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Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Andrew Gillum and his wife R. Jai, far left, pose with his pick for lieutenant governor, Chris King and his wife, Kristen, on the right.

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GILLUM PICKS

CHRISTIAN KING

TALLAHASSEE MAYOR CHOOSES FORMER OPPONENT CHRIS KING AS RUNNING MATE

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When Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum picked Winter Park entrepreneur Chris King as his lieutenant governor last week, he created a line to the faith community. King touts that he is a Christian as well as a Progressive Democrat, who believes in the "Gospel of Love," said King's spokesman Avery Jaffe.

"He believes that he can be a devout Christian and a Progressive Democrat at the same time," Jaffe said. King, a white, evangelical

Christian, made his money buying properties and turning them into affordable housing units after the crash of 2008. He worships at Summit Church in Orlando and has been a member of the nondenominational church since 2012. He holds no special office at the church, Jaffe said.

Gillum and King appeared for the first time as a ticket before more than 1,200 people Saturday at the Orlando Downtown Recreation Complex.

King addressed the crowd: "We believe that regardless of the color of your skin, regardless of who you love, re-

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gardless of who you worship, that this state must present the same opportunities and the same justice to all of us," he said.

He was one of five major Democratic candidates seeking the nomination for governor of Florida. On Aug. 28, Floridians chose Gillum to head the gubernatorial effort. King received 3 percent of the votes election night, but his plans for reaching the governor's mansion were revived last Thursday.

Gillum and King face recently resigned Florida Rep. Ron DeSantis and his running mate, State Rep. Jeanette Núñez, both Republicans.

Though King finished fifth in the gubernatorial race, after campaigning for almost 18 months, he formed a relationship with Gillum. The two spoke similarly about the issues including finding solutions to Florida's affordable housing crisis, providing access to health care, increasing Florida's minimum wage, repealing the "stand your ground" law and initiating criminal justice reform.

Both men are 39 years old and married with children. Gillum is married to R. Jai and King's wife's name is Kristen.

The selection of King to the Democratic gubernatorial

ticket will help Gillum "double down" on these issues, said Sean Foreman, a political science professor and chair of the Department of History and Political Science at Barry University. "They have the same policy ideas," Foreman said.

King's Christian background may be appealing to voters, said Foreman. "His strong faith tradition, which he openly speaks about, will be an asset, and I think it will appeal to voters across the state, but especially in the African-American community." James Bush III, a reverend and newly elected state

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Fallout from the primary: One Black senator

Newly elected candidates prepare to represent different demographics

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If the recent primary election started to reshape the political landscape for Black Miami, the November general election will complete the makeover.

Local senate and Black representation went down as voters made their picks for new state representatives and senators.

Former prosecutor and attorney, Jason Pizzo will replace Haitian-American incumbent senator for District 38, Daphne Campbell. In the Florida House, up-and-comer Dotie Joseph surprisingly

beat incumbent Roy Hardemon for the House District 109 seat.

But the losses didn't come in a vacuum. The replaced incumbents, Campbell and Hardemon, respectively were both involved in some level of controversy.

Campbell was embroiled in scandals that ranged from allegedly receiving a cash-stuffed purse from a donor at her 60th birthday party and re-election fundraiser, using her position as senator to restore power to her home and that of several family members following the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, to allegedly attaching her name to a Re-



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Newly elected Florida Senator for District 38 Jason Pizzo, left, talks to a community resident about the different issues affecting Little Haiti during the 2018 Miami Times Political Forum.

publican mailer that was sent to homes prior to the primaries. Campbell denied the accusations.

Hardemon's opponents brought up his past, which includes multiple arrests, at campaign forums, and he was involved in a melee during a Model City advisory board meeting during campaign season. Hardemon maintained that he was protecting an attendee at the meeting.

Change sometimes has a downside. Oscar Braynon II, senator for District 36, which covers parts of Broward and Miami-Dade counties, is now the only Black senator representing South Florida.

With the votes, the community said yes. Yet, are voters going to give fresh faces a

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EDITORIAL

He pleaded against gun violence. Bullets silenced him.

Delmonte Johnson's death in a drive-by shooting is a far too common way for young Americans to die

When they staged a "die-in" at Stroger Hospital in Chicago earlier this year, Delmonte Johnson and his friends — who together formed GoodKids MadCity, a group dedicated to ending violence in urban communities — had a straightforward request. They wanted what their wealthier, whiter, more suburban peers already seemed to have: freedom from the oppressive fear of being gunned down in their own neighborhoods.

Johnson, a 19-year-old who loved to sing and dance, who was an athlete and a budding social activist, will not get to see that vision realized. He was shot and killed last Wednesday after playing basketball near his home.

Johnson's death was tragic and unnecessary and engraving. It was also the sort of death that's become far too common in America, and in particular in Johnson's hometown, where more than 2,000 people have been shot so far this year, nearly 400 of them fatally. While mass shootings involving high-powered guns and high death tolls have claimed an outsize portion of the nation's collective grief — and its headlines — street shootings like the one that killed Delmonte Johnson are far more common.

Johnson, who lost several of his own friends to gun violence, knew that fact all too well. His own advocacy emerged in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, in February with the hope that some of the attention captured by that massacre might be cast toward communities like his — communities that are underserved, overlooked and routinely plagued by gun violence. "We have been screaming for gun control for the longest time," says Carlin Pittman, a friend of Johnson's who co-founded GoodKids MadCity. "But it's not until it hits other communities that people pay attention. And then they respond with harsher laws that criminalize black and brown kids."

Pittman, Johnson and their fellow activists pushed for better solutions in their community, including mental health and youth employment initiatives as well as trauma-informed schools, where children who lose friends and family members to gun violence can receive counseling instead of punishment — like detention, expulsion or even criminal charges — when they act out of grief.

Johnson spent the last months of his short life working to defeat the very plague that killed him. He protested. He volunteered. He raised funds. He served his community. Americans can honor his legacy by continuing that advocacy and pushing for an end to gun violence in all corners of the country.

—The New York Times

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Only voters can save this country

EUGENE ROBINSON, *The Washington Post*

Journalist Bob Woodward's new book and an op-ed by an anonymous administration official portray President Trump as dangerously capricious and amoral, exhibiting textbook symptoms of narcissistic personality disorder and behaving in ways that suggest, to some, early signs of age-related dementia.

But you know that.

We've all known about Trump from the beginning. We've known that he was entirely unfit to hold any public office, much less wield the awesome powers of the presidency, regardless of what political views he might have. Trump demonstrates this fact every single day.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the New York Times published an extraordinary essay headlined, "I Am Part of the Resistance Inside the Trump Administration." In it, an unnamed "senior official" claimed to be "working diligently from within," in concert with "many" colleagues, "to

frustrate parts of [Trump's] agenda and his worst inclinations." The author went on to describe chaos, dysfunction and a president who changes his mind "from one minute to the next."

Even more alarming, however, was the response from retiring Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), one of the few GOP officials who ever dared to criticize Trump, even mildly: "This is what all of us have understood to be the situation from day one."

Trump's enablers in Congress have all been lying to normal president in the White House instead of, let's be honest, a maniac. They know the risk the nation is running. They have the power to alleviate that risk, but they do nothing, instead counting on "mature adults" in the administration to keep Trump from plunging the nation off some cliff.

According to Woodward's book "Fear," Trump was go-

“It feels as though we have entered a new phase of the Trump saga.”

ing to pull the United States out of a trade agreement with South Korea, but former top economic adviser Gary Cohn, who saw the move as unthinkable, simply swiped the order from Trump's desk before he could sign it. At another point, the book reports, Trump phoned Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and commanded him to assassinate Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. According to Woodward, Mattis played along, hung up the phone and told an aide, "We're not going to do any of that."

It feels as though we have entered a new phase of the

Trump saga. As with all the prior phases, it's impossible to predict with confidence what will happen. But the combination of the Woodward book and the insider's op-ed feels like an inflection point.

We learned about the insanity inside the West Wing months ago from Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury," but he got enough little things wrong to cast doubt on the big things he reported. We read it all again in Omarosa Manigault Newman's "Unhinged," but she was a professional minor celebrity who had only glowing things to say about Trump until she got fired. Woodward, to say the least, is different. After this week, however, it's clear that we're already in a constitutional crisis of frightening proportions. The Cabinet will not act. Congress, under GOP control, will not act. The internal "resistance" can only do so much.

Voters are the last line of defense. You must save the day.

A Black wave is sweeping the state

ROGER CALDWELL, *NNPA Newswire Contributor*

Many political experts and pundits will admit that their polls were wrong, when they discuss which Democratic candidate would win the Florida governor's primary election. When a candidate like Jeff Greene comes into a campaign and spends \$34 million, and Philip Levine spends \$28 million, you must begin to ask the question, "Is politics a game only rich men play?"

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, a Black man who saw the Florida primary election from a different lens and surprised everyone with a historic victory. Black men and women don't like to talk about the special sauce, which is given to them from their ancestors, but the mayor's gift was on display in the election. During the race, Gillum was invisible, his campaign started with very little money, and many pundits expected him to drop

out of the primary.

Many will suggest that the mayor's oratorical skills reminded Florida Democrats of President Obama's speeches, but still many thought his campaign was not very significant. Historically, Democratic primaries were about only older voters and women, but in 2018 the younger voters stood up and showed out.

From the very beginning of this race, the Gillum camp knew that three middle of the road Democrats would split the base vote, and a progressive and diverse candidate could pull off an upset. When Jeff Greene entered the race late, he improved Gillum's chances to win the primary, by splitting up the wealthy older Jewish Democratic vote even more. Gillum's campaign stayed under the radar, but he kept his eye on the prize.

Many political experts are

“Many will suggest that the mayor's oratorical skills reminded Florida Democrats of President Obama's speeches.”

now saying that the young vote in Florida from age 18 to 30 increased after the Parkland High school shooting by more than 60 percent this year, after registering new voters. Early in the election Gillum did college tours and continued to utilize progressive young organizations to get the vote out. The final 12 weeks in when Gillum made his move after millions were donated by organizations, ce-

lebrities, Sen. Bernie Sanders campaigning with Gillum, and an infusion of cash from billionaires Tom Steyer, George Soros and a super PAC.

The fight for the soul of the Democratic Party starts with the unification, mobilization, and organization of the base. Gillum is a bold powerful voice for change, and the question is, "Will the Florida Democratic Party get behind this progressive candidate 150 percent?"

With Gillum being 39, it is very easy for the older Democrats to say they want fresh ideas, but the test is for them to support a young progressive Black man. All across the state diversity is winning and more women, Blacks, and Hispanics are winning their primary race. Now that these candidates are winning, "Is the Florida Democratic Party all in?"

LETTERS

Ighodaro wants correction from Bulldog reporter

Dear Editor,

Even though I won my election, I believe I have been done a disservice and grave injustice. I believe that our democracy is strong and our system is vibrant because we have the blessing of an independent, objective and free press. I need to clear my name and the public, particularly our Miami Gardens voters who overwhelmingly elected

me, deserve to be presented with the facts.

For the record, I am not under any investigation. A Florida Bulldog report cited erroneously as current an investigation that has been closed and found to be without merit (Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Close-Out Memo, July 26, 2018).

My history in politics in this community didn't start with my political wins, I have lost a few myself and

even when I thought my opponent had used unfair tactics or strategies to win, I have always called to congratulate my opponents.

One of the unique features that distinguish our legal system from that of other countries is our adherence to the rule of law. The rule of law is a fundamental tenet that undergirds the American democracy and jurisprudence. An allegation of criminal wrongdoing is

a serious matter and must never be taken lightly. Anyone, no matter who it is, that is charged with committing a crime, if convicted must suffer the consequences. However, no one should be made to suffer any criminal penalty, no matter how small, without due process of law.

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No need to push immigration agenda on the readers

Dear Editor,

I have an issue with The Miami Times newspaper pushing this immigration agenda on its readers. I am a Black American, a descendant of slaves, dealing with 400 years and counting of

oppression. I do not want to read about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and this immigration crap. Let's talk about Black Americans being enslaved through mass incarceration; Black men, women and children are in cages at camps.

Have we become so desensitized that we will put other people's needs and fight above our own?

The people need to know because clearly by the comments our people know nothing, and we are being conned by this fake existence

of solidarity with no guidelines. Let's focus on our own people and our problems first! Let's advocate for "Restorative Economic Justice" reparations.

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10 candidates campaign for change in Opa-locka

Residents dissatisfied with current commission vie for the positions

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With four open seats on the Opa-locka commission, it's no surprise that the candidates' campaigns echo change.

Three commission seats are up for grabs come Nov. 6. Once elected, the 10 candidates say they plan to tackle the city's finances, change the quality of life and improve transparency.

Most of the candidates stated their displeasure with the city's current leaders is their motive for joining the race.

"The biggest issue that the city of Opa-locka is facing is the corruption of our elected government officials," Career Politicians, whom we as residents have entrusted to do what is best for our city," wrote candidate Sherelean Bass.

Mayor Myra Taylor and Commissioner Timothy Holmes are both termed out. Taylor has been sitting on the board for more than a decade on and off and Holmes for almost 25 years. Commissioner John Riley's term ends in November; he gave up his seat to run for the mayor's. Commissioner Matthew Pigatt, who is in the middle of his term, also left to pursue the same.

RACE FOR TWO-YEAR TERM

Three of the five candidates vying for Pigatt's unexpired term are political novices, one for whom Opa-locka politics runs in the family.

Bass, 50, is a community liaison specialist at Dr. Robert B. Ingram Elementa-



Sherelean Bass

ry School, who has lived in Opa-locka for 27 years. She is also a minister, which is a theme in Opa-locka. Mayor Taylor's husband and Vice Mayor Joseph Kelley are men of the cloth.

Bass said her experience working with hundreds of families who venture through the doors of the elementary school located in Opa-locka is what makes her qualified to be commissioner. She has held the liaison position for 19 years.

"This has placed me in a positive position to learn the needs, wants and areas of concern of our residents," said Bass. "I have been a voice fighting for our children,

our future!"

Bass said she is also "the voice of truth for the people of Opa-locka" and has spoken out at community meetings on behalf of the residents. She plans to be open and honest with the residents and "weed out the root of corruption in our city government."

Candidate Sandra Espinal said she also regularly attends city meetings. Once elected, she plans to unite the community with the commission.

Espinal, 64, has been living in Opa-locka for 35 years and is a retired government worker.

Espinal said the city's biggest obstacle is managing the fiscal budget, which would allow the necessary changes in infrastructure and the water and sewage system.

"Make the city of Opa-locka better like it was before," said Espinal.

Candidate Deborah Sheffield Irby has watched the progress of Opa-locka. She has lived all 67 years of her life in the city.

She served as assistant city clerk from 1991 to 1993 and city clerk from 1994 to 2012 and has since retired. Irby



Deborah Sheffield Irby

also had two unsuccessful runs for commissioner in Opa-locka in 2012 and 2014.

