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A history of Black medical deception

With a new study, the University of Miami is trying to overcome distrust in the Black community

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It has been almost a century since the Tuskegee study in which Black men were used to find out the effects of syphilis. In the early 1930s, about 600 Black men joined the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male program only to find out 40 years later that the study was looking at the long-term effects of the disease. Nearly 400 of

the group had syphilis and more than 200 didn't. But they all received placebos. Their illnesses were never treated until the study was quashed in 1972.

The Tuskegee study and other reported abuses in medical studies have contributed to Black people steering clear of medical research projects.

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Black men line up for Tuskegee study



Henrietta Lacks

MIAMI REFERENDUM

Miami voters to choose mayor over city manager

The Charter Amendment would go in effect immediately if passed

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Miami Mayor Francis Suarez remembers what happened to former Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

Alvarez became Miami-Dade County's first chief executive officer or what is known as a strong mayor in 2007. In this form of government, much like a regular CEO, a mayor can be removed if those who put them

in office choose to do so.

Four years later, voters tested their right to punish Alvarez for raising their property taxes and raising staff salaries in the middle of the recession and the housing bust.

Voters by 88 percent recalled Alvarez and cut short his second term, a provision that a strong mayor form of government provides.

Suarez wants Miami voters to change its charter and government structure from city



Miami Mayor Francis Suarez

manager-led to what he calls an accountable-mayor government.

In the form of government

Miami has today, Suarez said the people do not get what they voted for. A mayor campaigns, is elected but then the city is run by the city manager, who was not elected, he said.

"The people elect the mayor, but then they can't hold him accountable," said Suarez. "I can't fire the police chief. It's a charter violation. Only the city manager can. Then the chief can file an appeal after five deals," he said.

He is hoping Miami residents want to change the city's form of government.

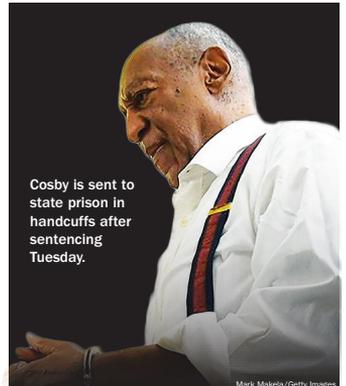
On the ballot for the Nov. 6 election, people who live in Miami's city limits will be asked to change the current city manager-based system to what is sometimes called a strong mayor form of government.

Suarez has been advocating for this change in the city's charter before being elected to the commission in 2009. After being elected mayor last year with nearly 90 percent of the votes, Suarez formed a political action committee and successfully got the referendum on the ballot after a resolution passed on a 3-2 vote by the commission.

Commissioner Joe Carollo, who voted against the resolution, has filed a lawsuit against the city in an attempt to block the strong mayor referendum. Carollo claims the ballot language is misleading as to the mayor's proposed salary and powers. In addition, he said the petition process by Suarez's political action committee was illegal.

Miami for an Independent & Accountable Mayor's Initiative, the PAC which supports revising the charter, says that "an accountable mayor" will make for a stronger Miami. "Who is in charge?" asks

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Cosby is sent to state prison in handcuffs after sentencing Tuesday.

Mark Makela/Getty Images

Cosby gets 3 to 10 years for assault

'Most racist and sexist trial in the history of the United States,' says spokesman

MARYCLARIE DALE and MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

His Hollywood career and good-guy image in ruins, Bill Cosby was led away to prison in handcuffs Tuesday at age 81, sentenced to three to 10 years behind bars for drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his gated estate.

The punishment made him the first celebrity of the #MeToo era to be sent to prison and all but completed the dizzying, late-in-life fall from grace for the comedian, TV star and breaker of racial barriers.

"It is time for justice. Mr. Cosby, this has all circled back to you. The time has come," Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill said. He quoted from victim Andrea Constand's statement to the court, in which she said Cosby took her "beautiful, young spirit and crushed it."

Cosby declined the opportunity to speak before the sentence came down, and afterward sat laughing and chatting with his defense team. His wife of 54 years, Camille, was not in court. Constand smiled broadly upon hearing the punishment and was hugged by others in the courtroom.

In a blistering statement, Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said the comic was subjected to "most racist and sexist trial in the history of the United States."

Among other things, Wyatt said all three

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EDITORIAL

Cosby, others, women are ready to fight

Many attribute the recognition that women have been the subject of abject harassment and physical violence to the #MeToo movement.

The #MeToo movement has been formally ongoing since 2006, when Tarana Burke wrote "Me Too" for others to join in saying they were sexually assaulted.

This year, several people, mostly men have been accused of sexually inappropriate behavior. The latest of those, a Supreme Court nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh is facing accusations that three decades ago he sexually harassed one woman and may have identified as conquests others in a high school yearbook.

But only a few weeks ago, on Aug. 31, at the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin's funeral the world watched in horror and disgust as Bishop Charles H. Ellis III openly groped Ariana Grande. He further diminished her by likening her name to a Taco Bell menu item.

Women face these types of pressures all day long, especially when they have to meet men in places that men believe they should dominate: the boardroom, the bedroom and the political and intellectual stage.

We know the blatant disregard for women and their right to be treated equally and fairly as men reached new heights due to the person who sits in the highest office in the nation's attitude toward them. President Trump openly cheats on his wife; he dismisses greeting heads of state who are women such as Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany; he picks fights with Congresswomen Frederica Wilson and Maxine Waters; he tries to turn White House reporter April Ryan into an errand girl in front of her colleagues; and the most egregious is admission on tape that he grabs women "by the pussy" because he can't help himself.

But women are not taking it lying down anymore. They are standing up and speaking out and toppling the giants and the lofty. Remember Harvey Weinstein, whispered about as a sexual predator for years but never confronted. Until last May when he was arrested.

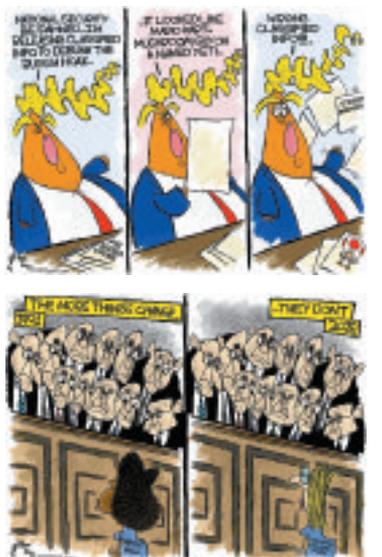
The sound heard around the world Tuesday, Sept. 26, was the sound of handcuffs encircling the wrists of America's favorite dad, Bill Cosby. Cosby was sentenced to serve three to 10 years in state prison for drugging then sexually assaulting a woman. Some say that Donald Trump should have been the first to be hauled away in handcuffs for assaulting women because he admitted doing so on tape. Cosby never did.

But that finally someone has gone to jail for crimes against a woman's body is a start. The women will march on. They will oust Kavanaugh from making it to the bench. The Supreme Court already has one sitting judge, Clarence Thomas, who has been accused of sexual misconduct. That's one too many.

Finding Cosby guilty and sentencing him to prison should be a warning to those who continue to think women are lesser than they are.

The Bible says, women are a large army. That implies that they are ready to fight.

CARTOON CORNER



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We deserve better than DeSantis

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From day one of the gubernatorial general election cycle, former Congressman Ron DeSantis has spent more time defending himself against accusations of racism than he has spent sharing his vision for Florida. It began with the carelessness remark urging voters to not "monkey" things up by electing his opponent, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, who is Black.

DeSantis' team tried to clean it up by saying that he was advising Floridians against "making the wrong decision to embrace the socialist policies that Andrew Gillum espouses," but I've been around long enough to recognize racially-coded language when I hear it.

Maya Angelou famously said, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

DeSantis showed us who

he is before this unfortunate incident.

He is a founding member of the House Freedom Caucus, and has voted in support of President Trump's positions 94 percent of the time. If elected governor, we can expect him to continue to promote inhumane policies that limit access to affordable health care, diminish the quality of public education, destroy the environment, take from the poor to give to the rich, and create racial and ethnic divides.

DeSantis' donor base includes people who use the N-word and falsely call former President Obama a Muslim. He has spoken at white supremacist and Islamophobic events. His decision to help give a platform to racist demagogues like Steve Bannon and Milo Yiannopoulos is just one

more indictment of his judgment and character on a long list of reasons why voters cannot trust him.

DeSantis showed us that he also is no friend to women when he voted against the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 2013. Reauthorization of this landmark legislation had been passed without major opposition for nearly two decades. It was introduced in response to crisis levels of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking — issues that I would hope would receive bipartisan support. By refusing to join with an overwhelming majority of his colleagues to protect women against gendered violence and fund vital programs to help give a platform to victims, DeSantis showed his true colors — and why he is un-

fit to serve as Florida's next governor.

His elevation to the governorship would pose an existential threat to equal rights in Florida. He is an ideologue and what we need is a strategic thinker who will be a compassionate and effective leader.

The good news is that Gillum is leading DeSantis in the polls. He won the Democratic primary against the odds because he spoke to voters about the issues that matter to them in ways that let them know that he understands exactly what they're going through.

Floridians want a leader who puts people above politics. Someone who will bring us together, not divide us. Voters will not only make history by electing Gillum, but also will finally have the governor we need and deserve.

Vote in 2018: America is on the ballot

JEFFREY L. BONEY, Houston Forward Times

The 2018 midterm elections are nearly upon us.

The United States of America, in 2018, is at a major crossroads and there is too much at stake to simply ignore the importance of this critical election.

If ever there was a time to vote, that time is now. And while there will be many candidates whose names will appear on ballots across this country, it is actually the future of the United States of America that is the most important thing on the ballot this November.

These important midterm elections are shaping up to be some of the most important elections in modern times. The results of these midterm elections will not only determine the makeup of Congress, but they will also shape the overall future of this country.

The current president has single-handedly emboldened

the worst elements of society to openly express their racist views and bigotry in ways that have not been blatantly seen in America since the days of the Civil Rights struggle.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other legislation that was introduced, helped to deal with issues of racism, police brutality, economic disenfranchisement, discriminatory judicial practices and attacks on voting rights that have existed in this country since inception. However, the unrepentant hearts of racists in this country came to the forefront once again after the election, and subsequent re-election, of the nation's first Black president in 2008 and 2012 respectively - President Barack Obama.

The current administration has shined a light on the darkness of racism and bigotry that has long been ignored



and swept under the rug in this country. The divisive rhetoric and activity that this current administration has boldly encouraged, has now trickled down to many cities and states across this country, which is why voting in local and state elections is so important.

Taxation without representation is a horrible position to be in. The president, whoever that elected person may be, plays an important role

in what affects Black people, but the president can only do so much. All of the key decisions and pieces of legislation that impact Black people on a daily basis are made by individuals who are elected by regular citizens at the local, county and state levels of government. Those who are elected to office by regular citizens, then have the ability to appoint people to other key positions, as well as enact laws that will undoubtedly affect the quality of life of everyone, including those who didn't vote.

There is no Black community in America that can grow and progress if there is no solid representation in place to make important decisions that impact the quality of life of its residents. Whether it is educating Black children, ensuring their tax dollars are fairly distributed, or having access to quality healthcare.

The reason Colin Kaepernick knelt

DAHLEEN BLANTON, The Chicago Tribune

During a lunch break at Officer Jason Van Dyke's murder trial, I shared a table in the cafeteria with three people I'd never met.

Their conversation turned to Colin Kaepernick and for me, at least, this trial became even more relevant.

Earlier that morning, Van Dyke's former partner, who is charged with trying to cover up the shooting, had re-enacted for jurors how Laquan McDonald raised a knife and looked at the officers with "a stare and a focus beyond us."

The officers took that as a threat, and it led Van Dyke to empty his 9 mm semiautomatic weapon on the 17-year-old. He then tried to reload his gun, but his partner stopped him.

The point officer Joseph Walsh attempted to make was that Van Dyke did what he had to do, and that the only person to blame for the fatal shooting was McDonald.

I spent most of the 30-minute lunch break scrolling through my emails, paying no

attention to the conversation at the other end of the table. When the subject turned to Kaepernick, I looked up.

It was clear that the two white women and the Black woman had been co-workers for a long time. One of the white women mentioned that a white couple had adopted Kaepernick as a child. In other words, she said, he "grew up white." So she didn't understand how he could be so militant.

The other white woman went on to describe how Kaepernick had grown up privileged and how his adoptive parents had provided him with a good education and a solid foundation. There was no reason for him to be so concerned about racial issues.

The Black woman listened quietly. Then she said, "Yeah, but look where that got him." She glanced over at me and smiled.

Both of us understood that regardless of any Black man's achievements, he's still a Black



man. And that comes with inherent challenges. Dealing with the police is a major one. It seemed fitting that such a conversation would take place in the same building where a white police officer was being tried for first-degree murder for shooting a Black teenager 16 times.

The next day, the jury would see gruesome pictures of McDonald's bullet-riddled body. They would see on a big screen where the bullets struck his neck, his back, his chest, his arms, his pelvis and his legs.

They would hear that the bullets had ripped through his

body leaving 24 holes, shattering his bones, tearing through his lung and even leaving metal fragments in his teeth. Another bullet grazed his head, causing his brain to hemorrhage.

And they would find out that McDonald had been alive for every shot.

It is for reasons such as this that Kaepernick chose to kneel rather than stand for "The Star-Spangled Banner." It is because killings like this happen all too often in America.

Kaepernick knows that even a Black man who was "raised white" could someday become the next Laquan McDonald.

It is difficult to listen and watch as the grisly facts are laid out during a trial. But it's a necessary discomfort. At least in this police killing, on a street on the Southwest Side of Chicago, an officer is answering for what he did.

Kaepernick knelt for those whose cases will never be heard in a courtroom.

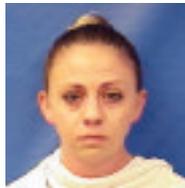
Dallas police officer who shot neighbor fired

Lawyer says dismissal of Amber Guyger from the force is premature

RYAN TARINELLI
Associated Press

A white Dallas police officer who fatally shot her Black neighbor inside his own apartment was fired Monday, the same day the man was being buried in his Caribbean homeland.

Amber Guyger has been charged with manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Botham Jean. Guyger's firing was premature and unfair, an attorney



Amber Guyger

for the former officer said.

Robert Rogers, who represents Guyger, said Monday night that Police Chief U. Renee Hall "bowed to pressure from anti-police groups and took action before all of the facts had been gathered and due process was afforded."

"That's not the way our system of justice should work," Rogers said in his first statement since the shooting.



Botham Jean

He called the Sept. 6 shooting that left 26-year-old Jean dead "a tragic mistake" and said "words can never express our sorrow for the pain suffered by those who knew and loved" Jean. Rogers added that Guyger "is completely devastated by what happened."

Court records show Guyger said she thought she had encountered a burglar inside her own home. She was arrested three days later and is currently out on bond.

Guyger's firing came the same day that Jean was being buried in his Caribbean homeland, St. Lucia. Hall dismissed the four-year veteran of the force during a hearing Monday, according to the Dallas Police Department.

A statement released by police said an internal investigation concluded that on Sept. 9, Guyger "engaged in adverse conduct when she was arrested for Manslaughter." Dallas spokesman Sgt. Warren Mitchell later said that when an officer has been arrested for a crime, "adverse conduct" is often cited in the officer's termination.

Mitchell said adverse conduct is "conduct which adversely affects the (morale) or efficiency of the Department or which has a tendency to adversely affect, lower, destroy public respect and confidence in the Department or officer."

The Jean family's attorneys, along with protesters, had been calling for Guyger to be fired since the shooting. In a statement, the attorneys said the termination is an initial victory.

"However, we are committed to seeing through the next steps of the process of a proper murder indictment, conviction and appropriate sentencing," they said in the statement.

Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson has said the case will be presented to a grand jury, which could decide a more serious charge than manslaughter.

according to the family's attorneys in their statement.

Days before the firing, Hall said in a statement that she had not taken action against Guyger because she did not want to interfere with the ongoing criminal investigation.

