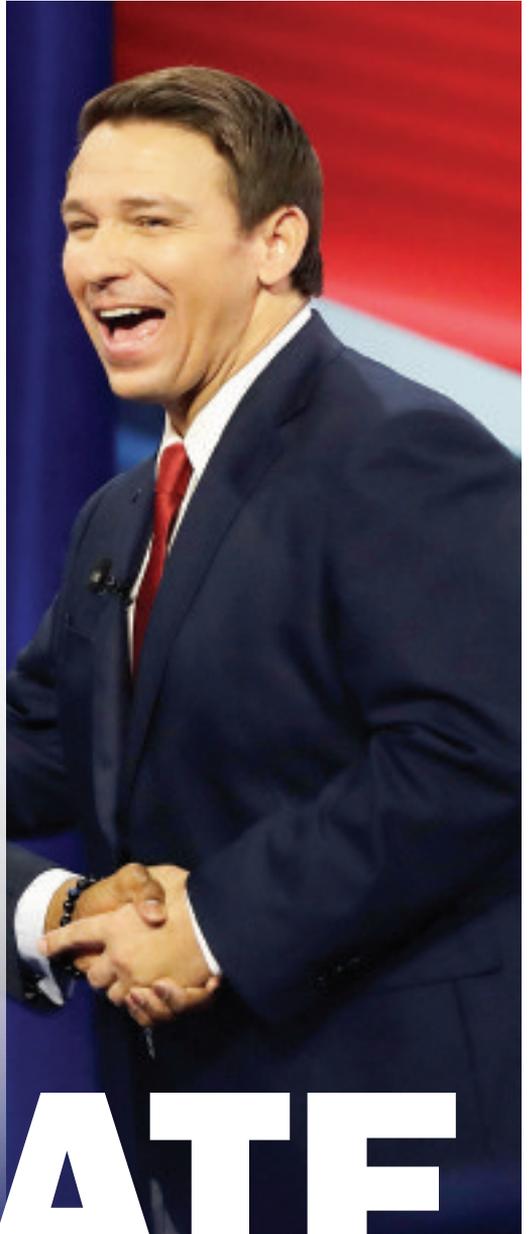


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DEBATE

Candidates set for second match Wednesday

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Many have compared Sunday night's CNN-sponsored debate to the famous 1960 Kennedy-Nixon debate. In that famous Presidential debate, Nixon appeared unshaven, confused and uncomfortable in front of the camera while Kennedy was young, bright and addressed the audience directly.

In this case, Democrat Andrew Gillum was the Kennedy candidate, distinguished and self-confident, while Republican Ron DeSantis seemed to have trouble waiting for his turn to respond, interjecting with

nervous smirks and laughter.

Round two of the gubernatorial debate between Gillum and DeSantis will take place Wednesday evening in Broward County. The two candidates have agreed to at least four debates before election day on Nov. 6.

The debate on Sunday, which was the first time the two candidates had met, was fluid but testy at times, especially when it came to a name which is not even on the ballot: Donald Trump. Gillum stated his disdain for Trump's actions and statements.

"Donald Trump is weak, and he performs as all weak

people do. They become bullies, and Mr. DeSantis is his acolyte," said Gillum. "He's trying out to be the Trump apprentice. At every turn, he's tweeting him."

DeSantis tried to present Gillum as a failed mayor with high crime rates in his city of Tallahassee. He said Gillum is a "far left socialist" who will raise taxes and a governor who will not be able to work with the Trump Administration.

"Andrew couldn't keep Tallahassee safe; he's not the guy to keep Florida safe," said DeSantis.

Gillum retorted saying that DeSantis is Donald Trump's "stooge" and only

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represents big corporate interests who will continue to pollute Florida's environment, make the middle class poorer by not wanting to raise the minimum wage and neglecting to keep schools safe.

"Ron is being Don, and that's Donald Trump, neglecting all sense of reason and facts," responded Gillum.

Gillum did not back away from his expressed contempt for Trump leaving DeSantis to ask whether he would be able to work with the current administration.

Gillum said he has worked with Republicans, as recently as during and after

Hurricane Michael, and can do so to get the job done.

Jake Tapper, who moderated the CNN-sponsored debate, asked DeSantis about taking money from a contributor who called President Barack Obama the N-word and his warning to Floridians "not to monkey this up" after Gillum won the Democratic nomination.

DeSantis said the donor apologized but he did not explain why he kept the money.

"The monkey up comment said it all," said Gillum. "And he has only continued in the course of his campaign to draw all the

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Local and state amendments you will see on the ballot



Miami Dade voters will have to decide on several hot button ballot referendum votes in addition to the 12 statewide constitutional amendments. On the ballot this year, Florida voters will decide on gambling, education, crime victim rights and whether ex-felons will get the right to vote in 2019.

The Miami Times Recommends ...

STATE AMENDMENTS

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

No. 1 proposes an amendment to increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000 any home worth more than \$125,000. Since the median home value in Miami-Dade County is well above \$125,000 almost all homeowners would benefit. People whose residences are worth less get the standard deduction. We say vote no.



NON-HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

No. 2 benefits those with property that does not qualify for Homestead Exemption (vacation homes or rental property for example). Currently non-homesteaded real estate cannot be assessed an increase of more than 10 percent annually. That rule is set to expire in 2019. This amendment makes permanent the rule to not raise assessments more than 10 percent per year. We say vote yes.



GAMBLING AUTHORIZATION

No. 3 is asking you the voter to decide on gambling in the state. Backed by Disney and the Seminole Tribe you the voter would decide whether to "authorize casino gambling" expansion. Since there is gambling at Disney, it makes sense why they want to "regulate" gambling. The more money that goes to the casinos the less there is for their parks. Gambling can be addictive and is already a contentious issue in the hands of legislators. We say let the citizens decide. Vote yes.



RIGHTS RESTORATION

No. 4, known widely as Amendment 4, if passed would restore voting rights to some with felony records, except those who were charged with murder and sex crimes. The felons would have served all the terms of their sentence. It is estimated that more than 1.5 million people in Florida cannot vote because of their felony records. The Miami Times gives a resounding yes.

SUPERMAJORITY VOTE

No. 5 Imagine getting two-thirds of the Florida legislature to agree on something. This amendment would require a supermajority vote to raise state taxes or fees. This makes legislators have to be more agreeable when they choose to dip into your pocket. We say vote yes.



CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

N6. 6 on the surface seems like an amendment everyone should like. But when the Florida Public Defenders Association, the American Civil

Liberties Union of Florida and the League of Women Voters oppose the measure, you have to take another look. The amendment asks that judges to create a bill of rights for crime victims; it asks judges and hearing officers not to rely on government interpretation of statutes but instead to use independent sources; and it raises the retirement age of judges from 70-75. Opponents say pork has been introduced and the amendment works against people who have been accused of committing a crime. The amendment seems to be trying to do too many things. It should fail and be revisited to protect the victimized as well as those accused of committing a crime. Too often, Black men are targeted and charged with crimes they do not commit. The accused rights need to be considered, too. The Miami Times says no.



DOG RACING

No. 13 ends dog racing betting by 2020. Other gaming activities remain. Vote yes.

COUNTY AMENDMENTS

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

This item would make nonpartisan the election of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. No party affiliation would show when on the ballot. Vote yes.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Currently, county appointed officials or employees who qualify to run for federal, state or municipal elected office have to take a leave of absence and, if elected, immediately forfeit their county positions. This amendment would limit this restriction to only apply when the candidate qualifies for certain county elected offices. Vote no.



PETITION PROCESS REVIEW

Currently, when petitioning, the signatures are gathered and then the question is legally tested. This would allow county lawyers to review the petitioners' question before the signatures are collected. Petitioners may feel intimidation by this process. And if the petition is adverse to the county, why would the petitioner want a county lawyer to review their petition? Vote no.



STREAMLINING ELECTIONS

The amendment asks that if a candidate for county commission or mayor withdraws, becomes disqualified, or dies prior to an election that the votes cast for that candidate not be counted. It also asks to make official the election of the county commission or mayor if the seat was unopposed in an election after the close of qualifying. Vote yes.



PAY FOR SIGNATURES

This referendum would stop petitioners from paying or offering to pay any individual or organization, or receive payment or agree to receive payment, based on the number of signatures obtained for circulating the petition. Those who violate the rule, would have their signatures invalidated. Vote no.

NEW CITY

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners wants to create a new city in the area of northeast Miami-Dade with the following 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. Vote yes.



MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER PAY REFERENDUM

This referendum is to benefit Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The superintendent is asking homeowners to pay 75 cents for

every \$1,000 of their assessed property values to support a pay increase for teachers and pay for security personnel for schools. The measure includes having oversight by a Citizen Advisory Committee, and would start July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023. Voters want the best teachers and may seem stingy if they do not give support to the measure. The majority of Black students attend public schools, so it would seem that supporting a slight increase in taxes would be the way to go to pay for these vital issues for our students. But we have been down this road before where people of color support a referendum in view of the promised benefits. Instead, Black supporters of the school system's \$1.2 billion general obligation bond have been fighting and begging for the programs and improvements that they want for their students. Yes, some schools received improvements but even educators tell the Miami Times editorial board that there is no rhyme or reason of how the proceeds of the bonds were distributed. The Miami Times fears the same issue. There isn't a detailed plan as to who would get the raises, or when. There is no detailed plan as to which schools would get security personnel or improvements. Already the school system has armed officers at every school. Is the money to sustain those officers, some of whom are being paid by their municipalities? The Florida legislature also allocated money for school security. Exactly where is the shortfall for school security in Miami-Dade? The Florida legislature needs to be accountable for raising teachers' salaries and securing our students. Finally, gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum has pledged to give teachers a pay increase, if he wins. While he can't do it alone, all Miami-Dade County voters can apply pressure to their state representatives to make sure they understand education is a bipartisan issue. If they don't support securing our schools and our future, then we show them our displeasure at the ballot box. This measure can wait. Let's see what happens in the next session in Tallahassee. If they fail students and teachers again, we will vote them out in 2020. Vote no.



Francis Suarez

don't do much more than that. Just think how optimistic you were about change when you voted for your candidate for mayor. The truth is, the mayor has very little to do with how a city is run — unless you are what is called a strong mayor. Cities with weak mayors are run by the city manager. And if there is one thing we know about city managers is that they get fired a lot or are forced to resign. The position is very political, almost like walking a virtual tightrope every city commission meeting. One wrong move and you fall into the city manager abyss. It's no laughing matter. Every time a manager walks out the door of a city, she takes with her all the hopes and dreams of the budget speech that was made in the prior summer months. For small cities, a city manager may have a few departments that he oversees. City of Miami's budget at \$1.7 billion is larger than many sovereign nations. The download and the upload that have to happen each time the city gets a new manager, set all projects back. Only January, the city hired its most recent manager. But tomorrow, he could be gone. With the challenges that Miami faces — abject poverty, the housing crisis and sea level rise as the big three — Miami needs continuity. Miami needs a mayor and a commission with solid terms who will take ownership of Miami. After all, a city manager in and out the door every 15 months or so, gets very little done. There is fear about giving one person too much power. A recently filed lawsuit challenges that the mayor would not have meetings in the Sunshine with the city commission. It's true. Suarez's meeting with the commissioners "are not subject to the Sunshine law or public notice right now, because the Miami Mayor has never voted on the Commission," legal counsel advised the Miami Times. The suit is all to do about nothing. Besides, if the mayor abuses his power, the people can take the power back just as they gave it. Strong mayors are subject to recall. Miami-Dade residents have done it before. They recalled strong mayor, Carlos Alvarez. Finally, since this a constitutional change, Miami will have strong mayors going forward if this passes. In future, it will be up to the residents of Miami to pick someone who can get the job done. Vote yes, for the strong mayor initiative.



Cleanup of Overtown opioid den underway

Different city agencies work to assist people living under the 836 bridge

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The cleanup and sanitation efforts of the opioid den underneath the 836 bridge in Overtown kicked off Friday morning. The Miami Neighborhood Enhancement Team along with its Homelessness Assistance Program, the Miami Police Department and the Homeless Trust, worked together to clean up the area, as well as identifying the people living in the den and offering shelter and rehabilitation programs to them.

The cleanup crew targeted the barricaded areas of Northwest First and Second avenues in between Northwest 13th and 14th streets. Earlier in October, city officials blocked off the area as part of an investigation into the reported drug usage and lascivious activities that were happening in the area. Officials say that open sex and drug use will not be tolerated.

Milton Vickers, director of the Department of Human Services, stressed the importance of returning safety to the community, as well as providing help to the population living under the bridge.

"Open drug use will not be allowed at any of these locations anymore," Vickers said. "Open sex will not be allowed. This is the city doing what it has to do to protect all the citizens of the city of Miami, but particularly the citizens of Overtown."

