **The Universal Truth Center for Better Living**
A metaphysical new thought church for thinkers is inviting the community for a fun and free musical entertainment on Aug. 24. There will also be spoken word and performers that will showcase their rapping and singing skills. For more information, please call 305-624-1991.

■ **Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Liberty City**
Come and join Greater New

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church as they honor Brother Vane Eubanks with a musical appreciation at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 at 15311 NW 29th Ct. For more information, please contact Vane Eubanks Jr. at 786-539-9530.

■ **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

■ **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 for more information or to purchase tickets or visit stjohncdc.org. You can also email Susan Kelly at Skelly@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 954-260-9348 for more details.

■ **The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center**
Gospel Kickback with entertainment and fine dining; noon - 6 p.m. every Sunday; Call 305-224-1890 for more details.

■ **Metropolitan AME Church**
Food and clothing giveaway every second Saturday; Call 786-277-4150 for more details.

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

First Haitian Church of God

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

■ **New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry**
Free mind, body and soul self-improvement and Zumba fitness classes. Call 305-691-0018 for more details.

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

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

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

WHY PANCREATIC CANCER IS SO DEADLY

Aretha Franklin and several other celebrities died from the disease

Miami Times Wire and Staff Report

Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin died Thursday in Detroit from complications of pancreatic cancer.

"Franklin's official cause of death was due to advance pancreatic cancer of the neuroendocrine type, which was confirmed by Franklin's oncologist, Dr. Philip Phillips of Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit."

Pancreatic cancer is the third-leading cause of death from cancer in the United States, after lung and colorectal cancers.

The lifetime risk of developing it is about 1 in 63 for men, and 1 in 65 for women. This year, about 55,440 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and the disease will kill about 44,330 people, according to the American Cancer Society.

About 95 percent of people with pancreatic cancer die from it, experts say. It's so lethal because during the early stag-

es, when the tumor would be most treatable, there are usually no symptoms. It tends to be discovered at advanced stages when abdominal pain or jaundice may result. Presently, there are no general screening tools.

As people age, the risk of developing pancreatic cancer goes up. Most patients are older than 45, and nearly 90 percent are older than 55. The average age at diagnosis is 71.

Men have a slightly higher likelihood of developing pancreatic cancer than women, which may partly result from increased tobacco use in men. In the past, when men more commonly smoked than women, the gender gap was wider.

There is also a noted association with race: Black Americans are more likely to develop pancreatic cancer than whites. Doctors don't know why, but speculate

that higher rates of men smoking and having diabetes, and women being overweight, may contribute to that association.

Here is a look at the deadly cancer, and the rare form of it Franklin had.

What is pancreatic cancer?

Pancreatic cancer, like other cancers, begins when cells start to grow out of control. The overgrowth of cells interferes with the normal function of the pancreas.

Pancreatic cancer can spread to the lungs, stomach, spleen and bowel.

What is the pancreas, what does it do and where is it in our bodies?

The pancreas is behind the stomach in humans. The head of the organ is wide, and the body tapers to a narrow pointed tail end. In adults, it is around 6 inches long (think of the length of a dollar bill).

The head of the pancreas sits on the right side of the abdomen with the body behind the stomach and the tail near the spleen on the left side of the abdomen.

The pancreas produces chemicals to digest food. The organ secretes a clear, watery substance that

SEE CANCER 11D

Aretha Franklin performs at the world premiere of "Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives" at Radio City Music Hall in 2017.



Photo via The Associated Press

A way to a healthier lifestyle

New study provides critical insights on needs, attitudes

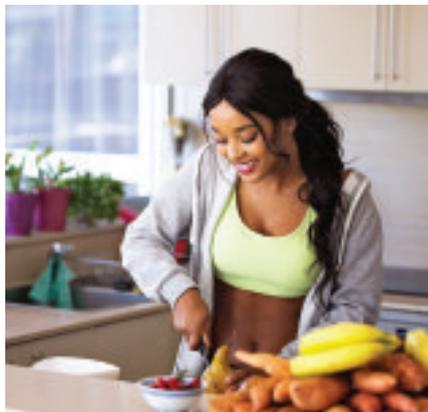
NNPA Newswire

Black people express more motivation to pursue a healthier lifestyle than non-Blacks, yet are less likely to describe themselves as being in good health, according to recent findings from the African American Health Engagement Study, a collaboration of Pfizer, the National Medical Association and the National Black Nurses Association.