There are conflicting narratives over what led up to

the shooting.

Guyger told investigators that she had just ended a shift when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex where she lived.

She said when she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and

slightly ajar, it opened, according to the affidavit. 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.

Guyger said she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal com-

mands to the person, who ignored them. The affidavit said she then drew her weapon and fired twice.

She called 911. Asked where she was, she returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. The 911 tapes have not been released.



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"There is a fear and mistrust that the Black community has with any type of health care provider and especially when they are taking something from them," said Dr. Nannette Funderburk, board member at the Greensboro Medical Society, which is America's oldest Black doctors organization founded in 1927.

The University of Miami is seeking to overcome this distrust if only to reach its goal of gathering a diverse group of participants in South Florida in a massive medical research study called "All of Us."

The National Institute of Health recently funded UM with \$60 million to gather participants in a nationwide data collection platform of health records.

All of Us is the more-marketable name for what is known in the medical industry as precision medicine initiative. The study project was initially funded with \$215 million in 2015 during the Obama Administration. The objective is to collect genetic and health data from 1 million American participants by the year 2022. The ultimate goal is to bring "precision medicine to all areas of health and health care on a larger scale," according to the All of Us website. The U.S. Congress has since authorized \$1.45 billion for the project.

More recently, the U. S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was found to be hiding trial results of experimental measles vaccines, which showed an increased chance of young Black boys developing autism. Dr. William Thompson blew the whistle on his employer and colleagues about

a report issued in 2004 on the research results. In August 2014, Thompson issued a statement that said, "the omitted data suggested that African American males who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism."

Black parents who participated in the study were not aware of this risk.

Funderburk pointed to the 2017 HBO special, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" which depicts a Black woman whose cells are still being used for medical research today. Henrietta Lacks had developed cancer after her fifth child. Tissues from her tumor were taken without compensation and without her consent during treatment in 1941. She died at 31 years of age.

"Blacks prefer not to participate," said Funderburk. "But we have to admit that sometimes they are not asked."

Dr. Stephan Zuchner, lead principal investigator for All of Us in Florida and Georgia, is one of the health-care experts seeking to overcome that mistrust in the Black community.

"There is a specific interest to enroll people from ethnicities that are typically under represented," said Zuchner.

Zuchner said the project will have a better chance of attracting Black participants in Georgia because of their partnership with Morehouse, a historically Black medical school.

"Quite a good portion of our participants are African-American even though we don't have a specific outreach program right now," said Zuchner.

One selling point for participation is that the study is simply observational and does not require drug trials or medical procedures. Furthermore, insurance compa-

nies will not have access to the mountains of data which will be collected.

Zuchner said that currently the entry point for the project in South Florida is the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

"We have many Hispanics and we have African-Americans and they come for health care and this is where we recruit," said Zuchner. "We hope to widen this process," said Zuchner mentioning that the recruitment started in earnest in July.

So far, doctors have 896 full participants from the University of Miami alone of which 298 self-identify as "Black or African-American" which is a third of the study group, said Zuchner.

The gathering of mass amounts of genetic and medical history is the genesis of precision medicine. The goal is to be able to produce personally designed therapy based on a person's vital information, genetic traits and ancestry.

Zuchner says that most pharmaceutical drugs are based on research done on a study group that can be up to 90 percent people of European ancestry. And most of those are men.

"We know now that for certain drugs, a person's background and genetics can alter the effectiveness of the drug," said Zuchner. "We think that in the future, medicine will be more precise more personal. And hopefully much safer. We need to convince Asian-Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans to make these discoveries with us."

Dr. Margaret Pericak-Vance, who also participates in outreach for All of Us, said there will be a great deal of community outreach with a sincere appeal for participation.

STREET Talk

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What do you know about the strong mayor referendum and how do you feel about it?



Neil Hall, 50
Overtown



Allen Freedom, 55
Overtown



Bob Champion, 49
Downtown Miami

It's good. Being able to go to one person is good. If he has an agenda, then I think it's bad for others because he has an enormous power. Miami has an opportunity to be put in leadership - police, finance, women, priorities, character and commitment. If all of those pieces are part of the person, it's a good thing.

It's corrupt. That's too much power for one person. I think we'll have another [Fidel] Castro. Not one man should have total power. It's supposed to be delegated and to me, it sounds communist. It doesn't seem like the U.S. is

I'm not even political, but I know I don't agree with it. That's not right. It's supposed to be a collective. Sounds like [Adolf] Hitler.



Myquisha Upshaw, 29
Miami



Gloria Blue, 70
Miami

I know that's too much power for one person. No mayor should have all of that power. I feel like it should be kept at a commission level.

I don't agree with it because the person is not Black. It's too much authority for that one individual. Who is he to make decisions, or who is he to fire or hire people? There should definitely be a second voice.



Kyle Holbrook, 40
Overtown

It's a genuine idea and give the people the opportunity to actually make a decision that'll be right for the community. From my interaction with [Mayor Francis] Suarez, I can trust him. I did a mural on a police station and he came out to support. That lets me know that if something big happens, he'll come out. I respect him.

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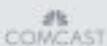
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of the psychologists who testified against Cosby were "white women who make money off of accusing Black men of being sexual predators," and his accused prosecutors of using a doctored recording of a telephone conversation between Cosby's mother and Cosby.

Cosby's lawyers asked that he be allowed to remain free on bail while he appeals his conviction, but the judge appeared incredulous over the request and ordered him locked up immediately, saying that "he could quite possibly be a danger to the community."

The comedian — who is legally blind and uses a cane — removed his watch, tie and jacket and walked out in a white dress shirt and red suspenders, his hands cuffed in front of him. He must serve the minimum of three years before becoming eligible for parole.

"For decades, the defendant has been able to hide his true self and hide his crimes using

his fame and fortune. He's hidden behind a character created, Dr. Cliff Huxtable," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said at a news conference, referring to Cosby's best-known role. But "now, finally, Bill Cosby has been unmasked, and we have seen the real man as he is headed off to prison."

Constand stood at Steele's side but shook her head to say she had no comment.

Former model Janice Dickinson, who was among the 60 or so women who have come forward to accuse Cosby of drugging and violating them over the past five decades, looked at him in the courtroom and said: "Here's the last laugh, pal."

Another accuser in the courtroom, Lili Bernard, said: "There is solace, absolutely. It is his fame and his fortune and his phony philanthropy that has allowed him to get away with impunity. Maybe this will send a message to other powerful perpetrators that they will be caught and punished."

The punishment, which also included a \$25,000 fine, came at the end of a two-day hearing at which the judge declared Cos-

by a "sexually violent predator" — a modern-day scarlet letter that subjects him to monthly counseling for the rest of his life and requires that neighbors and schools be notified of his whereabouts.

The comic once known as America's Dad for his role on the top-rated "Cosby Show" in the 1980s was convicted in April of violating Constand, Temple University women's basketball administrator, at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. It was the first celebrity trial of the #MeToo era.

Constand testified that Cosby gave her what she thought were herbal pills to ease stress, then penetrated her with his fingers as she lay immobilized on a couch. Cosby claimed the encounter was consensual, and his lawyers branded her a "con artist" who framed the comedi-

an to get a big payday — a \$3.4 million settlement she received more than a decade ago.

Five other accusers took to the stand at the trial as part of an effort by prosecutors to portray him as a predator.

Cosby faced anywhere from probation to 10 years in prison. His lawyers asked for house arrest, saying Cosby is too old and vulnerable to do time in prison. Prosecutors asked for five to 10 years behind bars, saying he could still pose a threat to women.

The sentencing came as another extraordinary #MeToo drama unfolded on Capitol Hill, where Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh stands accused of sexual misconduct more than three decades ago.

Sonia Ossorio, president of the National Organization for Women of New York, credited

Cosby's accusers with helping pave the way for the #MeToo movement.

"Bill Cosby seeing the inside of a prison cell sends a strong message that predators — no matter who they are, from Hollywood to Wall Street to the Supreme Court — can no longer be protected at the expense of victims," she said.

The judge ruled on Cosby's "sexually violent predator" status after a psychologist for the state testified that the entertainer appears to have a mental disorder that gives him an uncontrollable urge to have sex with women without their consent.

Steele said Cosby could be sent to Laurel Highlands, a state prison for lower-risk inmates on the other side of Pennsylvania, about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. It

serves inmates with special needs and has separate housing units for geriatric prisoners and programs for sex offenders.

In a statement submitted to the court and released Tuesday, Constand, 45, said that she has had to cope with years of anxiety and self-doubt. She said she now lives alone with her two dogs and has trouble trusting people.

"When the sexual assault happened, I was a young woman brimming with confidence and looking forward to a future bright with possibilities," she wrote in her five-page statement. "Now, almost 15 years later, I'm a middle-aged woman who's been stuck in a holding pattern for most of her adult life, unable to heal fully or to move forward."

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the PAC's website. "Sometimes the answer is the Commission, while others it is the appointed city manager."

America's five largest cities — New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, and Philadelphia — all have elected mayors who hire their staff, make executive decisions, and are ultimately accountable to the voters.

Mayor Suarez wants the same.

A Miami Times weekly feature, Street Talk, asked Miami voters what they knew about the strong mayor referendum and how did they feel about it. Most people feared the idea, likening new role of mayor to despots such as Fidel Castro and Adolf Hitler.

"This system of government simply transfers all of the responsibilities and duties from one person who is un-elected by all the people," said Suarez. "By doing so, it empowers the residents of the city of Miami to democratically elect and select the person who will make decisions for their benefit and to recall them if they don't."

Whether Carollo's lawsuit stands up in court will be determined. Voting "yes" on this ballot referendum will change the city's charter and give executive power for crucial city decisions to Suarez and all future Miami mayors.

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Miami-Dade County Teen Court

New locations to early vote

County commissioners approved the budget for new fiscal year

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Though public safety continues to be in strong focus for the county leaders, a non-budgetary issue related to early voting sites, dominated last Thursday evening's final budget hearing meeting. After a lengthy debate on fairness and need for a new early voting site, the County Commission approved opening a new early voting site at the North Campus of Miami Dade College system, with another possible site coming to the Kendall campus.

District 8 County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava sent the motion to the board, which passed on a 12-1 vote.

Several student groups, including MDC Student Life, advocated for the need to open up early voting sites at the North Campus. The students cited long commutes and little extra time between work and school responsibilities as reasons to have an early-voting site in the college.

Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez made it clear that all voters need to be treated in a fair, nonpartisan manner. "You can't focus on one subset of voters," Gimenez said.

The mayor acknowledged that there was a "hole" in available early-voting sites in the area surrounding MDC's North Campus. That campus mostly services students, faculty and staff who reside in Liberty City, Opa-locka, Brownsville, and surrounding areas. Under the argument of fairness, Gimenez said he will advocate opening an early voting site on the Kendall campus as well.

The county will now have 27 early-voting sites, with one more possibly coming to

the Kendall area. The voting sites are opened from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for two weeks prior to election day.

Only the day before the budget hearing, Wednesday, Sept. 19, the mayor approved an early-voting site at Florida International University's main campus, off Southwest Eighth Street, making it the county's 26th early-voting site. Another group also wanted to put their requests on the record.

Kenneth Kilpatrick, president of the Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Association, expressed dissatisfaction with the county's handling, or lack thereof, of several issues affecting Brownsville. Kilpatrick is dissatisfied with the county's plans to redevelop a demolished public housing site in his neighborhood called Lincoln Gardens, a process that's been ongoing since 2016.

"It's been two years of inadequate dialogue with the community," Kilpatrick said in an interview. The Brownsville community feels left out of the process, he explained. In Liberty City, the Liberty Square Rising project is flourishing. However, Liberty Square Rising includes the redevelopment of Lincoln Gardens, which adds to the dissatisfaction of the Brownsville residents.

At the budget hearing, Kilpatrick explained that a comprehensive redevelopment plan is needed in Brownsville, similar to what happened in Liberty City.

"We would like to see that red carpet be rolled out in Brownsville," he said.

James Bush III, newly elected to represent state House District 109, showed up to the meeting with Kilpatrick. Together, both men also addressed the need for



Miami Dade College Student Life members advocate for the institution of an early voting site on the college's North Campus.

more street lights in Brownsville.

"The Brownsville lighting district has been grossly ignored for decades," Bush said to the commissioners. He echoed Kilpatrick's sentiments of neglect occurring in Brownsville regarding renovation of Annie Coleman and the rebuilding of Lincoln Gardens.

"We have found the process to be disingenuous and insulting," Bush said.

District 3 Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, who represents Liberty City and Brownsville, asked Kilpatrick and Bush to contact her to talk about their issues.

The final budget allocates

funds for new nine police roving units designed to respond quickly to active shooting situations within the county. These roving units will not be doing regular police work, Gimenez said.

"You need officers that are ready to go at a moment's notice to confront these monsters," Gimenez said.

The roving units will not be limited to only active shooting situations in schools. The mayor cited tragedies like 2016's Pulse Nightclub massacre in Orlando, and the mass shooting last year at an outdoor concert in Las Vegas, as examples of situations

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Prepare now for the election ballot

Miami-Dade county urges voters to review their specific sample ballot before the Nov. 6 general election. A majority of voters will receive a four-page, double-sided ballot that will include: federal and state offices, nonpartisan judicial offices, community development districts and more. In addition, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Key Biscayne, Miami, Miami Beach, Medley, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, North Miami Beach, Opa-locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Sunny Isles Beach and West Miami will have additional ballot content.

the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. The North Miami Library Program provides a limited number of full scholarships to qualified adult learners seeking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry and continue their education. Applicants who successfully complete the online self-assessment will be prompted to begin the pre-requisite course. The library's goal is to award scholarships to all qualified applicants. For more information, please contact Georgette Spratling, the North Miami Public Library's COHS liaison at NOLM-COHS@northmiamifl.gov.

2018 Local Vendor Outreach Exchange

District 1 Commissioner Barbara Jordan and The Internal Services Department Strategic Procurement Division present the 2018 Local Vendor Outreach Exchange. During this workshop, participants can learn about the three-step process to become a registered vendor and do business with Miami-Dade County, and find out about the bidding opportunities available with the county. The workshop will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at North Dade Regional Library, 2455 NW 183rd St.

Free CoWork Fridays

Space Called Tribe hosts free CoWork Fridays every Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 937 NW Third Ave. in Overtown. Instead of working at a coffee shop or bookstore, anyone who needs a distraction-free working environment can use Tribe's coworking space to be more productive.

Free College Day

Miami Dade College's North Campus will open its doors to community members of all ages from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at MDC North, 11380 NW 27th Ave. Participants can enjoy free classes on various topics including criminal justice, science, technology, foreign languages, film, art, business and many more. Experience college life via this free "One-Day Family Pass." Participate in workshops that focus on computer skills, parent-child interactions, interviewing skills, resume writing, and how to pay for college. Workshops are for ages 8 and up. For information, call 305-237-1130 or at freecollegeday@mdc.edu.

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Black alumni calling for school administration, board to step in

Photos from the Miami Carol City Senior's High School Twitter page show coaches' interactions during the games.



Photos via Twitter

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When news of a brawl at a game broke on social media, some started questioning the disciplining of student-athletes. Others said the fight is just a part of a bigger issue in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

As concession-stand workers and others were setting up at a Friday night football game between Miami Carol City and Miami Norland senior high schools, they heard screaming and commotion.

"I walked up to the ramp and saw nothing but chaos, people everywhere," said Milton Parris, Norland Alumni president. "There were kids everywhere from each team. You could not make out who was who."

According to Parris and others in attendance, it took several police officers and other adults to stop the Sept.



William D.C. Clark



Steve Gallon III



nantly Black high schools in Miami-Dade County's inner city. Those schools are Miami Central, Northwestern, Carol City, Norland, Jackson, Edison and Booker T. Washington high schools.

"Last week there was a brawl between two of OUR schools [sic] football teams that warranted 15 Miami Dade School Police to respond and an additional 40 or more Miami Dade Police just to break up the melee," wrote Clark on Facebook Friday morning.