The main purpose of the cleanup is to return the health and safety of the area, explained Miami City Manager Emilio Gonzalez. "[The cleanup] is for everybody con-

cerned. It is for the residents that feel compelled to live here, and for the residents that traverse the streets," Gonzalez said. "What we need to do is pick up the things that are blocking the sidewalks and we need to make sure that the people living here get whatever services they need."

The city posted notices throughout the make-shift commune informing those who inhabitate underneath the bridge of the scheduled cleanup. The notice urged for the removal of personal property and proffered the number and location of the Miami Homelessness Assistance Program for those needing shelter, treatment and a place to store uncontaminated property. According to the Homeless Trust, it's estimated that about 60-70 people live under the bridge.

Members of the city's homelessness program spoke with the people living under the bridge and explained resources available to them regarding shelter and rehabilitation programs. During the cleanup, some of homeless people accepted the help from officials, yet there were some who refused to be assisted.

"If you need shelter, or if you need medical assistance, we will offer that," said Gonzalez. "But that doesn't mean you can stay [living underneath the bridge.]"

Gonzalez and Vickers said the different homelessness outreach programs will continue to work with the people who refused the help to prevent them from going back to the den.

The cleanup was done block



Piles of trash grow during the clean up of the opioid den Friday.

Miami Times Photos/ Felipe Rivas



A hazmat professional helps a lady living under the bridge pack up her belongings.

by block, with staff picking up trash and large items along the way. Hypodermic syringes, contaminated mattresses and bedding, couches, make-shift nightstands and tents, as well as feces, rats, cans and discarded food trays, littered the blockaded area prior to the clean up. A private hazmat company was hired to sanitize the area once the

larger pieces of furniture and trash were picked up.

The city plans to open up the blockaded areas to pedestrian and vehicular traffic once the sector has been cleaned and sanitized.



A city homelessness outreach member on Friday talks to men who live underneath the 836 bridge in Overtown.

Miami homelessness outreach members help clean up the opioid den.



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'The skinny kid from Liberty City' faced Senate Judiciary Committee

Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judge Rodney Smith testified Oct. 15

RAYCHEL LEAN
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Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rodney Smith, one of four Floridians nominated by President Donald Trump to be considered for federal court appointments, appeared before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee last Wednesday.

If successful, Smith will join the bench of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida — or “the opportunity of a lifetime,” as he put it, during the Oct. 17 hearing.

“I hope that I have inspired our children to stay humble

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I hope that I have inspired our children to stay humble and never doubt your faith, never abandon your dreams and never doubt your integrity.”

Rodney Smith

and never doubt your faith, never abandon your dreams and never doubt your integrity,” Smith said in his opening statement.

Smith, who’s previously labeled himself “The skinny kid from Liberty City,” brought along his 7-year-old son. “Vote for my daddy,” he told Sen. John Neely Kennedy, who chaired the hearing. Smith entered the legal arena 18 years ago as an in-



Christopher Norwood, J.D. of the The Norwood Consulting Group, Attorney Larry Handfield, Hans Ontnot the City Attorney of Sunny Isles Beach, Samuel Mustipher, Excutive Director of Baltimore County Public Schools, Judge Rodney Smith.

surance defense lawyer and later served as assistant city attorney in Miami Beach. He became a county court judge in 2008 and rose to the Miami-Dade Circuit bench in 2012.

Smith also co-chairs the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges’ diversity committee and holds degrees from Florida A&M University and Michigan State University College of Law.

Joining the Miami jurist were three other Florida nominees. Hillsborough Circuit Judge Thomas P. Barber and Fifth DCA

Judge Wendy Williams Berger were up for spots on the Middle District of Florida, while Fifth DCA Judge T. Kent Wetherell III was examined for the Northern District of Florida.

Corey Landon Maze, Alabama’s special deputy attorney general, was nominated for the Northern District of Alabama, while Washington civil and criminal lawyer Allison Jones Rushing was considered for the Fourth Circuit bench and fielded several questions about whether she had enough “life experience” to serve. If confirmed, Rush-

ing, born in 1982, will be one of the youngest federal judges in the country.

The committee grilled the group on a number of legal issues, including religious liberty, the First Amendment and ambiguous statutes.

Kennedy also asked nominees to clarify the law around discriminating “in the right way” using ethnicity as a factor in university admissions process, hinting at a case brought against Harvard which went to trial Oct. 15 and accuses the university of discriminating against Asian-American applicants.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Early voters in Miami-Dade camp overnight to be first in line

Voting in the Nov. 6 General Election has already reached nearly one million by people who have voted by mail. But some South Florida voters camped out overnight Sunday to be the first in line to cast their ballots. About a dozen people slept in tents outside of the Shenandoah Library to cast their ballot as soon as the doors opened. Several more early risers showed up to join them. The voters, donning blue “Gillum” T-shirts wanted to see, what they call, the “blue wave” at the polls. Musicians entertained the morning crew, while others brought pastries and coffee.

There are 28 early voting locations in Miami-Dade, 22 in Broward, and five in Monroe.

Miami strong mayor proposal gets court challenge

A new lawsuit challenges the strong mayor referendum on the city of Miami Nov. 6 ballot, claiming it violates Florida’s sunshine law. Miami resident and activist Bruce Matheson filed the 10-page complaint in Miami-Dade County circuit court Oct. 19, alleging the strong mayor referendum is misleading and legally invalid.

The ballot question, propelled by current Miami Mayor Francis Suarez, proposes changing the city charter to a strong mayor form of government, with a dozen changes.

According to Matheson’s complaint, “... the ballot does not inform voters that, despite granting the mayor broad and unprecedented powers within this new structure of government and transforming the mayor’s role to serve as chair

of the city commission, none of the mayor’s communications and meetings with commissioners will be required to be open to the public, with minutes recorded and open to public inspection, even if made in connection with official business.”

Rebuild Florida

Rebuild Florida is a program of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) created to help Florida recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Irma. The first phase of Rebuild Florida is the Housing Repair Program, which will assist families to rebuild their homes that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on Sept. 10, 2017, causing destruction and damage to thousands of homes in its path, replacing damaged homes.

If you believe you may be eligible for assistance, please visit RebuildFlorida.gov to register or call Rebuild Florida at 844-833-1010. You can also go to a Rebuild Florida center to receive help with registration. A temporary Rebuild Florida Location center is located at Hadley Park, 1350 NW 50th St. It will be there from Oct. 22-26, open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Miami police to offer opioid addicts rehab instead of jail

Officials in Miami are hoping police officers will be able to steer opioid addicts into treatment rather than jail. The plan will offer addicts an opportunity to go into rehabilitation. The Miami Herald reports Miami police will use \$1.6 million in federal grants to develop a pre-arrest diversion program where people can enter rehab.

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Candidates share their fixes for Opa-locka

Debates bring promises as election draws near in the troubled city

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North of Miami Gardens and west of Hialeah is a city in Miami-Dade County with the mantra, "The Great City of Opa-locka."

said many businesses are avoiding Opa-locka because the owners are blocked and stalled by code enforcement and zoning restrictions. As a result, it stunts the city's economic growth.

"If we stop these com-



Volunteers assist at the political forum.

But with issues like financial deficit, broken roads and an overflowing sewage system, the name has become nothing short of an oxymoron.

But candidates for the Opa-locka Commission said, once elected, they will make the city great again.

"The million-dollar question that everybody wants to know the answer to is, 'What it is going to take to move this city forward?'" said candidate Chris Davis during an Oct. 15 political forum at The New Generation Missionary Baptist Church in Opa-locka.

Elections for the city, on Nov. 6, will put in power three new commissioners and a mayor. The mayor serves as the head of the city government but only for ceremonial purposes. Three of the city leaders must vote in agreement for anything to become law in Opa-locka.

A position on the dais means tackling a multimillion-dollar debt burden, decades of unattended infrastructure damages and a lack of overall public service resources for residents.

Davis, a community organizer for the Opa-locka Community Development Corp., said it will take new leaders "with a commitment to keep the community's best interest at heart" to turn around the quality of life in Opa-locka.

"There is something new cooking in Opa-locka," said Davis. "It is obvious as taxpayers, we have been the main course, but this is the Last Supper."

Davis, who uses the motto "Consider It Done" as his campaign slogan, said finding creative ways to bring revenue into the city will fix the economic slump. However, Davis said before any investment can happen in Opa-locka, the infrastructure must be fixed.

Recurring candidate Alvin Burke agrees.

"Because we can't build anything else and put anything more on our pump stations," said Burke during the forum.

Burke proposed hiring a grant writer who can obtain revenue to fix the existing issues.

Deborah Sheffield Irby, a former city clerk, said there is a simple solution for the city's financial woes. "You stop immediately with the mismanagement of funds," she said.

"We have spent millions of dollars to put pipes under the ground - contractors putting Band-Aids on pump stations," the candidate continued. Sheffield Irby said going back and reviewing the botched work and suing the contractors could bring some money into the city.

Another commission hopeful, Audrey Dominguez

quirements have been a controversial issue in Opa-locka.

In February, former Opa-locka Commissioner Luis Santiago pleaded guilty to bribery charges after federal authorities said he and three other defendants took part in a kickback scheme that allowed business to pay under the table to bypass zoning and coding restrictions.

Zoning and coding re-



Attendees bow their heads in prayer at The New Generation Missionary Baptist Church in Opa-locka.

Photos courtesy of Nathaniel Wilcox

In April, former City Manager Eddie Brown was fired after a strip club was able to obtain a business license without going through the required approvals.

The candidates were also asked to address the issue of affordable housing and slum conditions in Opa-locka.

Most of the candidates agreed there is a lack of affordable housing in the city.

Candidate and longtime city employee Christina Banks said no matter which candidate wins, they're going to have to work with the existing budget. The only way to improve the quality of life is through federal help and partnerships such as through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Candidate Chris Suarez, a

professional chef, said housing affordability is a county-wide issue that only voters can change.

"Minimum wage needs to go up. Everybody got to pay for gas. Everybody got to do all this and that," he said.

"So, we need to vote right; vote the right people into office."

Sherelean Bass, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools employee, said she recommends putting a cap on lease agreements that would stop slumlords.

"Meaning if your building or buildings are not up to code, you can no longer have new tenants come in," she said.

The candidates also presented their positions during a forum on Oct. 16 at the Sherbondy Village Community Center in Opa-locka. On Tuesday, Oct. 23 candidates for the mayoral race talked about their platforms at Sherbondy. Early voting started Monday, Oct. 22.

Candidate Banks urged voters to exercise their constitutional right but to do so wisely.

"Be particular about who you vote for. Make sure you do your homework this time," said Banks. "It is critical for us in the city of Opa-locka."

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Local officers receive prison time

Three policemen receive sentences to be locked away longer than a year

CHRISTINA CARON
The New York Times

Former Florida police officers were sentenced to prison this week for conspiring to falsely arrest people to improve the department's crime statistics — at the instruction of their police chief.

On Oct. 18, Guillermo Ravelo, 37, who worked for



Guillermo Ravelo

the Police Department in Biscayne Park, a small village in Miami-Dade County, was sentenced to 27 months in prison for the conspiracy and for striking a handcuffed driver in the head during a traffic stop.

That sentencing came two days after former Officers Charlie Dayoub, 39, and Raul Fernandez were sentenced to 12 months in prison. Both pleaded guilty in August.

Prosecutors said the police chief, Raimundo Atesiano, 53, who has pleaded guilty in the case and awaits sentencing in November, was intent on clearing all outstanding cases, even if it meant wrongfully accusing men who hadn't committed any crimes.

The chief has admitted that he had ordered the three officers to make false arrests.

According to court documents, in 2013 Chief Atesiano instructed Officers Dayoub and Fernandez to falsely arrest and charge a 16-year-old, identified in court documents as "T.D.," for four unsolved burglaries — even though the officers knew that there was no evidence against the teenager. The officers fabricated four arrest affidavits that claimed an investigation revealed that T.D. had committed the burglaries, the documents said.

Chief Atesiano also told Officers Ravelo and Dayoub to falsely arrest a man identified in court documents as "C.D." in 2013 for two burglaries, even though there was no evidence that C.D. was guilty. The following year, Chief Atesiano told Officer Ravelo to arrest and charge a man referred to as "E.B." with five vehicle burglaries, despite having no legal reason for doing so.

A court document signed by Officer Fernandez's lawyer said Officer Fernandez "was haunted by what was happening within the Biscayne Park Police Department."

According to the document, Chief Atesiano "was so focused on having a 100 percent clearance rate that he was enlisting his officers to make 'bad' arrests and to harass people of color who were seen anywhere within the city."

Troubled by the unethical behavior, Officer Fernandez sent a letter to the city manager about the bad arrests, then worked with state and federal investigators, his lawyer said. He later told them that Chief Atesiano "via his underlings, would use a specific code meant to alert officers

that a person of color was seen in the city and that they needed to be stopped and confronted."

Records obtained by *The*

Miami Herald in July also suggested that the officers were pressured to target Black people.

