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One of the many homeless people seeking shelter in the closed-off section of Overtown underneath the 836 bridge.

OPIOID DEN FLOURISHES IN OVERTOWN

STUDY

Miami had the highest new infections of HIV/AIDS rate per capita of any U.S. city.

47
per 100,000 people

HOMELESSNESS UNDER BRIDGE PROMPTS TOWN HALL, SURVEILLANCE

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In Overtown, the area under the 836 Expressway continues to attract a concentration of homeless people, many of whom suffer from HIV/AIDS and opioid drug addiction. Earlier this month, Miami City officials mandated the closure of Northwest First and Northwest Second avenues along Northwest 14th Street, in an effort to investigate the activity under the bridge.

Described as an "opioid den," the city and different local and state agencies are assessing the situation and developing a plan to help the indigent people who sleep under the bridge. Meanwhile, discarded needles and drug paraphernalia litter the dimly lit streets, causing concern for educators of schools in the vicinity and residents who live nearby.

Right in front of the den are apartment buildings; the Overtown Youth Center is even closer.

On Oct. 4, Frederick Douglass Elementary School principal Yolanda Ellis sent a letter to parents addressing the reported incidents of individuals sleeping close to school grounds, who leave behind refuse and debris. Ellis, in an interview, said nee-

dies have been found on the school grounds, located at 314 NW 12th St., about two blocks south of the homeless commune.

The letter to parents does not mention needles; it only advises parents and students to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity to school administration or a school police officer. Similar letters were sent to parents

of students at other nearby schools such as Phillis Wheatley Elementary, Paul Laurence Dunbar K-8 Center, Booker T. Washington Senior High and iPreparatory Academy. Similar findings have occurred at those schools.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools board member Dorothy Ben-dross-Mindingall said police are

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Gary Polite



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View of the closed off sector along Northwest 14th Street.

Liberty Square may rise up to eight stories

Section 8 voucher program drowned out discussions about the rezoning

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Liberty Square Rising wants to rise – up to eight stories if the city of Miami allows a rezoning request.

Miami planners last Wednesday and Saturday showed residents a presentation of zoning changes Miami-Dade County wants to make at Liberty Square. It would include making adjustments to the city's Future Land Use Map and making changes to Liberty Square's Miami 21 zoning classifica-

tion. Right now, Liberty Square is zoned multi-family residential, which is what has been its primary use since it was built in 1937.

In order to add commercial such as a grocery store and to build up to eight stories of residence, the area must be rezoned. If approved, buildings facing Northwest 62 Street will be zoned restricted commercial. Later, even more density may be sought.

The city's planning and zoning board will take up the issue Dec. 19 and make recommendations. Then the



Conceptual Renderings

A rendering presented during a rezoning meeting last week shows buildings up to eight stories at Liberty Square.

changes will be presented to the City Commission in January or February 2019 with the second reading in spring or summer.

But residents didn't want to hear much about zoning. Actually, many residents said they knew nothing of the meeting.

"I don't google, so how am I going to find out about the meetings?" said Anna Williams, a former resident who said that she wasn't told anything about the meeting even though she is actively involved at Liberty Square.

Most residents came with questions about the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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EDITORIAL

Please, no bait and switch in Liberty Square Rising

Last week, Liberty Square residents heard about a rezoning request that Miami-Dade County is making to Miami. Liberty Square is a public housing project, located in the city of Miami, built under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Public Housing and Community Development department administers the program, and has executed a 75-year lease with Related Urban Development Group. But land-use changes fall to the city.

The county applied to have much of Liberty Square rezoned from multifamily residential to include exclusive commercial use, buildings that could rise up to eight stories and buildings that will allow both residential and commercial structures.

The proposed residences in Related Urban's proposal that the county approved in 2016 called for garden-style apartments.

Liberty Square Rising is the county's largest undertaking of a public housing revamp, valued at \$307 million. Liberty Square is bound by Northwest 62nd and Northwest 67th streets and Northwest 15th and Northwest 12th avenues. It includes rebuilding residences at Lincoln Gardens, located at 4701 NW 24th Ct., in Brownsville. The developments have always been touted as a mix of residential, retail and commercial with public housing, rentals and homes for sale. But the rising stories were not a part of the proposal. It seems to use rezoning to introduce a new design is a bait and switch.

The phrase "bait and switch" has come up often when discussing the Lincoln Gardens portion of the development. Not only are Brownsville residents sometimes unaware of meetings, when they do attend, they are hearing about new plans and changes.

This is why the argument that residents wanted vouchers and developers and the county are just giving them what they want is ringing a bit hollow.

Developers have been resistant to give the residents of Brownsville what they want. Why are they so eager to give the residents of the Liberty Square what they want? The Housing Choice Voucher program, known as Section 8, allows residents to move into a residence run by a landlord who will accept the voucher in addition to payments from the renter. Community advocates worry that once residents leave Liberty Square it will be difficult for them to return since there is no clear path to returning. The worst fear of some advocates is that when the residents leave, people who don't look like them will occupy the new structures.

Developers said they would rehab empty units and allow residents to move into them temporarily while their units are under construction. Seems a cost-savings for the developer if they don't have to rehab the units and move residents around. Community advocates need to keep a close watch on this, to make sure the residents of Liberty Square are not getting bulldozed.

As one advocate pointed out, "Why would people give up the opportunity to live in new units, to live in a landlord's rental?"

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I refuse to be the token Black person

ASHLEA ARCHER, *Blavity*

As celebrated as it is to be the first Black (fill in the blank), I have no interest in ever holding this title. It is 2018. Being Black is wonderful. I love every day of it. However, as a college professor, I cringe when I have a student tell me I am his or her "first Black science professor," or even worse, his or her "first Black professor."

Last semester I sat in a bathroom stall collecting my thoughts as I stared pensively at a roll of one-ply toilet paper. A 20-something-year-old student told me I was his first Black teacher in his life. His entire life. Not part of his life or the adult half of his life, but within his whole human existence a Black teacher never graced his educational experience.

Let's jump back to STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics) instructors. As an anatomy and physiology, biology and some-

times environmental science professor, Black and brown folks can be limited. You may see us cleaning the labs, taking out the trash and spit-shining the whiteboards in the science classrooms, but it's rare to see us holding the pointer and standing behind the podium. Don't shoot the messenger. I just work here.

Some quick stats are as follows:

- According to PEW research, Black persons and Hispanic/Latino persons make up over 25 percent of the U.S. population, but around 1 percent of STEM professionals
- PEW and other sources attribute the gap, not to Black and brown kids' lack of interest in STEM, nor is it linked to deficiencies in intellectual aptitude, but to access to quality STEM programs and discriminatory hiring.

I can attest to some of this. I have always been curious

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about science. Always. For as long as I can remember, I loved science. My high school, however, could not afford (did not prioritize?) one microscope. I was one of four other Black students in my class campaigning for science equipment (and better instructors), but the B-word (budget) was always slapping us in the face.

To add, as recent as last year, I had a colleague tap me on my shoulder (yes, touch my body) while I was using a

copier and ask, "Do you work here?" She also asked to "see my ID." I'm clearly wearing business dress clothes and copying my exams, and you need ID to get in the building and office. She was white. I was polite and said I did work there, but didn't bother to give her ID. It is already blatantly obvious in meetings when you are the only Black person, but to have a "colleague" (more like a trifling ... let me stop) put her hands on you and question your existence is a lot for a work day.

In conclusion, I'm over being the "first Black" or "only Black" or "token Black." I just want to do my job, serve my community and my community. I want to pursue my passions and be great. I want to be challenged by my subject matters and my interests, not by my gender or color of my skin. In essence, I suppose I want too much.



They simply don't want you to vote

MICHAEL HARRIOT, *The Root*

For years, I have always wondered why more Black people didn't vote. Even if one doesn't believe in politics, democracy or supporting a political system founded on white supremacy, I vote.

Recently though it would be a good idea if *The Root* could put together a guide to voting for our readers. I figured that we only needed to include three pieces of information for each state: the last day to register, a link to download the registration form, and a link for registering online.

How hard could that be? It took me an entire day.

When I say "an entire day," I literally mean eight hours. It turns out that voting is complicated.

In fact, the only thing a reasonable person could conclude is that officials really don't want people voting.

Here's how I know they



don't want you to vote.

Voter registration is a scam.

There are at least eight states where you can show up at the polls on Election Day with some kind of proof of your identification and cast your ballot. But the other states don't call it the "show-up-and-vote" law. Some states call it "same-day registration." California calls it "conditional registration" and describes it this way:

"If you did not register to vote by the 15-day voter registration deadline, in most elections, you may condi-

tionally register to vote and cast a provisional ballot by visiting your county elections office, a vote center, or a designated satellite location during the period of 14 days prior to, and including, Election Day."

Doesn't that sound complicated?

Election Day is a scam.

Why do we only vote on a random Tuesday in November? Why not on the weekend, when more people are likely to vote? Or why not a whole week of voting? If I can mail in my register to vote by mail, why can't I also vote by mail?

Well, actually ... you probably can.

Again, this is where it gets complicated. According to the National Council on State Legislatures, 34 states have early voting, where you can show up to a county elections office and cast your ballot. Twenty-seven states have no-excuse absent-

tee voting, where you can just mail in your ballot.

In Illinois, you can register to vote year-round, except for the 27-day period before an election. But if you do it online, you can register up to 16 days before an election. And you can even vote before Election Day, in mail or in person.

Why are voting rules not uniform? I must admit, it is easy to vote in some states. But some states make it very hard. Some states allow registration up to 30 days before an election, while others say 20, 15 or even zero days.

And that doesn't even factor in that some people don't even know if they need to register to vote or can legally vote.

Even though they don't want you to vote, you should do it just to piss them off, to justify me doing all this work and to make your ancestors proud.



CARTOON CORNER



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I thought men might do a bit better

ROXANE GAY, *The New York Times*

I watch a lot of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." I've seen nearly every episode from 19 seasons, most of them several times. At times, it troubles me, my ongoing willingness to consume this show and the disturbing story lines about sexual assault and the terrible ways of the world, but there is something so very satisfying about watching it. The victims don't always find justice, but they are, more often than not, believed by the SVU detectives. Their stories are heard and respected.

In the real world, such is not the case.

Over the past several weeks, we've heard from men who transgressed and found grace. In "Exile" by John Hockenberry, which appeared in *Harper's*, the writer is mournful for the life he lost after he was accused, by multiple women, of sexual harassment.

Jian Ghomeshi, the former CBC radio host accused of sexual assault and harass-

A year ago, when the allegations against Harvey Weinstein were first published, I wrote about what I hoped men might do in that moment of reckoning.

ment, also wrote an essay utterly lacking in self-awareness. In "Reflections From a Hashtag," published in *The New York Review of Books*, Mr. Ghomeshi takes an almost pithy tone as he reflects on his life since he was accused of various crimes and sexual misdemeanors.

lives have been derailed with no clear understanding of the lives they have derailed with their actions.

Starkly lacking in these accounts is any accountability or genuine recognition of the wrong done.

A year ago, when the allegations against Harvey Weinstein were first published, I wrote about what I hoped men might do in that moment of reckoning: "Men can start putting in some of the work women have long done in offering testimony. They can come forward and say 'me too' while sharing how they hurt women in ways great and small." I was being naive, I suppose.

I said that I watch a lot of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," but for the past year, current events have offered a far more sinister version of the show, without the attractive cast or the satisfying payoff of occasional justice. Every day there is some new revelation about some man who has done some terrible thing.

In 1991, Anita Hill testified in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee about the sexual harassment she said she experienced at the hands of Clarence Thomas. She took a polygraph test that indicated she was telling the truth. She was disbelieved, discredited and degraded. Mr. Thomas was appointed to the Supreme Court and continues to preside.

In 2018, here we are again. Another woman, Christine Blasey Ford, testified in front of a panel of mostly men about the sexual assault she says she endured at the hands of the Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. She too has taken a polygraph test supporting her version of events. And still there are people who doubt her.

History is once more repeating itself and will continue to do so until we, as a culture, begin not only to believe women but also to value women enough to consider harming them unacceptable, unthinkable.



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patrolling more.

"Miami-Dade Schools Police have stepped up patrols at the affected schools, particularly in the early morning hours, to make sure no one is sleeping or loitering near the schools," she wrote in an email. "Custodial crews scan the area around the school for debris—especially anything harmful, like hypodermic syringes."

Benross-Mindingall oversees the public schools in District 2, which includes the Overtown area.

Monique Williams, whose daughter is in kindergarten at Frederick Douglass Elementary, is concerned that students are getting exposed to the grim reality that is happening in the Overtown community.

Williams said she's seen the homeless population "shooting up," while taking her daughter to school.

"I am walking by with my kid and my kid has to see this," Williams said. "This is unacceptable."

Williams is concerned children will be endangered by the leftover debris. "Children in the neighborhood are curious; they are going to see paraphernalia on the ground, they are going to see needles, and they might pick them up," she said.

Williams' concern is justified. In June 2017, Alton Banks a 10-year-old Overtown resident and student at Frederick Douglass died suddenly after being exposed to heroin and fentanyl. Alton fell unconsciously after arriving home from the pool on June 23. Fentanyl, lethal even in small quantities, could be found on many discarded items thrown in the streets where Banks walked. Police could not conclude how the boy was exposed to the drugs.

It is possible that Alton stepped on contaminated paraphernalia while walking home that summer evening. The Washington Post, quoted Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle as saying.

The city is currently assessing the area underneath the bridge,

which residents of Overtown have been saying has been an escalating problem. Discarded syringes, feces, trash, mattresses, makeshift tents and personal property are strewn along the closed avenues, creating possible health hazards for the homeless and residents.

"The City of Miami is working with community partners to offer shelter and treatment to those affected, while working quickly to restore public safety in that section of Overtown for the good of our community as a whole,"



Homeless encampments line up side by side in the closed sector of Overtown.

wrote city spokesman Eugene Ramirez, in an email.

Though the city is actively working to address the situation, the people living in the closed-off sector claim the situation has been happening for an extended period of time.