Clark, Parris and other alumni of some of the above-mentioned schools are asking for the school district to intervene and hold the players accountable for their actions.

"We are calling for both Board Members, Dorothy Bendross Mindingall and Steve Gallon III to meet with ICARE, school Administrators and Coaches to address this problem," wrote Clark. "How in the hell can we ask our students to elevate themselves to new heights when our leaders remain mum on situations such as the one mentioned above."

William D.C. Clark

more uniquely, the former principal of one of the most successful and storied athletic programs in Miami-Dade County history, I do not and will never condone any actions or behavior on the part of coaches or players that impugn the dignity and sportsmanship of school athletics," Gallon said in a prepared statement on Monday.

"That being said, although I was in attendance at the game in question, I did not personally witness any conflicts during the game, and was informed that the alleged incident that occurred before the game was addressed by each school.

"As District 1 Board Member, I was informed that appropriate actions and preventative measures had been taken by the schools and District."

However, since the incident was not recorded there is no way to identify the specific players involved, Gallon said.

"As I wasn't there and rely on verbal accounts, the 'who did what' remains in question," wrote Gallon. "What can't happen is punishing all for the actions of some. Who the 'some' are is the question."

Parris, who witnessed the fight said that he believes someone somewhere has footage. He said some of the police officers who responded to the incident were wearing body cameras. Parris also said

he suspects that the students, in this digitally connected era, may have had documented the incident as well.

Fatimah Gottie, president of Carol City's alumni association said that the fight was addressed by the schools' principals, athletic directors and the regional director.

"I think everyone has respectfully moved on and no occurrences have happened on our end, to our recollection following the incident," wrote Gottie on Facebook. "However, there is always room for preventative measures to be put in place for all schools to prevent any further incidents similar to those that have occurred."

Gottie, told *The Miami Times* on Monday, that she was not at liberty to speak on the topic, and "it was part of an ongoing investigation."

Martin Maultsby, president of the Florida Youth Football League, made mention of many similar occurrences throughout the season and questioned why this particular game is being singled out.

In fact, the following night a verbal altercation took place

between the coaches at a Miami Edison and Central game. Incidents such as these cannot be "sweep under the rug," said Clark. It can lead to more serious issues.

"Those kids tend to take things that happened in school out in the street," he said.

Since he wrote the social media post, some people have accused Clark, a Miami Central alumnus, of targeting Carol City's team because of its undefeated record this season.

Clark City has defeated Norland for the last three years. They won over Norland 36-7 that night.

The rivalry for the two schools is strong because both schools are located in the same neighborhood, said Parris. The players may know each other from home, social media or middle and elementary school.

This has nothing to do with Carol City's standing said Clark, but everything to do with setting an example for every ICARE school to follow.

"We expect more from our schools and programs, and

we would be hypocrites if we demanded excellence for others and not demand the same from ourselves," said Clark.

The incident also sheds light on a deeper issue in M-DCPS — the lack of regard for sports programs, said Clark.

According to Clark, Miami-Dade County has one of the best performing football programs in the country, but it is not given the attention it deserves from the district.

"It has the equity to take care of the schools," he said. Clark said he and others have been trying to get the district to upgrade the football field at Central for years.

ICARE schools are forced to play on the "old antiquated" Trz Powell Stadium in Miami, Clark wrote in a Facebook post on Sunday.

"This is why we get all our brawls at our games. This is why we get opposing coaches cursing each other out before a contest," he continued. "Low wages, dilapidated facilities and a District that doesn't give a damn about their sports programs is a recipe for disaster."

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How in the hell can we ask our students to elevate themselves to new heights when our leaders remain mum on situations such as the one mentioned above."

William D.C. Clark

14 fight.

"It was the wildest and perhaps worst scene ever" witnessed at a sporting event in Miami, said William 'D.C.' Clark, president of the Inner City Alumni for Responsible Education.

The organization advocates for educational and economic inclusion for the predomi-

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that need quick responses. Deputy Director of Miami-Dade Police, Freddy Ramirez, assured the commissioners that the units will not be driving around aimlessly.

"These units are not just driving around doing nothing," Ramirez said. These

units will help deal with spotter shooter calls, as well as provide support at charter and private schools, Ramirez explained. "You are going to have an umbrella of security officers specially trained to deal with [active shooting] situations," he said. "Stop the killing; stop the dying."

The county will allocate funds for the reinstatement of the Independent Community Panel, a program that many residents advoc-



Commissioner Barbara Jordan

ated for in the first budget hearing. Should the board approve a resolution for the panel in the upcoming months, \$450,000 would be needed to hire staff. The Independent Community Panel is a citizen's oversight committee with the purpose of monitoring complaints regarding police officers, county officials and city employees. The panel was last funded by the county in 2009 but

was defunded due to budget crunches.

Commissioner Barbara Jordan has spearheaded the efforts to re-establish the program. The mayor stopped efforts to re-fund the panel in the past. Several commissioners, including Jordan, praised the decision to allocate funds to the independent community panel for the upcoming budget.

"I am going to be optimistic about it," Jordan said.

Commissioners adopted the mayor's \$1.5 billion balance budget last Thursday.

The commission approved the tax rates for the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year. The rates stand at 4.7 percent countywide, 1.9 percent for unincorporated Miami-Dade, 2.4 percent for fire rescue services, and 0.2 percent for the library system.

The fiscal year is set to start on Oct. 1st.

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Chris Stephenson can get you a job

Local recruitment startup focuses on helping minorities land jobs in tech

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Nationwide, white people, especially white men, continue to dominate the tech industry, according to a federal employment department's report. Locally, a Hollywood native is keen on helping minority groups land different Information Technology (IT) jobs in South Florida, through his new recruiting startup, Chris Jobs.

A 2016 U.S. Equal Employ-

ment Opportunity Commission report found that 68.5 percent of workers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs are white. The report, titled "Diversity in High Tech," also found that 64 percent of workers in the high-tech industry are men.

Women, Blacks and Hispanics remain underrepresented in the high-tech sector, according to the EEOC report. Women made up to 36 percent of the high-tech



Chris Stephenson

workforce, while 74 percent of Blacks and 8 percent of Hispanics were employed in high tech, respectively. The report labeled these findings as "concerning trends."

In August, Chris Stephenson debuted his recruiting startup, Chris Jobs, after working in the recruiting industry for more than a decade. Stephenson's focus is finding employment opportunities for minorities interested in the IT field. "Diversity brings unity," he said. "It was time for me to give back in a different way and provide people of color and minorities [with]

new resources."

A diverse workforce helps foster creative ideas and solutions, said James Cassel, who is an investment banker and consultant to middle-market and emerging growth companies. Cassel also writes about the importance of diversity in South Florida's economy.

"[Companies] have to be open and culturally sensitive," he said. "The key to diversity is openness and to help people get ahead. You have to accommodate different groups to help them."

According to a nationwide survey published in January by the Social and Demo-

graphic Trends of the Pew Research Center, 53 percent of Americans view ethnic and racial diversity in the workplace as very important. The same survey reports that 45 percent of Americans said diversity gives people an equal opportunity to succeed. And when referring specifically to diversity in STEM careers, the survey reports that 84 percent of Black workers in the field view diversity as very important.

Part of diversifying is educating people and giving them more opportunities, Cassel said.

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Winners pose at the 2018 BOMA Awards on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Hilton Miami Airport.

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Local Black media and advertising personalities celebrated Black excellence in media last Thursday at the 2018 Black Owned Media Alliance awards.

In attendance at the Hilton Miami Airport on Thursday were journalists, photographers, advertising and marketing professionals, social media influencers, judges and candidates currently running for elected office.

Democratic candidate for Florida Attorney General, Sean Shaw

of Tampa, who was in Miami dealing with campaign endeavors, made a special appearance in support of BOMA. He shared how important it was for him to have found a network of Black media that caters to the interest of the Black community in South Florida.

Shaw, who represents Florida House District 61, a district primarily made up of Black residents, used BOMA's network to connect with voters in South Florida, he explained.

"You got to speak with the

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The sin is not being blind, the sin is not being deaf, the sin is not doing what God called you to do."

Lance McCarthy



2018 BOMA Awards keynote speaker, Lance McCarthy challenged the audience to be proactive.

Enough is enough!

Renters in Glorieta Gardens Apartments hold a press conference to solve poor living conditions

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The mold, flooding and old, underground pipelines is enough to let renters know that something has to change.

Renters in the Glorieta Garden Apartments, also known as the "Back Blues" in Opa-locka, held a press conference on Sept. 23 in hopes to get community leaders' attention. Ivet Lopez a tenant in the low-income-designated apartment complex, organized the meeting because

of shoddy maintenance in the apartment complex.

On a white board, Lopez displayed pictures of flooding, mold and old pipes that she had posted on Instagram back in 2017. Lopez said the tenants have put up with conditions for far too long, especially since they're still paying their rent.

Many tenants have dealt with the old pipelines, mold and flooding for as long as 30 years, Lopez said.

Lopez, along with other tenants, said they need community leaders' and the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development's help.

"... we're tired and we need HUD and the city to take responsibility for what they failed to do," said Lopez.

Lopez said tenants can't step out of their units unless they have on boots because it is too flooded around the complex.

"We have to carry our groceries through this; we have to take our children to school through this and we're just tired," she said.

Bernard Rozier, who has

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Ivet Lopez holds a board of a photo collage she put together that shows some of the problems that they're facing in the Opa-locka apartment complex.



Chef Creole cuts ribbon at airport spot



Wilkinson Sejour, the owner of Chef Creole, was joined by dozens of supporters, public officials and other Black culinary professionals on Sept. 19 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration. Sejour opened his sixth Chef Creole location at Miami International Airport. Those in attendance congratulated the chef on his accomplishment, sipped champagne and sampled some of the restaurant's signature Haitian and Bahamian cuisine.

Photo courtesy of Jimmy Nickerson



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paper that speaks to the people, that knows the grass-roots and that's the Florida Sentinel in Tampa, but down here in Miami I did not know who it was," Shaw said. "Once I met with BOMA and met with Dexter [Bridgeman, president of BOMA] and his board, it was a wonderful experience. They were very welcoming and kind, and got us around the community. It was great."

BOMA, instituted in 2015, is keen on eliminating the disparity that exists in advertisement spending and financial sponsorship with Black-owned media in South Florida.

"Essentially, we want to make sure we are represented in a forward light, as far as when the general market covers Black topics, whether it is individuals or entities," Bridgeman said.

BOMA's mission is to create a fair and balanced approach for the dissemination of advertising dollars and create awareness among the advertising community of the spending power of the Black dollar in South Florida.

Keynote speaker of the event, Lance McCarthy, a nationally recognized faith-based economist and investment advisor, urged the professionals to focus on creating Black wealth through consciousness, currency and communication. He explained that Miami has a unique and untapped potential for Black professionals to make serious economic advancements, which can be achieved through teamwork.

"We don't have to go 40 years for an 11-day journey," McCarthy said, echoing the struggle of Moses and Israelites in biblical times.



Miami Times Photo/ Felipe Rojas

Dexter Bridgeman holds the Miami-Dade County proclamation commemorating Sept. 20, 2018 as Black Owned Media Alliance Day.

Honorees included: Teri Williams, president of OneUnited Bank, and Tony Coley, regional president of BB&T Bank as BOMA Champions of the Year; Tamara Phillippeaux, president of Island TV, as BOMA Legend of the Year; Bernadette Morris, founder and chairman of Sunshine Communications as BOMA Icon of the Year; Publix as BOMA Advocate of the Year; Sandy Walker, publisher of The Gospel Truth, as BOMA Vanguard of the Year; Peter Webley, publisher of Caribbean Today, as BOMA Visionary of the Year; and John Yearwood, Yearwood Media Group, as BOMA Luminary of the Year.

Award winners included: Hip Rock Star, Marketing Firm of the Year; S.A. Nelson & Associates, PR Firm of the Year; WOW Factor, Advertising Agency of the Year; The Mosaic Group, Black Advertising Agency of the Year; Calibe Thompson, Blondie Ras Productions Inc., Best TV Communicator of the Year; Lynda Harris, independent financial advisor, Best Radio Communicator of the Year; Russell Motley, MIA Media Group,

Best Print Communicator of the Year; Tracy Timberlake, Timberlake Ventures, Best Digital Communicator of the Year; LaShannon Petit, PRPL Miami, Best Social Media Communicator of the Year; David

Muir, Photo/Vidco Journalist of the Year; and Arriale Henry, of the Westside Gazette, BOMA Rising Star Award. The city of Miami and Miami-Dade County Black Commissioners, including Keon Hardemon,

Audrey Edmonson, Dennis Moss and Barbara Jordan, as well as Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, expressed their support for BOMA and declared Thursday, Sept. 20 as Black Owned Media Alliance Day.

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- Division 09 – Flooring
- Division 09 – Painting (SBE-C SET ASIDE)
- Division 09 – Finishes
- Division 10 – Specialties (SBE-C SET ASIDE)
- Division 21 – Fire Protection
- Division 22 – Plumbing
- Division 23 – HVAC
- Division 26 – Electrical

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All questions can be directed to Project Manager - Luis Mejia (luis.mejia@skanska.com), or Project Engineer - Blake Boswell (William.Boswell@skanska.com)

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Each subcontractor is to identify their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, tier SBE participants as bid solicitation.

Each subcontractor is to provide a resume of prior health care experience with point of contact.

Please confirm that you have included the office of inspector general fee in your bid.

Please confirm that you have read and understand wage & classification requirements associated with the Miami Dade Responsible Wage Act 2018 and have made reasonable adjustments for 2019.

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Invitation to Bid Tract C Site Package New Utilities, Earthwork, Sheet Piling, Site Concrete, and Rip Rap

W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company and Jackson Health Systems cordially invite subcontractors to complete and submit their bids by Thursday November 1, 2018 no later than 2pm for the following project:

**Jackson Health System
 JHS West Medical Campus**

The Invitation to Bid includes the following packages:

- Volumes 1 and 2 Project Specification Manual – Issued for Construction – September 14, 2018
- Jackson West Phased Construction Site Package Drawings – Date September 14, 2018
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE) & Responsible Wages – Attached Form A-6, A-14 & A-16

Bid requirements and bid forms, specifications, drawings and other construction documents will be available through email. Respond to Mike Posey at mposey@wgates.com to get access to bid documents.

All bids must delivered in a sealed envelope to Jackson Memorial Hospital Facilities, Design and Construction Department trailer located at the corner of NW12th Ave. and NW 19th St. Complete address is listed below:

Jackson Memorial Hospital – FD&C Command Center Trailer 1
Attn: Mike Posey
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There is a pre-bid walk-thru scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 9am at the project site at 7800 NW 29th St. Doral FL 33122.

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Underground kitchen pipes from 1972 renters brought to the press conference (1).

Miami Times photos/ Kishanda Burns

RENTERS

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been living in the apartment complex since 2007, believes his wife and daughter died in 2009 and 2010, respectively, due to inhalation of mold and mildew.

They died eight months apart. "How many people have to get sick and die from this?" Rozier questioned. "Mold will kill you. It's a silent killer and people do not know." Rozier, just like Lopez, expressed how there should be someone in office that is qualified to fix their problems. A HUD representative in Jack-

sonville, who Lopez said they have been writing for years, has responded to the tenants' request for help. "We finally got his attention," said Lopez. "I invited him to come down next week to meet with the tenants to go to each and every unit and speak with the tenants because the problem is not what you can see, it's what you can't see."

JOBS

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Many of Stephenson's clients have the experience and education but fail to reach potential employees due to poor resumes, lack of interview skills and job search techniques. "I feel like there is a big gap when it comes to communication and talent," he said.