Since then, Biscayne Park said it had overhauled its police leadership and hired Luis Cabrera, a former Miami police officer, as chief.

"This all happened long ago," the village's manager, Krishan Manners, told *The Herald* in July. "And as far as the village is concerned, we have cleaned up the Police Department and continue to strive to make it better."

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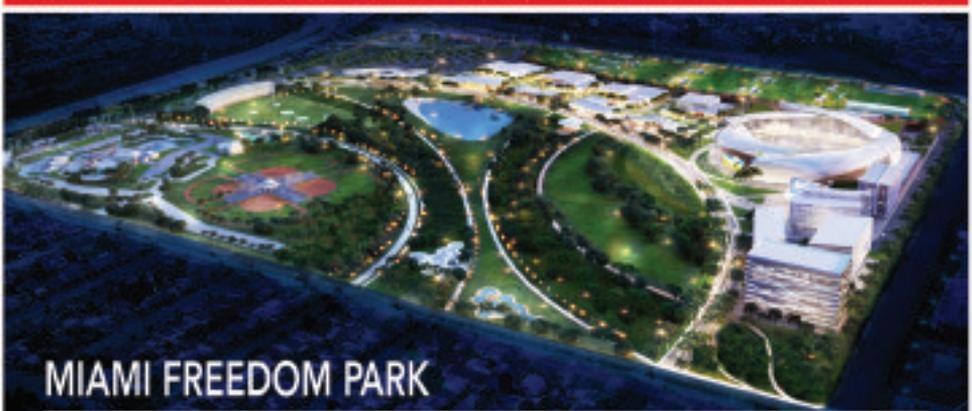
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Miami Gardens shows its strength

Mayor Oliver Gilbert says city needs to come into light during annual state of the city address

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With both flair and fanfare, Mayor Oliver Gilbert III delivered the 15th Annual State of the City address to a crowd of dignitaries, city officials, residents and curious onlookers last week.

Gilbert made the case that Miami Gardens is united in moving forward with community and economic development projects which will make the city both prosperous, safe and a great place to live.

"We are Miami Gardens ... with one voice and a common path. And the state of the city is stronger... and getting stronger," said Gilbert.

The event took place in the pavilion outside of Miami Garden's modern city hall building causing traffic along 27th Avenue to slow down as commuters rubbernecked to see the grand affair.

The crowd of several hundred people were welcomed with a band playing soulful oldies while servers provided tasty hors d'oeuvres of shrimp, crab and chicken with minty lemonade for drinks.

Gilbert took to the stage to deliver his address and first recognized his commissioners, honored guests, visiting mayors and took a moment to introduce the Miami Gardens Youth football team who were on the side of the arena behind the police officers.

"They are a really good football team," said Gilbert. "And they are really good kids."

Gilbert's speech laid out a direction for the city under his leadership.

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Oliver Gilbert

sion is seeing what's in front of them," said Gilbert. "But I understand that having vision is the ability to see what isn't there. And build. The ability to imagine what could never be. And create."

Gilbert touted the city's ability to attract business and economic development into the 15-year-old municipality.

There are plans to develop 38 acres of land for a massive entertainment venue with innovative restaurant themes and a hotel with public space for the local community.

"The progress is steadfast and the foundation is solid," said Gilbert. "And we are just getting started."

Gilbert also wants to brighten the city.

"The city is unusually dark at night," said Gilbert. "Making the city brighter is a public safety issue. Making the city brighter is an economic development issue."

Next month, city residents will be able to vote on a proposition to provide better lighting at night throughout



Mayor Oliver Gilbert III greets city officials after delivering an inspirational 15th annual State of the City Address for Miami Gardens.

the municipality. "The ballots will be tallied on Dec. 11," announced Gilbert. "Voters will have a choice between living in the dark or saying collectively 'let there be light.'"

Gilbert directed attention to the large number of uniformed police officers sitting in the audience.

"Public safety is everything. This is our model of community policing. By living in the community while fostering

meaningful engagement with the community," said Gilbert.

He spoke of a new approach to low-level crimes such as the possession of marijuana, which can lead to the ruination of young people's future aspirations.

Gilbert said that not every petty transgression should lead to a conviction or jail term and believes in second chances.

"If we can keep you out of the criminal justice system,

we will," Gilbert said.

At one point, the electricity to the lighted seal of the City of Miami Gardens went out, but the microphone was still functional. Then the microphone went out. But Gilbert flowed on.

Bunche Park is closed for renovations, but the pool is now open, Gilbert announced and features a program providing swimming lessons for 120 children from Kindergarten to fifth grade and 50

students from sixth to the 12th grade.

Another major initiative presented by the mayor was the establishment of the Office of Civic Engagement. The new department would be responsible to encourage residents to get involved in the community and to vote in political campaigns.

On the city's website is a job posting for a director of Civic Engagement with a salary range of \$90,000 to \$125,000.



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Florida Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum speaks during a CNN debate against Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Tampa, Fla.

DEBATE

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attention he can to the color of my skin. And the truth is — you know what — I'm Black. I've been Black all my life. So far as I know, I will die Black.” The audience laughed at Gillum's comment.

The candidates made emotionally charged closing statements. Gillum recounted his journey to that present moment and asked for the only thing he was ever taught to ask for: a chance.

Wednesday's debate is being sponsored by Leadership Florida and the Florida Press Association at the Bailey Hall at Broward College. Moderating the debate is news anchor Todd McDermott of WPBF-25. Panelists will include Isadora Rangel, public affairs and engagement editor at Florida Today, and politi-



Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis speaks during a CNN debate against Florida Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Tampa, Fla.

cal writer Anthony Man of the Sun-Sentinel.

Subsequent debates include one by Univision 23 Miami and a town hall-style debate on CNN, to be held in Tampa.

On Monday, DeSantis said in a tweet that he had accepted invitations to the Leadership Florida debate and the CNN town hall — but not the Univision debate.

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Ebony's annual power list

Trailblazers from the political world and today's crusading activists including lawmakers Stacey Abrams, Andrew Gillum, Keisha Lance Bottoms and London Breed; and #MeToo founder Tarana Burke are among those noted on the annual Ebony Power 100 List. Hollywood and the music industry are represented with iconic entertainment honorees including Drake, Cardi B, Travis Scott, Zoë Kravitz and "Black Panther."

Ebony magazine celebrates those whose work and heroism continue to inspire and influence society. For more than 30 years, the Power 100 List has been curated by the *Ebony* editors and staff.

The past year has been an epic period of accomplishment and triumph for the Black community. "Black Panther" became a cultural phenomenon that swept the globe, becoming the biggest-grossing movie directed by a Black filmmaker; social activist Burke continued to represent #MeToo movement as a global icon for victims of sexual harassment; while others throughout the country made history, among them London Breed, the first Black female LGBT mayor.

Honorees are recognized in the



Over the past year we have witnessed pioneers from Hollywood, professional athletes from numerous sports, politicians and lawmakers throughout the country, business leaders from close-knit neighborhoods and heroic community activists all emerge as trailblazers and firebrands."

Ebony Media Operations CEO
Michael Gibson

following eight categories: Community Crusaders, Disruptors, Entertainment & Arts, Entrepreneurs, Innovators, MVPs, Power Players and the coveted Women Up.

Tarana Rosalind Brewer will be recognized in the Women Up category as the first Black woman to hold the position as group president and COO at Starbucks. Stacey D. Stewart, president, March of Dimes, will be recognized in the Disruptors category as the first Black female president to lead the charitable organization. Junior Flip Kids, recognized in the Entrepreneurs category, is a company made up of six schoolchildren-aged 7 to 13 years old, who met with Oprah Winfrey

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Residents of Liberty Square fight for homes

Construction continues; residents speak out

What do you get when redevelopment happens in the Black community and the people who live there aren't fully aware of their rights or the process? "A Ball of Confusion," said The Temptations.

Families are transferring out and being temporarily relocated to rehabbed units, but to where will they return? Seems like the end result will be out with the old buildings and in with the new families.

And as construction continues at one of our nation's first public housing developments built for Blacks, the residents who live there now are faced with a lot of uncertainty and unanswered questions. "What's going on?" seems to be one of the most-asked questions to the "officials" from the residents and concerned citizens. Recently, Related Urban and Miami held two meetings at Liberty Square concerning proposed zoning changes. In my book, zoning requests should have all been presented in the initial master plan and long before the "project" got its final approval. So it makes you wonder who is really asking for such changes - certainly not the people or the res-



Pierre

accessibility for seniors; temporary housing choice vouchers; and a community benefits agreement package.

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Many residents who live there now and have done so for generations don't feel like they will have an affordable place to call home again - at least not in Liberty Square. And, because of that, the residents of the community don't display trust in Related Urban, the devel-

oper, Miami-Dade County officials and the city. There are a lot of mixed emotions. "We're here fighting for a place to live! We're fighting for our lives and the loss of our neighborhood and it seems like ya'll keep taking everything from us like we're third-class citizens," shouted one Liberty Square resident, at one of the zoning meetings. At the first zoning meeting, Anna Williams, a former resident and active member of Liberty Square Family and Friends, questioned Related Urban about the process and procedures for which the Section 8 vouchers are being made available to residents of Liberty Square. "Mr. Milo, what's the process? Who's doing the tracking? Where are they going? Is a do-over possible?" said Williams.

And as the meeting continued, more of the same questions were asked about the vouchers and the status of the redevelopment.

So that residents of Liberty Square are fully informed about the temporary housing choice vouchers and their options, the Miami-Dade Branch NAACP; Miami Workers Center; Legal Services of Greater Miami; Liberty Square Family and Friends; Related Urban; Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development; and representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold a public meeting starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Liberty Square Community Center, located at 6304 NW 14th Ave.

SEE FIGHT 15B

Tips for millennials choosing a new bank

There are many things for young people to consider about money

AMANDA DIXON
The Network Journal

Having to make tough decisions is one of the worst things about adulthood.

You have to decide where to work, who to marry and where to bank.

Picking a bank isn't as stressful as picking a mate, but it's not easy. Parking your

cash in the wrong place can cost you.

Here are seven tips millennials should consider before choosing a bank.

FOCUS ON THE NUMBERS

Don't like wasting money? Find a bank that doesn't levy unnecessary charges.

"Why would you pay \$100 a year for checking, savings and

basic banking if you can pay \$30 or \$5 or nothing?" says Douglas Boneparth, a CFP professional and president of Bone Fide Wealth, a New York City-based financial advisory firm.

Since online banks have few branches, they have fewer operating costs. That's why they usually don't charge as many fees as brick-and-mortar banks.

Online banks tend to have better rates for savers, too. Compare today's best money

market account rates.

PAY ATTENTION TO OVERDRAFT FEES

Millennials should consider the cost of overdrawing a checking account. Bankrate data reveals that the average overdraft fee is around \$35.38.

Many banks offer overdraft protection programs. When there aren't enough funds in an account to cover a purchase, a bank can pay for it.

But overdraft protection can be expensive. The CFPB

found that those who opt in pay about seven times more in fees than those who don't.

When you're shopping for a new bank, find one that has more lenient overdraft policies.

And when you find your perfect account, do this:

Link your checking account to another account at your financial institution so that if you run out of money in your checking account, the bank will pull money from the other account to cover the trans-

action. You may be charged a fee for this, but it's typically less than an overdraft fee.

Sign up for low-balance alerts through your bank or credit union's website. These alerts, which you may be able to receive on your smartphone, will alert you when you are at risk of overdrawing your account.

THINK ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY

When it comes to banking, SEE TIPS 14B



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Owning real estate has not panned out

Liberty City bucks trend due to gentrification

TIM HENDERSON
Stateline

Politicians and advocates have long touted homeownership as the best way to build wealth, saying that over the long term, home values go in only one direction: up.

But since the dawn of the 21st century, that promise has been an empty one for many Black people.

In nearly a fifth of the ZIP codes where most homeowners are Black, home values have decreased since 2000, compared with only 2 percent of ZIP codes where Black homeowners are not the majority, according to a Stateline analysis of federal data on home prices, race and income.

Among the largest losers: some Detroit neighborhoods along Eight Mile Road and parts of Trotwood, Ohio, near Dayton, where home prices

have dropped by a third or more since 2000. Home prices in majority-Black parts of Clayton and DeKalb counties outside Atlanta also have declined since 2000, as have the values in some majority-Black suburbs south of Chicago, such as Riverdale and Olympia Fields. All were hit hard when the Great Recession arrived in 2007.

Falling home prices affect both poor and affluent Black neighborhoods, but it's particularly vexing for policymakers who have long recommended homeownership as a method of building wealth for low-income Black families, said Sandra Newman, a professor of public policy at Johns Hopkins University and author of a 2015 study of race and changes in net worth before and after the Great Recession.

"There really is



Homeowner Walter Hicks at his Detroit house, in a neighborhood where home prices are lower than they were in 2000, like almost 1 in 5 majority-black neighborhoods around the country.

a cautionary note here," she said.