If elected, Irby said she will bring her expertise and experience in Opa-locka to the forefront.

"I am familiar with the city's charter, code of ordinances, zoning code, legislative decisions, powers and duties of elected officials; and all aspects of policies and procedures of our municipality," said Irby. "I understand the responsibility that is required to serve, represent and protect our citizens and our business community."

Her first order of business will be to stop wasteful spending from city hall.

"We must follow specific guidelines from our city's budget and five-year recovery plan, which is already in progress."

On June 1, 2016, after declaring a financial emergency in Opa-locka, Gov. Rick Scott assigned an oversight board to screen and approve spending in the city. The board also ordered Opa-locka to devise a five-year recovery plan, which was presented by the



Anna Margarita Alvarado

city manager last month.

Candidate Anna Margarita Alvarado said by working with the oversight board and the city manager, she plans to change the "quality of life" in the city.

"We can change and bring a whole new structure to succeed with the problems we have been facing for years," said Alvarado.

Alvarado, 53, has worked in city hall for eight years as a receptionist. She said as a commissioner, she will bring "hope" and a "vision" to Opa-locka.

The fifth candidate in the race's vision for Opa-locka is to increase the tax base.

John Henry Taylor Jr., the mayor's son, who also goes by the name "The Juice" said he has the juice to get the job done in Opa-locka.

Taylor, 29, is a restaurant general manager and is a youth pastor at his family church.

"I have a love for Opa-locka and a passion to serve my fellow citizens," said Taylor on why he should be elected.

He plans to stabilize the city's finances by recruiting new development "in order to provide greater services to the residents."

However, according to several reports, the Taylor legacy in Opa-locka is tainted.

His mother, Myra Taylor was re-elected for her last term in November 2014. Since then Opa-locka has been under federal investigation by the FBI for kickback schemes and other corruption allegations. The probe lead to the indictment and conviction of other city of-



John Henry Taylor Jr.

ficials, including her son, Demetrius Corleau Taylor. In 2012, the mayor's husband and sister were arrested for political corruption surrounding her 2010 campaign.

TWO FULL-TERM SEATS

Despite Opa-locka's list of

tribulations, the candidates for the full terms on the commission say they have what it takes to make Opa-locka "great" again.

"Opa-locka can be a great city," said candidate Alvin Burke. "I live here because I love this city, but we have to make changes from the inside."

Burke, who has been voicing his opinion every other Wednesday at the commission meetings has been fighting for his own seat on the dais for the last two elections. A retired corrections officer, he has lived in Opa-locka for more than 30



Alvin Burke



Alvin Burke

years. Burke said the November election is the dawn of new leadership in the city. "Now is the time for our city to move forward with the new faces of people that really care about the city of Opa-locka," said Burke.

Burke was part of a group of residents who rallied and filed paperwork for Opa-locka to be dissolved in 2017 because of the corruption and lack of services.

Now, he is back campaigning on the other side of the issue.

Once elected, Burke said he wants to focus on fixing the city's infrastructure.

"If we don't do anything with our infrastructure, we will be drinking our wastewater," said Burke, calling the conditions in Opa-locka deplorable.

Second-time candidate Christina Banks said her focus is to bring back opportunities for the future generations of Opa-locka.

"Our city is at stake right now, and we must make a change for our future," said



Christina Banks

Banks, who ran an unsuccessful race in 2016.

Banks, 49, has held positions in the city manager's office, human resources, police department and Parks & Recreation for the last 20 years.

She plans to work with the oversight board to help with reform and developing economic growth.

"Our residents, business owners and employees are entitled to have elected officials who will take the oath to be accountable for the city's administration and governance," Banks said.

Chris Davis has worked as a community organizer for the Opa-locka Community Development Corp. for six years. He said that that experience and his master's degree in public administration is what makes him qualified for a seat on the commission.

"I am homegrown putting my education to work," said Davis.



Chris Davis

Davis, 30, was born and raised in Opa-locka. He has also served on the Zoning Board where he touts contributing to changes to outdated zoning codes.

Davis said once he is in office, he will tackle the city's money problems. Most of all, he wants to make sure that the commission is held accountable by the taxpayers.

"They need to be more transparent. The processes aren't clear or transparent," he said.

Davis said he plans to advocate for citizen's forums and citizen-led boards to get "more say-so from the residents."

Candidate Audrey Dominguez works as an office manager at Miami Dade College. She also thinks that her education can help her in a role as a commissioner. She has degrees in criminal justice and human

resources management.

"I have been living in the city of Opa-locka for 20 years. I want a change; and I want to bring something new to the community," she said.

Dominguez, 55, will use her criminal justice background to make a strategic plan to combat crime in Opa-locka.

She also plans to work in partnership with the businesses in the community to develop the city's economy by evaluating the issues that are affecting the growth.

George Suarez Jr., 46, has been living in Opa-locka for three years. He said the current commissioners, who are educated are not doing "anything great to help the city."

Suarez said when he was first scouting neighborhoods to buy a home, he thought



Audrey Dominguez

Opa-locka was the ideal place to raise a family.

Since then, his wife and kids have asked him if he made a mistake.

"You don't sit there and pout about it," Suarez told his family. "You do something about it."

According to Suarez, the residents do not trust the officials currently in office.

"It's about accountability," he said.

Suarez also led his own movement against the city — he and his wife are the first two residents who were named on a class-action lawsuit against Opa-locka for its faulty water and sewage system and over-billing.

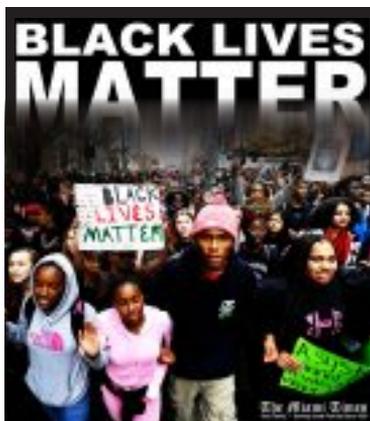
Suarez is a chef by profession but spends much of his free time volunteering on the football field in Opa-locka on his son's team. The candidate said youth enrich-



George Suarez Jr.

ment through Parks & Recreation should be the top priority for the city.

"Getting the kids away from the streets will bring down the crime," said Suarez.





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The first Black woman to cover Congress honored

Alice Allison Dunnigan to get statue at journalism archive in Capitol

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On Friday, Sept. 21, a new sculpture of Alice Allison Dunnigan, the first Black woman to receive press credentials to cover the White House and Congress, is scheduled to go on display at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.



Alice Allison Dunnigan

At the unveiling of the sculpture, featured guests are expected to tell the story of this pioneering journalist who rose to the top of her profession despite racist policies that segregated Black journalists and sexist attitudes that severely limited opportunities for women in the industry.

"Alice Dunnigan endured poverty, segregation and sexism and she fought to fulfill her dream of becoming a journalist," designer Lauren Bohn wrote on Twitter.

"Alice's story should give hope to anyone who has ever doubted his or her ability to make it through tough times or, much more painfully, his or her own worth," said political analyst Jordyn Holman.

Denver, Colorado, Mayor Michael B. Hancock said the tribute is long overdue.

"Alice Dunnigan was a barrier breaker for women and people of color to reach higher heights in journalism," Hancock said.

The announcement by the Newseum comes as current CNN White House Correspondent April Ryan — who's also Black — revealed she has hired a bodyguard because of the intimidation and threats she's received covering

the president and his administration.

Ryan, who has earned recognition for her fearless reporting on the White House, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Dunnigan, who began her journalism career in Kentucky before moving to Washington, D.C., was a pioneering journalist who rose to the top of her profession despite racist policies that segregated Black journalists and sexist attitudes that severely limited opportunities for women in a male-dominated workplace.

The life-sized bronze sculpture was created by Kentucky sculptor Amanda Matthews and is being cast at the Prometheus Foundry in Lexington, Kentucky, Newseum officials said in a press release.

During World War II, Dunnigan moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the War Labor Board. After the war ended, Dunnigan went to work for the Associated Negro

Press and became the head of that organization's Washington Bureau on Jan. 1, 1947, a job she held for 14 years supplying stories to 112 Black newspapers across the United States.

Dunnigan was the first Black woman accredited to report on the White House, covering presidential press conferences.

She also became the first Black woman to gain press credentials to report on Congress, the State Department and the Supreme Court. She also made history by being the first Black woman on a presidential tour when she went on the whistle-stop tour with President Truman, according to the Newseum.

Throughout Dunnigan's career, she battled the rampant racism and sexism that dominated the mostly white and male professions of journalism and politics. She once famously stated, "Race and sex were twin strikes against me. I'm not sure which was the hardest to break down."

In 2015, the Newseum hosted a program about Dunnigan, "Inside Media: Alice Dunnigan, Pioneer of the National Black Press."

The program featured Carol McCabe Booker, who edited and annotated a new edition of Dunnigan's autobiography, "Alone Atop the Hill."

The sculpture will be on display at the Newseum through Dec. 16. It will then be taken to Dunnigan's hometown of Russellville, Kentucky, and installed on the grounds of the West Kentucky African American Heritage Center as part of a park dedicated to the civil rights

STREET Talk

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How do you feel about President Donald Trump canceling pay raises for most federal workers?



GeKeima Howard, 37
Miramar

A justified reason as to why it was canceled after being promised to federal workers is expected. Countless dollars are being spent on products/services that most Americans feel are unnecessary, so why not stick to the promise of providing a pay raise? Trump is definitely not a president of his word, but we know that already.



Gina Jefferson, 30
North Miami

Anyone who has a job knows that a pay increase is always helpful because we all have bills to pay. I feel like Trump is taking money out of people's pockets.



Latoya Jean, 44
Miami

Trump is an idiot. He thinks taking away from the American people is a good thing. I feel like federal workers should get an increase in their pay instead of canceling it.



Corey White, 23
Broward

I mean, it's Trump. It is expected of him to do something like that. He doesn't care. I just hope this opens up the American people's eyes, so they can see why voting is important.



Shanta Scott, 38
Homestead

I'm starting to think that he likes to see the American people struggle just to make ends meet. What's the legitimate reason why he canceled a pay raise? Federal workers are some of the most-hardworking people who are known. I know some of them were waiting for a pay raise because it is probably long overdue.



Lennard Jenkins, 43
Miami

It is what it is. We already know how Trump is so it was expected.

Attorneys question white Dallas officer's story of fatal shooting

Cop said she shot Black man in an apartment she thought was her own

RYAN TARINELLI
The Associated Press

Attorneys for the family of a Black man who was shot and killed by a white Dallas police officer who says she mistook his apartment for hers criticized the officer's account, saying it was overly sympathetic and contradicted statements from neighbors.

The officer's account emerged in an arrest affidavit released Monday, shortly after the district attorney announced that the case against officer Amber Guyger would be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter.

Benjamin Crump, an attorney for relatives of 26-year-old Botham Jean, said the affidavit is "very self-serving." And Lee Merritt, who also represents the family, called it an attempt to "condone what happened, give her a break."

The document, prepared by a Texas Ranger, appeared to be based almost entirely on Guyger's description of events.

Guyger, a four-year veteran of the police force, told investigators that she had just ended a 15-hour shift Thursday when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex. She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to the affidavit, possibly suggesting that she was confused or disoriented.



Photos: Shaban Athuman/The Dallas Morning News via AP

Dr. Pamela Grayson raises her fist.

When she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, the affidavit said. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

The officer told police that she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the figure, which ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice, the affidavit said.

She called 911 and, when asked where she was, returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. Authorities have not released the 911 tapes.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office said Jean died of a gunshot wound to the chest. His death was ruled a homicide. Guyger was arrested Sunday night and booked into jail in neighboring Kaufman County before being released on bond.

At a news conference Monday evening, Merritt said two independent witnesses have told him they heard knocking on the door in the hallway before the shooting.

He said one witness reported hearing a woman's voice saying, "Let me in! Let me in!" Then they heard gunshots, after which one witness said she heard a man's voice say, "Oh my God! Why did you do that?" Merritt said he believes

those were Jean's last words.

As for the contention that Jean left his front door ajar, Merritt said Jean was a "meticulous individual" who made it "a point to close the door behind him."

"He put everything in a particular place," Merritt said.

He said Jean had a red doormat outside his apartment door. "In fact, to ensure no one mistook his apartment the way this officer is claiming in this case, he went out and bought the biggest, brightest red rug and placed it right there at his doorstep," Merritt said.

Associated Press writers Terry Wallace and David Warren in Dallas and Ken Miller in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.



Photo via AP

Former First Lady Michelle Obama is scheduled to make an appearance in Miami later this month.

Michelle Obama to lead a voter rally in Miami

Miami Times Staff and Wire Report

the nation to get people to the polls and cast their votes.

"This is important," she told volunteers. "If we organize and get things done and make these events exciting... it's going to make a difference."

Obama urged people to "be creative" and to "think outside the box" when planning events.

She has long been one of the most popular draws among Democrats, but it remains an open question whether she will campaign for any Democratic candidates. She has kept a low profile since leaving the White House in January 2017, limiting her political commitment for now to helping When We All Vote.

Her highly anticipated memoir, "Becoming," is due in stores on Nov. 13 — exactly one week after the midterm balloting — and Obama is expected to devote the bulk of her time until then to preparing for the book's worldwide release and subsequent media tour.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

School security at top of the county's priority list

Proposed budget hearing for the start of the new fiscal year next Thursday

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As the start of the new fiscal year approaches, the Miami-Dade County Commission discussed the tentative budget and tax rates at the first budget public hearing on Thursday evening. The county has nearly \$8 billion of total budget to allocate for general government, neighborhood and infrastructure, transportation costs, public safety, and recreation and culture services, among other administrative costs. The new fiscal year will commence on Oct. 1.

On top of the county's priority list is the budgeting of funds for public security measures following the Feb. 14 school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. In response to the Parkland tragedy, Florida legislature requires specially trained law enforcement officers assigned to each public school.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has worked closely with the different police departments to meet this state mandate. As a result, the Miami-Dade Police Department is providing resources to place more than 100 officers in primary schools within the unincorporated parts of the county.

Allocated in the 2019 budget are nine new specially trained Priority Response Teams to support an expedited response in the event of an active-shooter situation, said County Mayor Carlos Gimenez.

"These nine-member teams will provide services throughout the community, as we provide officers in each primary school in the unincorporated area through a partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to keep our children safe, and there is nothing more important than that," he said. Five new police



Lyle Grandison, founder of the Circle of Brotherhood, advocates to the commission for money to fund his nonprofit, which focuses on stopping gun violence.

recruit classes are currently underway that will outfit the new response teams, said Gimenez.

Several residents spoke about their concerns in their neighborhoods, including gun violence and the reinstitution of the Independent Community Panel.