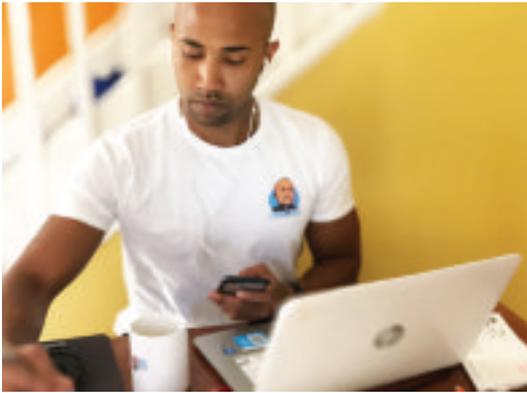
Stephenson offers different job search packages depending on the client's needs and budget, which is different from the traditional ways recruiting firms operate, he explained. "My firm is going to be different," he said. Stephenson explained that firms are not very clear or upfront about their fees and costs. "Everything I have set up is pre-packaged at a nominal cost. There are no surprises."

The packages range from basic resume help to an advanced job search with a detailed market research report and analysis. "[Clients] can either get basic, advanced or ultimate help," he said. Stephenson also offers his services to technology companies with available jobs looking for new talent.

Nelkis Medina, a business analyst at TracFone Wireless, is one of Stephenson's clients, who he helped land a job with the prepaid wireless operator.

She opted for the ultimate job search package valued at \$250, according to Chris Jobs' website.

Stephenson first helped Medina get hired as a con-



Photos courtesy of Chris Stephenson

Chris Stephenson helps clients improve resumes, communication and interview skills and provides a personalized job application game plan.

tracted consultant for the company, Medina said. After a year working in the company, the business analyst position became available. Together, Medina and Stephenson worked to improve her interview and communication skills, which were the weak points he identified.

Stephenson works with clients to assess strengths and weaknesses; reviews their career history; set desired compensation; determine willingness to relocate; and create a personalized job application game plan. He coaches clients on improving communication skills and interview techniques, as well as negotiating salary terms

once hired by an employer.

"He followed my progress and was very professional the whole time," she said. After three months of coaching on communication skills and going through four interviews, Medina was hired. Stephenson handled her conversion to assistant business analyst and negotiated the salary terms.

South Florida's economy workforce is primarily made up of tourism, retail and hospitality sectors, as well as construction and development, but Stephenson believes IT jobs can provide minorities unlimited possibilities.

Careers in the IT field include web designers,

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"If minorities focus on IT, I think the sky's the limit," he said.

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For more information visit, chrisjobsworks.com.

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Miami, Florida ("City") on September 27, 2018, at 5:05 PM at City Hall, located at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida, 33133 for the purposes of Miami City Commission ("City Commission") approval and authorization of the City's Final Budget and making appropriations related thereto for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 (collectively, "City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget"). Among those appropriations being requested for approval by the City Commission in the City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget are expenditures from the City's Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,751,000.00 for the expansion of the City's Trolley Program. In order for the City to spend funds from the Transportation Trust Fund, Section 35-254(d) of the Code of the City of Miami, as amended ("City Code"), requires City Commission approval by at least a 4/5ths affirmative vote of the entire City Commission upon a recommendation of the City Manager. The City Manager's recommendation required by the City Code is available on the City Clerk's website in the City's Final Budget Ordinance, which is agenda item BH.10 for the September 27, 2018 Budget Hearing and Meeting.

The Miami City Commission requests all interested parties be present or represented at the meeting and may be heard with respect to any proposition before the City Commission in which the City Commission may take action. Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105). **Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Florida Statutes Sections 200.0065(3)(h) and 286.0105 and Florida Administrative Code Rule 12D-17.005(2) (c)(2), no verbatim record is required regarding public hearings required by Chapter 200 (Determination of Millage).**

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Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Public Notice

This will confirm that a meeting of the Value Adjustment Board will be held on **Monday, October 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Commission Chambers Conference Room, 2nd floor, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami**, to consider the following:

- I. Convene and conduct the 2018 Miami-Dade County Value Adjustment Board organizational meeting per DOR Rule 12D-9.013.
- II. Comply with the prehearing checklist contained in DOR Rule 12D-9.014.
- III. Appoint appraiser special magistrates for property tax appeal year 2018.
- IV. Approve administrative procedures, filing fees, and rescheduling guidelines for the 2018 property tax year.
- V. Update on AXIA computer system contract negotiations.
- VI. Report on the number of taxpayer petitions filed for property tax appeal year 2018.
- VII. Such other business as may properly come before the Board.

A list maintained by the Property Appraiser of all applicants for exemption who have had their applications for exemption either (a) denied or (b) wholly or partially approved, is available for inspection by the public at the Department of Property Appraisal, Suite 710, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, during regular business hours (i.e. from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. weekdays). The types of exemptions included in the list are: homestead, Sr. Citizen, widow(er), disability, educational, literary, religious, charitable, governmental, health and care facilities, renewable energy source devices, historic properties, homes for the aged, low-income housing properties, labor organization properties, community centers, and economic development (enterprise zone) properties.

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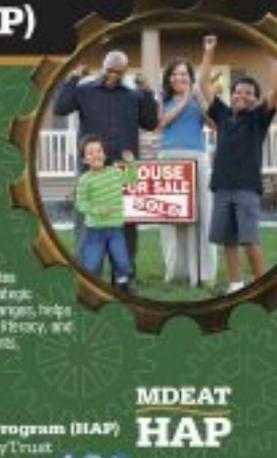
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Lisa Wardell becomes a rising Black female CEO

She shares her journey and helps bring real life to the boardroom

ALISA GUMBES
Black Enterprise

As the chief executive of Adtalem Global Education, formerly The DeVry Education Group, Lisa Wardell is the only Black woman CEO running one of the nation's 1,000 largest publicly traded companies. She had been a long-time director on its corporate board when she was chosen to be chief executive two years ago, with then-board chair Chris Begley calling her "the right person to lead DeVry Group through this transformational period." Her extensive finance background includes posts as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the RJF Cos., the holding company owned by billionaire entrepreneur and BE 100s CEO Bob Johnson, and a principal at Catalyst Venture Partners. Earlier this

year, she was appointed to the board of Lowe's Cos. Inc. So much has gone into that achievement of being a Black woman CEO, but if you had to break down how you got there, what would it be? If I think about what journey to becoming the CEO, I was on the board for eight years. I became a board member because of two reasons and really two people. One was Charles Tribbett of Russell Reynolds, I went through an executive recruiting process to get on the board. They were looking for very specific skill sets, which was acquisition experience, global experience, basically deal experience, as well as someone who understood Washington and how Washington works. And the second person was Bob Johnson, the person that I worked for at the time



Lisa Wardell

who had the foresight to say "I want my executives to be on public boards and getting that experience while they're in their careers at a relatively early stage." What has that relationship with Bob Johnson meant to you professionally? A good way to start that is to start with Lowe's. Bob was aging out of the Lowe's board. He'd been on for some time, and what he said to the Lowe's board was, "I want

to be replaced by an African-American." And so what the Lowe's board said to Bob was "OK, but [that person] has to be a sitting CEO, has to be at a public company, has to be somebody who understands M&A, has to be somebody who has experience and can run an audit committee," or whatever that list was. And he said "I got you and I'll raise you. There she is." I would not have gotten that opportunity without Bob. Being picked from the board is also how Arnold Donald became CEO of Carnival. It seems that for Blacks, especially, serving on the board can be beneficial to their career path. From my perspective, it's all about two things. One is familiarity and relationships. Typically, these would not be relationships that you would have outside of the boardroom. You may not know those folks from conferences that you go to or other career events. You may just not be in

the same circles. And so this is a way for them to see you. It's all about relationships, especially at the CEO level, right? The second is all about competency and what you bring to the table. I was on the board for eight years. The last four years, I chaired the audit committee, and so I became more vocal and more of a leader on that board. It's not just sitting on the board, but it's how do you carve out that place of leadership within the board? For me, my thing is finance and all M&A/deal type things, but it could be anything. It could be technology, it could be governance. There's a lot of boards looking for governance. If it's lawyers, as an example. And you have to pick that area of expertise and then demonstrate it and get a level of comfort with those board members. How do you communicate why it's important to have people like you in the boardroom?

The decisions made in the boardroom drive economics for us and our families every day, as we think about the price of a consumer good, the price, in our case, of an education. If you take that a little further, how do we scholarship? How do we determine who's the most needy folks that need our help to get that education? All of those decisions are made at a very high level and trickle down. If you don't have people who understand what it is to, in my case, be a first-generation college graduate, if you don't have somebody who understands that you may have those school loans and you may use those to pay your bills at home, as an example, if you don't have someone in the boardroom that understands that, then the financial policies, in our case for education, but for any other company, for how things are bought and sold and financed, will not be made in a way that's good for us.

Benefit from new credit protections starts now

Consumers have new abilities to guard their reports, children's social security

TNJ STAFF
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More than a year has passed since the massive data breach at Equifax that put highly sensitive information about 148 million Americans at risk. It sent many people scrambling to "freeze" their credit reports or place fraud alerts and subscribe to credit monitoring services. No major criminal use of that data has been reported in the past year. One thing has changed, however. Starting last week, consumers no longer have to pay a fee to establish or lift a credit freeze. Thanks to an act of Congress signed into law last May, freezing your credit — allowing only those you designate to view your credit report — will be free and easy. Applause is unnecessary. You would think that a system that could track hundreds of millions of

Americans' entire financial histories using computer programs could also figure out a way to limit access to that information. The fees simply rewarded bureaus for not doing their job well, engendering fear and encouraging people to pay to freeze their accounts. A freeze keeps someone from accessing your information to create new accounts. If you're applying for insurance or a mortgage, you will have to unfreeze your account. And you must enact a freeze at each of the three major credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. The freeze will last until you lift it. But that was not always the case, so if you froze your credit after the breach last year, make sure you check up on it at each bureau and if necessary, reinstate it after under the new rules. Or you can place a fraud alert on your ac-

count. Under the new law, the alert must last at least one year (as opposed to the previous 90 days), and it requires the bureau to use extra diligence and to notify you if someone tries to open a credit account in your name. Set up an alert at one major bureau, and the other two will be notified automatically. You can have both a freeze and a fraud alert on your credit report. SPECIAL CREDIT FREEZE FOR CHILDREN One less noticed feature of the new law is the ability to set up a freeze on your young child's credit report. No, infants and toddlers can't get credit. But since most parents apply for a Social Security number for their child at birth and then never check on it until perhaps the teen applies for a driver's license, there is plenty of time for an unscrupulous person to steal the information and start using it for credit fraud. Note: there is no age identification on a Social Security number, so a new, fraudulent credit history could easily be built. This is not a minor issue. According to Javelin Research, more than 1 million

children — or 1.48 percent of minors — were victims of identity theft or fraud in 2017. Two-thirds of those affected were age 7 or younger. Experian estimates that one in four minors will become victims of identity theft before becoming an adult. The new law allows a parent to set up an account for a minor child with the credit bureau — and then freeze the account. First, ask each bureau to run a manual credit report check

using your child's SS number — just in case someone else has used that number to establish credit.

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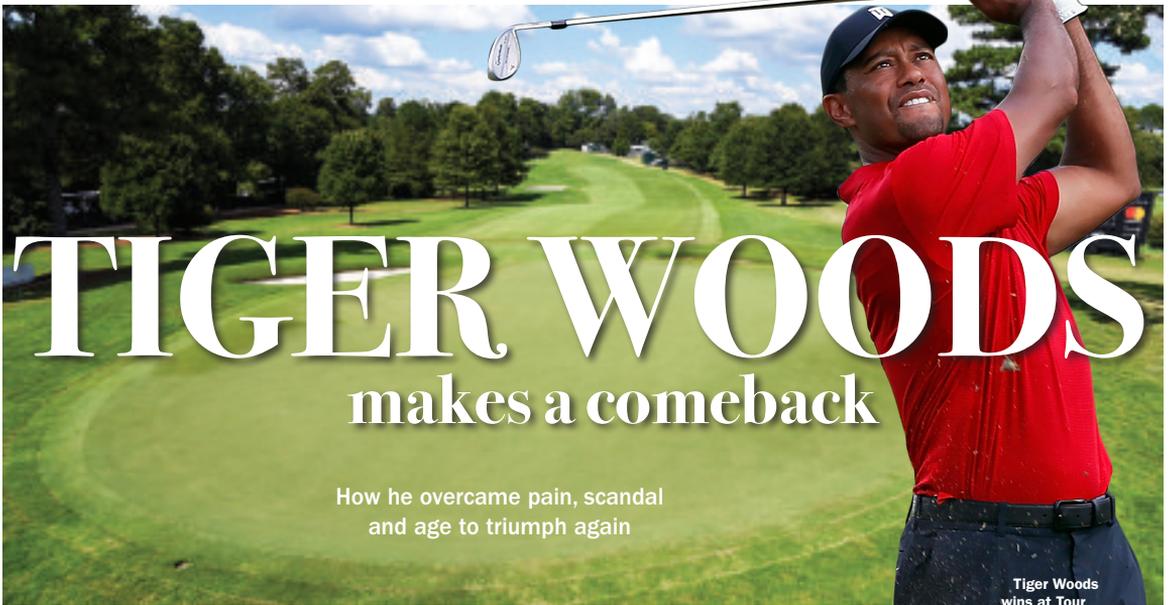
The Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Miami ("SEOPW CRA") 2017 Annual Report is available.

In accordance with section 163.356(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Miami ("SEOPW CRA") have developed the annual report of their activities including a complete financial statement setting forth assets, liabilities, income, and operating expenses as of the end of Fiscal Year 2017. This report has been filed with the City of Miami's Office of the City Clerk and is available for inspection during business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, located at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive. In addition, the report is available in the office of the SEOPW CRA, located at 819 NW 2nd Avenue, 3rd Floor, Miami FL 33136.

It can also be found on the SEOPW CRA's website at www.seopwcracra.com

For further information, contact the SEOPW CRA at (305) 679-6800.

#30289 Cornelius Shiver Esq., Executive Director
Southeast Overtown/Park West
Community Redevelopment Agency



TIGER WOODS

makes a comeback

How he overcame pain, scandal and age to triumph again

Tiger Woods wins at Tour Championship five years after nearly retiring.

IAN O'CONNOR
ESPN

He was bigger than an NFL Sunday, which seems perfectly apropos. In his prime, Tiger Woods was bigger than everything and everyone. Why not win a head-to-head with America's modern pastime in his return to the winner's circle as an aging, balding man?

Whether you were in Lincoln Financial Field to watch the return of Carson Wentz, or in any other stadium where outsized athletes in helmets and pads took turns panking each other, you had to keep one eye on the nearest TV, the other on your phone. Why? Woods was doing far more in Atlanta than finishing off his 80th PGA Tour victory, that's why.

He was becoming Eldrick Tont Woods again, Tiger to you and me and the rest of creation. He was becoming the best of the best one more time, protecting a 54-hole lead of at least 3 shots for the 24th time in 24 tries. He was returning as Mozart and Michelangelo in a red shirt and spikes, all the way back from the golfing dead.

"Oh God," Woods had said at the PGA Championship, "I didn't even know if I was going to play golf again."

He played golf in Atlanta like he played it in his dynastic prime. The better news? Woods nailed down No. 80 as a different human being, as a kinder and gentler update on the programmed assassin he used to be.

Do you remember the last time Tiger won any tournament? Do you? It was only five years ago, yet it feels like 15. Woods dominated the field at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone, claiming his eighth title at Firestone and his fifth victory of 2013 before almost immediately wondering aloud how often he'd won at least five times on tour in a single season.

"Eight or nine?" he asked.

Ten, he was told.

"That's even better," he said. "That's something I'm very proud of, is how many tournaments I've been able to win consistently, year in and year out."

For the very first time, a golfer was arguably the world's most recognizable athlete. He battled for himself an entirely new

and unwanted level of global fame and infamy over Thanksgiving 2009, of course, when he drove his Escalade into a fire hydrant and a tree in the dead of night and ended up in the street unconscious and bleeding, his then-wife Elin standing over him with a golf club in hand. Woods' serial infidelity was about to be exposed, and so were his vulnerabilities as a man and an athlete.

Woods ultimately lost his marriage. After checking into a treatment center for sexual addiction, he returned to the sport a far less intimidating force. He would win eight more times on tour over the 2012 and 2013 seasons, but he couldn't recapture the major championship aura he lost at the PGA in 2009, when he finally stumbled on a Sunday (he had been 14-0 in majors when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead) and fell to a self-taught South Korean journeyman named Y.E. Yang.