The AAHES study examines the health attitudes and behaviors of Blacks and reveals important health-related cultural differences compared to other respondent groups.

Areas of focus in the study include spiritual health relative to other dimensions of health;

SEE HEALTH 11D



According to the African American Health Engagement Study, a collaboration of Pfizer, the National Medical Association and the National Black Nurses Association, 75 percent of Black respondents claimed to be taking some action to stay healthy, compared to only 52 percent of the other groups.

North Shore Medical Center names Daisy award winner

Special to The Miami Times

As a registered nurse at North Shore Medical Center, Valarie McLeod is recognized for striving to make a difference one baby at a time. The Daisy Award nomination she received is a testament to her hard work.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses is a special program that recognizes the outstanding deeds nurses perform every day. It was created by the DAISY Foundation, which was founded in memory of J. Patrick Barnes by his parents after they experienced firsthand the compassion and care of their son's nurses.

McLeod works in mother and baby. She received the Daisy award for her compassion, kindness and the love she shows to her patients. She strives to give both the



Valarie McLeod

mother and the baby exceptional care.

"We congratulate Valarie for being the Daisy Award winner this quarter. She is a selfless, friendly nurse, who is constantly striving to learn and is an example to her colleagues," said Mark Racicot, CEO of North Shore Medical Center.



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A rendering of the The Concours Club's clubhouse and track.

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CAPT. IRVING LANDS STEM IN OPA-LOCKA

The pilot will oversee vocational programming and training for area youth and college students

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The youngest person to fly around the world alone will now be embarking on a new adventure.

Pilot Barrington Irving has partnered with a local luxury automotive club to build facilities for his educational programs, Experience Aviation and Flying Classroom.

The goal is to create a learning playground for students and adults of the local community to experience real-world applications of STEM.

This experience will take place at The Concours Club, located within the Miami Executive Opa-locka Airport, set to open in May 2019.

"We couldn't think of a better ambassador and partner than Barrington Irving to lead a STEM program and job-training initiative at The Concours through Experience Aviation," said Neil Gehani, co-founder of The Concours Club, a \$220-million project, which includes a racetrack, spa and other private club amenities.

"His tireless work within the community and across the educational landscape,

in addition to his personal accomplishments, are nothing short of awe-inspiring. Barrington sets a level of excellence that will continue to motivate, educate, train and inspire young minds for many years to come."

Born in Kingston, Jamaica and raised in Miami, Irving rose to prominence when, at 23, he simultaneously set two Guinness World Records, as the youngest person and first Black pilot to fly solo around the world.

Irving founded Experience Aviation in 2006 as a nonprofit organization committed to challenging students, through STEM, to build an airplane from scratch and successfully fly it.

Eager to use his background to engage young people, Irving developed a



A trackside paddock at the Concours Club in Miami-Dade County.

Flying Classroom curriculum (flyingclassroom.com) that allows students to learn STEM through global expeditions and engage in problem-solving activities.

Experience Aviation has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships to students. Many of them have gone on to become working professionals in STEM industries, according to Ir-

ving. "With The Concours Club's commitment to continuing this program, we will further enhance the lives of those who have the drive, but were sorely in need of the opportunity," said Irving.

The opportunity could pay off well for the students. According to the National Association of Colleges and

Employers salary projections for the Class of 2018, employers expect to make STEM majors the top-paid graduates at the bachelor's-degree level.

Middle school to young adult students will learn how to build race cars, earn flight licenses, mechanical certifications and a host of other programs geared toward education and ca-

reer advancement with the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The program is expected to extend into nearby colleges and universities and also beyond the classroom. Irving will offer students formal internship and mentoring program at The Concours Club.