"Becoming a homeowner, or at least a first-time homebuyer, may not be the right approach for all households," Newman said. "On Black first-time buyers vs. renting: we're pretty decisive, they would have done better had they stayed renters."

At the same time, however, gentrification

in some cities led to huge gains for some Black homeowners when upper-income buyers became interested in their neighborhoods. Home prices have more than doubled in some well-known Black neighborhoods in coastal cities, including every majority-Black ZIP code in the Los Angeles area, from tony Baldwin

Hills to gritty Compton, and, on the East Coast, in Brooklyn's Crown Heights and parts of Miami's Liberty City.

Mike Buttler, a real estate investor who grew up in Inglewood near Los Angeles, in a majority-Black ZIP code where prices have more than doubled since 2000, said his grandparents' house was worth

\$800,000 at the peak of the housing bubble just before the recession. It is worth about \$400,000 now, but that is still twice what it was worth in 2000.

The neighborhood is more desirable than it was in the 1990s, he said, because Black investors brought jobs and entertainment options.

"When I was growing up, even though it was a middle-class area, there was only one movie theater and it was showing movies that were 15 years old. We had to get on a bus and go to another town to see anything else," Buttler said. "Now people are looking at these communities and saying, 'OK, they have the amenities. The drugs and the gangs are gone. I could live here.'"

In Brooklyn, there are four majority-Black ZIP codes where home values have more than tripled since 2000. That has meant a windfall for Black homeowners who decide to sell but a diminished sense of community for those who stay, said Leo Goldberg, research manager for the Center for New York City Neighborhoods, a nonprofit created to study foreclosures.

"It means more equity [for Black homeowners] but more

harassment from speculators," Goldberg said. "If you stay behind, your community is changing around you. Your friends and your kids are probably not going to be able to buy and live near you."

Overall, however, since 2000, Black homeowners are far more likely to have experienced declining home values than other homeowners.

One reason for the disparity is that many Black homeowners lost out on the housing boom of the mid-2000s. Between 2005 and 2007, as skyrocketing home values pumped up the wealth of many white homeowners, many Black homeowners lost ground, according to the Johns Hopkins study. On average, first-time homebuyers with low-to-moderate incomes gained 50 percent in net worth between 2005 and 2007 if they were white, but lost almost 50 percent if they were Black.

TIPS

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another key factor for millennials is accessibility. Young adults, it turns out, don't just want to bank online.

J.D. Power's 2017 Retail Banking Satisfaction Study revealed that among millennials, the happiest bank customers had access to both digital and in-branch services. The company found similar results in its 2018 study.

Younger millennials, in particular, may feel the need to visit banks because they're seeking to learn more about the basics of banking.

Even among the older set in Generation Y, branch banking remains important.

The takeaway? Even if you plan to do almost everything online, you might want a bank with some physical branches.

DON'T RULE OUT CREDIT UNIONS

Millennials are familiar



Photo via The Network Journal

Millennials have many things to consider when choosing a bank.

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officer for First Tech Federal Credit Union. "Credit unions return value to members through lower fees and loan rates since we don't answer to investors."



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before starting their business to transform distressed properties into renovated single-family homes in Washington D.C. and Maryland. Cheryl Action Jackson will be recognized in the Community Crusaders category for Minnie's Pantry, an organization that has provided more than 6 million meals to families in need.

"Over the past year we have witnessed pioneers from Hollywood, professional athletes from numerous sports, politicians and lawmakers throughout the country, business leaders from close-knit

neighborhoods and heroic community activists all emerge as trailblazers and firebrands, each of whom has made a significant impact on a national or international scale," says Ebony Media Operations CEO Michael Gibson.

Former President and First Lady Barack and Michelle Obama lead the Entertainment & Arts category, with a focus on the First Lady's book tour for her new memoir, "Becoming." Barry Jenkins, director of the Academy Award-winning "Moonlight" and the upcoming film "If Beale Street Could Talk," is also being honored in the Entertainment & Arts category for his achievements in the film industry. Tony Award-winning actor Billy

Porter is another Entertainment & Arts honoree for his role in the television series "Pose." Other notables being honored in the Entertainment & Arts category include the cast of "Black Panther," and rappers Cardi B, Drake and Travis Scott. Athletes being honored in the MVPs category include Houston Rockets guard James Harden, Golden State Warriors guard Steph Curry and professional WWE wrestler Thaddeus Bullard aka WWE Superstar Titus O'Neil.

The list also includes politicians and lawmakers who made the news over the past year. These include Abrams, the first Black Georgia Democratic gubernatorial nominee

(honored in The Disruptors category); Gillum, mayor of Tallahassee and the first Black candidate for governor of Florida (honored in Disruptors category); Bottoms, the second Black female mayor of Atlanta (honored in the Women Up category); and Breed, the first Black female LGBT mayor of San Francisco (also honored in the Women Up category).

Honorees are recognized each year at the Ebony Power 100 Gala, presented by Nationwide. The event will take place this year Nov. 30 in Los Angeles at the Beverly Hilton. The complete Ebony Power 100 List for this year can be viewed here <https://www.ebony.com/power100-2018>

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Precinct Number	New Location
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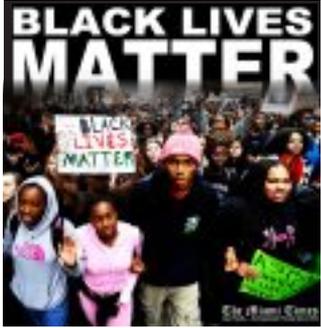
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Marcus Saiz de la Mora, Tax Collector
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At the first zoning meeting, community advocate Irene Bryant led a chant: "The people united will never be defeated." And while there haven't been any fist fights, the remarks that are said over the microphone and sidebar conversations happening concurrently, sting just like it. To all the residents of Liberty Square, I encourage you to join together, stand together and fight on. Although, the "deals" are done, we all have the power to hold those who were at the table accountable for their actions, since compliance.

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• Small Business Enterprise (SBE) & Responsible Wages - Attached Form A-6, A-14 & A-16

Bid requirements and bid forms, specifications, drawings and other construction documents will be available through **W. G. Yates Construction**. Respond to Michael Posey at mposey@wg Yates.com to get access to bid documents.

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Hornets survive Heat rally 113-112

WALKER SCORES 39; DWYANE WADE'S
FINAL HOME OPENER SPOILED



Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside (21) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Oct. 20, in Miami.

TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

Kemba Walker got a call, and the Charlotte Hornets got a win.

Walker continued his red-hot start by scoring 39 points, including the game-winning free throw with a half-second left, and the Hornets wasted a 26-point second-half lead but still spoiled Dwyane Wade's final home opener by topping the Miami Heat 113-112 on Saturday night.

Wade scored with 12.3 seconds left to tie the game, and the Hornets gave the ball to Walker. He drove on Miami's Rodney McGruder, wound up on the ground and got the call from referee Scott Wall — one

the Heat argued to no avail.

"I just saw a little bit of a lane," Walker said. "I thought I did a good job at getting the contact."

Walker made the first free throw, intentionally missed the second and time expired before anyone could contain the rebound.

"This is a game, for sure, you want it to keep going," said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, who thought McGruder defended Walker perfectly on the deciding play. "It should have been decided in an overtime, if not more."

Malik Monk scored 15 for Charlotte, and Marvin Williams added 13.

Wade led the Heat with 21 points. Goran Dragic scored 20, McGruder finished with 19 and Hassan Whiteside grabbed 15 rebounds for Miami.

"You just want the players to decide the games," Wade said. "Our refs have the toughest job, I feel, of any refs in any sport. But two teams fight like that, you just want the players to decide it. It's tough. Obviously, we all were very angry

about it."

Charlotte was 12 for 20 from 3-point range in the first half, fueling its run to the huge lead. The Hornets then went 1 for 12 from beyond the arc in the third quarter, and missed their first three tries from deep in the fourth quarter before Monk rattled one down for a 103-97 lead with about 5 minutes left.

But it wasn't over, not by a long shot. Wade made a pair of 3-pointers, then set up Whiteside for a basket that got the Heat within 107-105. Miami kept chipping away, getting within 111-110 on a drive by McGruder with 46 seconds left. After Michael Kidd-Gilchrist made one of two foul shots after getting fouled by Whiteside — another call the Heat did not like — Miami had the ball down two with 24.7 seconds left.

Wade tried a 3 for the lead and missed badly — so badly that he knew where the rebound was going. He scooted in, got the board himself and laid it in for a tie with 12.3 seconds left to mark the first and only time that the Hornets didn't lead after halftime.

That's when the Hornets gave the ball to Walker for their final play, and he delivered. "I was really proud of our group," Hornets coach James Borrego said.

TIP-INS

Hornets: Charlotte had lost six straight against Miami. ... Walker got his 10,000th career point on a drive in the third quarter. "You're talking about being in an elite class," Borrego said of the milestone. "You've got to work. You've got to get better every single year. You can't relax."

Heat: Miami's three games have been decided by margins of three points, one point and one point, each of them going down to the final second. ... Miami is 9-2 in home openers under Spoelstra. Both losses have come to Charlotte. ... The Heat outrebounded Charlotte 49-40, but saw their 16 turnovers converted into 25 points.

SIZZLING WALKER

Walker has 19 3-pointers already, the most by any NBA player through his team's first three games of any season. Walker also has 106 points through Charlotte's first three games. That's more than he's ever scored in his first four games of an NBA season — he had 92 in his first four appearances of the 2016-17 season. "They're like, 'Kemba, keep shooting,'" Walker said of his coaches and teammates. "That's what I'm going to keep on doing."

ONE LAST DANCE

It was the final home opener for Wade, who has dubbed this season "one last dance." He and fellow 16-year veteran Udonis Haslem addressed the Miami crowd before the game. "We want to thank each and every last one of you guys," Wade said.

Heat: Host New York on Wednesday.



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade reacts after scoring a three-point basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Charlotte Hornets, Saturday, Oct. 20, in Miami.

AP Photo/Lynne Spadsky



The NBA shows its true colors on the court

The league lifts the color ban on sneakers and allows for expression

Express yourself. Hey, hey, hey, hey.

The 2018-19 NBA season has started, and it may prove to be the most-colorful and expressive season yet.

Prior to the start of the season, the league announced that it is granting its players the freedom to express themselves via their sneakers.

While some will be checking out key personnel moves and how well their team stacks up against other teams, all eyes will be on the feet of some of the league's most-popular and influential players — Steph Curry, LeBron James, Kevin Durant, James Harden, Russell Westbrook to name a few.

The basketball court is their runway.

Players will be displaying their "fancy footwear" both on

the court and on their feet.

Some kicks will be purely artistic and fun. Some shoes will make political statements. Some will be expressions of their feelings, their hopes and dreams — all on their soles.

Individuality is the name of this game.

This is a first that the NBA will allow players to wear sneakers of any color during the season. Players no longer have to wear the required 51 percent white, black or team-themed colored shoes.

The league is lifting all color bans.

The rule change is a part of the NBA's continuous effort to allow its players freedom of expression.

They can be as colorful and playful as they choose.

There will be some restric-



tions, such as no reflective materials — material that could pose a glare of distraction to other players. No protruding objects. Designs will be evaluated to protect against potential scandal and/or embarrassment. All third-party logos will have to be pre-approved by the league before making their way to the court.

Hold up. Well wait a minute. Haven't the players been doing their own thing already?

Yes and no. Last season, we saw numerous players wearing bold,

different colors and statement-making shoes. We saw custom-paint jobs, cartoon characters, political statements and loud-and-vibrant colors. But any that were not pre-approved, led to players being warned/fined and forced to change shoes mid-game.

So, what has led to the league's new shift in thinking?

It may just have something to do with Nike, who became the NBA's official apparel provider last season.

The "swoosh" strikes again! First, they shook things

up by making an NFL-black-balled Colin Kaepernick the face of their 30th anniversary ad campaign.

Then they took their talents to the NBA, by introducing alternate uniform designs and doing away with traditional "home" and "away" jerseys.

Nike has consistently been the fashion-statement shoe brand that every player wants to wear on their feet, the brand with which every player hopes to land a shoe deal.

And you can't have a conversation about basketball

footwear and Nike without the name of Jordan coming up.

Back in the day, one Michael Jordan, during the 1984-85 season famously received a warning letter from the league banning his black and red Air Jordan I sneakers. Nike again ahead of the curve, acted as a catalyst for change. With its astute marketing campaigns, they used the opportunity to further the Jordan brand — pretty much starting revolution of the shoe color-game in the NBA.

As more and more players get their own shoe lines, this is a smart move by the NBA and its new brand partner. More color choices mean more official product. And more official product, means "MO MONEY!" "MO MONEY!" "MO MONEY!"

Leave it to Nike with its forward thinking and progressive ad campaigns to shake things up and turn a controversy into a trip to the bank.