Lyle Grandison and his team of about a dozen men outfitted in khaki uniforms advocated for county funds for the Circle Of Brotherhood program, a nonprofit focused on reducing gun violence. "We advocate that in order to stop crime and gun violence, you have to involve the residents," said Grandison, who's the executive director and founder of the program. He wants the county commission to separate monies for the Peacemakers program. "We have been advocating for this type of thing for nine years, but the blessing is that there are relationships being built that were not there before."

Christopher Benjamin, head of the Legal Redress Committee for the local NAACP branch, advocated for the re-

institution of the Independent Community Panel. The panel is a citizen-made up committee with the purpose of overseeing complaints about police officers, county officials and city employees. The panel was last funded by the county in 2009 but was defunded due to budget crunches.

"With all the things that are going on in the county with regards to law enforcement, we believe this is a necessary board," Benjamin said. "It was functioning properly and effectively up until the time it got defunded."

County Commissioner Barbara Jordan has brought the issue before the board several times. Her most recent push was in February, but Gimenez has blocked attempts to reinstate the panel.

The reinstitution of the panel will increase the trust between the community and law enforcement, said Benjamin. He hopes that the mayor will change his mind and support the Independent Community Panel in the new budget.

Commissioners and residents also addressed afford-

able housing and gentrification. The county has side aside more than \$228 million to tackle the issues of affordable housing. Michael Liu, director of the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development Department suggested a refocus from homeownership to affordable rental units.

"Rental housing is under significant demand and a lot of concern in regards to the cost burden, especially to those in the lower end," Liu said. "We need to try to do more, with less."

For 2017-18, the tax rate in the county was close to 9.3 percent.

The tax rate for 2018-19 will be 9.7 percent of every \$1,000 of property value.

The budget includes funding for enhanced hours at libraries, books and materials and three new fire rescue units, said the mayor.

The final budget meeting will be 5:01 p.m. on Sept 20 at county hall. The public is able to attend the hearing and speak on any topic in the proposed budget.



How they really look at all of us

Brian Dennis

A group of individuals from different parts of the world were traveling together to a conference. Members of the group were originally from Jamaica, Trinidad, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Haiti, Bahamas and Africa when they were pulled over by a racist police officer. The officer asked them, "Where are all of you [N-word]s going? When it comes to the African diaspora, I don't believe in separating us based on the country of origin, where we descended from or the color of our skin, according to the Willie Lynch Making of a Slave theory."

As a former United States Marine, I toured countries located on the Mediterranean Sea. I went to Egypt, Spain, France, Tunisia and Israel, and the one thing that I saw no matter in what country the USS Two Jima ported, were people of African descent. We have a tendency to look cross-eyed at one another, while we are all losing our neighborhoods one block at a time. While everyone was focusing on gentrification in Liberty City, there has been a silent gentrification movement going on and unnoticed in Little Haiti for years. If you think that property values and high rent in Liberty City are out of control, look up the same thing in Little Haiti. From Biscayne Boulevard to the FEC Railroad tracks at Northwest 37th Avenue, there has been this silent movement to get rid of Black people and their businesses.

If you ride around in these areas, you will see it for yourself. And if you also want to know how some Hispanics live, ride behind Marlins Stadium, and you'll see poor and struggling folk living in dilapidated housing and struggling businesses as well.

I grew up in the early '80s when there were fights in schools with children of Hai-

tian decent just because they were Haitian. Even though I attended school in Liberty City, I lived around the corner from Miami Central Senior High School at 2169 NW 98th St., and there were plenty of Haitian families in our neighborhood. If you came on our block, in our neighborhood messing with anyone we were going to handle our business with you. If you touched any of the people from our neighborhood in school, we would all leave our respective schools and go to the schools that they attended to protect members of our neighborhood. We weren't a bunch of tough guys and girls, but we promised each other that we would look out for one another because we were friends.

I will not retract or apologize for anything that I wrote in last week's column, "The downfall of Roy Hardemon," and I stand by every word and syllable that I wrote. What the Hardemons and the rest of those coons did for a few measly dollars gave me the reason to write about the ugly memory I have from the early '80s in the column you're reading today. John 17:17 in English Standard Version Bible says, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is the truth."

On the third Saturday, in July of this year, I personally drove a vehicle from Miami to Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Jacksonville, Tallahassee and St. Petersburg dropping off Andrew Gillum's campaign signs. The one thing that I saw is every national-ty and gender working on his campaign. The negative comments that were made toward the soon-to-be-governor of Florida Gillum by his opponent should have many Blacks and Hispanics taking notice of the good old boy network and their attitudes and how they really look at all of us.

FALLOUT

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chance to represent them?

It's possible, says Yolanda Cash Jackson, an attorney, lobbyist and community leader.

"The community seems to be willing to make a change," Jackson said. "The community has said that they are willing to let somebody else new try to serve."

That change may be attributed in part to the increase of Black registered voters. In 2016, the Miami-Dade Elections Department reported 232,906 Black registered voters. In 2018, 240,029 Black registered voters took to the polls. That is a 3 percent increase from two years ago.

Pizzo, the newly elected Florida senator for District 38, which covers parts of Opa-locka, Brownsville and Little Haiti, as well as Miami Beach, Miami Shores and Bal Harbour, will represent a variety of demographics with different socioeconomic statuses.

The 2010 U.S. Census reports 466,655 residents live in District 38. 268,059 of those residents are white, 159,502 are Black and 180,322 are Hispanic.

According to a Miami-Dade Elections District Demographic analysis, 252,685 total voters participated in the August primaries in Senate District 38. About 76,396 Black voters went to the polls, surpassing the 73,765 white voters by more than 2,500 voters. Hispanics represented the largest number of registered voters with 81,018.



House District 108 Representative Roy Hardemon sits next to his former opponent Dotie Joseph, during the 2018 Miami Times Political Forum.

All of these residents deserve adequate representation, said Stephen Hunter Johnson, attorney, and chair of the county's Black Affairs Advisory Board.

"People of that district deserve to have representation. Whether they are on this side of the water or on the other side of the water," Johnson said.

In an interview, Pizzo said his campaign message focused on issues affecting the community he believes need addressing: education, affordable housing and climate change.

"I believe they want a change of representation to get something done," he said. "It can be the representative, it can be the inability to make headway in the state Senate, but the bottom line is that after several years, we really haven't addressed the critical issues around the community." Pizzo said that a learning curve is imminent when it comes to the different needs of the community, and wants to be more inclusive when it comes to representing the

community. "I look forward to being an alerted and informed representative of the community to bring real change," he said.

Much like Pizzo, Democrat Dotie Joseph, who won the primary election for House District 108 faces the task of representing a wide range of demographics.

Florida House District 108 covers parts of Miami, North Miami, Little Haiti, Liberty City and El Portal among other areas. The 2010 census reports that 156,848 residents live in her district. Of that number 45,407 of the residents are white, 99,433 are Black and 38,502 are Hispanic.

In the primaries, Black voters represented more than half of the total 88,020 registered voters of District 108. Black voters stood at 49,363 while 12,287 were white and 19,449 were Hispanic.

"Their desire for a change came across loud and clear," Joseph wrote in an email. "People wanted to feel that their interests were being represented in a way that the incumbent was not [sic], I am

humbled that the voters in district 108 have voted to give me the opportunity to represent them."

Joseph also mentioned the need to learn about the different neighborhoods in the district she wants to serve in order to better represent their needs.

Joseph will face Libertarian Party candidate Riquet Caballero in the general election on Nov. 6.

It is possible that the increase of racial mixing in the Senate and House districts, as well as the redrawing district maps, are part of the shift in representation that's happening as a result of the August primary elections, said Jackson.

The representation for Black Miamians may change further come 2020.

Three of the four Black county commissioners face term limits. Vice Chairwoman Audrey Edmonson and Commissioners Barbara Jordan and Dennis C. Moss will have to give up their seats, leaving recently re-elected Jean Monestime as the only Black commissioner. A county commission mayoral race is also slated for 2020.

It is important for the community members to stay involved in the political agendas of their neighborhood and at the county level, Johnson said. He also stressed that residents need to be involved in the voting process.

"Turn out is going to be very important," he said. "Their participation in the voting process is going to be very important as these seats come up. The communities that do not stay involved, get ignored."

KING

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representative for House District 109, sees the selection of King as lieutenant governor as positive for the campaign.

"I commend and stand behind [Gillum's] choice," Bush said. "People want to have people who are going to espouse their Christian values, so I think it's a plus."

King said in a recent interview with the *Daytona News-Journal* that his politics reflects a view of his beliefs.

"For the last 30 years, I would say that the Christian faith has in many ways been hijacked by a very conservative Republican ideology that is not reflective of a commitment to serve, and care for, and lift up people of all backgrounds," King said.

The Gillum campaign will continue to work to expand the grassroots effort and engage voters locally, explained Willis Howard, senior political strategist for the campaign in Miami-Dade and South Broward. "The reason [Gillum] resonated with so many folks is because when he spoke, he

spoke to Floridians on Florida's issues," Willis said. "When he spoke, they listened a little more."

Willis said the plan is to reintroduce the candidates to the voters around the community and to capitalize on the similar political philosophies that King shares with Gillum. The general election is Nov. 6, less than two months away.

"The best part about it is that Chris King already believes in our same core values," Willis said. "It is a good thing for us to have someone on board who already believes those things and already has spoke about these things to the public, even before becoming lieutenant governor."

The function of the lieutenant governor is to help the governor implement his agenda.

King is a successful businessman and developer but lacks legislative experience. He can use his business experience to help the governor in financial matters, as well as affordable housing.

King's political inexperience should not be a concern, said Foreman. "We live in an era now where voters are willing to take a chance on new candidates."

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FAIR HOUSING ACT LAWSUIT REVIVED

LATOYA BURGESS
Special to *The Miami Times*

Miami Gardens has filed an appeal in a case, in which the city alleged Wells Fargo used discriminatory lending practices against its residents. Wells Fargo dodged a Fair Housing Act lawsuit from Miami Gardens back in June 2014 when a federal judge ruled the city had insufficient evidence to support claims of discriminatory lending. The suit alleged the San Francisco-based bank charged higher mortgage rates to Black and Hispanic borrowers compared to their white counterparts who were similarly situated. Miami Gardens claimed that in turn, this led to decreased property values and caused a wave of foreclosures during the 2008 housing crisis. Now the third largest Black-populated city in the country is reviving the fight after filing a notice

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2012

Wells Fargo paid more than **\$175** million to settle similar discrimination allegations brought by the Justice Department.

2018

The city of Sacramento accused Wells Fargo of illegal lending in minority and low-income communities where they also claim it reduced home values, limited property tax revenue and drove up foreclosures.



Henry Childs II

Henry Childs assumes new agency role

White House advisor is now minority business director

Miami Times Staff Report

Henry Childs II will be the national director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). Childs will be the 17th director of the agency, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced Wednesday.

Established by an executive order in 1969, MBDA is the only federal agency dedicated to the growth and global competitiveness of U.S. minority-owned businesses.

"Mr. Childs' commitment to economic development in minority communities is an unrivaled asset to the Department of Commerce," said Ross. "In his new role, I fully expect him to continue to vigorously pursue opportunities and growth for minorities as well as the country as a whole."

Childs also serves as policy advisor to the White House's Office of Public Liaison where he leads the administration's outreach to the Black community. He also works closely with the Office of American Innovation on economic development issues for urban areas and urban revitalization.

"I am honored to be selected by Secretary Ross to lead the Minority Business Development Agency," said Childs. "I look forward to working with the dedicated team at MBDA as we blaze the agency's path into the future."

Prior to his appointment, Childs served as the Economic Development Administration policy advisor for the Department of Commerce. As advisor, he provided counsel on economic development and fostered partnerships with other federal agencies as well as national and international organizations.

Childs also oversees the Department of Commerce's \$1 billion in supplemental Congressional funds for disaster recovery and readiness grants after the natural disasters of 2017.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

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Just another way to make money or development?

A trailer park in North Central Miami-Dade will soon be another affordable housing development. The team behind this is made up of two very well-known affordable

housing developers: Urban League of Greater Miami Inc. and Cornerstone Group Partners.

The Urban League and Cornerstone earlier this year

collaborated on the Villages, a similar development, only a few blocks away.

In this area, there is already an abundance of low-income, tax-credit-built properties, so I had hoped this development would have been affordable homeownership and rental units, targeted those priced-out of the market.

But according to documents, Sunset Pointe Apartments, located at 1170 NW 79th St., in Miami, will be for buyers who are at or below our county's area median income. The four-building, 136-unit development comprises 28 one bedroom/one bath; 72



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two bedroom/two bath; and 36 three bedroom/two bath, garden-style rentals.

Residents will have employment assistance programs, on-site literacy training and a variety of activities aimed to encourage community pride, all free services. For families who have been waiting for their chance to live in District 3 and who earn less than \$51,000 a year, a new apartment home with amenities could be in reach. Just be sure to save up for the application fee and security deposit before you go buying any new furniture. And for others like me who continue to be priced-out and pushed-out of living here due



Affordable housing gets built in Miami.

to low wages and the ever-increasing high rents, we continue to watch and wait.

BUILD WHAT IT TAKES TO LIVE HERE
Low-income housing has a

purpose for a vast majority of families and senior citizens. However, it is time to build communities that make sense for the greater good of all. In the 21st century, we shouldn't

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The new iPhone XS and XS Plus in gold

APPLE PREVIEW

Three iPhones, an Apple Watch and more rumored to be revealed by company

BRIAN HEATER
Tech Crunch

It's been a slow year for Apple hardware. The company has traditionally done a good job spreading announcements throughout the calendar, but aside from an iPad event in Chicago and a MacBook refresh a few months back, there's been little news out of the company. Even this summer's WWDC was utterly devoid of hardware news.

All that's about to change at the big show being held noon Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Steve Jobs Theater on the company's new space-age Cupertino campus. Rumors are coming fast and furious, and by all accounts, there's A LOT to expect, from a slew of new phones, to an updated Apple to some additional news on the iPad front.

Here's a breakdown of some of what we expect from the big show.

iPhone XS: This is the big one. In more ways than one. Last year's 10th anniversary iPhone event found the company intent on pushing the state of the art on iPhone (and bezel) technology. This year, we fully anticipate the arrival of the sequel.

The flagship model will arrive in two sizes — 5.8 and 6.5 inches, referred to as the iPhone XS and iPhone XS Plus (or, possibly, max), respectively. One of the smaller (but compelling) rumors of the bunch is the inclusion of a Lightning to USB-C cable in-box.

Yes, for better or worse, Apple is keeping Lightning around, but the new cable will make it easier to hook up to those new MacBooks and also enable fast charging. The phones will all supposedly be available in gold, as well, which appears to have been hinted at with the invite's art work.

Cheaper iPhone X: Along with the flagships, Apple is said to be bringing

a cheaper version of the X-style phone. After all, the first iPhone X was pretty commonly understood to be cost-prohibitive. The easiest way to drop the cost? Swap the OLED display for LCD, naturally. The phone will reportedly get Face ID as it drops the home button. As for the name? iPhone XC has been somewhat credibly floated.