"It is getting worse and worse," said Gary Polite, 43, born and raised in Miami. He is one of the many people who reside underneath the 836 Expressway. "We don't mean no harm; we just don't have anywhere to go," he said. He estimated that close to 50 or 60 people live in the blockaded area, but an actual figure may be harder to calculate. "We are not trying to hurt anybody; we are just trying to live," Polite said.

The conditions in the homeless hub are ripe for the spread of disease and the virus since

needle sharing is common and people have relations in the tents, health officials said. Florida has four cities on the top 10 list of cities with new HIV infections, according to a study released by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued in July. Miami had the highest new infection rate per capita of any U.S. city: 47 per 100,000 people, according to the study. That is more than New York and San Francisco and Los Angeles. The other Florida cities that top the list are Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and West

Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange program. The program helps provide clean needles to addicts and educates them about the danger of sharing and reusing needles. UM's IDEA Exchange is the only legal needle exchange program in the state. The program uses a one-for-one exchange, where participants bring used needles for clean ones. IDEA Exchange also refers participants to drug treatment organizations. The program began in 2017 after the Infectious Disease Elimination Act was signed in 2016.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Red Cross responds to a multi-unit fire in Miami Gardens

The American Red Cross responded to a multi-unit fire Oct. 4 on Northwest 170th Street in Miami Gardens. Local Red Cross volunteers on a Disaster Action Team were onsite to help coordinate emergency aid to the four families. Fire officials say nine people were impacted by the blaze. The Red Cross continues to assess the immediate emergency needs such as food, temporary lodging and clothing. On average, 36 people suffer injuries as a result of home fires every day. That's why the American Red Cross launched the nationwide Home Fire Campaign in 2014, which aims to reduce home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent.

Newly renovated Little Haiti Soccer Park to open Wednesday

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and Commissioner Keon Riddemore will host a ribbon cutting ceremony 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 for the Little Haiti Soccer Park. The improvements include a turf field on which both soccer and football can be played. Additionally, the park will now have an exercise equipment station under shade, storage building for soccer equipment and landscape improvements.

Rideshares off free, discounted rides to polls on Election Day

Companies like Lyft and Uber are stepping up and offering free and discounted rides to the polls. Lyft announced in August that it was teaming up with organizers like Vote.org and TurboVote to offer 50 percent off codes for Lyft rides to polling cen-

ters. Lyft is also working with Voto Latino, a nonpartisan, nonprofit partner that will help give free rides to people who live in underserved communities. Uber recently announced its plan to give free and discounted rides, as well as voting location finders through its app. Uber partnered with Democracy Works and #VoteTogether to set up the discounted rides.

SEC concludes investigation of Miami Gardens GO-bond

On Sept. 27, 2017, Miami Gardens was notified by the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of an investigation it was conducting relating to the city's \$60 million General Obligation Bond. The city cooperated with the SEC's investigation and complied with the SEC's various document production requests, a city statement said. On Oct. 1, 2018, the SEC said it had "concluded the investigation as to City of Miami Gardens Bond Ordinance." The SEC said, "we do not intend to recommend an enforcement action by the Commission against City of Miami Gardens."

Miami officials prepare for flooding due to King Tide

The city of Miami is taking proactive measures in preparation for flooding during the peak of King Tide season. King Tide — a non-scientific term used to describe exceptionally high tides — began Saturday and is expected to last until Friday, Oct. 13, with the peak occurring Tuesday and Wednesday. The city's Department of Resilience and Public Works has installed tidal dams, pipes and valves, and is also using drones to collect information on flood-prone areas.



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Electioneering in Opa-locka in full swing

Candidates for Opa-locka's upcoming election talked about their platforms and priorities at political forums this week. On Monday, mayoral and city commission candidates answered questions about economic stability, affordable housing, youth involvement and more at The

New Generation Missionary Baptist Church in Opa-locka. The panel was moderated by The Miami Times' Affordable Housing columnist Daniella Pierre and hosted by People United to Lead The Struggle for Equality (P U. L. S. E.). Tuesday night, candidates for the commission met at a fo-

rum at the Sherbondy Village Community Center in Opa-locka. The event was hosted by the Miami-Dade branch of the NAACP and moderated by former Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson. The Opa-locka mayoral forum will take place 7 p.m., Oct. 24 at Sherbondy Village Community Center.



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STREET Talk

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What do you believe are the biggest issues that Miami-Dade County residents face?



JONAS BELLEVUE, 30
Miami Gardens

I work two jobs just to pay rent. Why? Because I personally feel like Miami is just a little bit too expensive. I should only have to work one job to pay all of my bills including rent.



JOHN HYPPOLIT, 22
Miami Gardens

There's too much gun violence in Miami. I feel like we're losing too many of our people due to gun violence and I feel like the water is dirty, too. I don't believe we have clean water. Just take the red tide for example.



JEFFREY "UNC" LEWIS, 57
Miami

I'm a homeless man and I see a lot of Blacks killing each other. The next person don't want to say who did it and that's a problem.



MIRLINE PIERRE, 36
Miami Gardens

I live in a three bedroom apartment where I pay \$1,500 a month. I have to pay for water, clean up the yard, lights, cable. I have kids too. Miami is just too expensive.



DARRYL JEFFREY, 45
Miami

Voting rights and housing are just two of the issues Miami residents are facing. People did their time and still cannot vote. People should be able to vote.



GERRONIA FIGGS, 45
Miami

Trash! Sometimes the trash sits. It takes them a while just to pick up the trash. I also think red lights is an issue. There should be more red lights because there's too many accidents happening.



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BLACK WOMEN AND BREAST CANCER:

The facts, stats, perspectives

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. That designation raises awareness of a disease that has affected millions of women from all walks of life, across the globe. It's a time to remember those we have lost, encourage those who are still fighting for their lives, and celebrate survivors.

In the midst of this, we must also acknowledge a reality affecting Black women. They are at greater risk.

Consider breast cancer survivor Kim Heard's story. She was diagnosed 23 years ago and now serves as the president of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, where she volunteered for 20 years before joining the staff. As a Black woman of Bahamian descent, she is intimately acquainted with the realities.

"After I was diagnosed, my oncologist said she noticed Black women of Bahamian descent were being diagnosed earlier and earlier, so she decided to do a study and I was number 13 in the study," according to survivor Kim Heard. "The statistics were that 50 percent of women under 40 years of age in the Bahamas get breast cancer. There was one gene they were able to trace back to Africa."

Medical science and statistics agree, according to Fernando Collado-Mesa, MD, a board certified, fellowship trained, breast-imaging radiologist. He serves as the medical director of the Taylor Breast Center/Roberta Orlen Chaplin Digital Breast Imaging Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital, and is an associate professor of radiology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

"You may face a double whammy as a Black woman. Socioeconomic status, culture and other factors limit access and usage of healthcare services," Dr. Collado-Mesa said. "Black women have a higher risk of BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations than those of Western European ancestry. Having such genetic mutations in turn places these women at much higher risk for breast cancer."

According to the 2017-2018 publication of "Breast Cancer Facts & Figures" by the American Cancer Society. An estimated 41,000 new cases were diagnosed in Black women in 2016 and the median age of diagnosis is younger for Black women, at age 59, compared to white women at 63. According to Dr. Collado-Mesa:

- Black women are 42 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than non-Hispanic white women despite roughly equal rates of cancer.
- Black women have a two-fold higher risk of aggressive, triple-negative breast tumors that do not respond to hormonal therapy.
- Black women are less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer early at Stage I, but are twice as likely to die early of breast cancers.

According to Dr. Collado-Mesa, studies also show that women of Afro-Caribbean descent get breast cancer at alarmingly higher rates for reasons yet not fully identified. Here's what is known:

- Women of Bahamian descent have a high

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Cauliflower Quiche

INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-ounce package frozen cauliflower
- 1 1/4 cups low-fat cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, cored, peeled, and chopped
- 1/3 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup 1% low-fat milk
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 1/2 cup biscuit mix
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Nonfat cooking spray

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 375°.
- Cook cauliflower according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain and coarsely chop cauliflower. Place onto paper towels and squeeze to remove excess moisture.
- Coat a 9-inch pie plate with vegetable cooking spray and layer cauliflower, cheese, green pepper, and onion.
- Combine milk, egg substitute, biscuit mix, paprika, and pepper in a blender and process for 15 seconds. Pour mixture over vegetables.
- Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until set. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Source: American Cancer Society

ASK THE DOCTOR

What is my best defense against current flu season?

DR. PETER PAIGE



Dr. Peter Paige

Flu season is here - and now is the time for you to plan how to protect yourself and your loved ones from this serious, highly contagious illness. The flu can make you feel miserable, and for some, it can even be life-threatening.

What is the flu?

Influenza, better known as the flu, is an infectious respiratory illness that causes fever, congestion, body aches, chills, and fatigue. It is spread through the air by germs, especially when people sneeze and cough in public places.

What can I do to prevent the spread of the flu?

As the flu can easily be spread, it is important to remember to constantly wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer so you do not share your germs. Practice good health habits by getting plenty of sleep and exercise, managing your stress, drinking fluids, and eating healthy foods.

Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.

And if you are sick with a flu-like illness, avoid touching your eyes,

nose or mouth as germs spread this way. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in the trash. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine - after that, you will no longer be contagious.

Should I get the flu vaccine?

One of the best defenses against

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Jackson Health System celebrates 100 years of service

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

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

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

Immediately after the Miami mayor appointed a volun-



JHS had only a few nurses when first starting out.

teer Board of Trustees in 1919, a new superintendent was hired to oversee patient care at Miami City Hospital. Ainah V. Royce, RN, a Florida nursing administrator, arrived at the hospital in December of 1920.

At that point, Jackson had 55 patients crowding the wards and lying on cots on the porches. The staff was composed of 13 people, including one doctor in residence. Nurse Royce immediately organized the Miami City Hospital Training School for Nurses to help with the overflow of patients.

Within a few months of opening, enrollment in the

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widely known as Section 8. County officials and Liberty Square Rising developers have said residents of Liberty Square asked to be given Section 8 vouchers because of ongoing lawlessness at Liberty Square.

But Williams and other advocates want to know the details of how the voucher program will work.

"Is someone going to call them and tell them their unit is ready; it's time to come back?" Williams asked. "If they don't want to keep the Section 8 voucher, can they get a do-over? Can they return?"

Williams wants to make sure there is proper oversight. She and a coalition of or-

ganizations will meet 1 p.m. Thursday at the Liberty Square Community Center.

They are not being forced to take the vouchers, Deputy Miami-Dade County Mayor Maurice L. Kemp said in an interview. "We will be able to keep track of them because they are still our clients."

The Housing Committee of Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP issued a statement two days later, to let "the broader community, contractors, consultants and residents ... know that we will not tolerate displacement and unjust practices of any kind."

The statement went on to say: "This is why we are strongly recommending transparency in the information being disseminated to all residents."

The first phase of construction at Liberty Square is underway, which includes demolish-

ing run-down public housing units that some say look like pork'n beans, and rebuilding 200 mixed-income and public housing dwellings. Before construction began, Liberty Square had many units that were already empty. Those units were to receive a mild facelift and residents affected by Phase 1 would move into them temporarily.

Principal and Senior Vice President Albert Milo, of Related Urban, the developers of the public-private partnership called Liberty Square Rising, said the only building that would remain intact at Liberty Square is the community center. The rezoning he said, will bring back commercial the northwest corner of Liberty Square near 15th Avenue, which historically has been the commercial district of Liberty City.

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rate of gene mutations, particularly BRCA1, so they get breast cancer earlier in life, usually with an aggressive form of the disease.

- For Haitian women, it's not very clear why they also appear to be at high risk, but when you think of those groups what is common is their shared African ancestry.

- Whether a woman is Afro-Caribbean or African-American, it's important to recognize that women of color are at a high risk for breast cancer, and this is relevant to our South Florida community.

Such disparities have caused a shift in recommendations for screenings and treatment.

"Something major happened earlier this year, for the first time, that went mostly under the radar," says Dr. Collado-Mesa. "The American College of Radiology updated its breast cancer screening guidelines."

He continued:

- The new guidelines are the first to recognize that African-American women are at higher risk of breast cancer compared to other groups.

- The guidelines include a recommendation that all women, especially Black women and those of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, undergo a breast cancer risk-assessment at age 30.

- Those found to be high risk can seek earlier breast cancer screenings.

Combating the socioeconomic factors affecting access to health care is another battle. Kim Heard was a struggling entrepreneur with a daughter in college and no health insurance when she was diagnosed at age 38. She was running out of options until she turned to Jackson Health System.

"When you're diagnosed with no insurance, who do you call, who's going to take you, who's going to listen, and if they find something, how are you going to get surgery or radiation," Heard asks. "A lot of people turn you away. I went to three places before

someone would see me. The other two places dismissed me, but Jackson saved my life."

Heard advises women to listen to their bodies and be aware of any changes; never be afraid of having tough conversations; and become educated about breast cancer and family history.

"In the Bahamian community, everything is hush-hush so I couldn't say if I had a family history," said Heard. "There's still a lot of myths going around. Black women die more from breast cancer and it's only because we don't talk about things and there's a late diagnosis."

Dr. Collado-Mesa has additional advice: Keep your medical records up to date.

"If you switch places where you're getting your mammograms, make sure you provide copies of your prior mammograms to the new clinic," he said. "That way the doctor who's reading your current mammogram can have a comparison and determine whether or not there are any changes."

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the flu is the flu vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting vaccinated annually, soon after flu vaccine becomes available, ideally by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins. People that fit into the following categories should get the vaccine:

- Anyone 6 months of age and older
- Anyone over 50 years of age
- Women who are pregnant during flu season
- Anyone with long-term health problems such as heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, and other illnesses
- Anyone with a weakened immune system, such as those living with HIV/AIDS, chronic steroid use, or on chemotherapy

- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities
- People who live with or care for people at high risk for influenza-related complications – such as healthcare providers, doctors, nurses, and aides
- Caregivers of small children or the elderly

The vaccine can be given two ways: as a shot or as a nasal-spray. Both forms of the vaccine have their advantages and disadvantages, so it's best to talk to your primary care physician about which type of vaccine is right for you and



A symptom that accompanies the flu is high fever.

your family members. It's important to know that you can still get the flu even if you received the vaccine. However, your chances are greatly reduced. And contrary to some beliefs, you cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine.