Asked in 2015 why his vanquished foe had lost the eye of the Tiger in the majors, Yang told ESPN.com, "I, amongst many other players, believe that it has to do with his personal issues and that it is none of our business. Tiger is not a machine and is a person like all of us. I think once he gets his focus back, he will be fine."

As it turned out, Tiger's body was more fragile than his focus. One back injury after another left him bedridden at times, and at others unable to perform the basic physical functions of your average middle-aged dad. "I couldn't even go out for dinner," Woods said. "I couldn't sit. I couldn't get from Point A to B in the house."

Woods said the pain and sleeplessness caused him to over-medicate himself and led to his late-night DUI arrest near his Jupiter, Florida, home on Memorial Day in 2017, when he was found asleep at the wheel of his damaged car with the engine running. The mortifying roadside video of Woods' interaction with police suggested the golfer was literally and figuratively lost, and maybe for keeps. The toxicology report would show that Tiger had Vicodin, Dilaudid, Xanax, Ambien and THC — the active ingredient in marijuana — in his system at the time the cops arrested him. Woods would seek professional help, he said, to "manage my medications and the ways that I deal with back pain and a sleep disorder."

Woods could have killed himself, or someone else, after he started his car that night. He seemed almost irrevocably broken, and a million miles removed from the epic champion he used to be.

But the in-patient treatment that followed his arrest — along with his Hail Mary of a fourth back surgery, the spinal fusion surgery — ultimately changed his entire life. He arrived at the Masters in April calling himself a "walking miracle." His smile was back, and so was his astonishing swing speed.

Woods decided he wanted to win for daughter Sam and son Charlie; he had joked of his children seeing him almost exclusively as a "YouTube golfer." Sam and Charlie were forever asking him, "Daddy, when are you going to win the tournament?" and for good reason. Sam hadn't seen her old man win a major since she attended the U.S. Open in 2008, when Tiger beat Rocco Mediate in a 19-hole playoff on one leg. Charlie had seen his old man win only once, as a 4-year-old, when he attended the WGC-Bridgestone in 2013.

And then 1,876 days later, Sam and Charlie's dad finally ended the biblical drought. By clinching victory No. 80, two shy of Sam Snead's record, Woods made Atlanta in September feel like Augusta in April.

The world has changed so much since Tiger won on tour for the first time, at age 20, in the fall of 1996, but his fascination with the golfer who is equal parts artist and assassin has remained very much intact. The game has never seen a force quite like him, and chances are it never will again.

Maybe this is the last time Tiger Woods will hold the winner's trophy high, maybe not. Either way, the man in red outplayed the NFL on Sunday and, of greater consequence, delivered a vintage Tiger triumph as a new and improved man.



Williams victim of 'strong Black woman syndrome'

Gender plays a role during penalty phase in U.S. Open championship

When I think about Serena Williams, I think of a strong, determined, passionate and invincible Black woman. She's a new mother coming back and still able to perform at the top of her game.

As I sit in awe, I am reminded of an old classic song by Helen Reddy, now hailed as the women's anthem — "I Am Woman." The first lyric of the 1972 classic goes, "I am woman hear me roar."

And roar Serena Williams did at the women's U.S. Open championship singles match when the chair umpire charged her with cheating and other infractions, that eventually led to her loss to Naomi Osaka.

The incident occurred in

the second set of Osaka's victory over Williams. Umpire Carlos Ramos issued penalties that cost Williams one game in her 6-2, 6-4 loss to Osaka.

Ramos did nothing technically wrong in his rigid application of the rules, but he could have used discretion and been the coolant to what ended up being a very heated situation.

First, he issued a warning for a coaching violation, something that is prohibited in Grand Slam events like the Open. Then he issued a one-point penalty for racket abuse. Finally, he cited Williams for verbal abuse — making it a third, code violation, which cost Williams a game in a deciding set.



Serena Williams

The 23-time Grand Slam singles champion had a proverbial foot-fault and clearly stepped out of bounds when she yelled at Ramos calling him a "thief!"

In frustration and anger, she screamed that she has never cheated and demanded an apology.

With no apology forthcoming, Williams was fined \$17,000 (\$10,000 for verbal abuse, \$4,000 for the coaching violation and \$3,000 for racket abuse).

Ramos's game penalization is something that is scarcely seen in such an important match.

Most sports routinely revisit their rules in an effort to prevent refereeing from determining the outcome of a game; for the sanctity

of the sport, the piety of the fans and of course — the ratings.

Sports, after all, are all about the competition, all about the athletes, not about the referees.

It would have been nice for the tennis champ to have gone down swinging, not to have the match decided by an overzealous umpire. In the same token, it would have been nice for Serena to conduct herself as the tennis royalty that she is.

So, who's to blame here? Some are blaming the 36-year-old tennis star's angry outbursts, calling her an angry Black woman. It's a narrative that is too often leveled against passionate, independent, strong, Black women.

Some are blaming Ramos, who in his feelings, sought to show his authority instead of finding a way to diffuse the situation.

Some cite double standards in the treatment of the sexes.

It could be a compilation of all three at play here.

"I covered 17 U.S. Opens for Sports Illustrated. This is just my opinion: There is no way a men's player with Serena's resume (multiple GS titles, economic driver of the sport) is getting a third code violation for that language in the finals of a major. No way," Richard Deitsch tweeted.

The head of the U.S. Tennis Association, Katrina Adams said that both Williams and Ramos share in the blame in a situation that saw tempers flare and spiral out of control.

It is Adams' belief that there is a double standard at play when it comes to how male and female tennis players are treated. She told ESPN there is "no equality" in officiating. The Women's Tennis Association agreed with Adams' assessment.

"At the end of the day, Serena could have handled it a little bit differently," Adams said. "She's passionate.

She was speaking out. And I think for Ramos, he was a little defensive at that point and was fed up as opposed to saying, 'Okay, let's get back to business.'"

If you've ever watched Williams play, one could tell that she is passionate, as are most professional athletes who reach the heights of their careers. It is their passion that drives them. It is their passion that makes them great. It is their passion that draws us in and makes us root for them.

And though Williams may have lost her cool, she ultimately regained her composure. "And like the true champion that she is, she found a way to show class and sportsmanship to 20-year-old Osaka who hailed Serena as her childhood idol.

She quelled the boos of the crowd heralded after the match's outcome in order to congratulate Osaka as the new U.S. Open champion.

"She said, like, she was proud of me and that I should know that the crowd wasn't booing me," Osaka said of their post-match conversation on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." "So I was really happy that she said that."

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A STREET DANCE CALLED CARNIVAL

Reigning Miami Carnival champions, Big & Strong Inc./One Island Band, will present the costume display of Carnival Sundae, Sunday, Oct. 6.

Photo courtesy of Rolando Jarvis

Toddlers take part in Miami Carnival Junior Carnival in 2017.



A child "plays mas" in Miami Carnival Junior

Photos courtesy of Harris Public Relations



Each costume represents a theme and follows a synopsis.



With the theme Namaste, Big & Strong Inc./One Island Band's won Band of the Year for 2017.

THE ANNUAL EVENT DISPLAYS CULTURE AND PRIDE WITH A SIDE OF COMPETITION

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When it's time for Miami Carnival, thousands of revelers come from all over the globe to Miami for a chance to dance and prance down a route in costumes covered with feathers, gems and trimmings of all sorts. Carnival also means the battle of the bands competition. Bands are made up of a sea of masqueraders, grinding and stomping to soca music blasting from mega sound systems attached to 10 to 12-wheeler trucks.

"I am going for gold; we have to try to do better than we did last year," said Sonia Hinds, whose band won third place last year. The gold Hinds is talking about equals bragging rights as Miami Broward Carnival Band of the Year and \$7,500.

On Columbus Day weekend, 16 adult

bands will compete for the title Miami Broward Carnival Band of the Year.

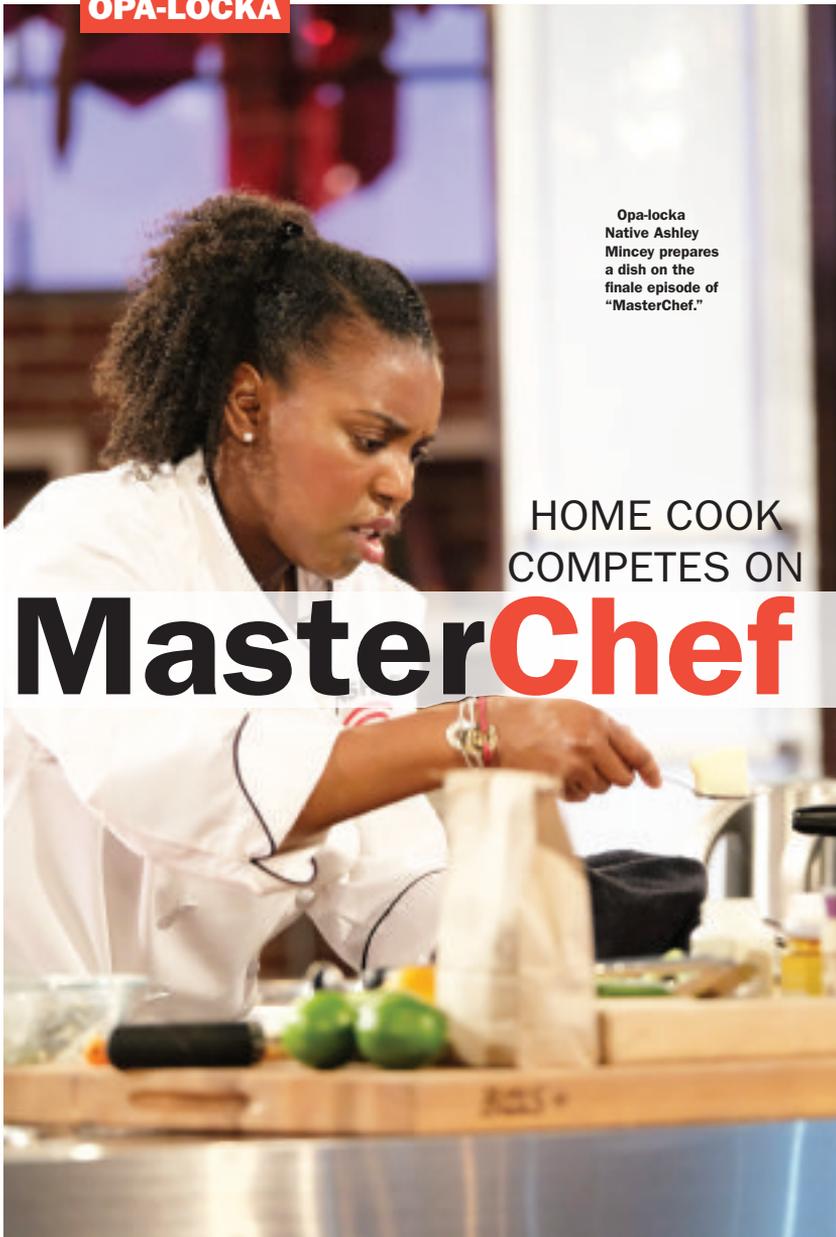
Kids get in on the fun and competition, too. Young masquerade bands will vie Sept. 29 to be Junior Carnival Band of the Year and \$2,500.

The bands are judged on the visual impact,

creativity and authenticity of the costumes as well as the best use of color and presentation on stage. Carnival costumes consist of swimsuit pieces that are hand-designed with shiny or colorful rhinestones, beads and an assortment of garment accessories.

SEE BAND 6C

OPA-LOCKA



Opa-locka Native Ashley Mincey prepares a dish on the finale episode of "MasterChef."

HOME COOK
COMPETES ON

MasterChef

Ashley Mincey dishes on FOX for the coveted white apron

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An Opa-locka native was among three cooks who faced their final challenge on last Wednesday's episode of FOX's "MasterChef."

Former schoolteacher Ashley Mincey competed to win a quarter of a million dollars and the title of MasterChef on the two-hour finale, which aired Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. on channel 7.

"This is my moment in time that I've been waiting for," Mincey told The Miami Times ahead of the episode Wednesday.

Just a month after quitting her job as a teacher in Bradenton, Mincey walked into a "MasterChef" casting in Miami with a Cuban-inspired mojo pork dish with Chinese pancakes and Vietnamese pickled vegetables served with cilantro sauce.

"I went all out," said Mincey.

In the FOX TV series "MasterChef," famous chefs pick teams of cooks who first go head-to-head to get a white apron from one of three mentors. Chefs Gordon Ramsay and Aaron Sánchez and restaurateur Joe Bastianich star in the show. The professional chefs mentor their cooks and



put them through a series of challenging elimination rounds. The winner who makes it to the end claims the title and a \$250,000 grand prize.

Mincey who was born and raised in Opa-locka, started teaching after finishing grad school at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. But she could not get away from the urge to be in the kitchen.

Mincey would enter into local and national cooking competitions that she found online. One of them landed her in an international cook-off.

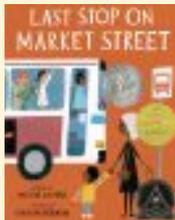
The self-taught chef said she got "a lot of slack" from chefs in the industry.

"Who is this woman, who thinks she can enter my world, and what do you do?" Mincey recalled

SEE CHEF 6C

Photo Courtesy of MasterChef

Children's BOOK CORNER



'Last Stop on Market Street' Rich lessons fill the pages of this book

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CJ is just like many young boys; he's curious and simply wants to play with his friends. But in the book "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Peña, CJ's desire for games is quickly quelled while he's side-by-side with his nana.

Beautifully illustrated by artist Christian Robinson, "Last Stop on Market Street" has many lessons to offer young readers. Every Sunday, CJ and his nana travel across town to volunteer at the local soup kitchen. They ride the bus to the last stop,

which is Market Street. This Sunday, however, it's raining and CJ finds every reason to complain about it. Not only that, but he wonders why he can't play outside, why he has to go to the soup kitchen every single Sunday, and why he has to take the bus to get there.

CJ's complaining eventually stops short as his white-haired nana nips it in the bud. She has a thought-provoking remark for each of his complaints. Along the ride, she helps her young grandson to see the beauty in life outside of electronics, games and polished homes. As CJ takes his nana's ad-



de la Peña

vice and considers the words she offers, he begins to see the world quite differently and a little bit more authentically.

Written and illustrated with young readers in mind, "Last Stop on Market Street" is a great tale during a rainy afternoon. As children ride along with CJ and his nana, they'll learn the same lessons CJ does and reflect on nana's wise words. Maybe they'll even take the time to enjoy music in a new way, desire to speak to new people on the bus, or even do some volunteering.

After reading this book, youngsters may have a new outlook on life, just like CJ.



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The passing of time has brought us to the season of fall as September closes its doors. As we welcome fall in South Florida with our air conditioners still running strong, I share some news with you. Author, former Miamian and Northwestern Class of '59 grad **Gracie Lewis Chandler** has sent invitations for interested persons to subscribe, for free, to a newsletter called "Fountain Pen Tales." As author **Josh Whedon** wrote: "We all love a good story and everyone has a story to tell."

"Fountain Pen Tales" will welcome your stories for October, perhaps remembering Halloween costumes, characters, parties and the activities, or perhaps recalling school days in October. In her tale of the month, Gracie submitted a story called, "The Plastic Wallet."

Her tale starts with an introductory question, "Who's Gracie?" with this answer: "In answering this question it depends on the day, the season, my mood. Basically, I'm a former elementary school teacher/school media specialist, who upon retirement, decided to work at writing. I know now, I should have chosen a different avocation since it took me 20 years to self-publish my first novel, "Free to Be." I'm plugging away at a second novel, but with my track record I really do need to pick up the pace!" Congratulations to **Gracie**

as she continues to explore and share her writing passion, because indeed, we all love a good story.