Apple Watch Series 4: It's the time of the season. The suggestion of a round face appears to be little more than wishful thinking, but the standard squircle shape has been improved a bit with the addition of an edge-to-edge display, marking the first major hardware redesign in the three years the watch has been kicking around. Along with a 15 percent larger display, battery and heart-rate monitoring are said to be improved, as well.

Speaking of wishful thinking, here's an assorted collection of what else could be on hand:

HomePod Mini: A smaller version of the company's premium smart speaker? Siri could certainly use the boost.

MacBook Air upgrade: The legacy line is certainly due for an update, including a long-awaited Retina display.

AirPods: Water resistance and improved Siri functionality could be on tap.

Pad Pro: This one feels like a bit more of a crapshoot, all said, but a new iPhone X-style design is likely coming sooner or later.

AirPower: A year should be enough time, right?

An Apple Watch charging on a magnetic dock.



Accomplished engineers earn rare achievement

Experienced men were elected to the National Academy of Engineering

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The National Academy of Engineering has 83 new members this year, including a rare three Black men who are scheduled to be inducted in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 30.

Lynden A. Archer, a professor of engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; Gary S. May, chancellor of the University of California; and Gabriel C. Ejebe, the senior project manager for energy trading and markets for Open Access Technology International in Minneapolis; are the three fellows.

"I think African-American participation in engineering is crucial," said Archer, who joined the faculty at Cornell in 2000.

Archer has earned recognition by the academy for "advances in nanoparticle-polymer hybrid materials and in electrochemical energy storage technologies."

A graduate of the Univer-



sity of Southern California where he majored in chemical engineering. Archer holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Stanford University.

"We basically live in an era where engineering and science are essentially at the forefront of both human advancement and creating wealth," Archer said.

"It's crucial to encour-



Lynden Archer



Gabriel Ejebe



Gary S. May

age minority and African-American youngsters to train their creativity in this field ... it prepares you for so many things," he said.

Election to the National Academy of Engineering counts among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer.

Academy membership reportedly honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature" and to "the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/ implementing innovative

approaches to engineering education."

The academy does not disclose the racial makeup of its membership, but past Journal of Blacks in Higher Education research has shown that Blacks make up about 1 percent of the members.

According to an analysis of the new membership list by JBHE, it appears that there are three Black engineers among the 83 new members. Two of the three - Archer and May - have current academic affiliations.

The new members bring the total number of U.S. members to 2,293, according to JBHE.

"I am honored to be included in the National

Academy of Engineering Class of 2018," said May, the seventh chancellor of UC Davis and one-time dean of the College of Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

"It is gratifying to be recognized by my research in semiconductor manufacturing and for creating programs to encourage underrepresented groups to pursue STEM careers," said May, a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology who earned selection to the academy for his contributions to semiconductor manufacturing research and for innovations in educational programs for underrepresented groups in engineering.

A St. Louis, Missouri, native, May holds a master's degree and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Despite his success, he said there's still a glaring need for more individuals of color in engineering.

"We need more diversity in engineering so that we solve problems that take into account all experiences and perspectives. I encourage young people who are interested in engineering to seek mentors who can help them get on a path that works for them," May said.

"My early experience with the National Society of Black Engineers was invaluable, and I'm still involved with them. All of us can and should play a role in inspiring people of all ages to find ways to follow their dreams," he said.

The third Black person in this year's cohort of new members is Gabriel C. Ejebe, the senior project manager for energy trading and markets for Open Access Technology International in Minneapolis.

Ejebe could not immediately be reached for comment.



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A look at trends and challenges of Black businesses

New survey gives inner look at the state, profitable in entrepreneurship

SELENA HILL
Black Enterprise

A new survey conducted by small business financing firm Guidant Financial revealed some interesting trends in Black business ownership. According to Guidant Financial's website, more than 2,600 business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs responded to the survey.

Among the Black business owners who responded, over half said their businesses were profitable yet challenges as a Black-owned business remained. As a group, they are also less confident in the political state of small business than that other survey respondents.

Other takeaways of Black small business owners surveyed, 62 percent identified as men and 38 percent as women. Most fell between the ages of 40 to 49 with 28 percent, while 25 percent were between 50 and 59 years old, and 22 percent are 30 to 39.

The research also showed that the highest volume of Black entrepreneurs live in Texas, followed by Georgia, California, Florida, and North Carolina.

WHY BLACK AMERICANS ARE STARTING BUSINESSES

Sixty-two percent of Blacks said their desire to pursue their

passion motivated them to start a business. Another 53 percent said they were ready to be their own boss. Meanwhile, 30 percent said they launched a startup when the "opportunity presented itself" and 22 percent said they were dissatisfied with working in corporate America. Twelve percent said they launched a business after being laid off or outsourced.

THE CHALLENGES OF BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

An overwhelming majority of Black entrepreneurs surveyed, 80 percent, said lack of capital was the most challenging aspect of running a business. According to ProjectDiane, only 0.2 percent of all venture capital funding was allocated toward startups founded by Black women in 2016, while just 34 Black women business owners received more than a million dollars of funding in the last year.

As a result, many Blacks are forced to fund their own businesses. In fact, 70 percent of those surveyed financed their companies using cash, while 23 percent received funding from friends and family. Eleven percent said they tapped into their 401(k) plans to fund their businesses.

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of appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

"This city is appealing the case because we believe that the court got it wrong and failed to follow clearly established precedent," said Miami Gardens City Attorney Sonja Dickens.

Wells Fargo spokeswoman Michelle Palomino said the bank is prepared for the city's appeal after its 2014 victory.

"We were pleased with the court's decision in June to grant our motion for summary judgment and dismiss the city of Miami Gardens' case against Wells Fargo," said Palomino. "And, [we] will be prepared to respond to the city's appeal. We will continue our focus on helping to expand homeownership opportunities in Florida and across the country."

Wells Fargo was not the only major bank on the city's radar as the 2014 lawsuit also targeted JPMorgan, Chase, Citigroup and Bank

of America for discriminatory behavior - all of which were dismissed.

Sixty-five percent of the population in Miami Gardens are homeowners, and the city has been working to increase those numbers. In April 2012, Miami Gardens purchased a property for \$54,370 - ironically enough, from Wells Fargo. The purchase was a part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, a federal resource that aims to provide shelter using revitalized homes. Miami Gardens was awarded \$6.8 million.

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez, also a lawyer who has fought and won similar cases, said fighting discrimination lawsuits could be a tough battle.

"It is very difficult to win in these cases because the banks have very high-powered lawyers and spend a lot of money on litigation," said Suarez. "These are cases that if [the bank] loses, it can cost them hundreds of millions of dollars, so they put a lot of resources into them."

The mayor went on to say that a win in this case would send a pivotal mes-



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Miami Mayor Francis Suarez

sage to large corporations. "I think a win would be incredible, not only for the African-American and Hispanic communities but also for the cities themselves to push back when large in-

stitutions are discriminating against their residents," said Suarez.

Wells Fargo is no stranger to this kind of controversy. In 2012, the big bank paid more than \$175 million to settle similar discrimination allegations brought by the Justice Department. As a part of that deal, in which the bank did not admit wrongdoing, Wells Fargo settled comparable lawsuits filed by the state of Illinois and the city of Baltimore. Back in February 2018, the city of Sacramento accused Wells Fargo of illegal lending in minority and low-income communities where they also claim it reduced home values, limited property tax revenue and drove up foreclosures.

"If the city wins, it would mean that the banks involved will be held accountable for discriminatory lending practices," said Dickens. "Specifically, they will be held accountable for targeting minority homeowners and lending to them on terms that are less favorable than others."

No date has been set for both parties to present their arguments.

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be building blocks and subdivisions of low-income housing, which only addresses the needs of a segment of the population, while others continue to be priced-out and displaced. If this continues to happen, what we will end up with is more segregation and exclusion. We ought to be implementing zoning for mixed-development, recreation centers for youth, homeownership, entrepreneurship and initiatives that build and empower stronger families. That's what it will take to redevelop our urban core communities.

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South Florida companies to hire by year's end

MARCIA HEROUX POUNDS
Sun Sentinel

Competition for talent in South Florida continues to heat up.

Of the metro-area employers surveyed by staffing company ManpowerGroup, 27 percent plan to hire more employees from October through December. That's an increase from the 21 percent that said they planned to hire in the final quarter of 2017, according to a quarterly survey released Tuesday.

Just 4 percent said they plan to reduce payrolls, while 68 percent said they expect to maintain current staffing levels.

"We're in a good economy," said Tom Shea, president of Fort Lauderdale-based outplacement firm Right Management Florida/Caribbean, which is part of ManpowerGroup. "Talent is more important than ever, and companies are having a hard time attracting and retaining talent."

He said "companies have to be on the cutting edge if they're going to attract and retain employees, and be competitive." Workers today are



Employers are in a tight labor market, where they have more job openings than there are job candidates.

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moving to new jobs not only for better wages or benefits, but also to invest in their own career development or skills training, he said.

Employers are in a tight labor market, where they have more job openings than there are job candidates. South Florida added nearly 46,000 jobs in July over a year ago, while unemployment rates fell from a year ago, according to Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity.

As a result, there are more opportunities for employees to jump ship and take a

new job. That means employees need a constant "flow" of new workers to replace them, Shea said. Where are the jobs in South Florida's marketplace?

Manpower says job prospects appear best in construction; manufacturing of fast-moving goods such as food and medications; transportation and utilities; wholesale and retail trade; information; financial activities; professional business services; education and health services; leisure and hospitality, other services and govern-

ment. Hiring is expected to remain unchanged in manufacturing of durable goods, such as automobiles, which are made to last for a long time.

Statewide, 24 percent of employers — compared with 23 percent a year ago — said they plan to hire more employees. 4 percent plan to reduce payrolls, and 71 percent expect no change to staffing levels through year's end, according to ManpowerGroup survey.

Of U.S. employers, 22 percent anticipate an increase in staff-

ing levels, while 5 percent expect payrolls to decrease and 71 percent expect no change.

For the quarterly survey, more than 11,500 employers interviewed were conducted by Milwaukee, Wisconsin-based ManpowerGroup throughout 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The margin of error for the data is not greater than plus or minus 3.9 percent, according to ManpowerGroup.

"August marked the 95th month in a row for job growth in the U.S., and we

Millennial marketing is a must-have

JEFFREY MCKINNEY
Black Enterprise

By 2020, spending by millennials in the United States is projected to reach \$1.4 trillion annually. That amount is more than double the \$600 billion this consumer demographic is shelling out now each year, according to global research and consulting giant Accenture. Simultaneously, millennials have eclipsed baby boomers as America's largest generation, surpassing 83 million and making up more than a quarter of Americans, figures from the

U.S. Census Bureau show. The data provide compelling reasons why marketing to millennials is so crucial.

Catering to millennials is something, presumably, of which even Nike is acutely aware. The athletic apparel company recently featured controversial athlete Colin Kaepernick in an ad campaign, sparking outrage from some corners of the internet, and cheers from others — particularly the online communities where millennials reside in vast numbers.

Many lauded Nike's support of Kaepernick, who was

thrust into the spotlight for kneeling while the national anthem played before a football game, as progressive. However, shrewd marketers and industry analysts claim that banking on Kaepernick is a shrewd move for Nike's bottom line. A report shows that Nike is one of millennials' favorite brands.

Yet, despite the vastness of that generation and its enormous spending power, a 2015 report from Manta reveals that just 15 percent of small businesses across all industries market to millennial buyers, meaning roughly 85

percent of them are not targeting to this large consumer audience with powerful buying power.

Further, millennials are the most racially diverse generation in American history, making them potentially attractive to many types of small businesses. Findings from the Pew Research Center shows that 43 percent of millennials are non-white, the largest share of any generation. And more than 8 in 10 of them say they now have enough money to live how they want or expect to do so in the future.

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THE ZIEGLER REPORT

KAEPERNICK

IS WINNING WITHOUT STEPPING ON THE FIELD

The player's collusion case against NFL has enough merit to proceed

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In the span of five days, Colin Kaepernick has received some of the best news he's had in more than a year.

The quarterback-without-a-team has learned that his collusion case against the NFL got the green light to proceed to trial, and now he's the new face of Nike's "Just Do It" campaign to mark Nike's 30th anniversary.

The Twitter campaign rolled out with a timeless black and white photo and a caption that read:

"Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything." #Just do it

That simple slogan sums up what the quarterback has been going through this past year with respect to his NFL career.

And regardless of whether he gets to play another down in the NFL or if he prevails

in his collusion case—I'd say at this very moment, he is #winning at the game of life.

With the help of Nike, Kaepernick has found gainful employment (a multiyear deal) and another avenue to continue to raise awareness and advance the cause of social equality.

Though you probably won't catch him on the football field kneeling anytime soon, you will see his face on television commercials, billboards and social media ads.

As it has been reported by several news outlets, the company known simply by its "swoosh" logo will produce Kaepernick apparel to include jerseys, T-shirts and shoes.

And Nike, who has gone on record as saying, "it supports athletes and their right to freedom of expression on issues that are of great importance to our society" will reportedly also donate money to Kaepernick's "Know Your Rights" campaign.

Both the arbitrator's ruling and the ad campaign couldn't have come at a more interesting or strategic time.

The 2018-2019 NFL season Sept. 6 kicks off and the league has yet to find a satisfactory resolution to the national

anthem controversy started by then-49ers quarterback, Kaepernick.

Kaepernick began the movement of peacefully protesting police brutality against people of color during the 2016 season by taking a knee during the national anthem.

The movement caught on and other players from across the league soon joined in. Some followed suit by taking a knee and others raised their fist in a show of solidarity and support.

The protests have grown to be a thorn in both the league's and owners' sides and have left the quarterback unable to find a team since he hit free agency in 2017.

No tryouts. No workouts. Hardly the treatment for a free-agent quarterback that led his former team to a Super Bowl appearance and NFC Championship Game in consecutive seasons.

Kaepernick, who subsequently filed a grievance against the league and its owners citing collusion to keep him off the football field, will now be seeing the inside of a courtroom.

Last Thursday, arbitrator Stephen B. Burbank, who was selected by

the league and the NFL Players Association, has concluded that Kaepernick's grievance against the league and its owners has enough merit to proceed to trial.

Kaepernick is contending the owners violated their collective bargaining agreement with players by conspiring to keep him off an NFL roster.

He cites that his unemployment is a direct result of the protests, rather than his play on the field.

The case does, however, hinge on whether his lawyers can prove the owners worked together rather than decided individually to not sign Kaepernick, but this ruling is definitely a good first step.

It will allow Kaepernick and his legal team to have their day in court, to subpoena and present evidence, and question league officials, owners, coaches and other team executives.