Who should not get the flu vaccine?

While most people should consider being vaccinated against the flu, the CDC recommends against the vaccine for people with the following conditions:

- People who have any severe, life-threatening allergies
- People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past
- Anyone who has ever had Guillain-Barre syndrome, a severe paralyzing illness
- Children younger than 6 months of age
- People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen

When should I get the flu vaccine?

The flu vaccine is usually available starting in October. Remember, this is an annual

vaccine, so you need to get it each year in order to protect yourself from the virus. Children may need two doses to be protected but your pediatrician will advise you if this is necessary.

How can I treat the flu?

If you get sick with the flu, it is important that you drink plenty of fluids, try to eat and get plenty of rest. You may also want to consult with your doctor about over-the-counter or prescription medications to help relieve some of your symptoms.

Where can I get a flu shot?

Vaccines for both adults and children are available at the health department, doctor's offices, primary care centers and pharmacies at some local retailers. Jackson clinics and our network of UHealth Jackson Urgent Care centers also offer the vaccines.

Peter Paige, MD, MMM, CPE, FACEP, is executive vice president and chief medical officer of Jackson Health System. His career has centered on emergency medicine and medical administration in large, academic medical settings.

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school grew to 35. Entrance requirements included good moral character, in addition to two years of high school and courses in Latin, English, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, and household economics.

In 1921, after a one-year probation, the State Board of Nursing in Florida licensed the school provisionally, but it became fully accredited in 1923.

The first class, composed of four students (Lois Bostford, Ruth Deland, Mabel Knowles, and Ruth Parmer) graduated in May of 1923.

By 1965, the school had more than 300 students, and became one of the top 12 nursing schools in the country in both size and reputation.

In 1981, the program's length was reduced to two years, which required that incoming students complete 35 college credits before entering.



Although the nursing school closed in 1997, Jackson continues to provide nursing training programs to several nursing students across the country.

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Georgia governor candidate faces lawsuit

Civil rights organizations have filed a federal lawsuit against Georgia officials concerning minority voters

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Associated Press

Civil rights organizations have filed a federal lawsuit against Georgia Secretary of State and Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp, accusing his office of preventing minority voters from registering ahead of next month's closely watched race.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court in Atlanta, targets Georgia's "exact match" verification process, which requires that information on voter applica-

tions precisely match information already on file with the Georgia Department of Driver Services or the Social Security Administration.

The lawsuit comes days after an analysis by *The Associated Press* found over 53,000 voter registration applications sitting in pending status. Georgia's population is about 32 percent Black, according to the U.S. Census, but the list of voter registrations on hold with Kemp's office is nearly 70 percent Black.

Kemp, who is in charge of elections and voter registra-

tion in Georgia, is facing Democrat Stacey Abrams, who is vying to become the nation's first Black female governor. Recent public polling indicates the race is a dead heat.

Abrams' campaign has called on Kemp to step down as Secretary of State, saying his run for governor creates a conflict of interest with his role overseeing elections.

Kemp's office has blamed the racial disparity on the New Georgia Project, a voter registration group founded by Abrams in 2013. It says



Photo by Jessica McGowan/Getty Images

Georgia Democratic gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams takes the stage May 22, 2018, to declare victory in the primary on Election Night in Atlanta. If elected, Abrams would become the first African-American female governor in the nation.



AP Photo/John Amis, File

In this July 26, 2018, file photo, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp appears during a unity rally, in Peachtree Corners, Ga. Georgia's Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams is trying to reach voters who don't usually vote in midterm elections in the hopes to drive up turnout in her race against Kemp.

the organization was sloppy in registering voters, and says they submitted inadequate forms for a batch of applicants that was predominantly Black.

An entry error or a dropped hyphen in a last name can cause an application to be placed on hold.

The lawsuit said the "exact-match" policy "disproportionately and negatively impact the ability of voting-eligible African-American, Latino and Asian-American applicants to register to vote."

Candice Broce, a spokeswoman for Kemp's office, called the lawsuit "bogus" and "a complete waste of our time and taxpayer dollars."

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Kemp's office said that voters whose applications are held in pending status can go to the polls with a photo ID that matches information on their registration application — rectifying the match issue in person — and cast a regular ballot.

Voters whose applications are frozen in "pending" status have 26 months to fix any issues before their application is canceled. They can still cast a provisional ballot.

The lawsuit was brought by several groups including the Georgia state chapter of the NAACP, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta and the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials.



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It doesn't consist of chocolate cake with red food coloring," said Long. "The cupcakes are moist. They will make you feel good, and they're addictive."

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Cupcakes saved Chequita Blake's family. For 20 years, Blake endured an abusive relationship with her husband who is the father of her three children. There was physical, emotional and verbal abuse.

"[He] ended up cutting me on my arm," said Blake. "Almost touched my vein. I still have the scar today."

Blake depended on her partner for financial support, so she found it hard to find a way out. Until one day, Blake found an escape through baking.

She has now launched her own business, Blue Velvet Cupcakes.

It all started with a new job at Publix in the bakery where she made donuts, cakes and other sweet treats. Then it became a hobby.

"I took baking as a way out, as therapy," said Blake. "Once I am in the kitchen after he has upset me of something of that sort, I would start baking, and it would ease my mind."

Working in front of an oven was a familiar place for Blake.

Growing up, Blake's grandmother taught Blake how to make cakes and biscuits

from scratch. Blake's favorite was chocolate cake with chocolate icing. She would always lick the mixer whips. Blake still uses an old-fashioned hand mixer like her grandmother's in her recipe today.

Using what her grandmother passed on about baking and what she learned from Publix from cake decorating, Blake decided to launch her own business.

"I changed my mindset one day," she said. "All the energy I was putting in that business I began seeing myself implement that very same energy in my own business."

Inspired by the calmness she felt while baking, Blake chose the name, Blue Velvet, because the color blue represents freedom, imagination and inspiration. Velvet describes the texture of the cakes. It is also a contrast to the popular red velvet cake.

Blake, a Lakeland native has been filling orders in the Tampa and Orlando area for about five years.

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LITTLE HAITI SOCCER PARK

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and Commissioner Keon Hardemon host ribbon cutting



Leaders, the staff of the Little Haiti Park and kids smile as they cut the blue ribbon.

Miami Times Photo/ Kishanda Burns

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As kids ran up and down the newly renovated soccer field while playing soccer and catch with a football, wide smiles formed on their faces. Miami Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Kirwin was ready to show off the Little Haiti Soccer Park.

Kirwin was unveiling a \$1.8 million rehab of the city's park, which has storage and shaded exercise area.

"We have some great partners here that work with us here at Little Haiti's Soccer Park," he said at the ribbon cutting ceremony that

was hosted by Miami Mayor Francis Suarez and Commissioner Keon Hardemon on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Though people were gathered to talk about soccer, Suarez told a story about losing a a dodgeball game to Hardemon.

"I just want to say, don't play dodgeball to the chairman," said Suarez. "It's not a good idea." The crowd laughed. Hardemon hit Suarez three different times. Suarez hit a kid.

Suarez is ready for more; he challenged Hardemon to a game in kickball.

Then Suarez reminisced that when he was the age of the kids who were playing on the field, he didn't have



"The people want to be able to play soccer here, the people want to be able to enjoy football as well and they want to be able to share those sports on the field that won't take much damage."

Keon Hardemon

as nice a soccer park in which to play.

"What's amazing about this soccer field is it can take so much volume of play, whereas other fields, if it gets a little rain on it, it's muddy and then you have to stop playing on the field," he said.

When Hardemon took to the lectern, he acknowledged who would benefit most from the renovated space: children.

"When you look at what's behind us, not the field, but the children on the field, look at the sort of spirit that they are carrying with them, how much fun that they are having and how they're enjoying something that's sim-

ple as what we would call grass," Hardemon said.

Hardemon said the park, which is located at 6301 NE Second Ave., deserved top-quality improvements.

"We have a space that we can really attract people," he said. "I'm proud of this moment because once again, Little Haiti has something that they can be proud of."

Hardemon said not many parks in the city of Miami have a major soccer park.

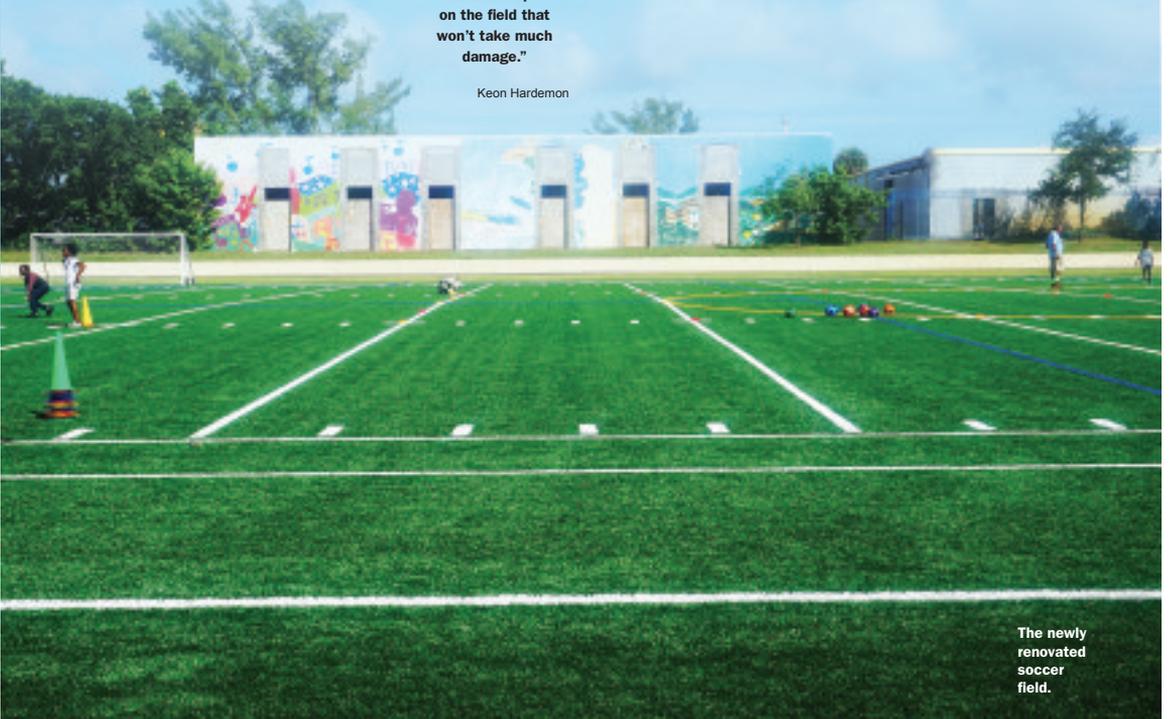
"This is something we should cherish and be proud of. This is something that was born of the people," Hardemon said. "The people want to be able to play soccer here; the people want

to be able to enjoy football as well and they want to be able to share those sports on the field that won't take much damage."

The soccer park renovations took eight months, which included installing a multipurpose turf field where soccer and football can be played. There's an exercise equipment station and a storage building.

Marie Louissaint, president of the Little Haiti Optimist Club who uses the field, said that the park has been around for about nine years.

"It's just awesome to see that this place has flourished with a locker room and a field," said Louissaint.



The newly renovated soccer field.

Public service loan forgiveness program fails

CHARLENE CROWELL

Across the nation and multiple generations, student loan debt now surpasses \$1.5 trillion. The anxiety shared by borrowers from all walks of life seeking ways to lift this unsustainable consumer debt affects multiple life dimensions. In some cases, these burdensome debts threaten the future of America's middle class.

Two recent developments hold potential for struggling consumers.

On Sept. 28, the independent and nonpartisan General Accounting Office (GAO) released findings on the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. Eligible student loan borrowers who have dedicated their careers to public service and met other requirements, such as 10 years of qualifying payments, can have their loan balances forgiven. The first step toward forgiveness requires that interested borrowers are initially screened to certify their employment and that their loans meet criteria. Once certified, borrowers submit a loan forgiveness application for a final check before forgiveness is approved.

Although PSLF legislation was enacted in 2007, September 2017 was the first time that borrowers

became eligible for the application for forgiveness. And according to the GAO findings, forgiveness approvals are minute compared to those who qualify.

As of June 2018, more than 1.2 million student loan borrowers requested to be certified, with 890,000 ultimately certified eligible; 28,000 applied for loan forgiveness, thinking that they had met the 10-year payment and employment requirements. Shockingly, of these, only 96, less than one-half of one percent received forgiveness.

According to the GAO report, "Education has used various outreach methods to inform borrowers about PSLF, but the large number of denied borrowers suggests that many are still confused by the program requirements."

In response, the Department of Education has now agreed to all GAO recommendations. These include: comprehensive guidance for borrowers and servicers alike; more information about qualifying employers; standardized payment information; and enough detailed information to help identify payment counting errors.

In a related but separate action, on Oct. 3, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) filed a federal

class-action lawsuit alleging that the nation's largest student loan servicer, Navient, misled borrowers, preventing some of those in public service professions from accessing public service loan forgiveness, just to boost its own profits. The action was brought by nine AFT members from four states: California, Florida, Maryland and New York.

In part the complaint states, "The PSLF program is life-or-death critical to America's public servants who otherwise would never be able to overcome their student debt burden ... Navient has not been living up to its obligation to help vulnerable borrowers get on the best possible re-



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payment plan and qualify for PSLF. Instead, Navient has harmed and continues to harm millions of hard-working public servants by routinely providing false information to these borrowers preventing them from qualifying for the PSLF program."