August is typically when the league approves shoes for the first half of the season and December for the latter half.

Each team, of course can have its own color policy beyond the league's new policy.

So, what makes the league so exciting to watch besides the incredible feats of athleticism?

It's gotta be the shoes right?



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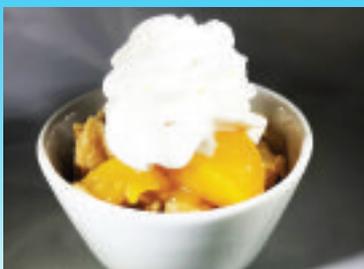
Located on Northwest 27th Avenue and 161st Street in Tallahassee, mac and cheese and the uniquely flavored collard greens.

Right next door is Miami Soul Cafe, a Black-owned soul food restaurant operated by Willis Howard.

Howard, who works on the Gillum campaign, said the candidate has patronized the restaurant a few times. Gillum has taken a liking to the fried chicken, mac and cheese and the uniquely flavored collard greens.

It's not uncommon to see political and influential people at Miami Soul Cafe. It was sort of built for that purpose. Spotted by my editor, Carolyn Guniss, and I, was Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board Chair Stephen Hunter Johnson.

Howard is a political strategist and he noticed that Black people really did not have a central place to hang



Peach Cobbler



Scrambled eggs with parsley on top.

out to discuss politics and community issues. The Cubans have Versailles where they congregate and pontificate on Southwest Eighth Street, in Miami. Politicians seeking the Cuban-American vote make the obligatory pilgrimage. Howard wants Miami Soul to be the Black "Versailles."

He saw a glimmer of his vision on primary election night, Aug. 28. The restaurant served as the victory party location for some political candidates and a place

to watch election results on TV.

With the Gillum office next door, on general election night, Miami Soul will once again be ground zero for candidates and their supporters.

When it's not acting as a campaign hot spot, Miami Soul Cafe serves breakfast, brunch, and lunch throughout the week.

When we pulled into the parking lot of Miami Soul Cafe, what captured our attention is the mural project, which is painted in cool blue

and warm red.

What we saw was a detailed painting of a character from the movie "Black Panther" holding a sword with both of her hands, black palm trees, Miami Soul Cafe's logo and a woman, who I later found out was Howard's wife.

When we walked inside of the Miami Soul Cafe Restaurant, we were instantly greeted with a smile and asked, "Hi, how can I help you?"

From that moment, we felt like we belonged there.

Opened on April 2018, the restaurant is a replica of many soul food restaurants around the country, Howard said. The walls are covered with portraits and pictures of Black icons such as Michael Jackson, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Bob Marley and Muhammad Ali.

Howard changes the photos on the walls every one to two months.

There is also a special seating area for Miami Gardens police when they come in and eat at Miami Soul Cafe.

The menu runs the gamut of breakfast items to chicken and waffles, fried lobster, which he sources from Sysco, he said, and a dessert selection of peach cobbler, banana pudding, sweet potato pie and more.

Howard wants people from out of town who are looking for a soul food restaurant to know there is a place for them to eat.

"They are coming in, like, hey, where can I get some soul food?" said Howard. "When you come here, we hope that you feel every little piece that we put into it."

He touts free WiFi, good '90s music and inspiring quotations on the wall as reasons for patrons to feel welcomed.

We were served their famous butter biscuits with honey a little after we sat down.

Then came the oxtails and grits, the combination a first-time for the both of us. We could tell that it was freshly cooked as steam wafted from the dish.

Miami Soul has an open

SEE CAFE 6C



Photos courtesy of New Florida Majority

Andrew Gillum comes home

Mural unveiled in Richmond Heights, where mayor grew up

Miami Times Staff Report

Smiles formed on the faces of Richmond Heights residents on Saturday as a mural project of Andrew Gillum was revealed. Around noon, the New Florida Majority and Dwight Bullard, along with others

in the Richmond Heights community, hosted a cookout and the revealing of the mural project of Gillum, who was raised in Richmond Heights.

The mural was painted by local artist, Vanta Black whose piece revealed children's quotes on leader-

ship and Gillum with a wide smile in the black and white painting.

At the bottom right of the mural, it says 'Bring it home,' which is Gillum's slogan.

Gillum has the possibility of becoming the first Black governor for the state of Florida.



THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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"What I know for sure is that speaking your truth is the most powerful tool we all have."

—Oprah Winfrey

As we step gracefully before October ends, we include pink in our attire and reflect on the health and wellness of our bodies, minds and spirits during this month that focuses on breast health awareness.

In our community we support many organizations and persons who have given us inspiration to do better and inspire. As such are the many events that are happening around our fair community that I am so pleased to share with you. The Miami-Biscayne Bay Links Chapter of the Links will gather at Jungle Island Treemap Ballroom at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 to support scholarships and educational programs under the theme of "Unmasking Purpose, Passion and Persistence." They will celebrate another chapter milestone as they reflect on rendering service and delivering transformational programming to the South Florida area and beyond. That's not all! The members will salute three amazingly talented Sheroes who reflect the principles and tenets of the organization in The Arts; Health and Human Services; International Trends and Services; National Trends and Services; and Services to Youth. **The 2018 Sheroes are Carrie P.**

Meek, Leigh-Ann Buchanan and Valencia Gunder.

The event's special guest is award-winning actor, producer, director and entrepreneur **Wendy Raquel Robinson**. Tickets can be purchased under the name of any chapter member or **Tisa McGhee** if you so choose.

Just across the bay, the Links' Dade County Chapter participated in the annual **Susan Komen More Than Pink Walk for a Cure** on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Bayside in downtown Miami. Quite scenic was the walk as men, women and children walked in support of wellness. On hand were **Valerie Riles, Donna Riley, Veronica Rahming, Miesha Darrow, Connie Butler and Debra Owens**, Kudos to **Bernadette C. Poitier**, chair of the Dade County Chapter Health and Human Services Facet for organizing this event.

Speaking of "stepping", Hot 105 radio personality, Big Lip will host the "Stepping For A Purpose" show on Friday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Miramar Cultural Center. The South Florida community is invited to cheer on members of the Divine 9 as they compete for bragging rights and \$2,000 for first fraternity and sorority step teams. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Eta chapter of Florida Memorial University and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, South Bro-



1961-62 state runners up. Standing: Coach Thornton, William Clark George Cowart, James Higgs, Robert Walker and Philip Deshazor. Sitting: Lonnie Foster, Herman Williams, Henry Cheever and Kenneth Sims.

ward Alumnae Chapter are just two of the participating sororities and fraternities. Not only is "Stepping For A Purpose" a family friendly event for all ages, the show's purpose is to raise funds for the youth of Antioch to continue programming. Tickets include: general admission for \$25 and VIP tickets for \$40. Tickets can be purchased by visiting, Miramar Cultural Center online or by contacting GGG member, Sheila Joseph, or at Antioch Missionary Baptist Miami Gardens. Stepping onto another inspirational event I am proud to mention that the Church of the Incarnation celebrated their Friends and Family Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14. The

gala reception was preceded by a glorious worship service that included the melodious sounds of the choir who entered the sanctuary singing "Kum-Ba-Ya" Come By Here! and "Lord I Want to Be A Christian In My Heart." From the mouths of babes all in attendance at this annual worship service were inspired by the message from Reverend Roberta Knowles, which was "What Are You Doing To Make Your Light Shine."

Stepping on with glee to other events I must mention. The WISH Foundation's Emerging Young Ladies of Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority inducted its newest young members at the



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pearling ceremony on Sunday afternoon at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. Under the direction of **H. Leigh Toney**, WISH Foundation chair, **April Milton Francois**, Emerging Young Ladies chair and **Michael Strong Mason**, Emerging Young Ladies co-chair, the young ladies in grades 6-8 will participate in many cultural, social and educational activities this year. Members of Just Us met last Saturday and it was a meeting that fed the soul. Sometimes we need to feed our souls. Hostess **Shirley Archie** really was the hostess with the most-ess. Members shared stories, enjoyed fine dining and everyone left feeling good.

I'm sharing a little "Look Back: Do You Remember?" from my classmate **Herman Williams**. In a Junior College tournament, top-seeded Gibbs Junior College Cobras (St. Petersburg) handily defeated second-seeded Dade County Junior College Falcons of Northwestern Center 91-73 to win the Florida Junior College Athletic (FJCAA)

State Tournament. **George Coward** was top with 13 and scored 19 points. Front court wizard **Williams** shot 24 points; **William Clark**, 15. The basketball tournament was held in March 1962 at Lincoln Junior College in Fort Pierce. The team finished the season 15-6 overall with a 8-3 mark in FJCAA play. The Dade County Junior College Basketball Team is shown in the 1961-1962 yearbook. Pictured in the front row, second from left is Herman Williams. He was an integral part of the 1962 FJCAA state runner up. He averaged 16 points per game to rank second on the team and was selected to the All-State Basketball First Team. In our history, junior colleges were segregated and Blacks in the state attended classes at local high schools.

As we continue to step into our purpose, let us all remember to step to the polls *optimistically and with great intention during early voting days, Embrace life and love one another. Blessing as we Live, Love, Pray, Laugh and Dance in the Whirl.*

'The Hate U Give' couldn't hold its tongue

One word became essential to on-screen adaptation of young adult

KYLE BUCHANAN
New York Times

How do you make a movie about teenagers when the more authentic it sounds, the less likely it is that young people will be able to see it?

That was the dilemma facing George Tillman Jr., who directed "The Hate U Give." Based on the best-selling young-adult novel by Angie Thomas, the film follows Starr Carter (Amandla Stenberg), a Black student at a largely white prep school, who is galvanized into activism after she witnesses the police shooting of her

one that Thomas was able to print several times in her book but that Tillman could use only sparingly onscreen, lest he incur an R rating from the Motion Picture Association of America for strong language. (The Times has a similar restriction on the expletive, which your Carpetbagger has been known to utter from time to time.) If "The Hate U Give" featured more than one use of that word, the movie would be in jeopardy of losing the PG-13 rating that Tillman and his distributor, 20th Century Fox, had hoped to earn, and teenagers who treasured the book



Amandla Stenberg as a newly galvanized Starr Carter in "The Hate U Give."

no easy write-arounds.

"I felt like if I didn't say what Tupac was trying to say, it would not feel authentic," the director said. A different, less practiced expletive wouldn't work either: "The audience that was familiar with Tupac and his philosophy would think, 'Oh, they're just trying to make it mainstream,'" Tillman said.

Another filmmaker, Bo Burnham, faced a similar dilemma this year with his movie "Eighth Grade." The M.P.A.A. slapped the junior-high dramedy with an R rating for strong language, though its curse words would hardly scandalize teenagers. Burnham refused to cut his film for a wider audience: "I just wanted to portray the way kids' lives are," he told Variety in July. "I would love kids to be living in a PG-13 world. They just aren't."

For Tillman, whose previous films like "Soul Food" and "Men of Honor" have been

mostly rated R, reaching a general audience was paramount. "If we're following this young girl's point of view, I just felt like it really made it more universal to walk that line and make it for anyone under 13," he said. "As a filmmaker, you really want to be organic, but you also want people to see the film as much as possible."

To make it work, then, Tillman strategized. In one early scene, Starr's father (Russell Hornsby) was supposed to use the expletive; Tillman changed it to "eff," reasoning that a father might want to soften his language around his daughter. Tillman wanted to save his single usage of the full-blown word for a different first-act scene, in which Starr listens to Shakur as Khalil explains the rapper's message. "If Khalil was saying 'eff' or bouncing around that word," Tillman said, "it just wouldn't have been authentic."

Still, that scene with Khalil

was meant to be mirrored later in the film, when a newly self-actualized Starr is the one who must explain Shakur's intent to others. Since Starr had spent the bulk of "The Hate U Give" finding her voice, how would it look for her to lose it at this pivotal moment?

Tillman shot the climac-

tic scene a number of different ways, but when it came time to submit his cut to the M.P.A.A. for a rating, he used a take with Stenberg saying "eff" instead of the expletive, and only Khalil's earlier use of the full word remained. "Historically, you only get one," Tillman reasoned.



Stenberg and her director, George Tillman Jr., on the "Hate U Give" set.

childhood friend Khalil.

"The Hate U Give" takes its title and central philosophy from a concept espoused by Tupac Shakur: To the rapper, who had "THUG LIFE" tattooed in capital letters on his torso, that phrase was an acronym for a vicious cycle of societal violence. "THUG LIFE," he explained, actually stands for "The Hate U Give Little Infants Effs Everybody."

Of course, Shakur used a stronger word than "eff" —

might be barred from seeing the adaptation.