The league had initially wanted the case thrown out, but that request was denied.

The NFL has yet to comment on this ruling.

According to the *New York Times*, a hearing is likely to occur by the end of the year.

The final decision in Kaepernick's case, should he win and survive appeal, could offer some leverage toward a similar grievance still pending by unsigned safety Eric Reid, who played with Kaepernick in San Francisco and joined in the protests.

Many have hailed Kaepernick as somewhat of a hero for his political stance and his personal sacrifice, but his lawyer Mark Geragos has taken to Twitter calling his client "more than an athlete," and an "All American Icon."



Then employed—Colin Kaepernick raising a fist and raising social consciousness.



Read all about the Curtis Black family's struggles

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Carole Croons

Carole Ann Taylor during a June performance at the Nine O One Event & Conference Center in Miami Gardens.



A community and retail heavyweight, finds her place in music through jazz

JULIANA ACCIOLY
Miami Times Contributor

In music, a singer's personality often forms the way they perform. At 73, jazz singer Carole Ann Taylor is known for her charming and uplifting stage presence. She's a driving force with an easy way - reflective of jazz's improvisatory freedom.

An interpreter of other people's songs, she turns classic tunes like "You Can Have Him" by Nina Simone and "For All We Know" by Nat King Cole into poignant renditions, enriched by her own musical expression.

"I am basically a singer of jazz standards," says Taylor. "I evoke another time when people sat in clubs and listened to music. I sing songs of yesterday."

But the nostalgia stops there. In contrast to her role as a soul singer, Taylor is progressive in her personal experiences. The balance between conviction and experimentation in her jazz singing

“
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—Carole Ann Taylor

voice is a natural extension of her speaking voice. In her lifetime, she has more than once diverted on to improvisation.

Taylor was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, started taking singing lessons as a child and listened to music constantly. Growing up, she sang in choirs in churches. Her father was a civil rights activist, social worker and a Baptist minister and her mother was a

SEE JAZZ 6C

Crowned without a swimsuit contest

NIA IMANI FRANKLIN TAKES THE MISS AMERICA TITLE

WAYNE PARRY
The Associated Press

The first woman to win the Miss America crown without having to don a swimsuit says she's glad she didn't have to.

Nia Imani Franklin, who won the title Sunday night in Atlantic City while competing as Miss New York, said the changes in the 98-year-old pageant are a welcome modernization.

Franklin, 24, said she's glad there was no swimsuit competition because it enabled her to eat a little more.

"These changes, I think, will be great for our organization," she said. "I've already seen so many young women reaching out to me personally as Miss New York asking

how they can get involved because I think they feel more empowered that they don't have to do things such as walk in a swimsuit for a scholarship.

"And I'm happy that I didn't have to do so to win this title tonight because I'm more than just that," Franklin said. "And all these women onstage are more than just that."

Her victory Sunday night resurrected a string of successes the Empire State has had in the pageant in recent years. Mallory Hagan, Nina Davuluri and Kira Kazantsev won

SEE NIA 6C



Miss New York Nia Imani Franklin waits for the tiara to be put on her by outgoing Miss America Cara Mund on stage in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S., Sept. 9.

Photo via Reuters

Ebony Johnson talks youth-led social justice

She serves as an advisor with the 30-year-old local NAACP branch

Miami Times Staff Report

The Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP is celebrating 30 years in the community. The branch is involved in several initiatives, including the NAACP Youth Council. Ebony Johnson is the Miami-Dade NAACP Youth Council Advisor and Region V Adult Representative to the National Youth Work Committee.

When Johnson was asked in 2009 to become the advisor, she said, "How could I not?" she told *The Miami Times*. "My grandfather Samuel Bailey worked hard as president of the Mississippi

to inspire, equip, educate and connect people to strong possibilities.

As part of the 30th anniversary, the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP will host its Freedom Fund Soiree, honoring past presidents of the branch and community leaders. The activities will take place 6-11 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines. For more information, visit MiamiDadeNAACP.org or call 1-877-NAACP09. Johnson shares her thoughts about youth social justice development.

Q. How can young peo-



Photo Courtesy of Miami-Dade NAACP

Ebony Johnson, Miami-Dade NAACP Youth Council Advisor, at a rally with young activists.

Branch, and my mother Shirley B. Johnson formed the Miami-Dade NAACP Youth Council in 1988. NAACP is part of my family's legacy, and I will continue."

Johnson is a community activist and educator. Born and raised in Miami, she is the mother of two children, Tamaya and Jayson Jackson. Johnson learned her calling early in life after teaching and caring for toddlers at age 12 in the church's nursery and her experiences on her first job as a childcare worker at age 15. Determined to become a good teacher, Johnson earned a master's in reading and learning disabilities from the University of Miami. She served Linda Lentin K-8 Center, Brentwood and Miller Phyllis Ruth Elementary schools as a teacher for almost a decade. After accomplishing this, she then organized a nonprofit community center in 2001, named The Resource Room.

As executive director of The Resource Room and The Resource Room Child Care & Learning Center, Johnson educates children through aftercare and day programs. Overseeing four centers, serving more than 200 children daily, Johnson also dedicates time to help adults connect or reconnect with programs. In 2013, Johnson joined D.A. Dorsey Technical College as a case manager for Adult Education.

A lifelong member of the oldest civil rights organization, Johnson, has lead peaceful sit-ins, marches for causes that affect our community, organized town hall meetings and distributed Thanksgiving baskets to families. Johnson advocates for youth and is dedicated to providing leadership that guides them in being civically involved.

She has received recognition for her work and dedication and hopes to contin-

ple better understand social challenges, make their voices heard, and drive real impact on issues they care deeply about?

A. They first have to be guided to truly understand the issues, facts and how it was initiated, what are the realistic changes that can be made and who has the power to make these changes. Next, once they have gathered the facts, then they must be guided to create a strategic plan that includes supporters who also care deeply about the issues.

Q. How might companies and civil institutions better support and invest in youth-led change and movement building?

A. Companies and civil institutions can better support and invest in youth-led change and movement by meeting, discussing and strategizing with leaders of youth organizations like the Miami-Dade NAACP Youth Council. Social issues can change focus many times and may look different in many communities. Support can come in a variety of ways from financial to volunteering or connecting resources. When all parties can work collectively together, and the mission is to support and invest in youth-led change and movement, truly then real change will happen.

Q. What resources and tools do you recommend for young people interested in taking the first steps to lead change?

A. I would recommend young people connect themselves with an organization that shares the same passion and ideas for change. To be a great leader, you may need to start with following, listening to others that are already doing great work. Many of these organizations have toolkits and resour-



Miami-Dade NAACP Youth Council attends a field trip at iHeartRadio.

es available that will guide them on how to lead and advocate change for issues in their communities.

Q. What advice or inspiration can you offer to young people reading this who see mounting social challenges and question whether they can really make a difference?

A. If you question your power, you never get the opportunity to see just how much power you really have. You are the future makers so make and support the moves that you want or feel that will make your life, your families' lives and your community a place you love. Stand for something or fall for anything.

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Established in 1983, the Boulders Penguin Colony has experienced decreased breeding numbers in recent years.

FROM ITS LION'S HEAD SUMMIT TO PENGUIN-FILLED SEAS, AND LUSH WINE FARMS, SOUTH AFRICA'S JEWEL SHINES

SLOANE CROSLY
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Let's start at the top and go down, shall we? This option is not available when it comes to climbing one of Cape Town's many peaks — which some offensively fit locals like to scale before work — but it is available to us, here and now.

So first, a more elevated approach to Cape Town, that vibrant prow of an entire continent's ship: "If only we could eat our sunsets," wrote the Nobel Prize-winning J.M. Coetzee, the city's most famous literary son. "I say, we would all be full." The man knows of what he speaks. Landing in Cape Town, I was struck by a dramatic landscape that seems to have swiped its blueprints from a Disney film. This same jarringly beautiful topography is visible in the background of a teenage Coetzee's photographs, a treasure trove of which were discovered in his old flat and put on display at the Irma Stern Museum, near the University of Cape Town.

So how does it feel to be in Cape Town right now? Like the majority of crises you read about in the news, it is both far more and far less dramatic in person. Day Zero is omnipresent — there was not a single beach or coffee shop or bar or museum where I did not hear talk of the drought — and yet? The show must go on. If you live in an area afflicted with the occasional hurricane or tornado, put yourself in mind of that communal, anxious, electric vibe in the air hours before an event — perversely jubilant with a pulse of panic — as people stockpile supplies and wonder how bad things will get, who among them will turn out to be supply-hoarding

maniacs and who will turn out to be heroes. Then, having had their fill of wondering, everyone decides to give themselves a break, go out and have a good time. Now spread those hours out over six months, and there you have it.

Capetonians are a disturbingly friendly people — good luck to you if you can make it out of the most minor interaction without everyone knowing each other's blood types.

The benefits of staying in a real home are immeasurable — to name a few, you get to immerse yourself in the bloodstream and mindset of a city quickly, play house, live a parallel life, open the windows, and do as the locals do (bucket-showering and all) — but I will say, the cops don't generally show up when you check into a hotel. Simone Borchering, my wonderful host, was calm and collected on the phone, walking me through it as the alarm shrieked in the background. "Welcome to Cape Town, right?" she asked, laughing.

Part of me thought I might not leave again come sunrise. Which would not have been the end of the world. Simone's home was high-ceilinged and personality-filled and featured a vine-covered porch where I found myself enjoying a glass of nerve-calming wine.

But jet lag called, and so did Lion's Head. Lion's head is like Table Mountain's little sister, less imposing and easier to climb, and an ideal way to shake hands with Cape Town.

Because Cape Town is so cosmopolitan and culturally hip (the Zeitz MOCAA museum, which opened in September, is truly one of the finest contemporary art museums I have ever visited), it's easy to forget how far-flung **SEE AIRBNB 6C**



LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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EVENTS

■ The Overturn Children and Youth Coalition

Free professional development workshops; now until Feb. 2019; Register: www.overtowncyc.org/workshops. Info: Contact Shari Benjamin at 786-477-5813.

■ **The Knight Foundation** Thoughts Over Coffee at 7-9 p.m.; Sept. 12; 937 NW Third Ave.; entrepreneurial networking event; Register: bit.ly/2wcmfRj.

■ **State Rep. Cynthia A. Stafford** from District 109

Day of Service

Farm share distribution; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sept. 15; Miami Dade College - North Campus Gymnasium, 11380 N.W. 27th Ave.; Info: Call 305-953-3066.

■ Black Professionals Network

Black Professionals Summit conference; Sept. 27-29; Info: www.mybpnetwork.org.

SCHOOL MEETINGS

■ Miami Northwestern Class of 1968

2 p.m. every fourth Sunday; 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

■ George Washington Carver High School Class of 1966

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

■ Miami 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 305-696-11554

■ Miami Jackson Class of 1971

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

■ Miami Northwestern Class of 1959

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

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS:

■ The Citizen Advisory Committee

7 p.m. every second Thursday to discuss general community issues; Northside Police Station; 799 N.W. 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/Alumni Association

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

■ Top Ladies of Distinction Inc.

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

CLASSES:

■ Women in Transition of South Florida

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

■ Inner City Children's Touring Dance

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

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

BOOK REVIEW

Read all about the Curtis Black family's struggles

Latest book ends series with a bang

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Life has handed you a lot of chances.

You've taken some, for good or not. Others, you've passed up, and regretted it. Maybe you'd be richer today. Maybe you'd be poorer. For sure, you'd have an existence unlike what you have now and, as in the new novel "Better Late Than Never" by Kimberla Lawson Roby, you wonder what might've been...

First Lady Charlotte Black was fired.

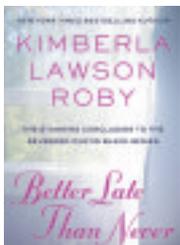
Every Sunday for 19 years, she'd gotten up, put on her finest clothes and her best face, and gone to church

with her husband, Reverend Curtis Black, leader of Deliverance Outreach. That's a lot of Sundays, a lot of dressing up, of pretending to be nice to people Charlotte really didn't want anything to do with.

She was going to tell Curtis soon that she was taking a sabbatical, but she had to wait because of drama: their daughter, Curtina, was having some sort of pre-teen phase and Curtis's sister, Trina, was sick.

In the meantime, Charlotte looked by drinking vodka. Curtina's parents were always treating the 12-year-old like an infant.

They never let her leave the house whenever she



Kimberla Lawson Roby

wanted and she had strict bedtimes, even on weekends. As for hanging out with her friends, forget it. Her parents even took her phone away! It was so unfair and it would be much worse, had Curtina not caught her

Curtis had seen his sister, Trina. At 18, he'd left home, escaping an abusive father, abandoning Trina and their mother with an angry, bullying alcoholic. Leaving had been self-preservation; Curtis had been planning an escape for years by then and he hadn't seen Trina but a handful of times since. Now her husband had called to tell Curtis that she was dying.

That brought back every bad memory Curtis had. Was it too late to replace them with answers and better kinds of memories?

All good things, as they say, must come to an end and, alas, that includes characters and book series. In "Better Late Than Never," it also goes for the Curtis Black family.

But fear not - author Kimberla Lawson Roby doesn't send readers away with a whimper in this book. No, this novel goes out with a gentle bang that includes the scandals you need but not the profanity you don't. That gives this novel - the entire series, in fact - a curious soap-opera feel, but churchy; everybody in the Curtis Black series has some sort of mess attached to their lives at one point or another. It's oh-so delicious but God forgives and so, eventually, does everybody else.

If you're not familiar with Curtis Black, don't start here; go back to Book One and give it a try. You'll be happier that way. If you're a fan, though, "Better Late Than Never" is the end of the line.

Joe Budden deemed the Howard Stern of hip-hop

The rapper has a new deal for top podcasts in the nation with Spotify

IMAN STEVENSON
The New York Times

This wasn't how Joe Budden planned on becoming famous. In fact, he didn't plan much of anything. Now he's on the charts, but not for his music.

Instead, Joe Budden had the No. 1 podcast on the iTunes music podcast chart - five slots ahead of the NPR standard-bearer "All Songs Considered."

Budden had a brief taste of mainstream success as a rapper with a Top 40 hit in 2003 before his career stalled. Now he has become a kind of volatile elder statesman of hip-hop, holding forth on his podcast, social media and YouTube before an audience of millions.

Budden is now banking on a new partnership with Spotify to expand on his success. Starting this fall, his podcast will stream exclusively on that platform. When asked why he thought Spotify was the best home for his show, Budden said simply, "They weren't afraid of me."