By deceiving borrowers with false information, misrepresentations and fraudulent conduct, the complaint also cites several other concerns:

"Navient is responsible for servicing over \$205.9 billion in federal student loans, owed by approximately 6.1 million accounts."

"Since 1983, the cost of higher education has risen more than

700 percent - five times greater than inflation, and even faster than healthcare costs; and

"From 1996 to 2015, teacher pay fell by \$30 per week while pay for other college graduates increased by \$124, according to the Economic Policy Institute

"No one goes into public service to strike it rich; they do it out of a deep commitment to students, patients and the public good," said Randi Weingarten, AFT President. "But we cannot attract the best and brightest to these careers if promises of debt relief are deliberately broken."

For much of Black America, still-soaring student debt brings yet another financial hurdle to overcome - in addition to other disproportionate and

historic struggles to obtain the full benefits of being a citizen and consumer.

According to Jason N. Houle of Dartmouth College, and Fenaba R. Addo with the University of Wisconsin at Madison, disproportionately, Black student debt makes for an even more fragile Black Middle Class.

"We theorize that racial disparities in student loan debt accumulation and repayment are a function of racial-

ized economic hardship and discrimination across the life course," wrote the two scholars in a new report for the Russell Sage Foundation.

"Some have argued that the student loan market is not unlike the mortgage market, where Blacks lack access to fair credit and are disproportionately steered toward high-interest loans that are difficult to repay."

The esteemed scholars may be right. But in neigh-

borhoods across the country Black people do not need to theorize. We live that agony every day and nearly every year. Perhaps it is time to shift from research and data points to activist engagement.

To put it another way, what are we prepared to do about it?

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's Communications Deputy Director. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Miami City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., to consider the award of a contract to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation listed below through Anti-Poverty grant funds from the District 2 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program. Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, Inc., will utilize the funds for low-income single-family rehab projects in the West Grove, and to consider the City Manager's recommendations and finding that competitive negotiation methods are not practicable or advantageous regarding these issues:

- Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, Inc. - low-income single family rehab projects in the West Grove.

Inquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Malissa T. Sutherland, Administrative Assistant II, Office of Grants Administration, at (305) 416-1005.

This action is being considered pursuant to Section 18-85 (A) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida as amended (the "Code"). The recommendations and findings to be considered in this matter are set forth in the proposed resolution and in Code Section 18-85 (A), which are deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and are available as with the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting of October 25, 2018 at Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida.

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

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



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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Notice of Special Election

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Resolutions R-658-18, R-659-18, R-660-18, R-661-18, adopted on June 26, 2018, R-744-18, adopted on July 10, 2018, R-576-18, adopted on June 5, 2018 and R-766-18, adopted on July 24, 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, notice is hereby given of a Special Election on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors in Miami-Dade County, for their approval or disapproval, the following referendums:

COUNTY REFERENDUMS

Charter Amendment Relating to Nonpartisan Election of Clerk of the Circuit Court

Shall the Charter be amended to require that the election of Clerk of the Circuit Court be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and that no ballot shall show the party designation of any candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court?

Yes 350
No 351

Charter Amendment Relating to County Appointed Officials and Employees Running for Certain Elective Office

The Charter currently requires that County appointed officials or employees qualifying to run for federal, state or municipal elective office take a leave of absence and, if elected, immediately forfeit their County position. Shall the Charter be amended to limit this restriction to only apply to County officials and employees who qualify as a candidate for certain County elected offices?

Yes 352
No 353

Charter Amendment Relating to Review of Initiatory Petitions for Legal Sufficiency

Shall the Charter be amended to require that the Board of County Commissioners shall determine the legal sufficiency of an initiatory petition at the next Board meeting after the Clerk of Courts approves the petition form rather than after the required signatures have been gathered?

Yes 354
No 355

Charter Amendment Regarding Elections for County Commissioners and Mayor

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that when a candidate for County Commission or Mayor withdraws, becomes disqualified, or becomes deceased prior to an election no votes cast for such candidate shall be counted and that when a candidate for County Commission or Mayor is unopposed in an election after the close of qualification such candidate shall be deemed elected to office?

Yes 356
No 357

Charter Amendment Prohibiting Certain Payments Circulators of Initiatory Petitions

Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit any person circulating an initiatory petition for paying or offering to pay any individual or organization, or receive payment or agree to receive payment, on a basis related to the number of signatures obtained for circulating the petition and invalidate any petitions collected in violation of this prohibition?

Yes 358
No 359

New Municipality in Northeast Miami-Dade

Shall the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners be authorized to create a new municipality in the area of northeast Miami-Dade with the following outermost boundaries?

Northern boundary:	County line
Eastern boundary:	City limits of Aventura (Biscayne Blvd.)
Southern boundary:	City limits of North Miami Beach
Western boundary:	Interstate 95
	Yes 360
	No 361

SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM

Referendum to Approve Ad Valorem Levy for Teachers, Instructional Personnel, School Safety and Security

Shall the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, levy 0.75 mills of ad valorem taxes for operational funds (1) to improve compensation for high quality teachers and instructional personnel, and (2) to increase school safety and security personnel, with oversight by a Citizen Advisory Committee, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023?

Yes 362
No 363

All qualified electors residing within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County and/or Northeast Miami-Dade shall be eligible to vote Yes or No for these referendums.

The polls shall be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the day of the special election. This special election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of general law relating to special elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County, Florida

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She was able to garner enough money to leave her husband and take her children with her. Blake finalized her divorce in 2012.

"I had to be finally divorced before they police could do anything permanent. ... He got arrested for breaking in the house to attack me. They gave him five years," Blake said. Her ex-husband is still incarcerated from the incident and for beating her 24-year-old daughter.

Blake continues to stay afloat with the revenue from her business, but at times she said it could be more.

Blake got her first break in her business in Miami in December. She served her cupcakes at an event where influencer such as millionaire coach Stormy Wellington was in attendance. She went from selling 30 to 40 cupcakes a day at \$3 a piece to 90 to 100 a day.

"People there liked the taste and the product," said Blake. "They wanted to know who I was and where I was from. And they continued to want the product."

She now delivers cupcakes in her Mazda Protégé from Lakeland to Broward and Miami every other day.

As Blake sat in front of a clear container of assorted cupcakes in a Dunkin' store in Liberty City on Friday, patrons who walked in asked the same questions.

"I want to try a cupcake," said a man who identified himself as "Party Boat Bobby."

According to Bobby, the cakes live up to its velvet classification. "Nice and juicy," he said after biting into a red velvet cupcake. He nicknamed her "Quita, the Cupcake Lady" after that.

The red velvet cupcake is Blake's bestseller. Blake's friend and longtime supporter, Samantha Long, said they're a hit because of the authentic "down home Southern" recipe.

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The product that melts in your mouth offers a sweet fix to customers, but most of all, it was the saving grace for Blake and her family.

Blake plans to use her business to help other families through baking classes and parties.

"This generation, not too many moms know how to cook," said Blake. "I want to offer classes that will teach them like how Mom and Pop used to teach us back in the day."

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Eric Reid's return to NFL considered 'bittersweet'

Decides to resume his career and also social injustice protests on the big field

Eric Reid became a free agent when his contract expired in March despite having a solid performance with the San Francisco 49ers.

After six months on the shelf away from football, Reid made a bittersweet return to the employed ranks of the NFL.

The 26-year-old has now signed a one-year deal with the Carolina Panthers.

The Pro Bowl safety made his debut with Carolina in a thrilling last-second, 63-yard-field-goal victory (33-31) over the New York Giants on Sunday, Oct. 7.

The return was sweet, as he got a chance to again play the game he loves. It was bitter in the fact that his friend, Colin Kaepernick (whom he knelt beside in protest), remains unsigned by any NFL team.

Reid continued the protests on the field by taking a knee in his first game with his new team.

Kaepernick, though he remains sidelined, was one of the first to congratulate his former teammate and fellow activist

following Reid's signing, tweeting that the All Pro safety "should have been signed the 1st day of free agency."

Marty Hurney, the Panther's general manager, called the signing a "football decision."

What else would it be? What else would it be? What would it be?

Carolina, whose veteran Da'Norris Seary was placed on injured reserve after suffering his second concussion in a month, had a real need for a proven safety to add depth at the position.

If indeed the decision to be made was strictly a "football decision" as it should have been, Reid would have been able to find a roster spot on any one of the league's 32 teams prior to the start of the season. But, it is glaringly apparent that the social-injustice protest was the other factor at play here.

Reid spoke with the media, saying his fight against social injustice isn't over and he will not be dropping his collusion case against the NFL.

At his press

conference, Reid, wore an "#IMWITHTHAKAP" shirt and made it clear that he and Kaepernick were still committed to giving a voice to people of color. Both he and Kaepernick still have pending collusion cases against the league and its owners.

"As we said, when we started, Colin and I, said: 'Nothing will change unless you talk about it,' so we're going to continue to talk about it," Reid said. "We're going to continue to hold America accountable to the standard it says on paper, that we're all created equal, because it's not that way — but we're going to keep pushing forward."

Reid said the Panthers did not ask him if he would protest before signing him.

But he says he will find a way to manage both his employment with the Panthers and his impending legal case against the NFL.

I don't think that he will have many problems with finding that work-life/protest balance, since he has

Eric Reid



the support of his new teammates.

Wide receiver Torrey Smith, also a social activist, championed for Carolina to sign Reid.

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton said he'd support whatever Reid decided to do.

Newton added that he thought Reid, who has 318 tackles and 10 interceptions so far in his career, was a "steal."

One team's social-injustice taboo is another team's treasure.

"I'm going to stand by him and none of that will be a distraction as far as us winning football games," said the Panther's QB. "What he does

is left is to wait and see how things play out in the courtroom.

Reid's employment could actually boost both his and Kaepernick's collusion cases.

"I'll take this moment to raise my fist in a show of solidarity and say #IMWITHTHAKAP and #IMWITHTHAKAEPERNICK.

With his new team firmly behind him, all that

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New play tells the story of Cassius Clay's victory celebration with his iconic friends

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Little is known about what actually took place at the historic Hampton House the night Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston to become the world's heavyweight champion on Feb. 25, 1964. What is known is that the newly crowned champion went to celebrate his victory with his equally iconic friends, singer Sam Cooke, civil rights activist Malcolm X and football great Jim Brown.

A play entitled "One Night in Miami," will attempt to tell the story of the night Cassius Clay celebrated his victory alongside his famous friends, all who stayed at the Hampton House due to Jim Crow-era segregation laws.

"One Night," written by Kemp Powers, explores the different possible conversations that occurred among the four Black historical figures the night of Feb. 25, 1964 at the Hampton House. Presented by Miami New Drama, "One Night" will stage at the Colony Theatre of Miami Beach later this month, in a city that none of the Black entertainers could sleep.

Powers, a playwright with journalistic experience, weaves facts from before-and-after that historic night with fictional representation to bring to life the different views and opinions of the four best friends, explained director of the play, Carl Cofield. The director cited Cassius Clay's decision to begin the process of changing his name to Muhammad Ali that night at the Hampton House, as an example of how Powers uses history to artistically reconstruct the possible conversations the four icons could have had.

The dialogue of the play focuses on themes such as the racial tensions of the times, religious freedom, Black civil rights, as well as the struggle the four prominent figures had with being famous and infamous at the same time, with all eyes on their every move. "The biggest challenge was to bring these men to life, 360 degrees," Cofield said. "To give a holistic view of these men, and not just the stereotypes and preconceived notions that people

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Carl Cofield, director of
"One Night in Miami."

Kieron Anthony
stars in the play
as Cassius Clay.



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FOUR GUYS WALK INTO THE HAMPTON HOUSE



Cast of "One Night in Miami"

Joshua Henry receives raved Frost award

Music from Broadway featured in Monday concert

Miami Times Staff Report

A graduate of the Frost School of Music, who stars in "Hamilton," was recognized by the University of Miami on Monday.

Three-time Tony-award nominee Joshua Henry received the Frost Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Monday, Oct. 15 Frost Music Live concert, "Broadway at Frost."

Henry was nominated in 2018 for his role in "Carousel;" he also stars in the first touring company of the Broadway smash hit, "Hamilton."

Henry graduated in 2006 from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. A baritone — a mash up of the words baritone and tenor — Henry majored in vocal performance.

On Monday, he joined Broadway star Marcus Lovett, along with Dan Strange of the Frost faculty and Frost Musical Theater Workshop and opera theater students for the evening's performance in the University of Miami Gusman Concert Hall.

Henry began his career in "Godspell," and quickly moved on to a role in the ensemble and understudied the role of Benny, in an off-Broadway Tony Award-winning premiere run of "In the Heights." He followed up his Broadway debut starring as "Favorite Son" in the original Broadway cast of the Green Day musical, "American Idiot," and more recently starring as "Jake" in the Tony-award winning revival of "The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess." He also appeared as Jennifer Hudson's boyfriend in the first "Sex and the City" movie. While attending the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, he appeared in many musical theatre productions at the Jerry Herman Ring Theatre.

Henry joined Lovett, who is the only lead actor to play "Phantom" on Broadway and London; Frost School of Music's Director of Contemporary Keyboard Studies Dan Strange; and Frost stars of tomorrow in an evening of music from Broadway.



Taye Diggs has a new title: Football coach

Actor stars in show that raises real questions about identity

KATHRYN SHATTUCK
The New York Times

Like the light glinting off his hundred-carat smile, Taye Diggs's career has bounced all over the place: the loathsome yuppie landlord in "Rent," his Broadway breakthrough; the pulse-quickening young Jamaican in "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," his film debut; and a succession of charismatic television professionals —

most recently his Obama-esque mayoral candidate in "Empire," who was killed off last season. "I go between wanting to put on a nice suit and talk a lot of words and then roll around and shoot guns and scream," Diggs said.

These days he's taking on a national pastime, one with the power to both unite and divide.

In "All American," airing Wednesdays on CW, Diggs plays Billy Baker, a varsity football coach who lures Spencer James (Daniel Ezra), a star athlete and ace student from South Central Los Angeles onto his failing Beverly Hills high school team. (The series is inspired by the life of the former N.F.L. linebacker Spencer Paysinger.)