"Young kids today are very smart," Tillman said. "They watch adult films, they get things very quickly, and they're very sophisticated." But that posed its own problem: If Tillman tried to sanitize the language, his target audience would know. And given that two crucial scenes in "The Hate U Give" require Shakur's "THUG LIFE" concept to be explained in full, there were



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LEAVING THE COMFORT ZONE

A PEEK INTO THE LIFE OF A BLACK MAN TRAVELING THE WORLD

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I have always wondered what it will be like to travel the world as a Black man. I am not a huge fan of the news, but on the times when I do watch, the image of the Black man is poorly portrayed. I know some amazing Black men doing well in their space and I was on a lookout for a space I have a passion for - travel. When I found Brian's Instagram, it was a breath of fresh air.

Brian's visuals exude class, power, and diversity. I literally want to jet off everywhere he goes because he captures it brilliantly. I had a chat with Brian to give me the lowdown on what it is like traveling the world as a Black man, the challenges, blessings, highs and lows. I wanted to know it all and I am glad he obliged to feed my curiosity.

Can you tell us a little about Brian?

I was born in the city of Toronto, Canada and this is the city that I am currently living in. But when most non-Canadians

hear me talk, they always ask where I'm actually from. My parents are from the country of Jamaica (aka the Olympic Sprint Factory).

What is it really like traveling as a Black man?

Traveling as a Black man is definitely interesting. Thankfully, I haven't had any serious issues traveling while Black! However, because of the views many have on Blacks in general, I always have to keep a third-eye open on whether certain treatment toward me is based on my skin color.

In some countries, I am a definite specimen of sorts; they find my dark skin to be completely fascinating. This is backed by the fact that people would come up to me and ask for a picture with or of me. This can

be tiring at times! I do allow it but other times I am hesitant because I feel like I am an animal in a zoo. The problem is, other cultures/races (and even Blacks) may not see it that way. But if you get over the fact that everyone is seemingly treating you like a celebrity, you might not be so enthralled to be apart of some random person's picture.

My most notable racist moment was experienced at the airport of Sydney, Australia. A security officer went out of his way to publicly harass/embarrass me because he had nothing better to do. The situation was completely uncalled for but sometimes, people just like to abuse the power that they've been given.

Without getting too deep into it, I knew he had a target on my head. But as outraged as I was, I had to find a way to calm myself down because what he wanted was me to lash out. Had I done that, then I would have been detained in Sydney and ultimately banned from visiting again.

Where is the most fascinating place you have ever been?

I don't think any true traveler can pinpoint just one extremely fascinating place. But some of the more notable countries for me would definitely be Egypt (Cairo/Luxor), Jordan (Petra), La

SEE ONE GO

Brian feeds a giraffe in Nairobi, Kenya.



BOOK REVIEW

'Lorraine' is a beautifully illustrated book

Storyline about storms is timely and perhaps will soothe readers

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The flash-flash-flash was bad enough.

And then you heard the grrrrrrumble, the wind howled, and you were afraid. But it was okay: it was only a thunderstorm. As you'll see in the new book, "Lorraine: The Girl Who Sang the Storm Away" by Ketch Secor, illustrated by Higgins Bond, when it's over, the sun – among other things – will shine bright.

Lorraine lived on a Tennessee farm with her grandfather. Crops were not the

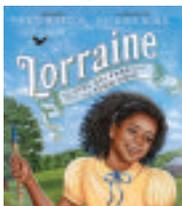
only thing they grew. Music also grew "wild" because, when the workday was over, Lorraine grabbed her whistle and Pa Paw took out his harp. Until darkness came or storms arrived, they played music together on the porch or sometimes in fields near the "Chinkypin tree," when an old crow flew down and joined them in a dance.

By and by, one day, Lorraine noticed that the dinner bell that sat on the kitchen table was gone. Later that morning, she noticed that the tin scoop in the pigpen – the one that was usually found in a feed bin – was



Ketch Secor and Higgins Bond

gone. Then Pa Paw couldn't find his keys, even though they were just in his pocket. Every shiny thing on the farm had vanished; it looked like the work of a thief.



But before they could figure out who was stealing the sparkles, a "Tennessee tempest" rolled in. It crashed and it roared. It BOOMed and it rumbled. It rolled and it rained. Lorraine, who was usually as fearless as they come, was fearful that night. She ran to her grandfather, who reached in his pocket

for his harp and, it was gone, too! And so was Lorraine's whistle!

But Pa Paw knew exactly what to do. A storm can take a roof or a tree away. A storm can make a powerful noise and move the earth. But a storm can't take away the music you have deep inside you – and so, he and Lorraine began to sing. They sang loud and they sang soft, they sang fast and they sang slow. They sang every song they knew until the sun came up to reveal a wet, green field and a big surprise ...

There are two reasons to love "Lorraine."

One is for your child. The other is for you.

For your child, author Ketch Secor tells a lively rhyme that

bounces with wide-open joy. Its simple story is happy and uncomplicated, with an old-timey feel and a sweet surprise at the end. It's total feel-good, and in a time when storms dominate the news, it can also offer comfort.

For you, artist Higgins Bond offers absolutely exquisite illustrations that your eyes won't stop feasting on. The colors are vivid, and each page contains delightful details that will seem as fresh on the tenth read-aloud as they did on the first.

If you are a grown-up who loves children's books, this is one you'll be showing off because of its beauty. But remember to share, too, for the story: "Lorraine" is one your child will love in a flash.

Old-school R&B group get into a political groove

The O'Jays latest and last album addresses the racism of today

MARK KENNEDY
The Associated Press

The iconic R&B group The O'Jays has always made music for the heart. Now the group is going for the jugular on what it says is its last album.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees known for the classic song "Love Train" last Friday released the politically charged single "Above the Law," which explores racial and class inequality. The lyrics include: "Game is fixed/ Pure parlor tricks."

The single will be part of The O'Jays' final studio album, the socially conscious "The Last Word," their first original material in almost

20 years, which is set for release Feb. 22 from S-Curve Records.

Group co-founders Eddie Levert Sr. and Walter Williams Sr. told The Associated Press last week that the group didn't intend to make new music as it looks toward retirement – but felt compelled by what it has seen over the past few years.

"You almost have to say something. You almost have to get involved. You know, it's bad. I've never seen it



Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP File

this bad," said Williams, 75. "You have to say something. You have to do something. People have to get out and vote to change things if they want change."

"Above the Law" was composed by Betty Wright and Angelo Morris, and produced by Steve Greenberg, Wright, Mike Mangini and Sam Holland. More of its lyrics include the lines "Re-invent slavery/ Erase the war on poverty/ Separate primarily/ SEE O'JAYS GC

In this June 13, 2016 file photo, members of the group The O'Jays, from left, Eric Grant, Eddie Levert and Walter Williams attend the 2016 Apollo Theater Spring Gala in New York.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICIAL VOTER GUIDE

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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 Shari Benjamin at 786-477-5813.

7th Annual NAACP Conference

The largest gathering of Haitian Diaspora professionals; Oct. 25-27; Kovens Conference Center; 3000 NE 151 St; Learn more and register at www.naacpconference.org.

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

Gallery; 219 NW 25th St.

District 4 Town Hall Meeting
Councilman Alix Desulme will preside over a discussion of community initiatives, resources, services, and grant opportunities; 6-8 p.m.; Oct. 30; Joe Celestin Center; 1525 NW 135th St.; For more info, contact the Office of Mayor and Council at 305-895-9815.

Overtown Community Meeting

Hear the ideas of how the Overtown Common Good Initiative has invested \$2.7 million in the community; 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Oct. 30; Overtown Performing Arts Center; 1074 NW Third Ave.; RSVP at bit.ly/overtownideas or call Community Relations Coordinator, Shari Benjamin at 786-477-5813.

SCHOOL MEETINGS

Miami Northwestern Class of 1963
Breakfast meeting; Oct. 6; Pasimie 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 305-343-9576.

Miami Northwestern Class of 1973
4 p.m. every third Sunday; location TBA; Info: Call 786-877-1176 or email msoguns@aol.com.

George Washington Carver High School Class of 1966
Noon every second Saturday, 1234 NW 79th St.; Info: Call 305-300-7630.

Miami Northwestern Class of 1962
3 p.m. every second Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-681-3330.

Booker T. Washington Class of 1967
4-6 p.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-333-7128.

Booker T. Washington Class of 1959
11 a.m. every first Tuesday; Golden 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 1970
4 p.m.; Oct. 28; 18835 NW 23rd Ave.; For more information, contact 305-733-4674 or 305-546-3770.

Miami Jackson Class of 1971
2:30 p.m. every first Saturday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-285-2533.

Miami Northwestern Class of 1959
10:30 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 786-897-2646.

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Citizen Advisory Committee
7 p.m. every second Thursday to discuss general community issues; Northside Police Station, 799 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 N.W. 50th St; Info: Call 305-758-1577 or visit www.childrendance.net.

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



Miami Times Photos/ Kishanda Burns

Miami Soul Cafe's staff.



Banana pudding and sweet potato pie with whip cream on top.

CAFE

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kitchen where customers can see what is going on and how their food is being cooked.

"It gets rid of, what I like to call, food anxiety and it keeps us honest," said Howard.

"It also keeps everyone on their toes."

Howard wonders why there isn't a proliferation of soul food restaurants as it is in areas such as Atlanta or Maryland.

"If you go to a Haitian community or Jamaican community, they are still keeping it alive," he said.

Miami Soul Cafe is open five days a week and is also a catering business.

Howard isn't stopping there, though. He plans on opening another soul food restaurant soon.

For more information about Miami Soul Cafe, visit www.miamisoulcafe.com.

Editor's Note: As of this writing Miami Soul Cafe is closed as it installs gas lines. It is expected to open Saturday, Oct. 27.

O'JAYS

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By class."
"As soon as I heard it, I told Mr. Greenberg, "We are all going to jail," Williams said, laughing. "He said, "Don't worry about it. I'll be the guy that gives you the cake with the file in it."

The cover, by artist Christa Cassan, shows businessmen with briefcases riding

flyng pigs over the Capitol. A lyric video for "Above the Law" begins with a \$100 bill being burned, before showing photos of Black men manhandled by the police, scary newspaper headlines, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.
Levert, 76, said he feels like he's stepped back in time to when he was a child in Alabama and the Ku Klux Klan was terrorizing peo-

ZONE

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Digue (Seychelles) and Luang Prabang (Laos).

If you weren't traveling, what would you be doing?

It's hard to imagine life without travel but if I wasn't fortunate enough to do it then I'd definitely be more focused on other aspects of my life. I spend a lot of time looking for the next destination. I think I would focus a lot more on photography and building my presence online in order to have another stream of income.

When was the 'aha' moment for you? The moment you knew you were going to travel the world?

My 'aha' moment definitely came when I did my first group trip to Europe. It was my first time ever crossing the Atlantic ocean and that in itself was pretty nerve-wracking. But the thoughts of planning a trip that wasn't all-inclusive just seemed too overwhelming for me. Planning our Euro trip as a group was an amazing experience for me. I got to bounce ideas off two other friends to make sure we covered all bases in preparation for our trip so we could make the most of it.

I learned how to plan trips really thoroughly after that adventure and carried over those skills into planning subsequent trips. I knew I was bitten by the bug after Europe for sure! The feeling I get when I am in a new and foreign country is simply euphoric!

What inspires you to travel?

To begin, I just wanted to explore new areas of the world that was deemed not normal for a young, Black male. It was just an innate urge that I needed to live out. But as the years went on and my photography im-

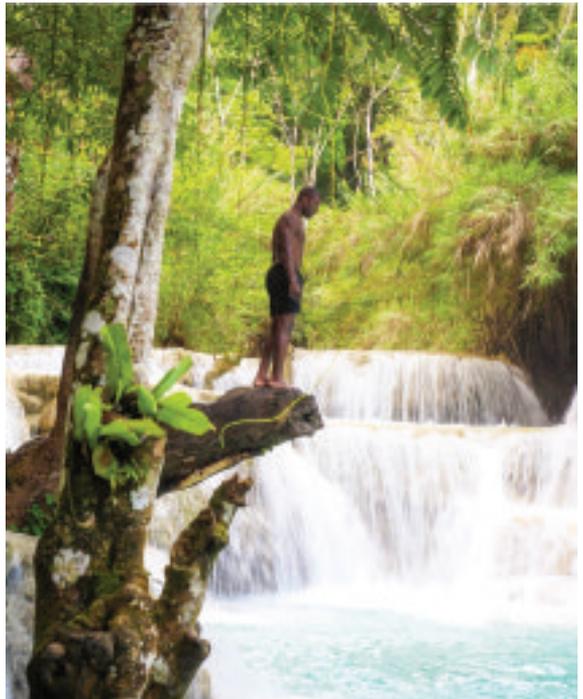


Photo via Theufooms.com

Brian overlooks the water in Luang Prabang, Laos.

proved, there are several inspirations. I want to show that Blacks can leave their comfort zone and travel in this crazy, big and beautiful world. I also want to show that we can travel in style and in luxury. We are often forgotten in travel ad campaigns even when it comes to promoting travel in predominantly Black countries. Lastly, I want to be able to take the less desirable countries and expose its untapped beauty.