With assistance from longtime advocate, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, the brand new home for the program at The Concours Club will include classrooms, tech bays and equipment.

Through the partnership, there is a chance for an economic stimulus for the community. Experience Aviation has been projected to create 300 or more local jobs directly on campus.

"I am excited about the amazing partnership between The Concours Club and Experience Aviation. This essential community outreach component will fulfill a critical need for young people who reside in this area by stimulating their interests in STEM education," said Jordan.

In addition to Irving's job-training program, The Concours Club will also be home to aircraft charter and sales facilities, flight simulators, pilot instruction and "arrive and drive" support facilities.

Career clarity after internship initiative

Summer program spearheaded by Commissioner Barbara Jordan

Miami Times Staff Report

Kiara Finlay, a recent graduate of Miami Lakes Educational Center, plans to study English at Georgetown University this fall. She dreams of one day becoming an attorney, judge, and ultimately a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. She was able to take the first step towards that goal by completing an internship as part of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan's Summer Youth Internship Initiative (SYII).

Finlay, who worked at Jordan's offices, said that learning about legislative agendas and attending county commission meetings gave her insight on how the governmental process works.

"I was fortunate to be able to see the process first-hand, and see how they work

through things," she said. "I was able to get hands-on experience in the legal field."

For eight to 10 weeks, 31 students were paid to work in county government and the private sector as part of the SYII program. Students underwent an extensive interview process and were required to attend a daylong orientation session with a motivational speaker, life coach and several entrepreneurs. The initiative started June 11 and ended Aug. 10.

High school students from Miami Lakes Educational Center, School of Advanced Studies and Terra Environmental Research Institute participated in the program, along with college students from Florida Memorial, St. Thomas, Florida International, Marshall Florida A&M,



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Lehman Auto World representatives, from left are Christa Fitzgerald, Stephanie Chiles-Beauvais, Tivia Rouland of Commissioner Barbara Jordan's office, Darja Ferguson and Maite Julien

Florida State and Bethune Cookman universities and Miami Dade College.

Jada York, a senior who is studying biology at FMU,

worked at Jackson Health System. She said she worked closely with different departments but was grateful for the opportunity to shadow

an anesthesiologist this summer.

"He explained what each medicine did and how it would affect the patient,"

she said. "I got to be right by their side. It's a perfect opportunity and introduction to the medical field."

Ashley Anderson, who is majoring in psychology at FMU, said that working at North Pointe YMCA Center "was a dream come true because I want to work with children," she said.

Dominic Rivera, who worked at Miami-Dade Expressway Authority this summer, just completed his third SYII internship. Rivera, who is studying civil engineering at FIU, said his SYII experience has transformed his life.

"Since I started, I've become more assertive about my career choice. I was able to see the benefits of becoming a civil engineer. I became a leader in school and my community," he said. "I want to inspire my peers to better themselves, persevere, pursue, achieve and, most of all, be grateful."

Pastor OF THE WEEK



Byron Holton

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Miracles made daily.

Brown's Temple ministry is music to Byron Holton's ears

He left the secular industry to spread God's message

ISHEKA N. HARRISON
Miami Times Contributor

Byron Holton believes that when he implemented the biblical passage of James 5:16 it changed the trajectory of his life.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," the scripture reads.

Musically inclined at an early age, the 41-year-old Pompano Beach native

picked up the piano and drums when he was just 13-years-old and taught himself to play them.

Shortly thereafter, he joined a group with his brother and friends called "Sounds of Success" and they opened for acts such as Usher, Xscape, Benson Hammond, George Benson, Carl Thomas, Bobby Womack, Back Street Boys and more.

The group was talented and eventually received a

recording deal, then ended up breaking up. Holton, however, was a quadruple threat as a musician, singer, songwriter and producer with solo opportunities on the table.

By all logic, he should have been on the fast track to R&B stardom but, for some reason, he said nothing seemed to work out. The buffer: God's will.