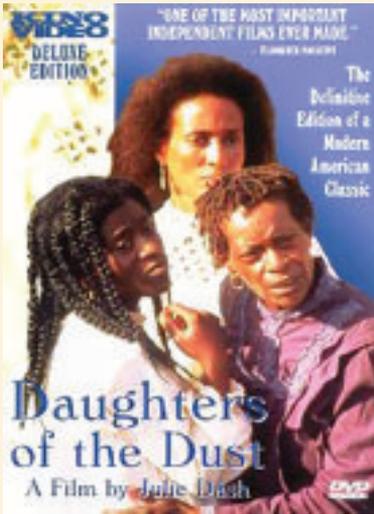
Congratulations are also extended to Miami resident **Colette McCurdy-Jackson** who was elected and installed as the 18th National President of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, during the Sorority's 33rd Biennial National Convention, which convened at the Hilton Memphis, in Memphis, Tennessee. **McCurdy-Jackson** will serve as the national president 2018-2020. She is excited for the opportunity to

serve. Inducted into the organization through Alpha Gamma Chapter here in Miami in 1995, **McCurdy-Jackson** has remained a dedicated member of the organization for more than 20 years and has served the

sorority on local, regional and national levels. Professionally, **McCurdy-Jackson** is an operations manager with the 11th Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts. She is a graduate of Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and holds a bachelor of arts degree in women's studies with a minor in history and a master of arts degree in organizational management from University of Phoenix. In her community affiliations, **McCurdy-Jackson** served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for more than 10 years, a mentor to at-risk girls in



Jackson



involved in the Sisters of the Heart Mentoring Program, and a past president of the Miami-Dade County Women's Park Founders Committee.

The Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Miami of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority wants you to mark your calendars for its annual Scholarship Dance Fundraiser. The theme this year is "Hollywood" and stars will shine on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Family Christian Association Annex, where guests will be dressed in their black-and-white,

semi-formal attire. Zeta Amicae raises monies annually through events like this one to award scholarships to young ladies in our community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, led by **Glenda Glover**, on Sept. 16 - 22, kicked off National HBCU Week. **Glover** sent out the call to all chapters with this statement: "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is committed to the preservation and continued financial support of one of this nation's most valuable resources - Historically Black

Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). To this end, the sorority will pay particular attention to these unique institutions during this special week which has been designated to honor and recognize HBCUs by making individual financial contributions and highlighting important contributions of HBCU alumni." Our HBCU's need to be supported. More congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Mary Williams** who was recently promoted to administrator of Community-Based Youth Intervention Services at Center for Family and Child Enrichment, in Miami Gardens. The Center for Family and Child Enrichment is a private, nonprofit, community-based organization in Miami-Dade County.

For film and discussion, The Historic Hampton House Community Trust last Thursday launched Unity Boulevard Film Series, a new film and discussion event. The event kicked off with a special screening of a classic independent film, "Daughters of the Dust," which was written, produced and directed by **Julie Dash**. The series will continue on the third Thursday of each month at the beautifully restored Historic Hampton House Cultural Center in Miami-Dade's Brownsville neighborhood. "Daughters of the Dust" is the first feature film directed by a Black woman distributed theatrically in the United States. Set in 1902, it tells the story of three generations of Gullah (also known as Geechee) women in the Pezant family on **Saint Helena** Island as they pre-



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pare to migrate to the North on the mainland.

The film gained critical praise for its lush visuals, Gullah dialogue and non-linear storytelling. The cast features **Coralee Day, Alva Rogers, Barbara-O, Trula Hoosier, Vertamae Moore Grovener, and Kaycee Moore** and was filmed on **St. Helena** Island in South Carolina. **Dash** has written two books about "Daughters of the Dust," one about the making of the film, co-authored with **Toni Cade Bambara** and **Bell Hooks**, and one novel, a sequel set 20 years after the film's story. In 2004, the film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Be on the lookout for more films and discussions in the Unity Boulevard Film Series at the Historic Hampton House.

I'm embarking on a journey of mind and spirit, and next month I want to share a little of this journey with you. I think you'll find it inspirational and informative. Just trying to put all of my story together mentally, before I put it on paper. There are times when we must take these journeys and bring friends and family with us. Speaking of friends and family, do help, encourage, take and push our young people to the polls to vote. Registration is but the first step. Many have registered, now they must vote.

And so my friends, *We journey, We Live, We Pray, We Love, We Laugh, Dance, Sing in the Whirl. This is our story. Blessings.*

Local authors to share stories of heritage

Spady Museum scheduled to host Addie Greene and Maria Nhambu

Miami Times Staff Report

Two local authors will share the inspiration behind their latest works during book signing events at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum.

The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum is a Black history museum and cultural center, located at 170 NW Fifth Ave., in Delray Beach.

Former Palm Beach County Commissioner **Addie L. Greene** will introduce her new book "From the Coal Mines to the Board Room: Reflections on the Rise of Black Politicians in Palm Beach County." The book chronicles the life of Greene, the daughter of an Alabama coal miner, who grew up in the 1940s and '50s, surrounded by racism, poverty and exploitation. Greene went on to become the



Maria Nhambu

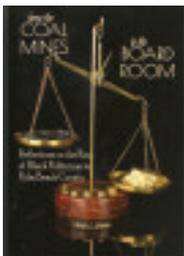
first Black female councilwoman, vice mayor and mayor elected in Mangonia Park. She was also the second Black female elected county commissioner.

The book covers not only her political career but also those trailblazers who came before her to make a way for other politicians and educators. Greene's book signing is



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Addie L. Greene



free and open to the public from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Maria Nhambu will make her third book signing appearance to the museum, with the last of her Dancing Soul series, "Dream Beats, Heart Beats." The book follows Nhambu as she transverse diverse cultures and continents, negotiating a complex and shifting web of mixed identities - African immigrant and African-Amer-

ican - through marriage, parenthood and a search for her father.

Nhambu was born in Tanzania, East Africa, and raised in an orphanage for biracial children. Her passion for African dance,

art and culture inspired her to create the workout, Aerobics with Soul, and teach African Studies in America. Nhambu's book signing is free and open to the public on Friday, Nov. 16, from 6-8 p.m.



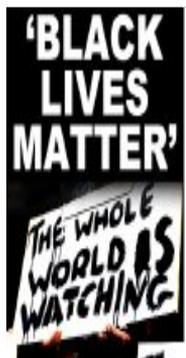
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From India to Toronto, here at the top vacation spots to travel the world together

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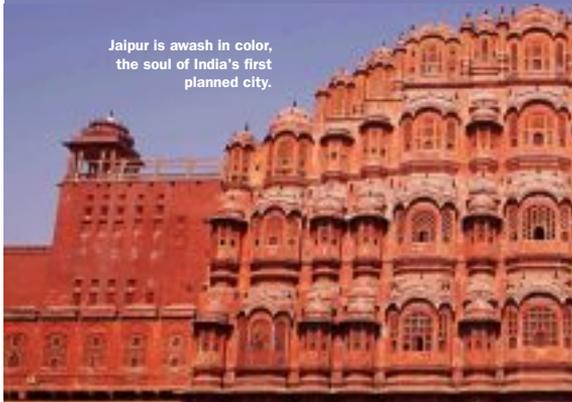
Traveling with a romantic partner is important for any relationship. Through travel, you'll learn more about how your partner navigates the world, and develop a deeper understanding of what leaves them excited, frustrated, scared and inspired. Not only will you see firsthand how they embrace new experiences,

but traveling with a partner helps you both create memories that will last a lifetime.

If you're looking to take your love to the next level or simply want to explore a new location with the love of your life, these are the destinations where romance and adventure await, especially for Black couples.

Jaipur
India's famed "Pink City" is as beautiful as

Jaipur is awash in color, the soul of India's first planned city.



they come.

Singapore
Every couple that loves food must check out this country at least once.

Kathmandu
For couples that want to mix spirituality with adventure, the capital of Nepal is the place to be.

Bora Bora
A trip to the French Polynesia is perfect for the couple that wants to get away from it all.

Seoul
A city like Seoul is for any couple that thrives on round-the-clock excitement.

Havana
If you're looking to take a step back in time with your boo, Havana is as good as it gets.

Monaco
Paris may be the most romantic destination in the world, but this city in the French Riviera is as dreamy as it gets.

Santorini
This island in Aegean Sea is a favorite for couples on Instagram for a reason.

Nairobi
The energy in Nairobi is infectious, and the music and art scene is perfect for couples that value creativity.

ples that value creativity.

Bahia
You'll pretty much be dancing hand in hand in the street the entire time you're in this Brazilian destination, and you'll both love every second.

Cape Town
If you and your partner are all about savoring the best life has to offer, you'll have a tough time finding a place more indulgent than Cape Town, South Africa.

Ho Chi Minh City
Head to Vietnam if you two are craving an adventure abroad that won't break the bank.

Cartagena
Go to the Cartagena, Colombia for the romantic beaches, stay for the charming community and rich history.

Lagos
Nigeria's largest city has one of the best art scenes in the world, and the fashion and entertainment community is helping to put Lagos on the map.

Toronto
The Caribbean Canadian population Toronto has helped to make the city one of the most eclectic and inclusive destinations in the world.

As the largest island in the Caribbean, Cuba is packed with some of the most distinct cultural and natural wonders to be found in the region.



LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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EVENTS

The Overtown 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.

Small and Minority Business Owners

Community connections in District 7, 8 and 9; 6-7:30 p.m.; Sept. 6; West Kendall Regional Library; 10201 Hammocks Boulevard; Info: Call 305-995-1307.

Black Professionals Network

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

Walk Against Domestic Violence

Registration; 7-8 a.m.; Walk; 9 a.m.; Oct. 6; 16901 NE 19th Ave.; Info: Call Renee Darden 305-948-2940 or email at rdarden@nmbpd.org.

Junior Carnival

Noon - 10 p.m.; Sept. 29; Central Broward Regional Park; 3700 NW 11th Place; Info: Yvette Harris 786-897-8854.

Greater Aviation Association

Students 91st annual gala; 6:30 p.m.; Oct. 13; Trump National Doral Miami Resort; 4400 NW 87th Ave.; Info: Connie Devine at 305-884-4300.

Fundraiser reception

Sean Shaw; 5:30 - 7 p.m.;

Sept. 26; Three Brickell City Centre; 98 SE Seventh Street, Suite 1100; Info: email Alicia@SeanShaw.com.

Local Vendor Outreach Exchange

Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan; 5-7:30 p.m.; Oct. 3; North Dade Regional Library; 2455 NW 183 St.; Info: www.miamidade.gov/localvendor.

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.

Booker T. Washington Class of 1959

11 a.m. every first Tuesday; Golden Coral; 9045 Pines Blvd.; Info: Call 305-989-0994

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/Broward Alumni Association

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

Top Ladies of Distinction Inc.

10 a.m. every second Saturday; Info: Call Betty Bridges 786-320-2891.

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.

The first Black woman to get an honorary Oscar

Cicely Tyson to be recognized by Academy board at 93

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After decades of providing Oscar-worthy performances, Cicely Tyson will finally be taking home her own golden statuette this year.

The 93-year-old actress, who received her first and only Oscar nod in the 70s, will

be recognized this year by the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Tyson is the only actor to receive an honorary award this year, and the first Black woman to ever receive one.

Though she was denied recognition by the Academy, she did not go unrecognized

throughout her career. Tyson has received a Tony Award, several Emmy Awards, and a Presidential Medal of Freedom for the gut wrenching performances she gave in productions like "Roots" and "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman."

Fellow Oscar winner Viola Davis, who once had her scalp

greased by Tyson in a powerful scene on the Shonda Rhimes drama "How To Get Away With Murder," expressed her joy at seeing Tyson earn her own Oscar.

In a caption on Instagram she said, "Aaaahhh!!!! THIS gives me LIFE!!! Beyond de-



Tyson

served!!! Love, love you beauty."

The decision to finally highlight Tyson's dynamic work is reflective of the changes in the Academy.

Earlier this year, the Academy invited an unprecedentedly large number of new members after it pledged to

make their voting pool more diverse.

Dave Chappelle, Kendrick Lamar, Tiffany Haddish, Wendell Pierce, and Jada Pinkett Smith were among the 928 people invited to join this year — in an effort to avoid another #OscarsSoWhite moment.

Here's hoping that our next legend doesn't have to wait 50 years to get what was already hers.

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Even though bandleaders are facing competition, the designs are made with the masqueraders in mind.

"Our first goal is not to design for the judges," said Rolando Jarvis, whose adult band has been the reigning champion for the last three years.

Last year, Jarvis' band, Big & Strong Inc./One Island Band, wowed the judges with the theme, Namaste. It focused on different elements of finding peace.

"We felt as though the world needed to get a touch of those sort of things - positive thoughts," he said.

This year the theme is more on the playful side, Jarvis said. With ice cream as the inspiration, the band will present Carnival Sundae, a play on Carnival Sunday, the day of the week the event takes place.

"A sundae is a combination of different types of ice creams," Jarvis said, referencing the 14 sections of the band, which will each have an individual design depicting the same theme.

After sitting with his team to visualize the concept, it is up to the designers to figure out how

SIGNATURE MIAMI CARNIVAL EVENTS:

Friday, Oct. 5
King/Queen-Kings, Queens and Individuals Competition
Time: 4-7 p.m.
Advance Tickets-\$15

Oct. 5
Panorama Competition
Time: 6-11 p.m.
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to display it. Designers from Germany, Washington, D.C., New York and Trinidad and Tobago are among the sections that will account for the expected 2,500 masqueraders in Big & Strong Inc./One Island Band.

Jarvis said he is hands-off when it comes to making the costumes, but hands-on when it comes to making sure the entire production is going well.

"You want the day to be successful; you want to see the masqueraders happy and enjoying themselves," said Jarvis. "I think that's what we look forward to and that's what we consider a success."

The Parade of the Bands is an

all-day, all-inclusive event for those playing mas (in costume).

In addition to music, access to the event and costumes, the bandleaders and their teams also provide the masqueraders with unlimited alcoholic beverages and food throughout the day.

Hinds, leader of Baján Fuh Evah, said she is already planning for next year's carnival. But first, she plans to win first place.

Baján Fuh Evah's theme this year is Candy Land. A Kingdom of Sweet Adventures. It has sections such as Cotton Candy, Licorice, Ice Princess and Gum Drop.

"We wanted something bright and something with vibrant colors," said Hinds. "We took a mixture of the game, Candy Land, and we put our twist on it."

One of her designers is Lauren Austin whose designs went viral on social media three times when her superstar singer Rihanna wore them for Barbados' carnival, Crop Over. Last year, Baján Fuh Evah presented Hidden Treasures with sections like Yellow Diamond and Sea Goddess Gems. It brought the band from eighth place in 2016 to third.

The key to improving, Hinds said was concentrating more on

what the judges would be looking for, but the revelers' experience is still her main priority. Hinds expects about 600 masqueraders this year.

What makes the perfect carnival experience, said Hinds, is good food, drinks, customer service and music to match an elaborate costume.

"I think all masqueraders like to look beautiful on the road. They want a costume that fits them nice," she said. "It makes them feel free for that one day."

IF YOU GO:

What: Miami Carnival Parade of Bands and Concert
When: Sunday, Oct. 7
Where: Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds
10901 SW 24 St., Miami
Time: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Advance Tickets-\$35

KIDS PLAY MAS

Giselle Blanche started her first carnival band when she was 14 years old. It was for Miami Carnival. Since then she has led a band in the city every year.

Affectionately known as Giselle The Wassi One, she has been ordained the ambassador of Miami Carnival.

"While everyone else was playing with dolls and getting ready for prom, I was making costumes," she said.

Blanche comes from a "mas family." Her mother is a costume designer and her dad, a musician and performer. She started playing mas at 1 year old.

Blanche leads a junior and an adult band. Her adult band is the longest standing band in Miami Carnival.

Last year, Blanche celebrated 30 years in the parade with the theme, Let's Celebrate. The junior band had sections such as confetti.

Her Wassi Babes, as she calls the junior band, is also presenting something sweet.

Caribbean Treats is a look back at the favorite candy that Caribbean children have enjoyed over the years. Kids are expected to display sweets like caramel and coconut.

The Wassi Babes did not place in the competition last year. But Blanche said she is not competing for a title.