It's a risky trade-off: In exchange for a gun-free zone and superior education, Spencer must jostle for position on a roster filled with resentment — not least from Billy's son, Jordan (Michael Evans Behling).

"All American" won't duck the admiration and fury spurred by Colin Kaepernick, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback, and his protestation of police brutality and social injustice by kneeling during the national anthem, Diggs surmised.

"The writers haven't been shying away from that type of fodder when it comes to telling these stories," he said. "Sports is something that usually brings people together, being the catalyst for thought and conversation. The fact that we're dealing with all that, I think, bodes well for the show."

During a call from Los Angeles as he was driving Walker, his 9-year-old son with his ex-wife, his "Rent" co-star Idina Menzel, to basketball practice, Diggs, 47, talked about struggles with identity and lessons he

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Congratulations to the Archdiocese of Miami on its Diamond (60) anniversary which was observed on Oct. 7 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary with Solemn Vespers and a conferral of Diocesan honors celebrated by Archbishop of Miami **Thomas Wenski**, **Bernadette Poirier** and **Monique Delancey** were recipients from Holy Redeemer Church and parishioners chosen from St. Phillip Neri in Opa-locka were **Richard Smith** and **Dale Dshazor**.

As the Whirl turns and turns in October, and as I write this column, we are 24 days away from elections. Every election is important, but this one is vital amidst the push in some states to use voter suppression tactics. The right to vote in America is one of the most priceless

benefits of citizenship. Laws and policies are aimed at suppressing the vote of Black people and other vulnerable citizens. **Martin Luther King Jr.** spoke profoundly of the power of the vote when he said, "So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote, I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind. It is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen observing the laws I have helped to enact. I can only submit to the edict of others."

A Turn Out the Vote Prayer Breakfast has been scheduled at the Doubletree by Hilton on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 27 at 8 a.m. Special guests will include **Michael Eric Dyson** author, preacher,



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radio host and professor of Sociology at **Georgetown University**; and **James Fortune**, a two-time Grammy-nominated gospel music recording artist. The **Lawyers & Collars** program, a nonprofit, multiracial and interfaith voter protection effort of **Sojourners and Skinner Leadership Institute** in partnership with faith-based and civic engagement organizations, is leading this initiative.

Early voting in Miami-Dade County starts on Oct. 27 and ends Nov. 3. Last weekend saw diverse activities at local churches, community meetings and civic meetings. For jazz lovers, the weekend kicked off Friday evening at the Historic Hampton House with **Kurtis Wilson and Kindred Souls of Jazz Band** (Blues/R&B/Jazz). Jazz Night



is held on the last Friday of each month from 7:30 -11 p.m. Every third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., the Historic Hampton House will feature a film followed by a discussion in partnership with Florida International University and Miami Jazz and Film Society. The community is encouraged to come out and take part in this enriching cultural exchange. On Saturday, Oct. 13, the local chapter of **Saint Augustine University** alumni hosted a sports party at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Opa-locka, where Reverend



Arch Bishop of Miami Joseph Wenski

Terrence Taylor is rector and his parishioners know he is an avid Florida State University fan. Among Saint Augustine grads wearing their school shirts were **Angelia Browne**, **Reverend Richard Barry** and **Virla Barry**. There is always a Rattler in the house, including **Sharon Anderson** joined by her sister, **Bethune Cookman University Wildcat Eddrea Anderson Goodman** and others from historically Black colleges and universities. It was a fun day of watching college sports, eating and having a good time. Thursday at the Historic Hampton House, the Unity Boulevard

Film Series continues. The Church of the Incarnation in Liberty City observed family and friends day last Sunday. Reverend **Bobbie Knowles** is Rector. A picture is worth a thousand words, as you can see from the many friends and family who gathered after worship services in the **J. Kenneth Major** Parish Hall for dining, connecting, sharing and much more.

There is an African proverb that says, "Hard Times require furious dancing." The struggle continues as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh, Dance and Sing in the Whirl. Blessings and let's dance hard.

Samuel L. Jackson to host 'Enslaved' documentary

Docu-series to follow journey of slave ships across Atlantic Ocean

ANDREAS WISEMAN
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Fremantle, a production company, has taken global rights (excluding U.S., Canada and Israel) to "Enslaved," a six-part documentary series hosted by Samuel L. Jackson.

The series will chart the horror of slavery through underwater archaeology. The series is being timed to coincide with the 400-year anniversary since the first African was brought to the New World as a slave.

Journalist Simcha Jacobovici (The Naked Archaeologist) will helm the series which will retrace the harrowing sea voyage that brought millions of Africans, over hundreds of years, to a life of slavery. The doc and its host Jackson, who is a licensed diver, will go in

search of the sunken slave ships that went down with their human cargo. The actor's own ancestors came from Gabon in West Africa.

"For me, this is much more than a TV series," said Jackson. "For me, 'Enslaved' is an attempt to give a voice to the millions whose voices were silenced."

"Enslaved" is produced by Felix Golubev and Ric Bienstock and executive produced by Samuel L. Jackson, LaTanya Jackson, Eli Selden, Rob Lee, Simcha Jacobovici and Yaron Niski.

Jens Richter, CEO of Fremantle, said, "Fremantle has been working with the best international producers to curate the highest quality factual programming, and 'Enslaved' is a remarkable addition to



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The actor will dive deep into waters and history in documentary.

our non-scripted slate. Hosted by the inimitable Samuel L. Jackson, this transformative,

moving series exposes the shocking realities of slavery, retracing the traumatic jour-

ney they endured which began 400 years ago." Simcha Jacobovici, series

director and executive producer, whose previous projects include *Atlantis Rising* with James Cameron, added, "Our goal is to tell a global story of suffering and resistance, of oppression and overcoming, through the adventure of finding and marking sunken slave ships."

Fremantle has been building its high-end unscripted slate and recently secured partnerships with producers such as 'True to Nature for Expedition With Steve Backshall,' and Simon Andreea's 'Naked Entertainment on Manson: The Lost Tapes.' Other series on Fremantle's slate include 'In Search Of,' a reboot of the iconic 1970's documentary series about globally unexplained phenomena hosted by Zachary Quinto and 'I Am Paul Walker,' a feature-length documentary film exploring the life and legacy of the late actor.

Roberta Flack returned to stage

Musical legend allowed public to hear voice after a health scare

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Once a week, Roberta Flack gives a musical performance for an exclusive group.

The lucky audience consists of a musical director, who works with the legend to keep her instrument — her voice — in top form. It would be an important exercise for any singer, but even more critical given that the 81-year-old singer had a stroke more than two years ago and suffered a collapse that led to a brief hospitalization earlier this year.

"I know what it is to go over the same songs over and over again and to try to make them perfect. It's interesting and it's hard and it's difficult at the same time," Flack said in an exclusive interview with *The Associated Press*. "You have to stay on top of things."

The public got a chance to hear the result of those musical tuneups, courtesy of the Jazz Foundation of America when it honored her Saturday, Oct. 13.

The Jazz Foundation of America provides assistance of all types to musicians who have suffered setbacks, whether they're medical, financial or both. It was set to give Flack its lifetime achievement award at the Apollo Theater at a concert featuring Cassandra

Wilson, Alabama Shakes lead singer Brittany Howard, Nona Hendryx and more. But Flack collapsed backstage and was rushed to the hospital. The concert went on without her.

On Saturday, the foundation held its annual loft party, where they honored Flack again. It was her first public performance in at least a year. Participants included another music legend and friend, Valerie Simpson, along with Macy Gray.

"I'm very excited that they want to give me an award, and I'm excited about the cause of the award, and the whole thing, I'm hyped about it," Flack said.

Flack spoke to the AP at her assisted living facility in Manhattan. Sitting in a wheelchair and looking glamorous with curly hair cascading down her shoulders, the Grammy winner was bright-eyed and articulate during a nearly 30-minute conversation, though she occasionally relied on her manager to provide her with information about the week-end event, to also feature actors Rosie Perez and Michael Imperioli.

Her work with the musical director from the Jazz Foundation is part of that keeping in tune. Flack's connection to the group started years ago, when they enlisted her to perform at a benefit for the late



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File in This Jan. 31. 2010 file photo, Roberta Flack poses backstage at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

folk great Odetta, who had fallen on hard times.

"Ten years ago, she came out to help us when we were helping Odetta, who was one of her idols," said Wendy Oxenhorn, the foundation's executive director. "Roberta has been all of our idols. And now, since her stroke, we've been able to give back and help her, which is so beautiful."

Oxenhorn said the foundation is glad it had another opportunity to honor Flack.

"We didn't want her to miss this because she is loved around the world, and she's kept so many of us going

through our hard times with her music, and she's been such an icon and pioneer in her genre," she said. "We want her to know how loved she is."

Flack in turn lauded the organization and got emotional when speaking to Oxenhorn, who was present for the interview.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart," the singer said. "It seems like we get a lot of musicians who don't need help, who do it themselves or do it on their own, and that's not true, that's not true, they need a lot of help. I'm happy to help."

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HOW TO SPEND A DAY IN **BLACK-OWNED** **AMSTERDAM**

There's a number of ways to support the African diaspora in the city

SHONTEL HORNE
Travel Noire

History and modernity collide in Amsterdam, a city that boldly embraces its past while it builds an even more progressive future. Known for the red-light district, 165 gorgeous canals within the city, parks, and landmarks like the Anne Frank House and the Van Gogh Museum, the capital of the Netherlands offers a unique experience that can't fully (by law) be captured in pictures and videos.

Visitors travel to Amsterdam from around the world to have a good time, but the city also has a rich Black heritage that often gets overlooked. The Dutch Kingdom was prominent in the transatlantic slave trade, and as a result, the Netherlands has a vast Black history that can be unearthed if you know where to look, so use this guide to locate landmarks inspired by Black culture and to find out how you can support Black-owned businesses during a trip to Amsterdam.

STAY AT A BLACK-OWNED, WOMEN-ONLY HOSTEL

Bianca Brasdorp left her marketing career behind to open her hostel called Hostelle in 2012. Amsterdam's first and only all-female hostel, Hostelle has beautiful dormitory-style accommodations and is the perfect choice if you're exploring Amsterdam on a budget or you're traveling with a large group.

STOP BY AFRICAN KITCHEN FOR LUNCH

Open since 2004, the goal of African Kitchen is to serve quality food to Africans visiting and living in the Netherlands and to introduce the unique flavors to Amsterdam natives. Here you'll find West African soups, grilled or fried fish, and Jollof rice, and the restaurant also throws parties every Friday.

STEP BACK IN TIME DURING A BLACK HISTORY TOUR OF AMSTERDAM

Let Surinamese-American Jennifer Tosch be your guide as you tour the streets of Amsterdam while learning about the little-known presence and contributions of the African Diaspora in the Netherlands with Black Heritage Tours. Inspired by her quest to learn more about her late mother's Surinamese history, Tosch leads tourists through landmarks, some of the only Black-owned buildings in Amsterdam, and to monuments that tell the story of the Dutch Kingdom's role in the transatlantic slave trade.

VISIT THE NATIONAL SLAVERY MONUMENT

Late Surinamese artist Erwin de Vries created the Slavery Monument located in Oosterpark, which was unveiled in 2002 commemorating the July 1863 abolishment of slavery in Holland, Suriname, and the Dutch Antilles.

GET "COFFEE" AT AFRICAN BLACKSTAR COFFEESHOP

African Blackstar Coffeeshop is one of few Black-owned coffee shops/licensed dispensaries in Amsterdam, so if you're going to engage, why not spend your euro at a Black-owned business? They also really do serve coffee and you'll find more locals than tourists here, and fun fact: in Amsterdam, when a business says "coffeeshop" it means the establishment is a dispensary, while "coffeehouse or café" means it's a regular restaurant.

HAVE BREAKFAST AT WATER & BROOD

Water & Brood is a chic restaurant located near many of Amsterdam's famous museums and attractions where owners and brothers Rachid and Taraq Hok-Ahin serve everything from chicken and waffles and acai bowls to dishes inspired by their Surinamese roots.

SEE AFRICAN 6C

Many visitors hang out at Labyrinth to wind down.

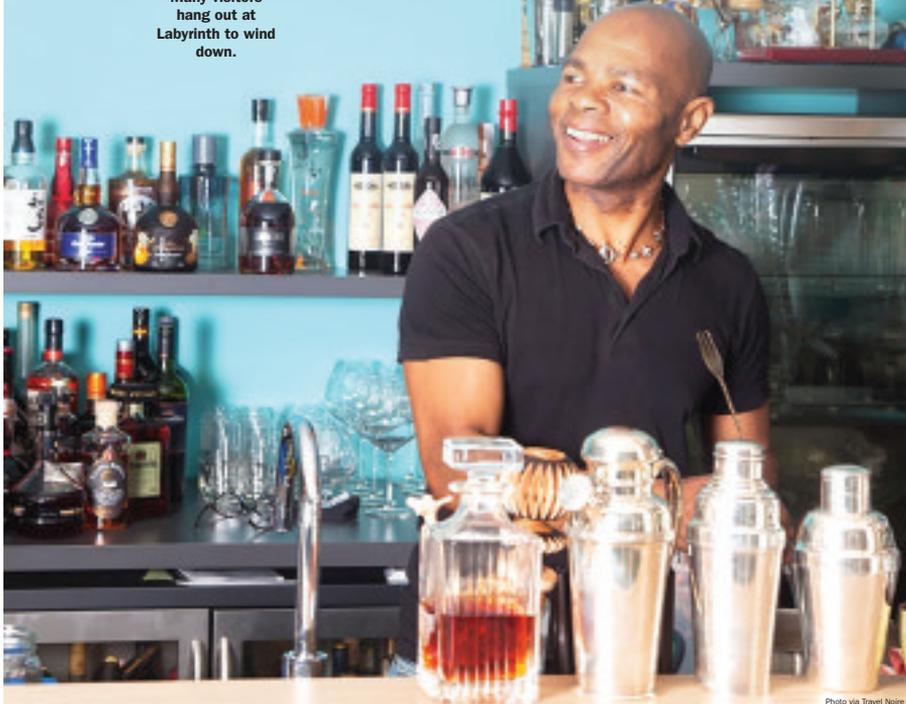


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Madewell tee bodysuit



Courtesy of Topshop

Topshop belted stripe roll-cuff trousers



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Vince Verrell 2 suede slip-on sneakers

Essentials to relax at self-care vacation

MARIAH TYLER
Travel and Leisure

A spa getaway is a really good answer to many of life's woes. But if you're not sure what to expect, it's easy to stress yourself out about what to pack. You've got all of your treatments scheduled, the hotel and flights are booked, and packing is the final step before you can slip away from the stresses of life for some self-care.