Seated at the dining room table in his Montclair, N.J., home, Budden is just as he seems as a podcast host: expressive and candid and unembarrassed to recount a series of personal and professional misfortunes and poor decisions, from his battles with addiction, messy physical fights that spilled onto social media to rap beefs and shady recording contracts that left him broke for most

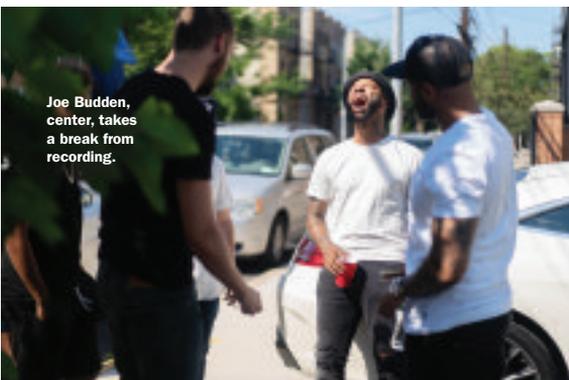
of his rap career.

He was also accused of beating an ex-girlfriend, and even though charges were dropped, the allegations continue to dog him. "Even if you're innocent of those things, therapy teaches you to always pay attention to the part that I played in things," Budden said. "I didn't do any of that stuff, but how did I get here? I frequented strip clubs, I popped pills. My life was in disarray. It made me say, 'No more.'"

The Joe Budden Podcast began in 2015 as I'll Name This Podcast Later. Budden is like a retired athlete at a desk on ESPN. He's brash, opinionated and blunt. His time spent as an artist on a major record label lends him an insider's perspective, and his disdain for the music industry has only served to boost his credibility.

Joseph Anthony Budden Jr. was born in Spanish Harlem in 1980. At 13, he moved to Jersey City with his mother and older brother. He was soon sent to a boarding school in North Carolina. It turned out to be a school that attracted troubled youth. Though he learned to rap there, he returned to New Jersey with an arsenal of bad habits and was soon addicted to angel dust.

"My mom's mission my entire teenage years was just to save my life," Budden said. He did, however, check himself into rehab, a deal he struck with his mother in order to attend a prom. "I was the only volunteer in that re-



Joe Budden, center, takes a break from recording.

Emma Howells/The New York Times

hab. Everybody was mandated there by court." He failed to get a diploma, he said, and by the age of 20 had a son with an older woman.

Shortly after his son was born, a demo he recorded made its way to Def Jam Recordings, which resulted in a record deal for Budden. Right away he had a hit with "Pump It Up," and he was nominated for a Grammy, but Budden stalled as a rapper. He lasted at Def Jam until 2007. It was a chaotic time.

"Turmoil everywhere," he recalled. "The label situation, family situation. My relationship with my first child was nonexistent. I was broke and I was a new rapper whose career was spiraling downward."

He thought recording on a smaller label would give him more freedom, but he found himself saddled with

yet another bad contract, so he turned to the internet. He started filming his day-to-day life on his YouTube channel, Joe Budden TV.

This led to an offer to join the cast of the VH1 reality series "Love & Hip Hop: New York." It was an eye-opener. Budden saw it as the perfect vehicle to revive his rap career. Instead, it was a pitiless mirror that revealed an addict in denial. He decided that the way to get off pills was not to go into rehab but to appear on another VH1 reality show, "Couples Therapy."

"I wasn't going for couples therapy," Budden said. "I wasn't going because they were paying me. Drugs were my issue."

The therapy worked. And then he decided to quit rapping.

"A large part of me being absent in my first child's life

was rap," Budden said. He has two sons, Joseph, 17, and Lexington, an 8-month-old, with his current girlfriend, Cynthia Pacheco.

In his new clean state, Budden met Ian Schwartzman, a manager who saw promise in the former rapper. "In terms of what he was capable of doing as a personality," Schwartzman said, "it was limitless." He envisioned Budden as the "hip-hop Howard Stern."

Thirteen years after his only hit record and committed to staying clean, Budden began his second act, becoming a co-host on "Everyday Struggle," a daily hip-hop news show on Complex Media's YouTube channel. That platform involved viral moments that would increase Budden's visibility and complete his transformation from rapper to media personality.

NIA

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the title from 2013 to 2015 competing as Miss New York.

A classical vocalist whose pageant platform is "advocating for the arts," Franklin sang an operatic selection from the opera "La Bohème" on Sunday night.

She wrote her first song at age 5. It went "Love, love, love, love, is the only thing that matters to me, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey." At the prompting of an Associated Press reporter, she sang the song at her post-victory press conference as audience members snapped their fingers.

Franklin won a \$50,000 scholarship along with the crown in the first Miss America pageant to be held without a swimsuit competition.

Franklin said that when her father was diagnosed with cancer several years ago—she donated stem cells as part of his treatment—she had to find a way to help pay for college. The pageant says Franklin's winnings before she received the crown were \$17,250.

She said during her onstage interview that she was one of only a small number of minority students in school growing



Miss America 2019, Nia Franklin of New York wins the crown. Photo via USA TODAY

up, but used her love for music and the arts to grow and fit in.

The fourth runner-up was Miss Massachusetts, Gabriela Taveras; third runner-up was Miss Florida, Taylor Tyson; second runner-up was Miss Louisiana, Hollie Conway, and the first runner-up was Miss Connecticut, Bridget Oei.

The judges narrowed the field of 51 candidates during the pageant Sunday night from Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall.

The decision to drop the swimsuit competition creat-

ed a good deal of controversy and criticism of current Miss America leadership. Minutes before the nationally televised broadcast began, a comedian warming up the crowd mentioned that there would be no swimsuit competition this year, and was met with loud boos in the hall.

The swimsuits were replaced by onstage interviews, which have generated attention-grabbing remarks from contestants regarding President Trump, and NFL player

protests, among other topics.

The pageant, hosted by "Dancing with the Stars" judge Carrie Ann Inaba and TV personality Ross Mathews ("Ross the Intern" from Jay Leno's "Tonight Show"), was reconfigured to suit the "Miss America 2.0" mission and the absence of the swimsuit competition. Talent, which counted for 50 percent of each contestant's score in the preliminary round, was 30 percent in the final. Onstage interview counted for 25 percent, as did

each contestant's composite score from preliminaries. Eveningwear counted for the least, at 20 percent.

In an effort to have contestants speak more during the competition, "peer questions" were incorporated, for which each state Miss asked the next one a question, instead of a judge or host.

Miss West Virginia, Madeline Collins, did not win an award for her onstage question but made headlines anyway when she was asked to name the biggest issue facing the country.

"Donald Trump is the biggest issue facing our country today," Collins answered, without hesitation. "Unfortunately he has caused a lot of divide in our country and until we can trust in him and the choices that he makes for our country, we cannot come united."

Other changes to the competition were that the age limit was expanded from 24 to 25, there was no runway on the pageant stage, and instead of just modeling evening gowns during the "red carpet" evening portion, contestants were asked to talk about their social impact initiatives. They were also invited to wear other types of formal attire, including pants and cocktail dresses.

But all of them chose to wear gowns, anyway.

Behind the scenes, a revolt is underway among most of the Miss America state organizations who demand that national chairwoman Gretchen Carlson and CEO Regina Hopper resign.

The former Miss America, Cara Mund, says the two have bullied and silenced her, claims that the women deny.

Upon taking over at the helm of the Miss America Organization last winter following an email scandal in which former top leaders denigrated the appearance, intellect and sex lives of former Miss Americas, Carlson and Hopper set out to transform the organization, dubbing it "Miss America 2.0."

Unhappy with how the swimsuit decision was reached, as well as with other aspects of Carlson and Hopper's performance, 46 of the 51 state pageant organizations (the District of Columbia is included) have called on the two to resign.

Mund only appeared at the very end of the pageant before the next winner was crowned. She was not allowed to speak live; instead, a 30-second taped segment of her speaking was broadcasted.

New Jersey Advance Media contributed to this report.

JAZZ

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volunteer.

Their fire and sense of community, Taylor notes, affected her attitude toward life.

A jazz singer in the late '60s, she performed at fundraisers and political events whenever she could while working for New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's Women's Unit, where Gloria Steinem and Evelyn Cunningham were also very much responsible for

showing her the importance of legacy. She moved on to become a founding member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and the National Women's Political Caucus.

"My mentors always told me 'You don't have the right to stay in your place; you have to make that place for somebody else,'" she recalls. "And, I do believe, with all my heart, that it is my duty to nurture other women."

Taylor left that job in support professionally, but son Jaesyn's arrival in her life changed her trajectory, leading her to in-

vest in a career in mediation and arbitration so she could provide for him. Then came a job in the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. as public affairs specialist and loan officer, followed by a move to Miami and a position as an assistant to former Mayor Maurice Ferré. When Bayside opened for business downtown in 1987, Taylor made the transition from public servant to entrepreneur with her first Miami To Go store, now with and a location in Little Havana and four different outposts inside the Mi-

ami International Airport.

Entrepreneurship she says was her way of finding self-sufficiency. After 30 successful years in retail, she says that faith is a big component of her success as is the confidence to acknowledge her vulnerability and strength. She has been through a brain tumor, two heart attacks, and was diagnosed with emphysema four years ago. And yet, she keeps moving forward, with initiatives that include work as a board member of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Multicultural Tour-

ism Committee Chair of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, WDNA Jazz Radio and Viernes Culturales.

"It is a state of mind I carry with me," she explains. "Nothing is a stumbling block. It has never occurred to me to not do something out of fear, never feared reaching out to doing something I have never done before."

Though Taylor has cemented herself as a leading figure in local retail and community service and has no plans to cease straddling both worlds.

Two years ago, she resumed taking lessons and performing at venues such as the Betsy Hotel. Performing heartfelt songs while mingling with friends and jazz fans feed her soul, she says. Besides all her other accomplishments, she also wants to leave behind an audible mark. "I'll never stop," she says. "I just can't."

Taylor will perform at 7-11 p.m. Sept. 12 and Oct. 20 at the Betsy Hotel, located at 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach. For more information, call 305-531-6100 or visit www.thebetsyhotel.com.

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it is. Which is where climbing a peak comes in. It's powerful to gaze out toward the Southern Ocean and imagine oneself as standing on one of three prongs (counting South America's Cape Horn and Melbourne, Australia) that frame the icy jewel of Antarctica. Surveying the land a bit closer to home, one sees the details of the sprawling city "bowl," how Capetonians refer to the neighborhoods that circle Lion's Head. From here, I spot my trendy Tamboerskloof neighborhood (like New York's West Village or Paris's Marais, it's been trendy for a long time), the touristy-but-posh Camps Bay, the up-and-coming Woodstock, the V&A Waterfront, the Sea Point promenade, and beyond.

Cape Town's literary scene extends well beyond the Coetzee-ness of it all. In addition to multiple independent bookstores, there's the Open Book Festival, which draws authors from all over Africa, and beyond, every September. Meanwhile, on Long Street is Clarke's Bookshop, a 62-year-old independent bookstore that sells new and secondhand books as well as old southern African maps. Upstairs is a rare books room that smells both musty and tropical, like what would happen if the top floor of Manhattan's Strand bookstore transported itself to Honolulu. On the day I visit, a customer comes into the shop and actually announces: "You've got a book I've been looking for years!"

Parallel to Long is the bustling Bree Street, which is a kind of epicenter for Cape Town adorableness. Any list of "must do's" in Cape Town, no matter the sender, will come complete with a few Bree Street stops. I head over to Jason Bakery, where I order a strong cup of coffee, a bottle of water, and a bowl of granola the size of my head, topped with fresh papaya and kiwi. Meanwhile, nearby



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The historic Cape Dutch farm Babylonstoren includes the seasonal farm-to-fork Greenhouse Restaurant and plenty of nooks to explore.

there are plenty of shops filled with upscale merchandise at corresponding prices. I purchase a bowl embedded with ostrich egg shards from Avooiva and quite consciously do not do the same at Missibabla, slowly backing out of the store and its display of oversized handwoven leather bags.

At Chefs Warehouse & Canteen, the seasonal flavors and traditional South African dishes are transformed into innovative cuisine.

The majestic Twelve Apostles, a mountain range that towers over Camps Bay, is actually a series of 17 peaks.

But if, for some cruel reason, you are forced to choose just one vineyard in which to spend the day, get thee to Babylonstoren. By now you will have deduced that Cape Town lends itself to hyperbole—you must go to the botanical gardens, you must go to the modern art museum—and yes, you must, but get thee to Babylonstoren. Slightly off the beaten path, Babylonstoren is like a campus for aesthetes, consisting of a garden, spa, hotel, cheese shop, healing garden, "prickly pear maze," bakery, greenhouse, and Babel restaurant (where palate cleansers are fresh plums and some of the salads come with ice cream). The white Cape Dutch-style buildings cut a

clean profile against the verdant scenery, which includes Spekboom, or "elephant bush," an aptly named succulent, edible for humans and a favorite treat of elephants.

Babylonstoren is what running away from home as an adult looks like. But, loath as I am to leave wine country, I have to get back to town. I have an early date the next day—not with Ian, but with some dapperly dressed birds.

Terry and his coworker, Jon Monsoon, wave to me from a narrow sliver of sand at the end of the beach. On a rock beyond them lie about 30 penguins, relaxing in the sun. Terry and Jon are in the midst of putting up a new fence with signs warning beachgoers that this is fragile territory, off-limits. The city has finally agreed to give them money for this fence—before it was just a rope—and I wince at Terry's glee. Over the past 100 years, the world's endangered African penguin population has declined 95 percent, and 66 percent remain in South Africa. Should the city not be funding more than a trip to the hardware store? I hold one of the poles in place in the sand as Terry strings rope through it and explains the delicacy of the situation: "It's not as simple as it seems.

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Students at The Motivational Edge converse during a classroom discussion with a mentor.

FROM THE EDGE AND BACK: YOUTH PROGRAM TRANSFORMS LIVES

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The Motivational Edge marks
10 years in Allapattah with new building

On the south side of Northwest 36th Street sits many businesses with Spanish titles. Miami Jackson Senior High School, a predominantly Black school, sits on the north side of Northwest 36th Street. Ian Welsh, a former educator at Melrose Elementary School and CEO of The Motivational Edge, believes this street is somewhat of a cultural divide. That's why he decided to place the organization's

brand new youth center right next to it. "Where south of 36th Street, you have highly Dominican, it's Allapattah, and north of 36th Street, you have Liberty City," Welsh said as he pointed in each direction. "So we like this because we say that we connect zip codes and that's truly what we feel like we're doing."

The Motivational Edge, a youth program that serves predominantly Black and Hispanic youth, will open its new campus on Sept. 21 at 1560 NW 36th St. For the past 10 years, the program has engaged youth all across Miami in academic tutoring, sports and wellness, art and musical expression. With its new

\$400,000 facility, the organization will be able to take its programs to the next level.

Erick Guerra, The Motivational Edge's programs manager, has seen the positive effect the program has had on students.

"Over the last three years, I've witnessed truly talented artists and athletes leverage their talents to provide youth with a platform that invites, engages and educates them with the skills needed to succeed," Guerra said. "For example, youth have entered the

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Ian Welsh, founder of The Motivational Edge, pictured with two students.