"There is a competition; and may be the best man win," she said. "What I am competing for is Caribbean unity and the extension of my culture everywhere we get an opportunity to express it."

Carol Antoine said carnival is a little piece of the Caribbean in Miami's backyard.

"It is cultural. We were raised in Trinidad knowing you want to part of it," Antoine said.

In Antoine's junior band, Natural Disaster Inc., children as young as 3 pranced around. It won second place in Miami Carnival last year.

Natural Disaster's theme this year is Let's Wave. It is inspired by unity and togetherness. The costumes bring together the cultures of several countries with the use of feathers, braids, bright fabrics and flags.

Antoine said the most important part of the judging is the presentation of your synopsis. The synopsis explains the theme and the concept behind it. Bandleaders often use it to tell a story. The synopsis has to be submitted the Monday before carnival. The master of ceremonies reads it while the bands go on the stage and dance and display their costumes.

"Your costume has to represent what you are and what you are really saying," said Antoine.

IF YOU GO:

What: Miami Carnival Junior Carnival
When: Saturday, Sept. 29
Time: Noon-10 p.m.
Children under 12 are free
Where: Central Broward Regional Park
3700 NW 11th Place, Lauderdale
Advance Tickets: \$10
\$15 at the park

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being asked.

The teacher-turned-cook also got raised eyebrows from her parents. But eventually, they started to come around.

Mincey's father, Henry Mincey, appeared on an episode of "MasterChef," when she was asked to prepare a meal inspired by him.

She made brined and grilled pork chops with sweet potato and buttermilk biscuits.

Henry wrote his daughter a letter before making the surprise

appearance on the show.

"We are so proud of you for following your passion. Now is the time to dig down deep inside, so you can achieve your ultimate goal and make your dreams come true," he wrote.

The cook first discovered her culinary "passion" at 8 years old. It later grew into a love of cooking for others.

While at Davidson College, Ashley Mincey said she prepared salmon and baked cakes and left them out in the dorm for others to enjoy. She didn't shy away from the underdog staple, Ramen noodles, but made it with a twist, of course.

"It was not just a plain pack of

Ramen noodles; everyone knew I would take them to the next level," said Mincey.

Mincey made it to the last leg of "MasterChef" by representing Miami all the way. She said that it was important to specify that she is from Opa-locka because it is a pivotal part of who she is. Her family goes back five generations in Miami-Dade County, from as far south as Overtown to as far north as Miami Gardens and east to North Miami.

Her food is an illustration of her Miami roots.

"I grew up around island and Latin people, and I use that as a cross-reference in my food," said Mincey. The cook uses ingredi-

ents such as scotch bonnet pepper and cilantro in her dishes.

For the finale, Mincey prepared a three-course menu of French cuisine that she said showcased her Southern heritage.

Her appetizer included a Miami favorite, conch salad, which she served with pan-seared red snapper, malanga fritters and aji coconut sauce. The main course was pan-seared guinea hen with black-eyed-pea collared green ragout and quince cognac sauce. For dessert, Mincey prepared orange genoise with smoked chocolate ganache and glazed cherries.

Mincey and her mentor Ram-

say were seen in familiar surroundings when visited with her in South Florida on last Wednesday's episode.

Chef Sánchez said that Mincey is a good student, who she is tenacious, hard-working and resourceful.

"She bounced back really well when she fell short, and I believe her resilience along with her humility and ability to keep learning along the way that is ultimately led her to the finale," said Sánchez.

Mincey competed against two other teachers Gerron Hurt and Cesar Cano. Hurt ultimately took home the title.

Mincey now plans to take her

cooking talent on the road with Camp MasterChef, a culinary experience for children 8 to 16. She also will host pop-up events with Eatwith MasterChef, a specialized dining platform for the contestants.

"MasterChef" is casting for its next show in Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Charleston and Minneapolis. Interested cooks should pre-register by visiting MasterChefCasting.com. Mincey said she encourages Miami cooks who can't travel to submit a video online.

"I would love to see more Miami people on the show," she said.

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For Valentino Dixon, a wrong righted

A court vacated his murder conviction after he had already served 27 years in jail

Max Adler
Golf Digest

After 27 years in prison, a man who loves golf walked free. Not only that, he was given back his innocence. Of course, the state can regift innocence about as capably as it can 27 years.

Nevertheless, the Erie County District Court in Buffalo, N.Y., has vacated the murder conviction of

Valentino Dixon, 48, who was serving a 39-years-to-life sentence—the bulk of it in the infamous Attica

Correctional Facility—for the 1991 killing of Torriano Jackson. On that hot August night long ago, both were

at a loud street party with underage drinking when a fistfight over a girl turned to gunfire.

But before we dive into what really happened, a quick refresher on why golfers might care extra about Dixon. Six years ago, Golf Digest profiled this inmate

who grinds colored pencils to their nubs drawing meticulously detailed golf-scapes. Although Dixon has never hit a ball or even stepped foot on a course, the game hooked him when a golfing warden brought in a photograph of Augusta National's 12th hole for the inmate to

render as a favor. In the dim and darkness of his stone cell, the placid composition of grass, sky, water and trees spoke to Dixon. And the endless permutations of bunkers and contours gave him a subject he could play with.

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Dixon rubbed colored pencils to their nubs while drawing.

A sampling of Dixon's golf illustrations.



Photos courtesy of Golf Digest

30 years of guarding civil rights in Miami-Dade

NAACP weekend starts Friday with roundtable and ends with soiree

K. BARRETT BILALI
Miami Times Contributor

The Miami-Dade branch of the NAACP will celebrate its 30th year of service to the Black community of South Florida this weekend with a political forum and its annual Freedom Fund soiree. The gala's program will focus on the history of America's oldest and most-prominent civil rights organization with the theme of "Embracing Our Past ... Building Our Fu-

ture." It was in 1988 that five branches of the NAACP joined forces to incorporate the Miami-Dade NAACP. The event will honor five past presidents of the organization. Current president of the Florida Conference of the NAACP Adora ObiNweze will be one of the honorees along with Bishop Victor T. Curry, founding pastor of Miami's New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith; Brad Brown,

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Ruban Roberts
NAACP branch president

a longtime civil rights leader and federal agency executive; the late Jouvais Harrington, a civil rights activist and advocate; and Shirley B. Johnson, a longtime educator and administrator. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or NAACP has had an active presence in Florida since 1941. It has struggled against the Jim Crow laws and so many flagrant violations of the constitution when it comes to the rights of Black citizens. But has the organization lost some of its relevancy and ability to recruit the next generation?

“We are the oldest and the strongest civil rights organization in the country,” said Ruban Roberts, current NAACP branch president and diversity consultant. “We are very relevant. Just listen to our phone calls. The first place people call is the NAACP, whether they are members or not.” Roberts said that the local chapter advocates for jobs and fair treatment by law enforcement and against gentrification. Each year, the group joins forces with the American Civil Liberties Union to aid the thousands of Black

tourists who go to Miami Beach on Memorial Day. The branch is building on its legacy in Miami-Dade by pushing for parity in government contracts, economic development and human rights. Roberts said that the organization has to make concerted effort to recruit members in the 18- to 28-year-old category. “Trying to get them activated and getting them to be active participants is one of our goals,” Roberts said. “We are still on the scene we are still active, and we still do the work when the community calls upon us.”

SEE NAACP 8D

Pre-Fellowship celebration services

The members of New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 7103 NW 22 Avenue, cordially invites you to join them during their 79th Church Pre-Fellowship celebration on Sunday, September 30 at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Unity in the Body of Christ."

Both services will highlight keynote speeches by the young adult and youth membership of New Mt. Calvary. The speakers will include Brother Roderick Jones and Brother Brasen White.

Other churches will be participating in these special services. Rev. Bernard E. Lang is the senior pastor.



Brother Roderick Jones



Brother Brasen White

DIXON

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"The guys can't understand," Dixon has said. "They always say I don't need to be drawing this golf stuff. I know it makes no sense, but for some reason my spirit is attuned to this game."

It took about a hundred drawings before Golf Digest noticed, but when we did, we also noticed his conviction seemed flimsy. So we investigated the case and raised the question of his innocence.

The case is complicated, but on the surface it involves shoddy police work, zero physical evidence linking Dixon, conflicting testimony of unreliable witnesses, the videotaped confession to the crime by another man, a public defender who didn't call a witness at trial, and perjury charges against those who said Dixon didn't do it. All together, a fairly clear investigation of local officials hastily railroaded a young Black man with a prior criminal record into jail. Dixon's past wasn't spotless, he had sold some cocaine, but that didn't make him a murderer.

Golf Digest's 2012 article led to further national spotlights on the case by NBC/CNN, Fox Sports, the Georgetown University Prison Reform Project and others. Alongside this, Dixon's daughter, Valentina, led a grassroots campaign to raise money for her father's legal fees by selling his artwork online. Still, the gears of the legal system refused to turn. As of Christmas 2017, appeals exhausted, Dixon's petitions for pardon or clemency drew no response from New York governor Andrew Cuomo's office.

But now suddenly, a vacated conviction — which means innocence — a far more lofty legal victory. Why now?

It rises from a confu-

“It’s embarrassing for the legal system that for a long time the best presentation of a investigation was from a golf magazine.”

ence of factors, according to Donald Thompson, who along with Alan Rosenthal, filed Dixon's latest motion (which included the Golf Digest article) pro bono. "Once a case crosses a certain threshold of media attention, it matters, even though it shouldn't," Thompson says. "It's embarrassing for the legal system that for a long time the best presentation of the investigation was from a golf magazine."

Thompson says Golf Digest's work eventually was eclipsed by the recent report filed by the Erie County district attorney's wrongful convictions unit, which is a new type of department popping up in various districts these days. Their report was helped by the Georgetown University students, a group of undergraduates who have also created documentaries, websites and social-media campaigns around three other individuals thought to be wrongfully imprisoned, as part of a class. "They did a great job of speaking to witnesses who could still be located, as well as getting Chris Belling [who prosecuted Dixon] to say things at variance with positions he's argued in the past."

Also not to be discounted is the value of fresh blood. Frank Sedita III, the long-time Erie County district attorney who's said that society ought to be more concerned with "wrongful acquittals," is out. The new man, John Flynn, has been in the job a year, and it's basically due to his blessing that Dixon was released.

Of course, one small matter to be addressed before a man's guilt is absolved is to place it on someone else. Just before Dixon walked out of the courthouse, LaMarr Scott walked in and officially plead guilty to Jackson's murder. Scott admitted responsibility the night of the shooting and has for decades since (including to Golf Digest), with the exception of a brief window of time when Belling pressured him to say otherwise. Scott is already serving a life sentence for a 1993 shooting in an armed robbery that left one victim a quadriplegic. Tacking on a concurrent sentence for Jackson's murder doesn't change his prospects, other than maybe making any future parole a slimmer possibility.

Where's Dixon heading after the courthouse? "I'm going to Red Lobster to celebrate with my family and my support team, then we're going to go a park," he said. The next day he's going to visit his grandmother, and the day after that he's going to buy a cellphone and register for a passport at the post office so he can visit his wife of 12 years, Louise, who lives in Australia. She has a golden earring, and the two met because she has spent her life seeking to help those she can.

"So many times I've come close [to giving up], but God kept giving me the strength to keep on and now I know why," Dixon told me by phone, hours after learning of his impending freedom.

The careers of the people who put Dixon away will not be impacted. All have either retired or moved to new positions. "The positive is that this case could serve as a shining example to wrongful convictions units elsewhere," Thompson says. Lesser men would've broken. With his mind and body in tact, Dixon hopefully has some good years ahead. Maybe he'll even take up golf.

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
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1301 NW 71 Street • 305-691-1701

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New Philadelphia Baptist Church
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1113 NW 79th Street • 305-505-0400

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2310 NW 58th Street • 786-717-5818

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3530 NW 214th Street • 305-430-0443

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True Faith Missionary Baptist Church

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Prophess Felicia Hamilton-Parramore
6300 Sharar Avenue • 954-707-3274

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NAACP

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Part of that work is helping Black people in the political process. This weekend's events do just that.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum will keynote the soiree on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way in Pembroke Pines. The NAACP also has joined with several partners to present Ready, Set, Vote!, on Friday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. on the Miami Dade College, North Campus, School of Science, Room A104, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami.

EARLY SUCCESS

Native Miamian Theodore Gibson was one of Florida's NAACP hero figures. Gibson, an Episcopal priest and civil rights stalwart, started to advocate in the 1940s for the desegregation of lunch counters, beach-



Andrew Gillum

es and the public school system. While serving as the Miami NAACP chapter president, Gibson was sentenced to six months in jail for refusing to comply with an order from Florida's legislature. It was the peak of the McCarthy era and the committee was seeking information on subversive and communist links.

Gibson's resistance to the committee's inquiry was supported at the time

by editorials written by Garth C. Reeves Sr. in *The Miami Times*. The strong voice of conscience delivered by the editorials was key in combatting the injustices of the McCarthy era.

Gibson was known as a fiery orator in his day. He used the power to communicate effectively — both in written word and speech — as a means to advance the rights and needs of Black people.

"Help the Children to Communicate...That is the Key" was Gibson's vision statement for his Oratorical, Declamation and Advocacy Project. The goal was to arm young Black students with speaking and writing skills to push back against the negative stereotypes of the times.

"We are continuously fighting for the rights of the underserved," said Roberts. "Our primary mission of advocating for the civil rights for all is still consistent with the foundation values of the national office of the NAACP."

FAITH CALENDAR

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The Universal Truth Center for Better Living
Is having celebration lessons that will give the community the opportunity to adventure in faith from now until Oct. 21. For more info, call 305-624-4991 or visit uttruthcenter.org.

African Methodist Episcopal Church
128th South Annual Conference hosted by Rev. Michael K. Bouie and Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church in Miami Gardens; Sept.

24 – 29; Hilton Downtown Miami Hotel; Call Sara Cason at 305-776-3554 for more details.

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
2018 Community Outreach Fair; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sept. 29; 1835 NW 54th St.; Call 305-633-2446 for more information.

The Historic Christ Episcopal Church
Celebrating their 117th year of history and faith;

9 a.m.; Sept. 30; 3481 Hibiscus St.; Contact Maria Clark at mclark@bellsouth.net for more information.

Mount Tabor Baptist Church
All Miami Northwestern Senior Classes worship together; 9:30 a.m.; Sept. 30; 10500 NW 7th Ave.; Contact Sylvia at 786-423-0429 to RSVP

The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.
Free counseling, tutoring,

health screenings and messages of services are being offered by Senior Pastor Felicia Hamilton-Parramore. Call 954-707-3274 for more details.

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

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

Sistah to Sistah Connection
Women's empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. – noon every second and

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

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

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

Zion Hope Missionary

Baptist Church
Food and clothing distribution; 4 p.m. every Wednesday. Call 786-541-3687 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 prayer line, ext. 104.

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

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



Dr. Angelo Thrower consults with his team

Photos Courtesy of Gregory Reed

Eczema treatment starts at the surface

Doctors say treating skin condition differs in Blacks than in whites

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Eczema. It's one of those things that people can recognize once they see it — dry, patches of skin. However, otherwise known as atopic dermatitis, this skin condition is characterized and treated differently in people of color as opposed to whites. This makes much of the difference when it comes to treatment.

Dr. Angelo Thrower, owner of Dr. Thrower's Skin Care located in Miami Shores, is a local dermatologist who treats skin conditions specifically for darker skinned people. He developed a line of products with that demographic in mind.

"One of the things that struck me with the textbooks that were in the medical library is that all the pictures of skin disorders were of white people," Thrower said of his days as a medical student at the University of Miami. "As you know, at the UM School of

Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital is our teaching hospital and a lot of our patients are Black. The skin condition on the white person would look totally different on the [Black] person."

Thrower originally went to medical school to become a cardiovascular surgeon, but began to inquire about dermatology after hearing from a physician that the Black community needed dermatologists. He ordered dermatology books from England to find out more about skin conditions in Blacks.