To start, keep in mind that this trip is all about relaxation, so you'll want to pack items that feel light, are easy to wear, and aren't fussy. Avoid restricting fabrics and find comfort in breathable items, especially when putting together your outfits to wear to and from your trip.

Most spas are likely to provide temporary-use items like slippers, robes, and towels, but be sure to double check with the spa before your arrival. Depending on the type of spa and what sorts of activities are on your itinerary, you may need to consider a few more items for a worry-free time. If there are hiking trails nearby, bring a pair of hiking shoes, for example.

And if you find yourself not wanting to leave the spa's plush robes behind, plenty of brands sell them, and it would make for the perfect souvenir.

Below, we've rounded up the spa packing essentials that will bring you as much joy as a massage and glass of champagne and will take you seamlessly from the treatment table to a yoga session to the pool and back out into the world.

LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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EVENTS

The Overtown Children and Youth Coalition

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

Registered vendors
Representatives from the District's Office of Procurement Management Service and Miami-Dade Beach Council will host a free vendor development event; 6-8 p.m.; Oct. 18; Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center; 8865 SW 16th St.; For more info call 305-995-

3131 or RSVP at provents@dadeschools.net.

1ST Annual Searching Beyond The Stars for a Cure
Breast cancer awareness event; 5-7 p.m.; Oct. 20; 645 NE 167th St.

Hispanic Art Expressions
Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and The Office of Community Advocacy, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board will host an art exhibit; 6-8 p.m.; Oct. 25; Magnus Gallery; 219 NW 25th St.

SCHOOL MEETINGS
Miami Northwestern Class of 1963

Breakfast meeting; Oct. 6; Pastime Restaurant, 2469 NW 62nd St.; Info: Call John at 786-222-8380.

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 1970
10:30 a.m.; Oct. 20; 190 NE 199th St. Suite 100; For more info, call 305-343-9376.

Miami Northwestern Class of 1973
4 p.m. every third Sunday; location TBA; Info: Call 786-877-1176 or email msogans@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 Corral, 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; 2:30 p.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 NW 81st St.; Info: Call 786-512-3641.

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

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

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

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

Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter
9 a.m. every third Saturday;

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

The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association
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 NW 50th St.; Info: Call 305-758-1577 or visit www.childrendance.net.

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

BOOK REVIEW

Story shows hard work equals 'No Small Potatoes'

Junius G. Groves gives life-lessons and hidden messages in new book

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
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Hard work pays off. Your parents have said that, your teachers, too. Stop messin'; start paying attention; knuckle down; do your work, and see what happens. Hard work pays off, and in the new book "No Small Potatoes" by Tonya Bolden, illustrated by Don Tate, hard work grows an empire.

Forty cents a day. That's how much Junius G. Groves made at his first paid job. Before that, he worked for no pay because he was born a

slave in Kentucky but as soon as "freedom came," he headed west. He was about 20 years old then, and strong. Some say he walked the whole way to Kansas, more than 500 miles! When he got to the Great Kew Valley, he landed a job for 40 cents a day.

Junius G. worked hard and soon, he was making 75 cents a day. Then he was appointed foreman and started making a buck-twenty-five. He saved some of his money and he used the rest to rent farmland, where he and his wife, Mathilda, planted potatoes and chopped wood for sale,

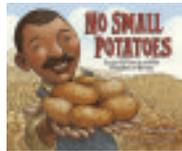


Tonya Bolden

so that they could save even more money.

Junius G., you see, had a big dream.

A plot of land near Edwardsville, Kansas, was for sale and



Junius wanted it. Problem was, those 80 acres cost more than all the money the Groveses had. That bothered Junius G. but what could he do, except to go into debt? He moved to the land, promising that he would pay the loan off in one year - and he got to work.

First, there was a house to clear, so he could plant more potatoes. The Groveses had

children to raise by then and the kids pitched in. In a year's time, they paid every penny they owed and you know what they did then...

By 1902, Junius G. was known as "Potato King of the World." He sent potatoes north to Canada and south to Mexico. He grew so many potatoes that the railroad built a "hub" to him. He eventually "grab jobs," 10 children, a community and a church.

This sounds like a wonderful little life-lesson fable, doesn't it? A nice tale to encourage industriousness, right? Except that "No Small Potatoes" is a true story.

It's a delightful one, at that. Author Tonya Bolden shares this hidden tale in a most

unique way: her story weaves between the words of Junius G. himself, which shows his strength and ways of thinking. That determination is told as though it's no big deal, but kids will know better; it truly helps that the story, on Bolden's side, is made completely relatable through words and language that a child might use, while artwork by Don Tate makes it feel comfortable.

Will you want fries with that? Maybe, because this book will also speak to young foodies who could eat spuds at every meal, as well as 4-to-8-year-olds who enjoy hidden tales. If that's your child, finding "No Small Potatoes" will really pay off.

Shonda Rhimes talks self-esteem in Dove campaign

Producer shares how writing helped her to block out childhood bullies

DANIELLE JAMES
Hello Beautiful

While everyone else looks forward to Friday, Shonda Rhimes finds her power in Thursday. The television producer, who most simply calls herself a "storyteller" owns programming for one of the biggest nights in TV in terms of advertising dollars. She's expanding her reach by bringing Shondaland to Netflix, but it doesn't stop there. The 48-year-old, mother of three has partnered with Dove for their #GirlCollective by producing content for the brand as well as most recently hosting a workshop for over 200 girls.

International Day of The Girl is approaching was Oct. 11 and Dove launched their Girl Collective with the help of Shonda Rhimes, singer Sza, and transgender rights activist Jazz Jennings. The Girl Collective is a sisterhood (both online and offline) that builds confidence and challenges beauty stereotypes. I got to see the Girl Collective in action at their large workshop held in downtown LA where the above women spoke to tweens and teens about developing self-esteem and reaching their full potential.

Rhimes keynoted the event where she spoke about her personal experiences with body image, her role as a storyteller, and more. She held nothing back and openly admitted that "media does an awful job of reflecting real people on television." However, we can't focus or rely

on the media to do the work for us. We have to build our self-esteem so we aren't affected by outside. She emphatically told the group of girls (including her daughter in the audience), "It really is what you believe about yourself is true. Period. It's almost like you are casting a spell on yourself in the craziest of

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I tapped into what I love and I kept going. I encourage you to explore who you are. What defines you?"

Shonda Rhimes

ways. What you believe about yourself becomes fact, in every way."

She spoke about her upbringing: "What I did not have many of is friends. I was very smart. I was not cute. I was different. And no one is crueler than a pack of humans faced with someone who is different. A lot of kids were mean to me. So I spent my free time reading books and I lived deep inside the worlds I built in my imagination."

Her love for books and writing would lead her to be one of the most powerful women in television and media. However, while she's successful, well-liked and famous, she admits that during her childhood, books didn't



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Shonda Rhimes spoke to over 200 girls at a workshop.

save her completely. Though she lived in her imagination, "That didn't mean I was lonely. That didn't mean I didn't wish I could look like someone else or act like someone else. I definitely had those moments. A lot." With time though, things changed for Rhimes. "Somewhere down the road things changed for me. My inner voice shifted. I like to think that it had a lot to do with my love for writing. Writing has been my love, my truth...it's who I am."

Rhimes has a quiet strength

about her, but holds a powerful message. She looked out at the crowd consisting of our future generation and said, "You are enough just the way you are."

"I tapped into what I love and I kept going. I encourage you to explore who you are. What defines you?" She reiterated the importance of creating of one's opinion of self for self, Rhimes said, "There will be opinions out there. Many. And many of those opinions will be about what you should look like,

what beauty is." She empowered the girls by firmly telling them, "Your body is yours. My body is mine. And nobody's body is up for comment."

This was pretty much the theme of the Girl Collective for the day. Dove is using it's platform to create a community for girls to not only connect, but also take action. You can join the community on Facebook.

Rhimes tapped into her younger self and gave advice to the girls who might be

struggling with self, "Once you decide to define yourself, things become so much easier." She also shared a message from her dad who always told Rhimes, "The only limit to your success is your own imagination."

We're so here for this partnership between Shonda Rhimes and Dove. The brand continues to build a foundation for women and girls to feel good about themselves and I'm excited to see what flourishes out of this partnership.



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Director, Carl Cofield, far left, stands with the cast of "One Night in Miami."

PLAY

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walk in believing."

Contemporary issues that are still prevalent in American society are explored, explained Michel Hausmann, Miami New Drama's artistic director. "The play captures a conversation that we haven't fully been able to advance too much," Hausmann said. Hausmann alluded to Colin Kaepernick's efforts to protest extreme and targeted policing of Black people, and compared it to Ali's backlash for resisting the draft and em-

bracing Islam, as an example of the play's contemporaneous tone and feel. The play also features one of the most elaborate stages ever crafted by Miami New Drama, explained Hausmann. The set was designed to accurately represent the hotel rooms at the Hampton House.

Both Hausmann and Cofield also stressed the play's historical importance. In a city that is embracing of tourists and visitors, little is known about the segregation that happened in Miami during the Civil Rights era, the artistic director and director of the play said. "This is an important story that has to be told and celebrates Mi-

ami history," Cofield said.

Kieron Anthony, who stars as Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali, said the audience will get to see the real, genuine relationship these four friends had.

"You get a taste of these guys who are in the limelight being seen by the media, but you also see this side of them when it is just four friends sitting down in a hotel room," Anthony said. "They are really having these conversations, and challenging each other, calling each other out and questioning things that have been going on."

For Cofield, directing "One Night in Miami" is a dream come true. Cofield, a Miami

native and University of Miami graduate, has acted in and directed plays in New York, Los Angeles and Europe. "It is a story that is near and dear to my heart," he said. "This play offers a lot for everyone, for folks who haven't been to the theater and for folks who are seasoned theatergoers." The play features sports, music, entertainment and politics, which makes it appealing to different kinds of audiences, Cofield said.

"One Night in Miami" opens from Oct. 25 to Nov. 18 at the Colony Theatre, located at 1040 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach. Tickets at www.colony-nymb.org



Many Blacks in Amsterdam visit Nelson Mandela Park.

Photos via Travel Nore

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RIDE BIKES TO NELSON MANDELA PARK

Nelson Mandela Park isn't Black-owned since it's a public park, but the sprawling grounds, located in the Amsterdam-Zuidoost borough and the diverse neighborhood of Bijlmermeer, is a great place to spend the afternoon if you want to enjoy nature and hang out in a neighborhood that has a significant Black population.

GO TO AN EVENT AT THE BLACK ARCHIVES

The Black Archives is home to more than 3,000 books which all focus on race, colonization, feminism, and the legacy of Black Dutch writers



If you want to stay in Amsterdam, A Black-owned hostel is the way to go.

and scientists. The venue hosts several exhibitions, film screenings, conversations, and community events every month, so if you want to learn about the Black Dutch experience of the past and present

in great detail, a trip to the Black Archives is a must.

WIND DOWN WITH DINNER, DRINKS, AND POETRY

Craving soul food and spoken word while you're in Am-

sterdam? Labyrinth is the place to be if you want to meet creative locals and enjoy exceptional cocktails by Sam Kingue Ebelle. Here you'll find live music and poetry nearly every night of the week, and the menu is a mix of American soul food classics, Caribbean dishes, and West African flavors.

TAKE A DAY TRIP TO ROTTERDAM

If you want to take a break from Amsterdam, Rotterdam is a short train ride away and has a bustling creative and culture scene of its own. Visit The Skin Studio by Luenna Jane if you're in the mood for skin treatments designed for people of color and try the best West African food in the city at Mama Essi.

DIGGS

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might pass on to his child.

Here are edited excerpts from the conversation.

Why "All American"?

This one was very specifically poignant to what is happening today in this country, in society and also in my life. It deals with socioeconomic and race, sexuality and identities. Spencer moves in with my family, and I'm married to a white woman and have two biracial children. So everybody's challenged when it comes to how they identify themselves and how other people identify them. And that's something I've had to deal with being an African-American young man with an education, and people stereotyping me. There's one line where in the show my son asks me if I think he's Black enough. And that really hit me hard because there were times in my life when I've asked myself and my mother that.

What are your thoughts about the player protest movement?

At the end of the day, everything that's happening is healthy for our United States of America, because it forces us to look at how united, if at all, we really are. And I think these are growing pains. I have my own opinions, but at the same time I want to make sure that I try really, really hard to listen to the other side and kind of empathize. So I think that's going to be the lesson, that's going to be the pill that we have to swallow, because that seems to be the thing that we need the most work on as a country regardless of who believes what.

And Kaepernick's Nike ad?

It didn't even hit me at first. I mean, I thought it was cool because I've been a fan of his from before all this, so I was like, "Great, I guess he's not hurting for dough." And then at the gym something was on TV where there was a controversy, and it forced me to actually think, "Oh wait, I'm forgetting what this cat represents to a lot of people." I have no idea if Nike [executives] knew that it would be controversial, and



Taye Diggs plays in new show that deals with football and social issues.

Emily Berl for The New York Times

they did it more for their attention to the money. But no matter how you cut it, for me it's awesome.

You've said that you wondered as a young man whether you were Black enough. Is that a discussion you anticipate having with your own son?