What is one piece of advice you would give someone, especially a Black man who wants to travel?

One advice is don't listen too much to what your family and friends tell you when it comes to traveling to certain countries. Yes, you need to be on your P's and Q's but a lot of the time, the drama in the media is over-hyped. I've been to some countries that were in social warfare and I wouldn't have known the dif-

ference. However, I always try to wait until the tensions die down before going.

Also, remember that travel can be dirt cheap if you allow yourself to be flexible. It's the number one way of saving money outside of airline points and buddy passes. You can easily score deals to places all over the world for prices you never thought possible. Subscribe to sites like secretflying.com and pay attention to their deals! It could be your very next trip.

'cause I'm so confused/ Another child lost to the city."

As for this being their last album, the singers insist they're trying to be realistic. "I'll be 80 in four more years. What girl is going to fall out and scream on the floor for an 80-year-old man? It's time," Levert said.

His bandmate agreed: "If, in fact, we see one fall out, she really fell out!" Williams joked. "Somebody better call the paramedics."

Ohio, in 1963, alternating as lead singers. Hits from their peak in the 1970s and 1980s include "Backstabbers," "Love Train" and "Use Ta Be My Girl." The group's last album of new material, "Love You to Tears," appeared in 1997.

While known for their funky, soulful songs, The O'Jays often tackled social issues, as with "For the Love of Money" and "Put Your Hands Together," in which they urged "praying

for all the people who are sleeping in the street." They had a hard time getting radio stations to play "Rich Get Richer," which argued: "The people who live on the hill/ Don't have time for the ghetto."

But "The Last Word" will be the group's most powerful political statement yet. Another track is called "Stand" and speaks of how love is needed to heal. "Turn off the TV to avoid the news/ Look up to heav-

OVERTOWN



A medical professional checks man's blood pressure during the Homeless Stand Down event.

The city is cleaning up neighborhood but locals say it's been too long

FELIPE RIVAS
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In the past few years, the opioid crisis has gone mainstream, afflicting communities nationwide, including sunny South Florida. In Miami, Overtown has been the ground zero for opioid usage and homelessness. Though not a new issue, the city has taken steps to clean up the described "opioid den," as well as provide shelter and rehabilitation programs for those afflicted. However, Overtown residents feel the homelessness issue has been neglected in the historically Black neighborhood for years and the opioid den is the ensuing result of such neglect.

Last Thursday, a town hall meeting informed residents about the city's effort to address the opioid situation happening in Overtown. The meeting was organized by the Overtown Community Oversight Board and brought together city officials, Miami police officers and health experts, who spoke on the safety of the community and about the clean up of the blockaded area, scheduled for Friday morning.

Keon Williams, chairman of the oversight board, expressed frustration in the way that Overtown continues to struggle with drug abuse, homelessness and lack of help from local government, year after year. "I know every community has its issues," he said at the meeting, "but you mean to tell me, a couple of decades pass by, and we are still dealing with the same thing?"

During the meeting, a man who claimed to be a community pastor, left abruptly. Williams, who noticed what the gentleman left behind on his seat, got up from his seat and stopped the meeting, went to the empty seat and with no protection, other than a piece of paper, picked up a

needle left behind by the man.

"This is what it has come to in this neighborhood," he said, carefully showing the needle to the audience. "This is what is going on in this neighborhood. This is unacceptable and it is right in our face!" Several Overtown residents echoed William's sentiments and blamed the city of Miami and Miami-Dade County for neglecting the needs of the Overtown community.

The Overtown community should continue to voice their concern to city officials, advised Melba Pearson, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Pearson said that what is happening in Overtown is a multifaceted issue that has occurred for long periods of time.

"This problem has been going on for decades and when you ignore commu-

Neglect breeds needed change



Circuit Judge Steven Leifman revises a man's legal file during the Homeless Stand Down event.

nities this is what happens," Pearson said. "The key for the community is to keep on putting pressure on public officials."

Overtown should have the same crisis response rate and allocation of services as the white and more affluent communities, she explained. Furthermore, elected officials should set up better economic infrastructure and policies to help the communities afflicted by poverty, addiction and lack of affordable housing such as Overtown. "This is a governmental problem," she said.

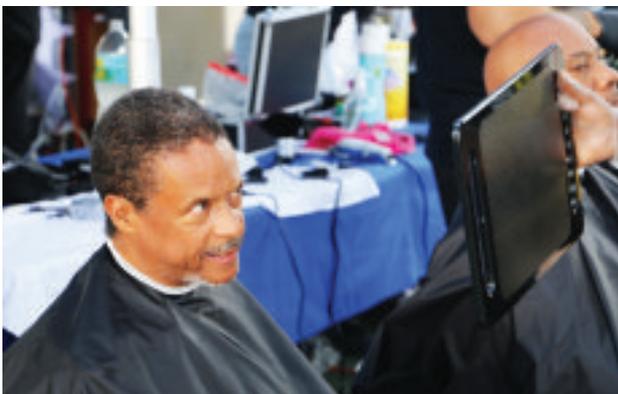
Pearson explained that the community should demand criminal justice reform that includes addiction rehabilitation programs from the different local elected officials. "At the end of the day, our elected

officials are accountable to our communities," she said.

Another concern for the ACLU and other groups is that the city and the police departments will criminalize addiction and homelessness, in an effort to better police areas where loitering and homelessness is rampant.

In the last two weeks some 25-30 people coming directly from the blockaded area have been admitted to rehabilitation programs, health officials explained. The South Florida Behavioral Health Network leads the efforts of admitting the indigent population into the rehabilitation programs, many of whom do not have an established insurance provider. Treatment beds are limited however. And officials say more and more people are seeking the

SEE CHANGE 8D



A man receives a free haircut during the Homeless Stand Down event.

Andrew Gillum is not corrupt!

REVEREND DR. R.B. HOLMES, *president and publisher, Capital Outlook*



The television campaign advertisement that is currently being run by the Republican Party is basically saying that Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, is corrupt, is demeaning, disturbing, disingenuous and dishonest. Mr. Gillum is not corrupt. He is competent; he is capable; he is caring; he is confident; and he is courageous. Andrew Gillum is not corrupt!

Listen, I am fully aware that politics is a rough-and-tough craft and it is not for the faint of heart, nor the thin-skinned. Nevertheless, our politics should be better than this. It's not about "the politics of personal destruction." It is unfortunate and ugly that his opponent has taken this negative approach to belittle and smear the character of Andrew Gillum.

The Florida gubernatorial race should be about which candidate has the best ideas, policies and vision that can move this great state forward. Florida deserves better. I believe that Mayor Gillum is uniquely prepared and qualified to become our next governor. I have known Andrew for half of his young and impressive life. He is decent, dignified and positively driven to make a difference for all "Floridians."

Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! You may disagree with some of his policies; that is fair game. But to say he is corrupt is incorrect, inexplicable and shameful. This young man is a transformational leader. I have observed him closely



Andrew Gillum
Tallahassee Mayor

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in various leadership positions. Andrew Gillum served faithfully and skillfully as the Student Government Association president at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). He was a studious, steadfast, significant and strategic thinker as a member of FAMU's Board of Trustees. He became the youngest elected Tallahassee city commissioner. As a commissioner, he brought vibrancy, vision, value and valor to that commission. As our may-

or, he has been a voice for distressed communities, a fighter for the disenfranchised, and an astute problem solver. The mayor is not perfect, but he is prepared, positive, persistent and principled. Mayor Gillum is not corrupt!

Let me be clear! Vote for whomever you want to for governor. However, if you want a governor who will fight for better wages, Andrew Gillum is the man. If you want Medicaid expanded for the poor and sick, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want the civil rights of former felons restored, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want Florida's archaic "Stand your ground law" to be amended or ended, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want clean water, beautiful beaches, a pristine environment and environmental justice, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want to see the minimum wage increased to \$15 per hour, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want common sense gun laws, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want better schools, safer schools, innovative schools, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want somebody who will work to save, strengthen and sustain the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in this sunshine state, then Andrew Gillum is your man.

On Nov. 6, it is your choice: Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! He is a champion for the people!

Be encouraged.

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network's health.

On Friday, the city of Miami Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) along with the Miami Police Department, the Homeless Trust and other local agencies began to clean the closed-off streets. The city's homelessness outreach professionals identified the people living in the den and offered shelter and rehabilitation programs information to them.

City officials said that after the clean up is finished, open sex and drug use will not be tolerated in the area.

The Homeless Trust estimated that some 60-70 individuals lived in the blocked-off area before the clean up took place. The Homeless Trust and the NET program, along with their different partners will continue to conduct outreach in the Overtown area to provide information about shelter, health services and rehab programs in order to reduce the threat of the criminalization of homelessness.



Homeless citizens wait to see the judge at the city's annual Homeless Stand Down event.

Miami Times Photo/Felipe Rios

In another effort to help the homeless community of Miami, the city hosted its annual Homeless Stand Down at Jose Marti Park, last Thursday. Legal services, job screenings, mobile showers and free haircuts, among other services, were offered to persons looking for a way out of homelessness.

Circuit Judge Steve Leifman, who has been involved in different homelessness initiatives, presided over the makeshift courtroom inside the park's gymnasium.

"What often happens is that for people who are under-resourced or homeless, it is really hard for them to access complex, legal services," Leifman said. The judge explained that many reasons contribute to homelessness, mainly mental health, addiction or lack of affordable housing. "Homelessness is complex," he said. "We are straightening out their licenses. Also, if they have open cases, we can set aside warrants. We want to help them get out of homelessness and this is [a] wonderful way to do it."

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Rev. Alexander Ekechukwu, CSSp
1301 NW 71 Street • 305-691-1701

BAPTIST

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

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

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

New Christ Tabernacle Church
Rev. Harold Harsh
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578

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

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

New Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church
Rev. Harold Marsh
1305 NW 54th Street • 305-835-2578

Valley Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Elder Johnnie Robinson
1395 NW 69th Street • 305-835-8316

New Mount Calvary

Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Bernard E. Lang, Pastor/Teacher
7103 NW 22 Avenue • 305-691-8015

Second Canaan

Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Jeffrey L. Mack, Pastor
4343 NW 17 Avenue 305-638-1789

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Van Gaskins, Jr., Pastor/Teacher
7510 NW 15th Avenue • 305-418-0012

True Faith Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor John M. Fair
1890 NW 47th Terrace • 786-262-6841

The Kingdom Agenda Worship Center
Prophetess Felicia Hamilton-Parramore
630 Sharaf Avenue • 954-707-3274

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Metropolitan A.M.E. Church
Rev. Michael H. Clark, Jr., Senior Pastor
1778 NW 69th Street • 305-696-4201

New Resurrection Community Church

Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Tate
2167 NW 64th Street • 305-342-7426

PENTECOSTAL

New Faith Deliverance Church COGIC
Pastor Dr. Willie Gaines
3257 NW 7th Avenue Circle • 305-335-4389

New Life Christian Center

Rev. Bruce Payne
5726 Washington Street • 786-536-9039

MORAVIAN CHURCH

New Hope Moravian Church
Pastor Gregorio Moody
6001 SW 127th Avenue • 305-273-4047

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ at Coconut Grove
Minister William D. Maddox
3345 Douglas Road • 305-448-0504

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Revival Tabernacle Assembly of God
Pastor Leonard Shaw
2085 NW 97th Street • 305-693-1356

NON DENOMINATION

Lively Stone Church of Miami
Pastor David Dorisarc
8025 NW Miami Court 754-400-0899

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FAITH CALENDAR

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Providence Road Church
Men's retreat; Oct. 25-27; noon - 4 p.m.; Camp Owaissa Bauer; 17001 SW 264th St.; For more info, call 786-245-5702.

South Miami Lutheran Church
Free special needs fitness sports karate kids group class; noon - 1 p.m.; Oct. 27; 7190 Sunset Drive; For more info, call 786-210-0274.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God
Shekinah Nite; 6-8:30 p.m.; Oct. 27; 15101 NW Fifth Ave.; For more info, call 786-428-0078.

Riverside Baptist Church
Free bible study for 5th graders; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.; Oct. 28; 10775 SW 104th St.; RSVP at bit.ly/2R9PNJD.
Alpha and Omega Church

Kids blast with games, rides and prizes; 6-9 p.m.; Oct. 31; 7800 SW 56th St.; For more info, call the church directly at 305-273-1263 or call Cassandra Lacayo at 786-738-4045.

The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.
Free counseling, tutoring, health screenings and messages of services are being offered by Senior

Pastor Felicia Hamilton-Parramore; Call 954-707-3274 for more details.

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

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

Sistah to Sistah Connection
Women's empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. - noon every second and fourth Saturday; Parkway

Professional Building in Miramar. Call 954-260-9348 for more details.