The Motivational Edge's new facility will allow students to play different sports on the field.



The Motivational Edge instructor engages with students.

Remembering Joseph Caleb, a Miami trailblazer

Medgar Evers, Fred Hampton, Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Joe Caleb - what these men had in common was their fierce loyalty to their cause. Unrelenting devotion to serve their race and their fellow men and women. Assassinated in the prime of their lives for what they believed in.

Joseph Caleb, a philanthropist, trailblazing a way through community outreach by creating the labor union summer job program for young kids in his community, a four year scholarship program for kids of the men and women in his union. For initiating a pension fund for those men and women of Local 478 so they could live their lives with dignity once they retired.

Activism which included marching along shoulder to

shoulder with the same man with whom he took an oath to lead as president of the Laborers of the Laborers International Union of North America Local 478 (AFL-CIO).

A suave and debonair gentleman, quite the oxymoron for leader of a labor union, one might think of a gruff and rough, calloused man. But Joe Caleb was quite the contrary. He could have easily graced the cover of *GQ Magazine*, but when it came to fighting for the masses, for the laborer or even to provide community resources for the impoverished families in the City of Miami, Mr. Caleb came out swinging. Those who dealt with him knew he had a simple philosophy: "If you don't move I see about moving you."

His name has since be-



From left to right: Joseph Caleb, Arthur Fletcher (U.S. Department of labor), Athalie Range (Community Activist) and W. H. Matthews (President of W.H. Matthews Contractors)

come synonymous with terms such as: community, unity, equality and fairness. Just to name a few, a thriving and vibrant community center and auditorium named after him on 22nd Avenue and 54th Street probably being the very first community center of its kind in the City of Miami. Joe Caleb continues the legacy he began over 40 years ago.

"I do not know if Joe considered himself a religious man or not, and frankly, I do not care . . . In truth Caleb was perhaps one of the most religious men of our time, because he did the work that God commanded his children to do."

The late Bayard Rustin Civil Rights and Labor Strategies Director of A. Philip Randolph Institution.

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Photo courtesy of The Motivational Edge

The facility will be home to many different recreational activities such as dance and music.

YOUTH

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program with aggressive language and demeanors that have transformed through consistent, constant mentoring to more warm and welcoming 'vibes.' There is truly something for everyone."

Jose Hernandez started participating in The Motivational Edge about four years ago at age 17. During that time, he said he was writing aimlessly and used it as a way to express himself. He always wanted to be a rapper since he was little.

"They were having a little poetry slam, and they kind of offered classes," Hernandez said. "They were like, we have a studio you can get [access to] and learn from, and I was always interested in learning the equipment of the studio."

When Hernandez went into the program, he became very close to one mentor.

"I didn't have any friends because I had just transferred from New York, and that's where I found most of my friends. I found a home there," Hernandez said.

At the center, students from different backgrounds participated. But, Hernandez said, the fact that they were different didn't matter. "It was more so [about] the content of the character," he said. "Whatever your character could make of the situation you were in, you were accepted. We battled each other and [threw] words at each other and not just rhyme with it, but [to] make something with it on the spot."

Students who are part of the program are referred to by the schools they attend, case managers and the juvenile justice department if they exhibit issues with behavior, academics, or other areas. But students who are considered to be excelling in those areas are also referred, and the program helps them with their portfolios.

Welsch said the program works a lot with the Juvenile Assessment Center and will begin working with the Mi-

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straddles Northwest 36th Street and is accompanied by a field that will include sports amenities. Parallel to the center will be the building that houses other programming.

"We're going to offer everything from dance, martial arts and yoga to film, photography, music, music theory all the way to music production, and at the height of all of it, is academics for our kids," Welsch said.

Welsch likened the building to the left-brain, right-brain concept. On the left side of the building, academics and learning will take place, whereas, on the right side of the building, students will engage in creativity and the arts.

According to its website, The Motivational Edge has served about 6,100 students between 2015 and 2017 and taught at 41 sites in 2017. About 93 percent of students have seen improvement in their grades; 100 percent graduate high school and 83 percent go on to college. The organization has sites in several other counties, including Broward, Leon, Pinellas and Hillsborough.

Because The Motivational Edge has done programming at different sites throughout South Florida, most people hear about the program through word-of-mouth, Welsch said.

With the new facility on its way, Welsch believes The Motivational Edge can better assist the youth it serves.

"So we really like to, what we say, reach the unreachable and those kids that may be feeling inferior, lack of confidence or whatever disability or unique ability they do have. We like to really bring that out of them and let them know that that's OK. You can shine here," Welsch said.

ami-Dade State Attorney's Office. They also assist youth in transitioning out of the foster care system.

Students who want to join the program without a referral may fill out an application. Any student who is earning a 'C' or lower in core classes must participate in no-cost tutoring in order for them to take advantage of the facility's amenities. The program is at no cost to all community youth. It's funded primarily through grants, individual and corporate contributions.

The new campus includes two buildings, both between Northwest 36 and 35th streets. Both buildings still require a lot of work and are transforming each day. The sports and wellness center

Vesper choir anniversary Sunday

A.M. Cohen Temple C.O.G.I.C. Vesper Choir Anniversary and Gospel Music Heritage Celebration, 3:30 p.m., Sunday, September 16 at 1747 NW 3 Ave., Miami.

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Miami sailor returns home from serving on 9/11 memorial vessel

The USS New York is made from steel from the World Trade Center

Special to The Miami Times

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's assets, Haylock and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"Serving in the Navy means giving back to the country," Haylock said. "I'm sacrificing so that others can be free."

Miami native is one of more than 1,000 sailors who recently returned to Naval Station Mayport after a six-month deployment to the Middle East and Mediterranean areas of operation.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Julian Haylock is a Navy graduate, Haylock, credits his success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Miami.

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activities relating to seamanship.

"My favorite part about my job is being able to work with my team and accomplishing a goal together," Haylock said.

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on Nov. 7, 2009, to this day, the New York stays true to their motto, "Strength forged through sacrifice. Never for-

get."

The New York made a seven-day stop in Piraeus, Greece, where more Sailors and Marines enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their hosts as both nations are committed to promoting peace and stability in the region, according to Navy officials.

"Aboard New York, we are proud of what we accomplished on our recent deployment," said Capt. Brent DeVore, commanding officer aboard New York. "We made important contributions to maritime security throughout the Mediterranean and strengthened our relationships and partnerships throughout the area. Our sailors and Marines provided a ready team to execute the full range of amphibious missions wherever, and whenever, we were needed."

FAITH CALENDAR

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■ Mt. Tabor Baptist Church

All senior classes of Miami Northwestern Senior High School are invited to "Let's Worship Together" 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, 10500 NW Seventh Ave. RSVP with Sylvia, Class of 65, at 786-423-0429.

The Universal Truth Center for Better Living

Is having celebration lessons that will give the

community to adventure in faith from now until Oct. 21. For more information, please call the center at 305-624-4991 or visit truthcenter.org.

■ Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church

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

■ New Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Invites the community to a revival starting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 17 - 21 at 1435 NW 54th St. For more details, please call 305-588-5030.

■ The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.

Free counseling, tutoring, health screenings and messages of services are being offered by Senior Pastor Felicia Hamilton-Parramore;

Call 954-707-3274 for more details.

■ Gathering All Parents to Prayer

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

■ Greater New Bethel Baptist Church

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

■ Sistah to Sistah Connection

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

260-9348 for more details.

■ The Elks Historical Business and Conference Center

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

■ Metropolitan A.M.E. 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. - 1 p.m. every Saturday. Call 786-362-1804 for more details.

■ New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry

Free mind, body and soul self-empowerment and Zumba fitness classes. Call 305-691-0018.

■ Florida Independent Restoration Ministries

Prayer for families dealing with drugs and alcohol. Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or prayerline.org.

■ 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

FROM FLAWED TO FLAWLESS

EXPANDED HIGH-END MEDICAL SPA OFFERS SERVICES FOR TOTAL BODY REJUVENATION

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The pristine whiteness of the Flawless Icon Med Spa location in Miami looks like the lobby of a high-end apartment building.

Behind the reception desk are helpful people with friendly really-white smiles, starting with owner Melanie Fields.

Fields has taken Flawless Icon that, when she started, special-



Melanie Fields

ized in laser hair removal, to a medical spa that specializes in next-generation skin treatments using natural ingredients and high technology.

Flawless Icon has grown, too, from a 2,000-square-foot building to a 5,000-square-foot building, plus two franchise locations, one of which is in Africa. To grow the business, Fields joined forces with a silent business partner, attorney Jean Paul. He gives her business advice, some of which he learned as an entrepreneur.

"Working with Melanie and Flawless Icon has been a great journey so far," he said. "I've ex-



Patients step into the Flawless Icon treatment room to begin procedures.

Photos courtesy of Flawless Icon

perienced the highs and lows of running several businesses, so I've been able to coach from my past experiences. Together, we have made Flawless Icon – not just a med spa – but a lifestyle. We are proud of that."

When Fields started Flawless Icon in 2014, the business was focused on laser hair removal. At the time, people of color had few options for laser hair removal. Most med spas, she said, would tell people with melanin that they were unsure if they could get them the desired

results. Some clients were exposed to severe burns.

Fields had discovered technology that gives effective, sustainable results, she said. She was so sure she had a viable laser hair removal solution for people of color, she marketed Flawless on social media as such. The company's Instagram name from then until now is lasermelplase-miami.

The services menu has grown as Fields has contracted with other image professionals to offer a relative smorgasbord

of services.

The 32-year-old Miami-raised licensed esthetician and laser specialist said she offers clients the latest enhancements at its new location at 222 NE 79 St., in Miami. Enhancements, she says, clients can have without surgery. Dr. George Herrera administers medical treatments at Flawless Icon.

Don't be surprised if you see a celebrity or two in the lobby. Social media is peppered with celebrities singing the praises of Flawless Icon.

The med spa offers Botox and other fillers, fat removal, massages, teeth whitening, facials, keloid and alopecia correction and other injectables.

The radio frequency facial, which is what I had, uses impulse to rejuvenate the skin. The treatment reminded me of getting an ultrasound procedure done. It involved a gel, a wand attached to a machine and an esthetician to guide it. While my skin is young, there are some signs of aging especially around the top of my eyelids. I do have

some scarring from tweezing and waxing. After the treatment, my face was smooth and glowing. Some really fine lines around my eyes had faded.

"This is the next generation of facials," said Fields.

To treat the scarring, I was sent home with Flawless Skin Max capsules, dubbed as natural and loaded with glutathione, an antioxidant which, over time, should lighten the scarred areas. I also treated some facial hair, though complete removal will take seven more visits, once a month each, Fields said. I will let you know my final results.

Fields said beauty starts from within, so the location includes a Genera Center for Regenerative Medicine, which administers IV Drip Therapy on Saturday mornings. If you have watched the Showtime series "Billions," you would have seen nurses bringing IVs to Wall Street traders at their offices to keep them supercharged or help them recover from too late a night of debauchery. Fields says IV therapy allows 100 percent absorption.

Soon to come will be a juice bar to support Fields' philosophy of taking care of inside the body to maintain a beautiful outside.

Flawless Icon offers education about services, so if you don't know what you need, Fields and her staff can guide you. The place can be fast-paced. Treatments were quickly administered. The spa exudes energy, so if you are coming for a zen, relaxing, getaway day, this is not the place.

For the client on the go, Flawless Icon, gets you in and out.



Photo Courtesy of North Shore Medical Center

North Shore collaborates with North Miami for bash

North Shore Medical Center joined with the city of North Miami Mayor's Back-to-School Bash and offered health screenings for adults in the community. The annual Mayor's Back-to-School Bash was held at the Joe Celestin Center. Families came out and enjoyed live entertainment as well as a backpack giveaway for students returning to school. "We are committed to the health and wellness of our community, as well as supporting the kids going back to school," said Mark Racicot, CEO of North Shore Medical Center.

NSMC supports health walk

Special to The Miami Times

North Shore Medical Center's women's health services department joined community health care advocates, peer counselors and certified lactation consultants at a breastfeeding awareness walk at Tropical Park last month. The walk was hosted by the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and the Women, Infants and Children Program. The purpose of the meeting was to educate the community on the importance of breastfeeding.

North Shore Medical Center offers a variety of women's services. It is home to a

Comprehensive Breast Institute. Imaging services include digital mammography, breast ultrasound, bone density screening, stereotactic biopsy, ultrasound-guided biopsy and other image-guided procedures. Services include screenings and specialist consultation for a full spectrum of breast conditions and access to breast cancer treatment. The hospital, located in northern Miami-Dade County, has a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which can handle high-risk pregnancies.

For more information, visit www.northshoremcd.com/our-services/women-s-health/comprehensive-breast-institute.



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Staff from North Shore Medical Center's women's health services department attend a breastfeeding awareness walk.




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Kiana Thomas, granddaughter of Francena B. Thomas, school board member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, C. J. Latimore, Nifretta Thomas and Yolanda Cash Jackson pose with the portrait of Francena B. Thomas.

FRANCENA B. THOMAS

MIAMI EDUCATOR HONORED

A new media center is dedicated to her at Frederick Douglass Elementary

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A new media center at Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Overtown will bear the name of a beloved community activist, educator and *Miami Times* columnist. The morning was gloomy and dark, but inside the new media center, the energy was warm, teeming with praise for Miami educator and activist, Francena B. Thomas.

The media center was unveiled on a Friday morning, thanks to an effort by District 2 school board member Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.

Earlier in the year, while eating breakfast with Francena Thomas' daughter, Nifretta Thomas, the school board member asked if her mother was ever honored for her strong support for education and community activism. At that point, Francena Thomas had not been publicly recognized for the impact she had on her community.

"I'm gonna have to honor her," said Bendross-Mindingall, who represents the district where the school is located, which consists of parts of Historic Overtown, where many figures important in the Black community have been honored in the past.

Francena Thomas served as a big sister and mentor for Bendross-Mindingall and some of the many who were in attendance at the event.

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Bea Hines, the first Black female reporter for the *Miami Herald*, reminisces about her experiences with Francena B. Thomas.



Miami Alliance of Black Educators fete educators

The group held its inaugural dinner and awards at NoMi's Bar and Grill

Miami Times Staff Report

The Miami Alliance of Black Educators (MABSE) honored some of Miami's top educators at its inaugural Legacy of Excellence in Education: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow Awards Dinner and Celebration.

MABSE, an affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, pays close attention to the needs and interests of students, particularly Black students and communities.

The crowd of nearly 200 gathered last Thursday, Sept. 6 at NoMi's Bar and Grill in North Miami to pay homage to retired and present-day educators. Those honored include: Solomon Stinson, former school board member and chair; Geneva Woodard, retired associate superintendent; Johnnie Perry Baptist, retired Miami Northwestern Senior High teacher; Valtena Brown, deputy superintendent and highest rank-

ing Black administrator in Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Derrick McKoy, first Black president of Dade Association of School Administrators and first Black principal of MAST Academy on Key Biscayne; Bernadette Toussaint Pierre, president of the Association of Haitian Educators of Dade; Cisey Scott, principal of Olinda Elementary and 2017 M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year; Derek Negron, principal of Carol City Middle and 2018 M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year; and Tawana Akins, curriculum coach.