I don't know. He's growing up in a different time. Everything that I got made fun of, he gets rewarded for. I was watching "2 Dope Queens," two beautiful Black women standing up for all things female and Black, and they both had no issue talking about their white boyfriends. And in the time that I grew up, they would have gotten booed off the stage. But we're in a day and age where it rolls off their tongues, and the audience laughs at the jokes, and that's awesome. That's the climate in which Walker is being raised in, and it's all right with me. He's in a classroom where a lot of the kids look like him; everybody is mixed with a little something. He's going to have to deal with other issues — but he's not going to deal with a lot of what I had to deal with.

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The Lamplighters at its monthly meetings.



BRIDGING THE TRUST GAP

LAMPLIGHTERS' SYMPOSIUM TO SPARK DISCUSSION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND YOUTH

CLAYTON GUTZMORE
Miami Times Contributor

Over the last few years, many interactions between the police and Black teenagers have been far from good. Viral videos of police aggression on teenagers have appeared and created a bigger rift between the youth and law enforcement. A local youth mentorship group is gathering both sides to have a talk with each other to discuss these issues and hopefully bring the two sides closer together. The Lamplighters of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is hosting an inaugural conversation dubbed, Bridge Builders symposium: Creating Friendships and Overcoming Fear.

"We want to enhance the relationship between young students and law enforcement. We hope to create friendly relationships and dispel fears," said David Cheesborough, head coordinator of the Lamplighters.

The Bridge Builders symposium will be 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Omega Activity Center, located at 15600 NW 42nd Ave., in Miami Gardens. The event is free and open to the public. Representatives from Miami Gardens and North Miami police departments, Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation and the State Attorney's Office will share scenarios and how to navigate encounters with them.

"We want teenagers to learn the challenges for law



The Lamplighters at its end-of-the-school-year banquet.

Photos courtesy of Lawrence Charles

enforcement when interacting with young folks. We also want the officers to understand the concerns and fears of our youth," said Cheesborough.

The Lamplighters is Omega's youth mentorship group established in 1995 to help young men between the ages of 13 and 17.

"We know the need to coach and mentor our young Black males to help them be leaders, significant men and successful citizens," said Cheesborough. "Guidance and instruction produce wis-

dom, which is important for young folks to gain in order to make good decisions."

The program has produced results. A majority of the young men who have participated in the program now attend schools as such as Hampton University, Bethune-Cookman University and Florida State University.

The Lamplighters is administered through the Omega Activity Center Foundation. The group meets twice a month, hosting workshops revolving around a skill or activity.

David Jackson, an author, and teacher at Miami Central High School organized a session.

"We had an interactive workshop about making choices and decisions. When you make a choice you're stopping and considering all possible outcomes. When you make a decision, you look at the word decide, which has the letters C-I-D-E which appear in most words like homicide, suicide, and genocide, which kills all. So you're killing off all your other options," said Jackson.

Jackson will also be the keynote speaker of the symposium. He plans to deliver a message about freedom and trust in law enforcement.

"I want people to leave with the knowledge of their freedom and their ability to do many things that others cannot. I also want them to find the peace inside themselves to trust law enforcement who are designed to help protect our freedoms," said Jackson.

A prison inmate will be talking about freedom and decisions at the symposium as well, presented by the depart-

ment of corrections.

"The inmate will share the real challenge and grit of being locked up. The department of corrections does this often for presentations as means of a deterrent," said Cheesborough.

The Bridge Builder symposium is an attempt to shrink the rift between the police and Black youth.

"The symposium is a chance to dissolve barriers. You are going to see young men and women indulging in conversations that adults are not even having," said Jackson.



Miami Times photos/Gregory Reed

The Faith Center debuts 'Don't Count Me Out!'

Minister writes a play on how to get past failures

Special to The Miami Times

At some point in life, we all will encounter someone who doubts our ability to perform or succeed—whether it's in our relationships, regarding a specific talent, or even in our profession or career. So many people are given up on — counted out — solely because of past failures.

Full of drama and real-life situations you can relate to, "Don't Count Me Out!" delivers a message that, despite how things may appear, no one should ever be counted out, and that hidden deep inside the heart of every person is the

ability to come back stronger and better than before.

Written and directed by Henry Fernandez, "Don't Count Me Out!" features singer/actor Tony Terry; comedian Marcus Wiley; season one winner of TV's "The X Factor," Melanie Amaro; and gospel singer/songwriter Shirley Muldoon.

"Don't Count Me Out!" made its debut on Friday, Oct. 5, at The Faith Center.

Fernandez, a playwright, entrepreneur, motivational speaker and television host, is founder and CEO of ZoeStream Enterprises, which includes: ZoeStream Productions, ZoeStream

Network, ZoeStream Records and ZoeStream Publishing.

Also an ordained minister, Fernandez believes God has empowered him with unique talents to help people live a daily victorious lifestyle of faith. The venture of ZoeStream Enterprises is part of a diverse methodology that is being used to encourage people to commit to serve God and empower those who are facing challenges with the issues of life.

Fernandez and his wife, Carol, reside in Fort Lauderdale, and are the parents of two sons, Seion-Zane and Elijah-Zane.



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CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

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

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

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Walking in Christ M.B. Church
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Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church
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Second Canaan

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Walk for more than pink

Every year, in cities around the globe, supporters prove they are "More Than Pink." Hundreds, including R. Jai Gillum and Kristen King, joined the 2018 Komen Miami/Fort Lauderdale More Than Pink walk, Saturday, Oct. 13, at Bayfront Park, Downtown Miami.

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.

Global Church
2nd Annual Party in Pink Zumbathon; 7:30-9 p.m.; Oct. 19; 17701 NW 57th Ave.

True of Life Apostolic Center Purpose Church
Having a Harvest Time Family Conference; 7:30 p.m.; Oct.

17; 4888 NW 183rd St. Suite 215; For more info, contact Shawnda Stepany at 239-745-8481.

South Miami Lutheran Church
Special Needs Fitness Sports Karate Class; noon - 1 p.m.; Oct. 20; 7190 Sunset Dr.; For more info, visit fitnesssportskarate.com.

Holy Family Episcopal Church
Domestic Violence Forum; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Oct. 20; 18501 NW 7th Ave.

Riverside Baptist Church
5th Grade Sunday School; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.; Oct. 21; 10775 SW 104th St.; RSVP at bit.ly/2pTsX41.

The Adrienne Arshat Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
Free gospel Sundays; 5 p.m.; Oct. 21; 1300 Biscayne Blvd.; For more info go to www.arshatcenter.org.

Walker Temple Church of God in Christ
Will present their Spiritual

Warfare Revival; 7 p.m.; Oct. 18-19; 1781 NW 69th Ter.; For more info, call 305-812-6263 or 305-836-3629.

The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.
Free counseling, tutoring, health screenings and messages of services are being offered by Senior Pastor Felicia Hamilton-Parramore; Call 954-707-3274 for more details.

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

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

for more details.

Sistah to Sistah Connection
Women's empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. - noon every second and fourth Saturday; Parkway Professional Building in Miramar. Call 954-260-9348 for more details.

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

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

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

more details.

First Haitian Church of God
Food drive; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Saturday; Call 786-362-1804 for more details.

New Day N Christ Deliverance Ministry
Free mind, body and soul self-empowerment and Zumba fitness classes; Call 305-691-0018.

Floida 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



A photo of Henrietta Lacks sits in the living room of her grandson Ron Lacks, 57, in Baltimore last year.

Henrietta Lacks immortalized

JOHNS HOPKINS NAMES BUILDING TO HONOR WOMAN WHOSE CELLS WERE TAKEN

DENEEN L. BROWN
The Washington Post

Johns Hopkins University announced it will name a new research building on campus in honor of Henrietta Lacks, whose “immortal cells” led to the development of the polio vaccine, studies of leukemia and AIDS, chemotherapy and in vitro fertilization research as well as the effects of zero gravity in space.

“This building will be a place that stands as an enduring and powerful testament to a woman who not only was the beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to generations of the Lacks family, but the genesis of generations of miraculous discoveries that have changed the landscape of modern medicine and that have benefited, in truth, the much larger family of humanity,” Johns Hopkins University President Ronald J. Daniels said Saturday during the university’s ninth annual Henrietta Lacks Memorial lecture series.

Construction of the new building, which will be adjacent to the university’s Berman Institute of Bioethics’ Deering Hall in East Baltimore, will be the site of further study “to promote research ethics and community engagement,” the

university said.

Lacks’s cells, dubbed “HeLa cells” by the scientific community, have been the subject of a best-selling book, “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” by Rebecca Skloot and a television movie, starring Oprah Winfrey as Henrietta Lacks’s daughter, Deborah Lacks.

The cells have also been the center of ongoing controversy over whether the family should receive financial proceeds from their sale. In June, a lawyer representing Lawrence Lacks, the eldest son of Henrietta Lacks, told *The Washington Post* she planned to file a petition seeking “guardianship” of the cells.

“The question we are dealing with is, ‘Can the cells sue for mistreatment, misappropriation, theft and for the profits earned without their consent?’”

SEE LACKS 11D



Lawrence Lacks, 81, the son of Henrietta Lacks, looks at a painting of his mother.

The Baltimore Sun




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Florida Memorial University Presidential and Honor Scholars

FMU awarded and honored its brightest

Academic excellence and success of students recognized

Miami Times Staff Report

More than 200 of Florida Memorial University's scholars were celebrated last Thursday at the Honors and Awards Day.

Interim President Jaffus Hardrick and department chairs presented each student with awards that included a presidential scholar, outstanding scholar in academic field of study, dean's list, honor roll and honor societies.

The Honors and Awards Day speaker was Dr. Dejon Maloney, who graduated from FMU in 2010. He currently practices family medicine at Bayfront Health, in St. Petersburg.

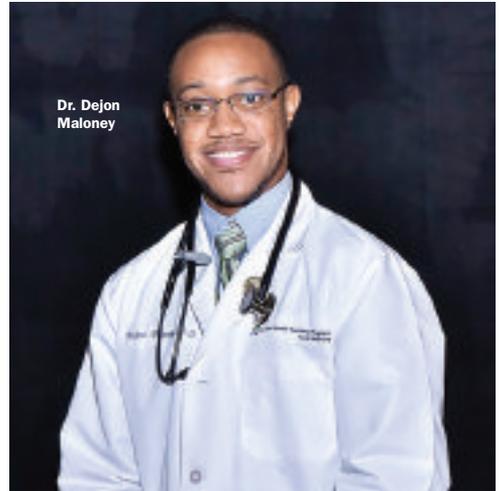
"Success is a journey, not a destination. You never get a second chance to make a first impression," Maloney said.

Originally from St. Kitts and the first to graduate from college in his family, Maloney said his first application to FMU was not accepted. He then began working at a pharmacy in Liberty City and later was accepted.

"There will be mistakes along the way; don't give up, don't be afraid and learn from your mistakes," Maloney said.

Maloney is a living testament to creating his pathway to success. He is currently the only Black physician in a group of 24 and one of the youngest doctors on staff at the hospital where he practices.

"Don't become preoccupied with the things you cannot change. Pursue what you believe in. Let excellence be your habit," he told the students.



Dr. Dejon Maloney



Florida Memorial University Deans List

'Mormon' removed from Tabernacle Choir name

No more shorthand names for the faith, new president has decided

Associated Press

The well-known Mormon Tabernacle Choir was renamed to strip out the word Mormon. It is a move showing the faith's new president is serious about ending shorthand names for the religion that have been used for generations by church members and previously promoted by the church.

The gospel singing group will now be called the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said in a statement. It's a nod to the home of the choir for the last 150 years, the Tabernacle, located on church grounds known as Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City.

Church President Russell M. Nelson announced guidelines in August requesting that people stop using "Mormon" or "LDS" as substitutes for the church's full name. He said "Latter-day Saints" was acceptable shorthand.

The full church name was given by revelation from God to founder Joseph Smith in 1838, according to the faith's beliefs. The term Mormon comes from the faith's signature scripture, the Book of Mormon, which is based on the record keeping of an

ancient prophet named Mormon, according to the faith's beliefs.

A church webpage about the term Mormon that was up before Nelson's August announcement describes the term as an "unofficial but inoffensive nickname for members."

But Nelson said in his August statement to urge people not to use Mormon or LDS that the "Lord has impressed upon my mind the importance of the name he has revealed for his church."

Speaking in Canada after his August announcement, Nelson acknowledged that it would be a "challenge to undo tradition of more than 100 years" but said the name of the faith is "not negotiable," according to a video posted on a church website. He said church members need to use the proper name if they want outsiders to use it.

"We're not changing names. We're correcting a name," Nelson said. "Some marketers change names hoping to be more successful — that's not our point. We're correcting an error that's crept in over the ages."

In a different video from the trip, Nelson said, "It's not Mormon's church, it's the not Moses' church, it's the



The Mormon Tabernacle Choir sings during the funeral for Thomas S. Monson, President of the Mormon Church, in Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S., January 22, 2018.

church of Jesus Christ."

The name change will be a big effort for the Utah-based faith that counts 16 million members worldwide. The renaming of the choir is the first step with many changes still to come. The church still uses Mormon in its Twitter handle.

The faith's presidents are considered prophets who lead through revelations from God. Nelson, 94, ascended to the post in January when the previous president died.

The choir renaming

comes a day before Nelson and other Mormon leaders are set to provide spiritual guidance and deliver church news at a twice-yearly weekend conference in Salt Lake City attended by nearly 100,000 people and watched by hundreds of thousands of others on TV and online.

The choir of about 360 men and women sings at the conferences and has performed worldwide and at inaugurations of U.S. presidents, including President Donald Trump. It had been known as the Mormon

Tabernacle Choir since 1929 when the group began broadcasting its weekly radio program to a wide audience.

Choir president Ron Jarrett called the name change an exciting opportunity for the choir to start a new chapter that aligns the group with Nelson's request. He said the choir's website and social media pages will be updated to reflect the new name.

"It is a huge brand for the church. It's been there for a long time and people recog-

nize it," Jarrett said. He added, "I don't think we'll lose people. In fact, we may even gain listeners. ... It will look and feel and sound just like always, but maybe even better."