"I just remember the prayers that me and my

brothers would always pray, that God would keep us from any hurt, harm and danger regardless of what; and I added, Lord your will at all costs, Holton said. "I believe it wasn't in God's will for us to become R&B singers or R&B moguls. With all the backing, with all the connections and the voices that we had, it just wasn't happening."

For the next decade, Holton said he continued to pursue his R&B career while being a musician in the church. Eventually he became convicted about his double life and no longer felt comfortable using his gifts to serve the wrong master.

"I noticed that synonymous with the type of music that I was doing, it also reflected my lifestyle. I just remember being a young man playing instruments in church as a musician and still trying to carry that lifestyle of R&B and all of the pastors preaching that word about you can't serve two masters and eventually it permeated my heart," Holton said.

Holton had been drinking, smoking and clubbing, but God's love for him found him in even the most unlikely crowds.

"I actually went to a club to mourn one of my good friends who was a producer who was shot and killed. I

go in there and I'm drinking Hennessy and I'm smoking a Black & Mild and I'm trying to dance, trying to fit in, only for a woman to come to me and tell me that I did not fit there and she asked me was I a man of God. Then she asked if we could pray in the club and when she started praying tears started flowing through my eyes," Holton said.

From that moment, Holton said he didn't return to that club, or any club for that matter. He began making major life changes in 2010 and left the secular music industry completely in 2012 to focus his efforts on a full-time gospel ministry.

Today, Holton serves as the minister of music at Brown's Temple F.B.H Church, located at 1081 North Powerline Road, in Pompano Beach. Services begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays.

He uses his platform to train vocalists, teach the purpose and importance of worship and train youth how to use their gifts. Through his company, BoyLion Media, he works on various musical projects, including his own, entitled "A Wretch Undone." The album details his personal journey and testimony.

"I trusted everything in this world and took chances on everything in this world and this is me singing about taking chances on Him

(God)," Holton said. He is married to Shauna and the proud father of five children ranging in age from 6 to 19-years-old. He has a heart for youth, showing it by bridging the generational gap, helping the homeless and offering hope to people who think there is none.

"I believe at this time there's a message that needs to go out. There's some things that need to be cleared up. There's a misconception of Christianity, the walk and having a relationship with God, and I just think that's really, really important. As long as people feel like, 'I can't do that,' they'll never even start the relationship and eventually wind up perishing," Holton said.

He doesn't think staying the course with R&B would have yielded effective ministry results.

"I try to be an example, most importantly. It's one thing to tell somebody to do something and then you don't do it. If I was singing a whole bunch of 'Baby I love you' songs, I don't think there's much of a message in it. I want to send a message and I want people to have their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Holton said.

To learn more about Brown's Temple, visit www.browntemplefbhchurch.org.

HEALTH

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awareness of and attitudes towards clinical trial participation; perception of state of health; and level of motivation to take action on health.

The AAHES research, which commenced in 2017, is designed to garner insights that could inform meaningful and effective actions to increase health equity in Black communities. According to recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Blacks face a greater risk of death at almost every stage of life compared with other American racial and ethnic groups, and Black people overall have a life expectancy more than three years

shorter than that of other groups.

"Our mission is to ensure access to the highest quality of healthcare for persons of color," said Eric J. Williams, president of the National Black Nurses Association. "Our participation in the study helps us better understand health attitudes and behaviors of African Americans... we are working to develop a sustainable plan of action that will make an impact on critical disparities that affect the health of our community."

Key findings of the AAHES study include:

- 84 percent of Black study participants described themselves as "highly motivated to improve overall health," compared with 76 percent of non-Black participants. Moreover, 75 percent of Black respon-

dents claimed to be taking some action to stay healthy, compared to only 52 percent of other respondents.

• 67 percent of Blacks surveyed agreed with the statement "I will do better on my health tomorrow," compared with 53 percent of non-Blacks surveyed.

• 36 percent of all Black study participants ranked their overall health (including physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual health) as "very good" or "excellent," compared to 43 percent of study participants in other groups.