"I discovered a book called 'Black vs. White Skin Disorders.' They would show atopic dermatitis in a light person and in a Black person, and it was night and day," he said.

When people who are of lighter pigment get the condition, the affected area appears as a red, scaly rash. When darker people get it, the area can appear dark, ashen or grayish.



Dr. Deborah Longwill

Eczema is a very common skin condition. However, according to nationaleczema.com, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey found that 19 percent of Black children have atopic dermatitis, compared to 16 percent of white and 8 percent of Asian children. Another study found that Black children are 2 times more likely to develop atopic dermatitis than white children.

Dr. Deborah Longwill, who operates Miami Center for Dermatology in Pinecrest, said there are several different possible triggers for eczema.

"Chlorine in the pool, dust, stress, irritant type of clothing, some detergents, some fabric softeners, certain soaps that are anti-bacterial or perfume soaps...," she listed.

Atopic dermatitis usually affects young children from the age of 2-3 months but can affect anyone at any point in life. Longwill said one reason why it affects children is because of their immune system.

"Their immune system may be a bit lower and they can't fight the triggers of the dust and environmental influencers, plus they're scratching a lot," she said. "Then the skin breaks and it becomes this itch-scratch cycle and the skin can't repair itself."

People with eczema tend to use a kind of moisturizer to keep the skin from getting too dry.

"The best treatments would include to moisturize with a barrier protectant type of cream that the patient's not allergic to," Longwill said. "Non-chemical, non-perfume moisturizers."

Dr. Thrower said those with darker skin tend to need a

heavier kind of moisturizer.

"There's different levels to dryness. That's why we have lotion, creams and ointments," he said. "When Black people get [eczema], they need an ointment, like vaseline-type. It improves the health of the skin, then the medication they're given is in ointment form."

In addition to topical remedies, there are also natural remedies that can be used to help treat eczema.

"[They can take] short baths, they could put moisturizer [on] right after they get out the bath tub when there's a bit of water on their skin to help with the dryness of their skin," Longwill said. "The main thing is to stop the scratching by constantly moisturizing."

Some oils such as hemp seed oil and jojoba oil can also soothe the area.

Thrower's products are custom made with the needs of darker-skinned people in mind.

"When I started looking into treating dark spots and skin discoloration, there was no set guideline on how to fade dark

spots and there were really no medications available," he said.

He then met with a formulator to produce products that would properly and effectively treat the skin conditions darker-skinned people face, including eczema.

Other conditions that Dr. Thrower said affects many of his patients is hyper pigmentation and alopecia.

"Say 20 people walked in today, five will have eczema, seven hair loss," he said. "The balance will be between some form of skin discoloration and acne or dark spots."

He said he's currently seeing a "tremendous" amount of women for alopecia.

"There are very specific types of it," he said. "For example, when you are thinning around your edges from pony-tails and weaves that pull your hair tight, that's called traction alopecia and that's very common for Black women. Scarring alopecia, that typically occurs in the crown of the head. All of this is stemming from chemical exposure or contact, whether it's from [a] relaxer, hair dye, etc."

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Saliha Nelson
Urgent Inc.'s Vice President



JOBS OF THE FUTURE TOPIC OF FIELD TRIP

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. hosted Urgent Inc.'s job training interns at PortMiami

Miami Times Staff Report

Technology is driving transformation in the hospitality, travel and tourism industry. So much so that Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. constructed its own research and development innovation lab at its headquarters at the PortMiami.

Teens from Urgent Inc.'s internship program visited Royal Caribbean's headquarters on Monday, Sept. 10 to

explore careers in technology, design and hospitality. From virtual reality, facial recognition and self-driving cars, to social media and security, careers in hospitality are looking for talented designers, artists, project managers and social media specialists.

Urgent's 38 job training interns heard and experienced a full day of technology and creative design presentations. Over the past year Urgent Inc. has structured its job

training and internship program, which is sponsored by The Children's Trust, to align with Miami-Dade County's One Community One Goal.

Administered through the Beacon Council, One Community One Goal's goal is to transform the county into a resilient business community through focus on community engagement and inclusiveness; and efforts in the areas of innovation, education and entrepreneurship.

“The industries targeted by Miami-Dade County are the careers of the future. Not only do we want our interns to be aware of the opportunities right here at home, but also have them touch and feel the potential,” said Urgent Inc.'s Vice President Saliha Nelson. “Empowering young people to transform their communities starts with a good job that leads to career potential.”

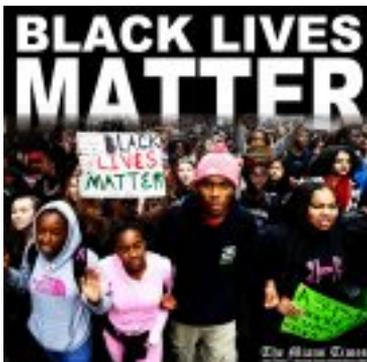
The timing of this field trip

was designed to excite interns about why learning new tech skills throughout the school year can lead to summer internships and preparing for living wage careers. Urgent will be offering tech courses in a new upgraded multimedia lab this year, gifted through fundraising efforts of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Russell Benford, Royal Caribbean's vice president, Government Relations Amer-

icas, shares the vision of the company, which sponsored the teens' visit.

“We're committed to fostering a world where good education is available to all especially for those who reside right here in our community,” Benford said. “I've always been a fan of Urgent Inc. We're excited to partner with them to prepare young people for a future they might not imagine for themselves.”



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Showing God's love for all is a goal of young Miami pastor

Fulford UMC is a safe place for diversity and recovery

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Lead pastor of Fulford United Methodist Church (UMC) Gary Marcelin believes his God-ordained task is to help people understand how loved and valuable they are by presenting God's love in tangible ways. "How can we really help people reconcile, recover and be

whole in Christ? What does it look like to not look at someone's sin, but to love that person first regardless? Sometimes that hour on Sunday is not enough. We come on Sundays just to practice, but if we practice and we're not getting in the game Monday through Saturday, we're wasting our time," Marcelin said.

Born and raised in a Haitian household in the Homestead and Florida City areas, Marcelin, 34, grew up in a working-poor neighborhood. "When I saw people that looked like me - Black people, Brown people, minority people - we were doing labor jobs. I grew up with my single mom working in a hotel. That was my context," Marcelin said.

Despite the severe challenges in his community, Marcelin always had a fascination with the bible and was surrounded by people who showed him God's love.

"I always had people in my life that exuded God's love, but it wasn't that superficial churchy type of love. It was action," Marcelin said.

After graduating high school, Marcelin attended Florida A&M University (FAMU), returned home and served in a variety of ways for more than a year, then moved to Washington, D.C. to attend Wesley Theological Seminary. The experiences changed his worldview immensely.

"My whole experience at an HBCU was so much more than an education. I found out who I was as a Black man. I found out how we knew God before the white man came. ... We always had a relationship with God. This is nothing new to us. We are highly spiritual people and an HBCU just opened my eyes to what God was doing," Marcelin said. "When I went to D.C., it was life-changing for me. To see what type of jobs Black people were doing - being judges, lawyers, pastors and everything - there wasn't a barrier to what Black people could do."

Compelled to share what he'd learned, Marcelin and his wife,

Martine, returned to Miami in 2013. Since then, he's been dedicated to transforming his community one life at a time.

"For me, being a pastor right now, at this moment, is the best way that I can see to change the world ... and change lives and have my life changed. The whole goal of it is that people would see that God lives within them," Marcelin said.

Located at 1900 NE 164 St. in North Miami Beach, Fulford boasts a diverse congregation of Blacks, whites, Hispanics and Caribbean islanders. To ensure there is something for everyone, they have traditional worship services at 8:30 a.m., Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. Marcelin said it is a place where all are welcome.

"We serve a God that always went out to people. The way we're doing church now is not sustainable. We are so used to using churchy language that we're not reaching people where they are. If we really say we believe in Jesus, then we follow Jesus. Fulford is a place where it doesn't matter who you are," Marcelin said.

To underscore his point, Marcelin and his team are currently working to launch "Dinner Church," through which they will visit various places in the community and host meals.

"Eating always breaks down barriers because it doesn't matter if you're Black, white, purple or green, or what economic status you are, everybody has to eat and Jesus made it a vital point of how to share the love of God by breaking bread," Marcelin said.

The church also provides space for a variety of recovery groups to meet like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, gambling recovery groups and more.

He said he chose Jesus because people can dispute many things, but they can't deny the Lord's character.

"I don't think there's one religion or one person that can say that they're against what Jesus did. They may be against the church. They may be against the religion of Christianity, they may even be against the people that call themselves Christians or Jesus followers; but for someone to go into the margins, to go to the broken, to go to the least of these, to go to someone that's outcast, to be the hands and feet, there's no way someone can tell me they don't like Jesus," Marcelin said.

To learn more about Fulford UMC, visit www.fulfordumc.org.

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

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Paradise

DANIEL ADAMS, 75, died September 21 at Homestead Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Morning Star Baptist Church.



BESSIE SWEET, 81, died September 16 at University of Miami. Final rites in Savannah, GA.



YANETTA JONES WHIPPLE, 65, died September 13 at Jackson South Community Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Goulds Church of Christ.



JAMES FAISON, 82, died September 22 at North Shore. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at St. John AME Church of South Miami.



EDWARD PHILLIPS, 67, died September 16 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Coconut Grove Church of Christ.



Hadley Davis MLK

ROBERT MALONE, SR., 71, retired longshoreman, died September 20 at North Shore Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt Calvary Baptist Church.



PATRESE DABNEY, 55, cleaners worker, died September 15 at Miami VA Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



KATHIA COLEMAN, 48, supervisor, died September 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Miami Shores Christian Church.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

ELOISE CRAWFORD, 103, retired, died September 20. Service 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



EUGENE DAVIDSON, JR., 91, retired, died September 21. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Paul AME Church.



GUSSIE MAE PEEPLES, 89, homemaker, died September 23. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Greater Israel Bethel.



M.A. Hall

ALBERT CANNON, JR., 70, educator, died September 16. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Revival Tabernacle Assembly-God.



Manker

PRINCE GIBBS, JR., 60, died September 14. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.

Wright and Young

ANDREA MC MILLIAN, 60, correction technician, died September 19. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



VONDEL ADAMS, 64, supervisor, died September 23. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.



KELVIN JEROME, 51, legal assistant, died September 12. Services were held.



LEROY SHERILL, 57, security guard, died September 20. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in chapel.



Richardson

DORIS JONES, 84, retired beautician, died September 22 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church.



RUTH ROBERTSON, 81, homemaker, died September 2 at Broward Health Center North. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at 15th Street Church of Christ Pompano Beach.



Range

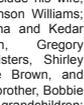
RACHEL LARMOND-HOLMES, 54, corrections assistant, died September 17. Survivors include her sister, Marian Lamond Hope; brothers, Rodney Sylvester Lamond, Alvin James Lamond, and Michael Caswell; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at Walker's Temple Church of God in Christ. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Street Community Baptist Church.



GREGORY WILLIAMS, 63, retired maintenance worker from Miami-Dade County School Board, died September 23. Survivors include his wife, Willie Jean Johnson Williams; daughters, Senna and Kedar Williams; son, Gregory Williams Jr.; sisters, Shirley Williams, Elaine Brown, and Niecy Williams; brother, Bobbie Williams; 14 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ANDREW WILLIAMS, 62, gospel singer and founder of The Carnation Gospel Singers, died September 17 at home. Viewing and Service 4-8 p.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Celebration of Life Service 5 p.m., Sunday at the church.



Emmanuel

LULA ROWEN, 62, gospel singer and founder of The Carnation Gospel Singers, died September 17 at home. Viewing and Service 4-8 p.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Celebration of Life Service 5 p.m., Sunday at the church.



Range-Coconut Grove

CORA M. BYNUM, 77, educator, died September 14 at Jackson South Community Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Glendale Baptist Church.



BOBBY ANN MACK THOMAS, 73, homemaker, died September 15 at home. Service 12 p.m., Friday in the Range Miami Chapel.



MICHAEL A. REESE, 59, landscaper, died September 20 in Jacksonville. Arrangements are incomplete.

Eric S. George

GRETEL BARRETT, 82, died August 31. Service 3 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



BETTY YOUNG PRICE, 67, died September 17. Service 5 p.m., today in the chapel.



LOUISE IRVING, 63, died September 15. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Fullness of Life Center.



Trinity

RAYNARD DEAN, 53, food control specialist, died September 16 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Hosanna Community Baptist Church.



SUSIE JOSEPH, 42, registered nurse, died September 17 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Le Tabernacle De la Grace of Broward.



LORETTA WALKER, 59, teacher's assistant, died September 17 at Larkin Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Liberty City.



Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

CARMEN ROWE, 76, retired, died September 23 at home. Service 1 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



NARCISCO ALBERTI, 87, retired, died September 22 at Jackson Hospital North. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at St. Mary Magdalen Church.



ASHLEY WASHINGTON, 30, died September 14 in Georgia. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



Royal

JERIA L. JOHNSON, 86, pastor, died September 17 at Jackson Memorial North. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church.



CATHERINE EVANS, 86, school crossing guard, died September 14 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Services were held.



ROSLIN IONNIE ROBERTS-WATERS, 76, died September 21 in New York, NY. Onnie was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School class of 1960. Onnie is survived by her siblings: Lowell, Wallace (Shelia), Sandra Johnson (Donnie) and Charles (JoAnn). Viewing 10-11 a.m. and service 11 a.m., Saturday at Freewill Christian Center, 3405 NW 189 Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33055.



Grace

LUTHER JONES, 84, construction worker, died September 23. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Antioch of Miami Gardens.



Stevens McGhee-GA

DELLA MAY JACKSON, 93, cook, died September 21 at Sunrise Health and Rehabilitation Center, Sunrise, FL. Final rites in Georgia.



T M Ralph-Plantation

TODRICK M O R E, 41, graphic designer, died September 25. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Grace Bible Church, Plantation, FL.



Eternal Rest

MEGAN JONES, 63, died September 18. Arrangements are incomplete.

ROSALIND THOMPkins, 74, died September 18. Services were held.

Acree - Georgia

ANDREW HOUSER, JR., 78, retired longshoreman, died September 19 in Abbeville, GA. Final rites in Abbeville, GA.

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Miami Times Staff Report

Rita Joan Eggleton Carter Perry was a freedom-fighting publisher and leader who made a lasting impact for the advancement and progress of Black America. Perry was born on July 24, 1938, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Christine A. Eggleton Luffborough and the city's first Black Prosecuting Attorney, Jesse B. Eggleton Sr. As a young woman, she was very active in fighting for fairness and equal rights during one of our nation's most trying times - the Civil Rights movement.

The gift of being able to relate to others launched her newspaper



Rita Perry

career. While visiting friends in Macon, Georgia, she began working at a local newspaper - *The Macon Times*. She soon met and married her future husband, which led to the birth of her daughter, Sylvia. The couple relocated to Jacksonville, Florida in 1972, and Rita continued to stay in tune with her artistic roots and passion for writing. In the early 70's she began writing for *The Florida Star* newspaper under the tutelage of its' editor and publisher, Eric O. Simpson.

Following *The Florida Star*, Rita began a long and successful career in radio at Jacksonville's WERD, WPDQ and WZAZ radio stations. She rose through the ranks, becoming general manager of the company's 13 radio stations in the Northeast Florida market.

Following her exemplary years in radio, the bells of advocacy rang loudly, which led to the first edition of *The Jacksonville Free Press* in 1986. Published under the mantra, "Northeast Florida's Quality Black Media."

Perry's past community service includes a variety of contributions from grassroots organizations and politics to civil service and Girl Scout Troop Leader. She also served on more than 20 nonprofit boards in the city of Jacksonville. In addition to being a charter member of both the Bold City Chapter of The Links and the Jacksonville Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club (National Council of Negro Women). Her other affiliations included the Clara White Mission Board, YMCA Board, NAACP, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Urban League and other local, state and national organizations.

VERONICA B. MOULTRY
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Your loving father
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Charmaine Sutton, Karen Steiner, Felicia Perkins, Glenda Harris, Deloris Collier and the Graham family.