One of the highlights at the end of the evening was the surprise entrance of Democratic gubernatorial nominee Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum.

For more information about the Miami Alliance of Black School Educators, visit www.mabse.org or contact Vanessa Woodard Byers at 305-879-6442.



Photo courtesy of The Miami Alliance of Black Educators

MABSE Legacy of Excellence in Education Award honorees along with school board member Steve Gallon III, second from left and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, fourth from right.

Pastor OF THE WEEK



Deborah Porter



Deborah Porter believes love is definitely an action word

Female pastor and family use various expertise to help

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Deborah Porter has always had a heart for people and a love for God. In her early 20s, she taught Sunday school, led women's ministry, served as a youth worker and searched for various ways to help her community.

It is those qualities that ultimately led her former pastor to choose her as his successor. Porter leads John Wesley Ministries, a Liberty City church that ministers to people in a holistic and unique way. Yet when he first approached her, pastoring hadn't even crossed her mind. She agreed to serve in

the role temporarily, but that was 12 years ago. What started as an interim position turned into a new platform God would use to execute her lifelong passion: serving people by meeting them at the point of their needs.

"Our ministry itself is holistic because I can teach you about the Word

of God as scripture says, but if you're hungry you can't hear me. If you have other needs, and we're not dealing with those other needs you don't hear what I'm saying, so what we try to do is look at the total package," Porter said.

Since Porter is a mental health professional with a background in education, social work and human services, and her daughters share similar expertise, they use their combined gifts to make a tangible impact.

As such, the church offers tutoring, homeless outreach, court advocacy, counseling for couples, families and those experiencing trauma or grief, and other important services. She said her husband of 39 years, Gregory Porter, has what she calls an "Under The Tree Ministry," through which he mentors young men organically.

"Because he's a pillar in the community, young men will come sit in my yard just to talk to him. It doesn't matter the situation, he's able to talk to them at whatever level he needs to," Porter said, believing her family's hands-on approach to ministry has yielded great results.

"What we really feel as a family is we all minister in some way or the other and that's the way my ministry is designed. It's not designed just to be in the four walls of this church. In other words, we're a light in that area to show people that not only Christ but also what Christ has placed on the inside of them so that they can duplicate that empowerment," Porter said.

Formerly known as Wesleyan Methodist Church, John Wesley is located at 2301 NW 79 St., in Miami. Sunday services are held at 11 a.m. However, since the church is currently in the process of building a new facility, Porter and her family have taken notes from the early Christians depicted in the Book of Acts. They meet in various locations, including some of the members' homes.

"Because we're not in the building, our Bible study is not just in one place. People want Bible study in their homes, so we're open to going into the homes and having bible study with the families. It's like a ministry on wheels. We're taking it where the people are," Porter said.

Sunday services are currently held at 1041 NW

49 St. or New 79th Street Word Church, 2275 NW 79 St. Bible studies are by request and can be designed based around topics attendees want to know more about.

"When the new building is complete, Porter said it will be a multi-use facility that will be equipped to more effectively offer the previously mentioned community services, church services and more.

She said her ultimate mark of ministerial success will be to leave a legacy as one who loved by doing.

"When I leave this place, I want people to remember me as someone who loved ... It did not matter where you came from, it did not matter what your past was. It did not even matter what you were doing at that time; if you were able to look at me and I was able to interact with you and let you know the God that I serve is real and He loves you in spite of, I can say Lord I've listened to you and I've done what you said," Porter said.

To learn more about John Wesley Ministries, find out which location they will meet at or request a bible study session, call 305-836-0400.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville remembers

The Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville cordially invites you to the 20th annual memorial service for the late Rev. J. W. Stepherson, Sunday, September 16 at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Maurice E. Johnson, pastor of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, FL will deliver the memorial message.

The church is located at 2799 NW 46 St., Rev. Larrrie M. Lovett II is the pastor.



Rev. J.W. Stepherson

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Attorney and lobbyist Yolanda Cash Johnson emceed the event. In attendance were Nifretta and Kiana Thomas, Francena's daughter and granddaughter as well as Bea Hines, the first Black female reporter for the *Miami Herald* and personal friend of Thomas, among others.

"We laughed together; we shared our darkest secrets; and we shared our pain," Hines said. "She loved her community, and she loved the people in the community."

Thomas died in the summer of 2015 after she was a lifelong proponent of education and community activism. Thomas and her family were members of the Liberty City community in a time "where everyone knew each other and our parents,"

recalls her younger sister, Charlotte Bruton in a Miami Times interview at the time of Thomas' death.

Their parents, Andre and Lou Ella Bruton taught them "to have pride and dignity in everything we did," Bruton recalls in the interview.

Thomas graduated in 1953 from Dorsey High School and went on to pursue her college education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where she studied education. Upon graduation, she began her career as an educator at the Robert Russa Moton Elementary School in Miami.

Thomas wrote in the *Miami Times* under the pseudonym "Dora Lee," where she used the platform to write about education, as well as the different issues that were happening around the community. Thomas also used radio and TV to expand her message further.

A portrait of Thomas, de-

signed and painted by artist, C. J. Latimore, was unveiled as part of the ceremony.

Latimore has several other pieces of art displayed at Frederick Douglass Elementary. He has worked with Bendross-Mindingall in the past and was Nifretta Thomas' art teacher when she was going through the public school system. Latimore also enjoyed a friendship with Thomas.

"She would come by my studio and watch me paint," Latimore said. "When she would speak, she would have this very prolific air about her that you know you were talking to someone with great character."

The new media center will serve as the main computer lab and library for the students.

As part of the celebration, the Broward Board of County Commissioners deemed Sept. 7 Francena B. Thomas Day in Broward County.

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Early Day Sunday Worship 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Michael D. Screen

13650 N.E. 10th Avenue
305-899-7224

Brownsville Church of Christ

Services
Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.

Min. Harrell L. Henton

4561 N.W. 33rd Court
305-634-4850

93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church

Services
7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship
11 a.m. Morning Worship
Evening Worship
1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Website: cm93.org

Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

2330 N.W. 93rd Street
305-836-0942

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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

Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivery, Pastor

1470 N.W. 87th Street
305-691-8861

Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Services
Early Worship 7 a.m.
NBC Sunday 9 a.m.
NBC 10:05 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 4 p.m.
Mission and Bible

Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.

5946 N.W. 12th Avenue
305-751-9323

New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International

Services
Sunday Worship 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.

1 (800) 254-086C
305-685-3700
Fax: 305-685-0705
www.newbirthbaptistmiami.org

Bishop Victor T. Curry, D.Min., D.D., Senior Pastor/Teacher
2300 N.W. 135th Street

Pembroke Park Church of Christ

Services
SUNDAY Bible Study 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY Evening Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Minister Kevin D. Jones, Sr.

www.PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com
954-962-9327
3707 S.W. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33023

Hosanna Community Baptist Church

Services
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study
Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry
Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3p.m.

Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins

2171 N.W. 56th Street
305-637-4404

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

Hadley Davis

CARMOENS DEUS, 63, died August 5 at Jackson Hospital North. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



THERESE ELIZA CALIXTE, 66, CNA nurse, died September 7 at Jackson Hospital North. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church.



JOEL ST SAMUELS, 49, waste management worker, died August 30 at Florida Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at County Line Worship Center.



BILLY SEYMORE, 66, counselor, died September 6 at North Shore Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem In Its Power Holiness Church.



SELESTINE NESBITT, 63, retired, died September 5 at Jackson Hospital North. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the 62nd Street chapel.



Hadley Davis MLK
OBREE DEVON JOHNSON, SR., 30, died August 25. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Church of God By Faith, Miami Gardens.



LETTIE GILLEY, 81, died August 31 at Jackson Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



JOYCE MAY DUNCAN, 86, died September 6 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Generation Baptist Church.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

MAUD CUMMINGHAM, 99, retired, died September 9. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



IVA MAJOR, 76, retired, died September 7. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. James AME Church.



A Mortuary Service

BRANDON JONES, 32, laborer, died September 3 at home. Service 3 p.m., Saturday at Mankner Funeral Home.



Eric L. Wilson

ERNEST WHITE, JR., 78, died September 4. Service 11 a.m. at MEC Ministries, Miami.

GRIGORY STATSENKO, 18, died September 5. Final rites in Moscow, Russia.

Richardson

EDWARD FOSTER, 82, electrician, died September 1. Final rites in Nassau, Bahamas.



ALIGE DEMP LIPTRON, 68, retired teacher, died September 2 at Hialeah Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.



CHARLOTTE MARSHALL PERRY, 94, retired teacher, died September 5 at Season Hospice Center. Services were held.



Range-Coconut Grove

ALFONSO MCGILL, 71, educator, died September 2 at Homestead Hospital. Viewing 4-7 p.m., Friday at First St. John Baptist Church, Naranja. Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Covenant Baptist Church, Florida City.



MINNIE LEE EARVIN, 81, environmental services, died September 2 in Dallas, Texas. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Covenant Baptist Church, Florida City.



Mankner

WILLIE C. JONES, JR., 80, warehouse worker, died September 5 at Hialeah Hospice. Final rites in Marion Junction, AL.



CHARLES BYNES, JR., 59, roofed, died September 1. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Eric S. George

LA SHAUNDRAL NIELLY, died September 3. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church.



M.A. Hall

JACK JOHNSON, JR., 64, died September 6. Service 11 a.m., Friday at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Hialeah.



Trinity

NANCY WILLIAMS, 93, homemaker, died September 6 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



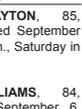
Paradise

ALVIN HANNAH, 76, died September 6 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Matthews of Coconut Grove.



Nakia Ingraham

MARY DRAYTON, 85, housekeeper, died September 1. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



MARY WILLIAMS, 84, dietitian, died September 6. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at House of God Church.

Wright and Young

BISHOP HENRY HOOD, 78, bus operator, died September 7. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Apostolic Temple.



CLEMMAN BROWN, 66, clerk, died September 4. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



ANGELA TOBIN, 62, domestic, died September 3. Final rites in St. Kitts, Virgin Islands.



CINDY HARVEY, 63, manager, died September 4. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



BERTHA PEARSON, 91, housekeeper, died August 31. Viewing 1-6 p.m., today in the chapel. Final rites in South Carolina.



FANNETT CLARK LYONS, 104, domestic, died September 5 at Jackson North Memorial service and viewing 4-7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 20 at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church, 17800 NW 25 Ave., Miami Gardens, FL 33056. Service 11 a.m., Friday, September 21 at the church.



SAMUEL REDDICK, 86, stock broker, died September 9. Memorial service 11 a.m., Saturday at Unity Church of Pompano Beach.

JEROME HENDERSON, 62, died August 24. Viewing 10 a.m.-12 p.m., today in the chapel.

Royal

JOSEPHINE JODY ROWE WILLIAMS, 73, retired, died September 8 at Archer Plaza. She leaves to mourn her devoted and loving husband, Carroll Williams; loving son, Toshambia Williams, Sr.; one sister, Leachan Roberts; niece, Angel Ingraham; host of family and friends. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Memorial Temple Baptist.



Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,
 PENNY FULTON
09/12/1964 - 07/12/2014
Happy Birthday to the world's greatest mother and Nana. We love and miss you dearly. Enjoy your birthday dancing in Heaven One Cent. The Fulton Family.

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Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,
 TANGELA THOMPSON HUNT
09/16/1959 - 03/03/2018
Sleep on Tangela and take your rest, because when you were with us you did your best. Now it is up to us to do the rest. Miss your smile. You would always tell me, "Mom, it's okay." Love you my darling daughter, your mother, Carmen Thompson and the family.

Happy Birthday
In loving memory of,
 CHARLES HUNTER, SR.
09/11/1949 - 05/11/2017
Happy Birthday, Daddy! Although you are no longer here physically, you will forever live in our hearts and memories. We love and miss you! Your Family

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,
 HUBERT WRIGHT, JR.
One year has passed since you've been gone. But your warm and loving memories still live on. Even though we were sad that you had to depart, you'll always hold a special place in our hearts. Fondly remembered by your wife, Monica; daughters, Joann and Alfretha; family and friends.

Happy Birthday
In loving memory of,
 DEA. EDDIE LEE WALKER SR.
09/15/1933 - 05/22/2009
We miss you and love you. Your wife, Pearline and family.

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 ARVESTA M. KELLY
02/03/1933 - 09/16/2006
It's been 12 years you left your earthly home. Now you are in your heavenly home. You are greatly missed. Love Always and Forever, Tricia

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,
 THEODORE R. GARNER
02/06/1943 - 09/14/2013
It has been five years since your departure from the many lives you've touched. You'll never be forgotten. Your wife, Sylvia Williams-Garner.

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Herbert Klein, founder of Miami Drug Court, dies

BRENT L. PROBINSKY
Special to The Miami Times

Herbert M. Klein, the former Miami-Dade Judge who is credited with founding the Drug Court in Miami, died Aug. 30 in Hollywood, Florida. He was 88 years old. Klein was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University of Miami Law School and practiced civil law in Miami during the 1950s and '60s. He was an active supporter of the civil rights movement and was friends with prominent



Herbert Klein

Black Miami lawyer, Henry Arrington, and a close associate of Martin Luther King Jr. King often stayed at the Mary Elizabeth Hotel or the Sir John Hotel in Miami when he visited during the period of segregation before 1964. Miami Police Department's white officers often shut down the Sir John and jailed its owner David Probinsky, this writer's father, under various legal pretenses including serving underage patrons. Klein worked tirelessly to fight those racially based injustices so the Sir John was always reopened and criminal charges dismissed.

Florida Gov. Reuben Askew, who served from 1971 to 1979 was known as one of the first "New South" progressive governors and supported school desegregation as well as government in the sunshine. Askew appointed the first Black Justice of the State Supreme Court, Joseph Woodrow Hatchett and M. Athalie Range as secretary of Department of Community Affairs, the first Black woman to head a state agency in Florida since Reconstruction. Askew integrated the Florida Highway Patrol. He advocated transparency and integrity in government and he asked Klein to head the state's Department of Professional Regulation in Tallahassee where Klein served, beginning in 1972.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,
 MOTHER PRESCOLA J. BENEJO
06/12/1925 - 09/10/2016
As we come to another year without your presence, we reflect on the many years you have blessed us with your devout love to God and family. Life will never be the same without you; however, all that you had been will continue to impact and shape our lives forever. We celebrate you and we thank God for giving you to us. Continue to live in the beauty and peace of Heaven until we meet again. Your loving children, Althea, Judith, Gregory, Alvin and grandchildren.

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