• 79 percent of Black study participants viewed spiritual health as extremely or very important to overall health and wellness, compared to 59 percent of non-Black participants. 45 percent of Blacks reported being satisfied with

their body regardless of weight, compared to 36 percent of respondents in other groups.

When it comes to trusted sources of health and medical information, Black respondents said that they place their highest level of trust in medical organizations focused on Blacks. The least trusted sources for health-related information are those widely used in media channels, such as cable news and commercial broadcast networks.

The death rates for Black women from heart disease and breast cancer are far greater than that of other women in America, according to the CDC Health, United States 2016 Report. Black men of all ages experience higher mortality than men of other races and ethnicities and have

significantly higher rates of malignancies such as prostate cancer.

"Certain medical conditions are more prevalent and devastating for African Americans and other populations of color; diversity in clinical trials is one critical approach to closing disparity gaps. African Americans account for 12

percent of the U.S. population but make up only five percent of clinical trial participants. When it comes to increasing African American participation in clinical trials, we cannot overstate the importance of trust and collaboration," said Freda Lewis-Hall, chief medical officer and executive vice president of Pfizer.

CANCER

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contains enzymes that break down food.

What type of pancreatic cancer did Franklin have?

There are several types of pancreatic cancers and Franklin's was one of the more rare forms, according to an article by WebMD.

The tumor - a neuroendocrine type of tumor - is found in only about 6 percent of pancreatic cases, according to the American Cancer Society.

While neuroendocrine tumors are often deadly, depending on the stage of the

tumor, the outlook is generally better than that of pancreatic exocrine cancers. It is believed that Franklin's tumor was found in 2010.

Franklin also had diabetes, which can be a contributing factor in pancreatic cancer.

What are the symptoms of pancreatic cancer?

From WebMD, the symptoms of pancreatic cancer include:

- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes)
- Pain in the upper or middle abdomen and back
- Unexplained weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Fatigue
- Depression

What are the risk factors

for pancreatic cancer?

The American Cancer Society compiled a list of factors that could put you at risk for developing pancreatic cancer:

- Smoking
- Chronic pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas)
- Inherited conditions (including hereditary pancreatitis)
- Familial pancreatic cancer syndromes
- Longstanding diabetes
- Obesity

How is pancreatic cancer treated?

It depends on the stage of the cancer when it is discovered.

If the cancer is not advance, surgery, chemotherapy and

radiation therapy is often used. However many, if not most pancreatic cancers, are not found until they are advanced.

What is the outlook for those diagnosed with pancreatic cancer?

The disease is called a "silent killer" because it is usually not found until it has spread from the pancreas, making it extremely difficult to treat.

About 23 percent of patients with cancer of the exocrine pancreas are alive one year after they are diagnosed. Only around 8.2 percent will be alive five years after a diagnosis.

Cox Media Group and CNN contributed to this report.

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Happy Birthday

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,

In loving memory of,



CARL LEWIS
08/26/1957 - 04/30/2013

Forever in Our Hearts.
Love and miss you.
The family.

Mitchell

AVA MARIE FRANCIS, 61, teacher aide, died August 14. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



RUBY MAE CHEEVER RUCKER
10/22/1918 - 08/22/2011

You gave me your absolute best, and you deserved your rest. It is now a tradition, the day God allowed your beautiful transition. All my love, your loving son, Jimmie Cheever.

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Services
Wed. Interspersed Prayer 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun.-Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith

6702 N.W. 15th Avenue
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Services
Sunday Morning 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Thurs. Followup 11 a.m.

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1263 N.W. 67th Street
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 10:45 a.m.

Ray Michael D. Screen

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Services
Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.

Min. Harrell L. Henton

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7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship
11 a.m. Morning Worship
Evening Worship
1st & 3rd Sunday 8 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Website: cm93.org

Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

2330 N.W. 93rd Street
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St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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

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1470 N.W. 87th Street
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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.