The faith previously embraced and promoted the term Mormon, including with a 2014 documentary about its members called "Meet the Mormons." The church ran a series of "I'm a Mormon" ads on TV and billboards starting in 2010, aiming to dispel stereotypes by telling the stories of individual members.

The church tried once before to insist on the use of its full name — in 2001 ahead of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The new effort says Mormon, Mormonism and LDS aren't acceptable.

Nelson didn't speak Friday, and the church did not provide comments from him about the choir name change.

Chad Guertin, a 32-year-old Mormon from Magna, Utah, said he's not upset about Nelson's guidance but that it's difficult to weed out the use of Mormon and LDS.

"You want to, you know you should, but it's so habitual in how we've referred to ourselves for so long," Guertin said. "Putting it into practice is harder because we have an awfully long name."

LACKS

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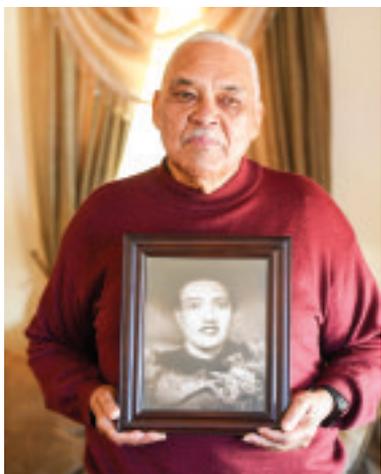
Christina J. Bostick, who is representing Lawrence Lacks and grandsons Lawrence Lacks Jr. and Ron Lacks.

Bostick told *The Post* the cells were taken without consent from Lacks, a Black mother of five, during a 1951 visit to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, which was racially segregated at the time. Lawrence Lacks, the executor of Lacks's estate, said the family did not know until many years after his mother's death that her cells were living in test tubes in science labs across the world.

Because the statute of limitations for medical malpractice expired years ago, Bostick said, she decided to use "creative litigation" to help family members regain some control of Lacks's cells, which have been reproduced billions of times for medical research.

The question of who owns the cells, she said, is complicated. "I think the answer is, no one legally owns the cells as one whole entity," she said. Bostick said the cells can be purchased on an open market, "so the purchaser owns the rights to the cells it acquires."

Johns Hopkins has said it



Lawrence Lacks, 81, the son of Henrietta Lacks, holds a portrait of his mother in Baltimore last year.

claims no ownership rights to the cells "because the cells cannot legally be patented," Bostick said. The National Institutes of Health regulates the use of the human genome completed based on the cells, she said.

Lacks was a young housewife when she went to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Balti-

more for bleeding. Physicians discovered a malignant tumor on her cervix and collected cells from the tumor without her knowledge or consent, according to a report by Johns Hopkins Medicine titled "The Legacy of Henrietta Lacks."

Lacks died on Oct. 4, 1951, at 31, but her cells continued

to live. Scientists in the lab discovered to their amazement that unlike the cells they had collected in other experiments, which expired almost immediately outside the human body, Lacks's cells doubled in growth every 20 to 24 hours, according to a report by Johns Hopkins Medicine.

The line of cells would go on to contribute to significant advances in scientific research, leading to two Nobel Prizes in research and the development of vaccines, cancer treatments and a genome sequence that was published last year. The cells have been used in the research of toxins, hormones and viruses and to study the effects of radiation.

"There are 17,000 U.S. patents that involve HeLa cells, which are theoretically continuing to make money," Bostick said.

In 2017, Johns Hopkins University released a statement denying it had profited from the cells. "Johns Hopkins never patented HeLa cells, and therefore does not own the rights to the HeLa cell line," the statement said.

Johns Hopkins explained that when the cells were taken from Lacks in 1951, there was no established protocol for informing patients or getting consent for research of cell or tissue specimens.

"Today, Johns Hopkins and

other medical research centers maintain strict patient consent processes for tissue and cell donation," Johns Hopkins said. But scientists across the world have used the cells in research. In 2013, scientists in Germany published a paper announcing they had sequenced the entire genome of a HeLa cell, "essentially putting Lacks's DNA sequence up on the Internet for all to see," according to the Guardian newspaper.

That year, in 2013, the National Institutes of Health announced that two members of the Lacks family would sit on the panel that reviews applications for the genome data and would control access to HeLa cells.

"In addition to changing the course of modern medicine with the impact of HeLa cells, we have learned many important lessons from Henrietta Lacks' experience. We have a responsibility to our patients, in the care we deliver as well as when we partner with patients to pursue important scientific questions," said Paul B. Rothman, CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine and dean of the medical faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "As we honor Mrs. Lacks and her family, we will take a thoughtful approach to the design of the building so that it conveys our commitment to developing trust with our patients, their families and our community."

Dunn III to preach at his father's anniversary

Pastor Richard P. Dunn III of Prince George County, Maryland, will preach his father, Pastor Richard P. Dunn II, 10th Pastoral Anniversary at Faith Community Baptist Church this Sunday, October 21 at the 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 10401 NW 8 Avenue, Miami, FL 33150.

Pastor Richard P. Dunn III



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Apostolic Revival Center

Services

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

Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith

6702 N.W. 15th Avenue
305-836-1224

Liberty City Church of Christ

Services

Sunday Morning 8 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
Tue. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.

Evangelist Eric W. Doss

1263 N.W. 67th Street
305-836-4555

New Vision For Christ Ministries

Services

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

Rev. Michael B. Scriven

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

Brownsville Church of Christ

Services

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

Min. Harrell L. Henton

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

93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church

Services

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

Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

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

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

Services

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

Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivory, Pastor

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

Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Services

Early Worship 7 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
NBC 10:05 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 1 p.m.
Mission and Bible

Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.

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

New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International

Services

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

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Pembroke Park Church of Christ

Services

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

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Hosanna Community Baptist Church

Services

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

Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins

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

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

Hall Ferguson Hewitt

KENDRICK BODDEN aka **KENARD**, 40, died October 6. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Sinai.



SANDERS MCELROY, 70, court service officer, died October 11. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Birth.



ELTON SMITH, 80, laborer, died October 7. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at New Mt. Zion.



SAMPSON SCOTT, infant, died October 10. Arrangements are incomplete.

EVERETT JOSEPH, died October 12. Arrangements are incomplete.

GEORGIA MAE PRESTON, 74, cashier, died October 9. Arrangements are incomplete.

Paradise

SYLVESTER COLLINS, 82, died October 11 at Jackson South. Arrangements are incomplete.



MARIE KING, 87, died October 10 at Jackson South Community Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Historic St. John A.M.E. Church of South Miami.



Godfrey-GA

JAMES PENNY, 86, retired carpenter, died October 9 at Miami V.A. Medical Center. Survived by wife, Lula Mae Penny; daughter, Brenda (AI); son, Chris (Sonya). Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Hahira, GA.



Trinity

JUENIKA LEE, 43, cashier, died October 5 at Jackson Health Systems. Service 1 p.m., today at Trinity CME Church.



Covenant

THOMAS JAMES LEVELL, 63, retired from Sunset Food Services, died October 2 at UM Hospital. Services were held.



Range-Coconut Grove

POLLY BRADLEY, 87, domestic, died October 3 at Unity Healthcare. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Macedonia Baptist Church.



Gregg L. Mason

JACQUELYN V. GORDON, 60, grand jury coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, died October 9. Services were held.



Hadley Davis

MIAMI GARDENS
GEORGE CHRISTIAN, 60, handyman, died October 12 at home. Service 2 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



REBECCA CALDWELL

67, housewife, died October 11 at North Shore Hospital. Service 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Bible Baptist Church.



BERNARD POPE

58, chef, died October 13 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



INEZ ELIZABETH YOUNG

88, retired, died October 7 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.



Richardson

DERRIN NICHOLS, 25, entrepreneur, died October 12 at Memorial Hospital at Pembroke. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church.



BABY HARLEM JOSEPH BAZILE

7 months old, died October 9. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



Hadley Davis MLK

JUANITA DAVIS HOLMES, 79, died October 11 at home. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



DUANE DEVON BOONE

45, died October 11 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Life Baptist Church of Carol City.



Wright and Young

VIRGINIA RICHARDS, 72, teacher, died October 13. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.



Royal

MINNIE VAN, 86, retired postal worker, died October 11 at Hollywood Memorial. Service 6 p.m., Friday at Pentecostal Tabernacle International.



Eric S. George

MILDRED GRIFFITHS, died September 26. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



ALDO FELIPE, died October 12. Services were held.

Manker

JOSEPH TITTLE, 92, fisherman, died October 13 at Hardee Manor. Service 1:30 p.m., Sunday at North Miami SDA Church.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



HENRY GOA

03/25/1930 - 10/16/2016

It's been two years since you went home to be with the Lord. While both joy and sorrow are fleeting, an often intertwined, love has the power to overcome both and is everlasting.

We loved you yesterday, we love you today, and we'll love you forever.
Tangela and Jeanette Goa

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



TODD J. SMITH

10/23/1964 - 06/01/2008

You are not forgotten love one, nor will you every be.
The Tullis Family

Card of Thanks

The family of the late,



JAMES L. MAULL

deeply appreciates the many kind expressions of sympathy and lasting remembrance received during our bereavement.

Your calls, visits and caring concerns gave us much comfort during this time.

Special appreciation for your cards, flowers, floral tributes and other heartfelt gifts of kindness.
Our thanks to Rev. Adrian McLean and members of Church of the Open Door, UCC; Rev. Harvey Lockhart, First Church North Miami, UCC; King of Clubs of Miami; and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Special thanks to the staff of Range Funeral Home for their professional services and support.

Our faith, love and prayers for you always.
Mrs. Alva F. Maull and Family

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



MARKEL OMAR MAZELIN

11/12/1991 - 10/17/2016

God called your name so gently that only you could hear. Softly from the shadows there came a gentle call, you closed your eyes and went to sleep. You quietly left us all.

Love and miss you always, Mom, Pauline, sisters, Cozett and Ailsea; brother, Herbert Jr.; nephews, aunt, uncles, cousins and a myriad of friends.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



ARLINGTON E. ROBERTS

10/23/1970 - 11/14/2008

We will never stop loving you. From your mother, sisters and family.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



WAYNE K. DOUTHETT II

04/28/1986 - 10/17/2009

We think of you always, but especially today.

You will never be forgotten, although you are gone away. Your memory is a keepsake with which we never part.

God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts.

With love from your father, Wayne; mother, Gloria; sister, Alicia and brother, Shelton.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



WILLAMAE JACKSON "BILLIE"

10/25/25 - 10/05/01

Seventeen years have passed and it seems like yesterday. We miss you. You are forever in our hearts.
Your loving family.

Rosemary Freeman, who led university sit-in in 1969, dies of Parkinson's

Had school create African-American and African Studies Department

PAM LOUWAGIE

Star Tribune



Rosemary Freeman

When Black students at the University of Minnesota sat down to negotiate with President Malcolm Moos in 1969 after they effectively shut down the school's administration building with a sit-in, Moos walked into his office to find student leader Rosemary Freeman sitting in his chair.

"I said he could sit in another chair," she said in a film made years later, explaining that she was "just leveling the playing field a little bit."

Freeman was never afraid to challenge authority, friends and family said, from getting arrested while registering voters to vote in the Deep South to demanding negotiations with top university leaders. Her leadership along with that of a few other students led to the creation of the U's African American & African Studies Department. And Moos later gave Freeman a letter of recommendation.

Freeman died Oct. 1 in Milwaukee after battling Parkinson's disease. She was 71.

"She challenged us all to really be more than just about ourselves," said Mary Merrill, who participated in the sit-in at the U and now serves as interim superintendent of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. "That we had a responsibility to our community, to give back to our community, to stand up for things that we knew were wrong."

Freeman was born in Browning, Mississippi, and came to Minnesota as a teenager on a fundraising tour for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. There, she met Kenneth and Rachel Tilsen, who invited her to come back and stay with their family if she ever wanted to go to school in Minnesota. Freeman did. She later called the Tilsens her surrogate family and enrolled at the university.

"She was brilliant," said her brother David Tilsen. "I was blown away when I met her. ... I'd never done anything compared to this woman who was less than a year older than me."

After the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, Freeman was elected chair of the Afro-American Action Committee at the U. At the time, there were fewer than 250 Black students among the U's 41,000 students.

Trying to make it a more inclusive school, the commit-

tee drew up a list of seven demands and presented them to administrators in the spring of 1968. The school formed a task force, but there was little resolution, said John Wright, a committee member who drew up the list. The committee reduced the demands to three and presented them again.

After receiving no satisfactory answer, about 70 students began to occupy Morrill Hall. The occupation lasted about 24 hours before university leaders agreed to establish what is now the African American & African Studies Department; create the Martin Luther King Jr. Program to provide counseling; and help pay for a national conference of Black students. The outcome "helped radically change life on campus," said Wright, now a professor and former chair of the department.

Freeman and another group leader were sentenced to a year of probation for unlawful assembly for the sit-in.

Freeman, who later married and became known as Rose Freeman Massey, taught African Studies for more than 30 years at Milwaukee Area Technical College. While there, she started a mentoring program and a Black Student Union. Strong in her Baptist faith, she served in various other religious roles involving children and education.

In 1992, she co-founded Asata High School, a school for at-risk youth. Massey's only daughter, Carlotta Pritchett, now serves as principal. She said her mom was "fearless."

"She taught me how to be strong, how to fight for what I believe in," Pritchett said. "She was a very caring person, very giving, always wanted to look out for the underdog."

Besides Pritchett, Massey is survived by granddaughter Airielle Pritchett and other biological and adoptive family members. Services have been held.

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Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



ALBERTA M. SCOTT

10/20/1932 - 07/12/2015

Thank you mother for your love, wisdom and kindness. It's been three years since your passing, but it feels like yesterday.

Love, undying love!
Your children.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



LINDA T. RICE "TEESHAWN"

10/20/1966 - 04/21/2018

Happy Birthday, my daughter. We truly miss you!
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