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Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45p.m.
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Services
SUNDAY Bible Study
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY Bible Study 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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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

2171 N.W. 56th Street
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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

SAMANTHA **FREDERIC**, 35, supervisor, died August 10. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Stephens A.M.E. Church.



LUTHER ROLLY SMITH, 59, custodian, died August 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Soul Saving Station Baptist Church.



CLINTON J. PITTS, ESQ. Clinton J. Pitts, Esq., community activist and trial litigation attorney with more than 40 years trial experience in Criminal Defense (Federal and State Courts), died August 14. The family will receive guests at his viewing and memorial service 4-8 p.m., Friday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2400 NW 68 Street. The Wake immediately following the memorial service at the Omega Center, 15600 NW 42 Avenue. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at the church. The Rest at Potiana Park, 6745 NW 23 Ave., Miami immediately following the service at Peaceful Zion. Interment South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.



ANNE GERLIN, 87, homemaker, died August 13. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Notre Dame D Haiti Catholic Church.

Richardson

DEACON WEST, 64, longshoreman, died August 15 at Memorial Regional Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church.



CONSTANCE WRIGHT, 55, beautician, died August 20 at Kindred Hospital of Hollywood. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at New Bethel Baptist Church.



Trinity

KINIKA YOLANDA LANIER, 23, died August 12 at home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Albright - NC

FLORITA LOWERY, 72, died August 10, after a long battle with breast cancer. She worked as a teacher for more than 27



years with inner city adults in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Her assignments included North Miami Beach Sr. High, Miami Skill Center in Overtown, Jobs for Miami (A1A), and Women's Detection Center. Ms. Lowery leaves to cherish her memory: son, Lee Frank Lowery, Jr. (Acola) and daughter, Felicia Lowery-Hendon (Linwood); grandchildren and cherished friends. Services were held.

AJ Manuel

FANNIE E. SANDERS, 89, retail sales, died August 5 at home. Services were held at the A.J. Manuel Funeral Home Chapel, Hollywood, FL.

Hadley Davis

Miami Gardens
LAKESHA CALLOWAY, 43, customer service consultant, died August 16. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Christ the King Church.



DAVID IRVIN WILLIAMS, 62, laborer, died August 12 at home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.



TWALA HENRY PARKER, 49, cafeteria supervisor, died August 19 at Memorial Regional Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Church.



VALERIE GORDON, 62, supervisor, died August 19 at Kindred Hospital. Services were held.

Paradise

ANTHONY CAREY, 70, died August 12. Viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at Royal Funeral Home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at House of God Church, 3470 NW 215 St., Miami Gardens.



DAISY JACKSON, 65, died August 14 at Brookwood Nursing Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.



Wright and Young

MACARTHUR RIGBY, 74, technician, died August 12. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Church of God of Prophecy Miami #1.



WILLIE ALLEN, 75, truck driver, died August 16. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Pilgrims Rest Church.



SHERWYN MAUNDRY, 37, supervisor, died August 17. Final rites in St. John's, Antigua.

Eric S. George

WILLIAM ANDERSON, JR., died August 14. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Koinonia Worship Center Pembroke Park.



Eternal Rest

LENNOX RENWICK, 61, landscaper, died August 18. Service 4 p.m., today in the chapel.



Hail Ferguson Hewitt
MVURIM ADAMU, 63, died July 29. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

EULA HARRIS, 74, died August 12. Service 1 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

PAMBERLY SUTTON, 51, died August 20. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Providence.

Gregg L. Mason

MATILDA E. DOBNEY, 91, pastor, died August 5. Survivors include: son, **Clement Dobney** (Shirnet); daughter, **Sylvia Harley** (Raphael); six grandchildren; brother and sister; other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8:30 p.m., Friday at Faith and Life Fellowship Ministries, 121 South 24 Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33020. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Grace United Community Church, 901 NW 183 Street, Miami, FL 33169. Entombment: Caballero Rivero Southern.



RUTH CAROLYN SCOTT MOORE, 85, retired educator, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, died August 15. Survivors include: daughters, **Karen P. Moore** and **Kimberly M. Fortson**; grandchildren, **Daryl Patrice Fortson** and **Benjamin William Scott Fortson**; sister, **Mary S. Hardison**; other relatives and friends. Litany 6-8 p.m., Friday at Santa Cruz Resurrection Episcopal Church, 11173 Griffing Blvd., Biscayne Park, FL 33161. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at The Church of the Incarnation, 1835 NW 54 Street, Miami, FL 33142. Entombment: Caballero Rivero Dade North.



Hadley Davis MLK

YVETTE NORTON, 57, cafeteria worker, died August 15. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. James A.M.E. Church.



DAVIE RUSSELL, 46, construction worker, died August 11. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Range-Coconut Grove

ALEXINE W. DELANCY, 88, educator, died August 18 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church.



Nakia Ingraham

FRANK ALI, JR., 58, handyman, died August 10. Services were held.

MARIE FOURCAND, 67, aide, died August 9. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Haitian Baptist Church.

ANGEL CORREA, 35, TV parts tech, died August 18. Service 5 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



ALBERT "AB" BRYANT
07/22/1940 - 08/19/2007

Our beloved "AB," the memory of you will always be in our hearts. We will miss you and love you always!
Your beloved family.

Range

DR. LILLIAN KINDLE COOPER, 87, retired school administrator for Miami-Dade County School Board, died August 16. Memorial Service and Alpha Kappa Alpha Memorial Services 6-8 p.m., Thursday at New Covenant Presbyterian Church. Service 1 p.m., Friday at the church.



KATIE BATSON TURNER, 67, retired vice-president for AT&T, died August 13. Survivors include her son, **Stanley Batson** (Vanessa); daughter, **Stashia Chattman**; sister, **Minnie Steward Martin** (Rev. Norris Martin); brothers, **Kenneth Ralph Batson** and **Stanley Ricardo Batson, Sr.**; and a host of other relatives and friends. Memorial Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Grace Baptist Church.



VERNA MAE FOSTER, 87, retired logistics supervisor for Jackson Memorial Hospital, died August 19. Viewing 2-6 p.m., Sunday in the chapel. Service 12 p.m., Monday, August 27 at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



SABRINA MOTON, 58, cafeteria worker for Miami Dade County Schools, died August 18. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

CLARA MAE LOVE, 104, retired private nurse, died August 15. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late,



SARAH COLLINS SILER
08/30/1955-10/15/2008

TERRANCE BOSTICK

gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

Special thanks to Gregg L. Mason Funeral Home, Rev. Willie McCrae, Pastor of Redemption M.B. Church, 93rd Community Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson, Transit Workers Local 291, Class of 1976 of Miami Jackson Senior Alumni's, and Tower 4 Life Family. May God bless each of you.
The Bostick Family

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



DESIREE M. WALKER
08/20/1964 - 02/03/2016

My dear lovely twin sister, Happy Birthday to you. Twin sister Denise, Ashley and family.



Aretha Franklin

Hail to our Queen of Soul

Please come by to sign our Registry at Gregg L. Mason Funeral Home, 10936 NE 6th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33161, 305-757-9000.

Memory Book will be presented to the Franklin family by Gregg L. Mason.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



ESSIE MCCRAY

God gave us an angel - you embodied kindness, unconditional love, and a unique gentleness that made you very special. It's impossible not to think of you each day. Our lives changed six years ago, but we rejoice in knowing that we will see you again. Though gone from this place, you will forever live in our hearts.

Love, Kim, Jimmy, Mom, Jim, Pat, and Billy

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



MELBA TAYLOR RANDOLPH

an awesome, sweet and loving angel that we knew as: mother, grandmother, sister and auntie - and so much more.

Our hearts are filled with the most beautiful memories of you, Mom. Happy 97th Birthday!! Sweet angel, with love, your family.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late,



LAVERNE WILLIAMS

would like to thank everyone for all your many acts of kindness you've shown during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to the class of 1979, class of 1983 Coral Gables Senior High. May God be with you all. Theo Cunningham and Eric Terry.

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