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

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

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

First Haitian Church of God

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

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

Florida Independent Restoration Ministries
Prayer for families dealing with drugs and alcohol; Call 800-208-2924 ext. 102 or 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

Getting to know the signs of breast cancer

NORTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER PROVIDES KNOWLEDGE ON BREAST CANCER

DR. CHARLES HARRIS
Special to The Miami Times

Breast cancer can strike anyone – young or old, male or female, from all ethnic backgrounds and walks of life. Former first lady Betty Ford, “Good Morning America” anchor Robin Roberts, singer Olivia Newton-John and actor Richard Roundtree are all breast cancer survivors. Their breast cancer experiences began when the disease was diagnosed because a symptom or screening test suggested breast cancer.

The most common sign of breast cancer is a lump or mass. Other common symptoms include breast swelling, skin irritation, the nipple turning inward, nipple discharge (not breast milk) and breast or nipple pain. These signs may be detected during a breast self-exam, routine clinical breast exam or screening mammogram. If a suspicious-looking area is detected, additional testing will be used to either confirm a breast cancer diagnosis or identify a benign condition.

Three tests used to diagnose breast conditions are diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). A diagnostic mammogram, which generates X-ray pictures, focuses on a specific area of the breast and takes more detailed pictures of the areas that look abnormal. An ultrasound, which uses sound waves, can help doctors determine if an abnormality is a benign fluid-filled cyst or a potentially cancerous solid mass. MRI, which uses radio waves and strong magnets, is sometimes used to look for tumors that did not appear on a mammogram.

Imaging tests can help locate a breast mass, but they cannot confirm a breast cancer diagnosis. This is done during a biopsy to remove cells or tissue samples for laboratory testing. There are three main types of biopsies:

- Fine needle aspiration biopsy involves inserting a very thin needle into the suspicious area to withdraw cells. Ultrasound may be used to guide the needle if the lump cannot be easily located.
- A core needle biopsy uses a slightly

larger needle to remove three to five small cylinders of tissue from the breast abnormality. Larger core biopsies can be performed using suction to remove tissue samples.

- Surgery may be recommended to remove all or part of a lump for examination. During an incisional biopsy, a sample is removed from the abnormal area. An excisional biopsy involves removing the entire mass as well as a surrounding margin of normal tissue.

If cancer cells are found after a biopsy, test results can determine the cancer type and whether it is invasive (likely to spread) or in situ (localized). Invasive cancers are assigned a grade based on how closely the sample resembles normal tissue and the likelihood the cancer will grow and spread. An estrogen and progesterone receptor test can determine if hormone therapy may help stop the cancer from growing. A human epidermal growth factor receptor-2 test can measure a growth factor protein that may cause cancer cells to spread more aggressively.

For more information visit <https://www.northshoremedical.com>.



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An ultrasound, which uses sound waves, can help doctors determine if an abnormality is a benign fluid-filled cyst or a potentially cancerous solid mass.

Dr. Charles Harris

Tips on coping with breast cancer

North Shore Medical Center offers tips on dealing with breast cancer

DR. CHARLES HARRIS
Special to The Miami Times

“You have breast cancer.” These are words no woman wants to hear, but if you did, what would you do? If you react with disbelief, anger, anxiety, resignation and then acceptance, you are not alone. Many women experience these feelings, as well as shock, fear, guilt, sadness, grief and depression. Going through a wide range of

emotions is perfectly normal and each person will handle them in different ways. The key to dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis is to manage these emotions, rather than letting them manage you. Here are a few tips for coping with breast cancer.

LEARN ABOUT THE DISEASE

Learning about breast cancer can help you better understand the type of cancer you

have, treatment options and chances for recovery. Knowing what you are up against can lessen fears and give you a sense of control over your treatment.

TALK ABOUT IT

Many women find that talking to people, including family, friends or other breast cancer survivors, about their feelings provides much needed emotional support. If you are not the talkative type, try keeping a journal. Working through your feelings



Harris

about cancer can help you maintain a positive attitude and better handle stress.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Find something you enjoy doing, like watching a movie, taking a hot bath or reading a book. Pay attention to your physical needs and get enough sleep, eat right and exercise (if you feel up to it and your doctor says you can).

ASK FOR HELP

If you can't get the housework done, ask a friend or relative to help you. Most people will gladly pitch in to help with specific tasks, so don't be afraid to ask them to pick something up at the grocery store or watch your children so you can go to a doctor's appointment.

SEEK SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Many women find that talking with a pastor, rabbi or other religious leader can provide comfort and guidance in dealing with the challenge of breast cancer. Reciting prayers, meditating or reading inspirational books may help you feel more at peace.

The emotional stress of dealing with breast cancer can be overwhelming, but you don't have to manage it alone. Talk with your doctor or visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org for information about support groups and programs in your area.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

GETTING ON THE PATH TO OVARIAN CANCER TREATMENT

Ovarian cancer is accountable for more deaths in women compared to any other cancers

DR. CHARLES HARRIS
Special to The Miami Times

Over the past 20 years, the rate at which women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer has fallen, but this disease is still crucial to monitor as it accounts for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. According to the American Cancer Society, a woman's risk of getting ovarian cancer during her lifetime is about 1 in 75, and white women are more likely to develop this disease than any other ethnicity.

In order to get the right treatment for ovarian cancer, you must seek out an oncologist, a doctor that specializes in treating tumors. There are two main treatments used to treat ovarian cancer – surgery and chemotherapy.

Surgery is often the initial treatment of choice used in the early stages of diagnosis. Surgery is completed through a series of biopsies in your abdomen and pelvis to have the affected ovary and fallopian tube removed. This treatment option gives you the ability to still give birth. However, if you have



Harris

had menopause or don't want any more children, both ovaries will be removed.

More advanced stages of ovarian cancer require chemotherapy. This is used when the cancer has spread beyond the ovary. The aim for this treatment is to shrink all the cancer cells and reduce the risk of it returning. You may still have surgery before or after chemotherapy, depending how many cells have been impacted. In severe cases, radiotherapy is used to relieve the symptoms of the disease.

Targeted therapy is a newer form of cancer treatment that uses drugs or other substances to invade cancer cells while doing little to no harm to your normal cells.

Immunotherapy is another type of treatment used to combat cancer. This approach uses a vaccine that allows the immune system to identify cancerous cells and like targeted therapy, attacks the harmful ones. According to a recent study, the effectiveness of this treatment proved to be a success.

Dr. Charles Harris is the chief of staff at North Shore Medical Center in Miami.



OCTOBER IS RX MONTH

Prescription medications: The do's and the don'ts

Try to keep a list of all drugs you take to avoid adverse interactions

DR. KRISTEN HOLLIST
Special to The Miami Times

More than half of the U.S. population takes prescription medications, with an average of four prescriptions taken by American adults. Advancements in healthcare have resulted in major improvements for many people with different diseases. However with these advancements comes increasing use of medications and brings forth riskier consequences.

Medication-related problems and medication mismanagement are a major public health problem in the U.S. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1.3 million people went to the emergency room due to adverse effects in 2014 and about 124,000 died from those events. An estimated \$200 billion per year is spent in the U.S. toward medication-related morbidity and mortality. Many experts suggest that up to half of those events were preventable. What can we do to reduce medication errors and associated adverse events?

Improving prescription safety across the U.S. will involve the entire health care sector, government institutions and communities to shift the culture views on prescription's usage. Several organizations have already implemented systems to reduce medication errors, promote medication adherence and improve the overall safety of patients.

Several clinical offices are following medication safety best practices. These practices may include updating the patient's health history every visit, making thorough therapeutic decisions, prescribing clear instructions, counseling patients and many more processes.

Pharmacists, the medication experts, are increas-

ingly evolving their role to provide solutions that minimize risk to patients and help them reach their best health outcomes. Pharmacists may provide Medication Therapy Management, a personalized consultation that optimizes therapeutic outcomes through evaluating the safety, appropriateness and efficacy of medication treatment plans. In addition, they provide medication counseling, suggest cost saving medication alternatives and can offer first line healthcare professional advice.

A safe medication use is a shared responsibility between you, your doctor, the pharmacist and other healthcare providers. Therefore it is very important that patients/caregivers take a proactive approach with managing their health. This will help significantly to reduce medication errors and help improve patient outcomes. Here are some tips on how to be an expert at managing your medication therapy.

MEDICATION SAFETY TIPS

1. KNOW YOUR MEDICINE

Know what you're putting inside of your body, especially medications. You should have a basic knowledge on what medications you're taking and their purpose. This will help you to communicate easier with your healthcare team. This will also help you to make more informed decisions related to your health.

2. KEEP A LIST

Keep a current list of your medications that details your medication's name, strength, dosing frequency, precautions, drug allergies and any other significant details. Make sure the list includes over-the-counter drugs, herbal medications and supplements. Bring this list to your medical appoint-



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Dr. Kristen Hollist

ments, pharmacy and any emergency room visits. This will help your providers adjust your medications and identify potential interactions.

3. TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

Taking your medication as prescribed can help reduce future chronic disease related complications and hospitalizations. There are many medications that you may feel like they aren't making any difference, however the medicines may be indicated for prevention and/or maintenance. Always follow your physicians and/or medications' directions on how and when to take the medication. This also includes precautions, such as avoid alcohol or take with food. This will help ensure that your medication therapy is safe and effective.

4. GET ORGANIZED AND SET A ROUTINE

It can be challenging to keep up with taking your medications on a daily basis, especially if you're taking 4 or more. Analyze your daily routine and figure out the easiest way for you to remember to take

your medicines. Use pill organizers, phone reminders and medication phone apps to help you manage your medications. Plan ahead by refilling your medications at least one to two weeks earlier and pay attention to your remaining refills.

5. USE ONE PHARMACY

Sticking to one pharmacy has shown to reduce medication errors and improve safety. However, there are many people that use multiple pharmacies to save money on prescriptions. Health care costs have been rising and more people are using multiple pharmacies to save money on prescriptions. If you are using more than one pharmacy, make sure to provide an updated medication list for them to check for possible interactions.

6. KEEP YOUR MEDICATIONS SAFE

Medications can be life-saving when used appropriately and deadly when used incorrectly. Ensure that your medications are labeled correctly to avoid taking the wrong medica-

7. ASK QUESTIONS

Ask to be counseled on all of your medications, especially when you're starting a new therapy. There is always more to know about your medication than just how many times a day do you take it. Your doctor and pharmacist are valuable resources for drug information. Let your questions help them know what additional information to provide you.

8. COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PROVIDERS

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have a problem taking the medication for any reason, including cost or side effects. Fortunately, there are many options available. Your providers would be able to explore the best option for you.

Dr. Kristen Hollist is the co-owner of Optimal Health Medical Center in Miami Gardens. For more information, visit <https://optimal-healthmc.com/>



Pastor OF THE WEEK



LaShawn Spry

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Miracles made daily.

LaShawn Spry teaches women to live their best lives through faith

Leader uses talents to help others find their purpose

ISHKA N. HARRISON
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LaShawn Spry is a self-proclaimed "purpose pusher" and after five minutes of speaking with her, it becomes evident she's given herself the right title. Full of passion and electrifying energy, Spry uses her gift of speaking to encourage others to live their best God-ordained lives.

Along with her husband, Robert "Bobby" Spry II, Spry co-pastors The Purpose Church, located at 2748 NW 167 St., in Miami Gardens.

"The mission is literally to propel people to purpose through ministry. That is our goal," Spry said. "To see everyone, every life that we touch, every person that enters the church - even if they don't stay - to ignite that spark or fan that flame

of purpose in every person we come into contact with. That's our mission for life."

The youngest of six children and a preacher's child, Spry was born and raised in North Miami Beach in a strict Pentecostal household.

She admits it made her turn away from the church and she had to get to know God for herself as an adult. But when she returned to her faith at age 30, she was all in.

"A co-worker of mine invited me to church, but I'd been at the club so I told her I'd come if I got up...." Spry said. "I woke up early - and to this day I still can't believe I got up that early - and I got ready for church. That was June of 2007 so I dedicated my life to Christ and I have not looked back."

Not looking back seems like an understatement for Spry. Since returning to ministry, she's been going full throttle for Jesus. In addition to being a pastor, she is a motivational speaker, life coach and author who works in Corporate America while raising she and Robert's seven kids and pursuing a degree in psychology from Liberty University. She calls women like herself "Boss Wives."

"A boss wife is a woman that is successful in her mindset, in her marriage, in the ministry and in the marketplace," Spry said. "This is a woman that is successful all around, but she attributes her success to God, her love for God and putting God first."

She'll be hosting an event to honor five such women on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. at The Rotary Club of Hollywood, located at 2349 Taylor St. It's an event that speaks to her passion for teaching other women how to win

at life.

"My passion is for women, to see women live successfully in every area of their lives - their faith, their families - their finances and their futures. I want to help push them to their purpose so everything that I do centers around that," Spry said.

As someone who has dealt with fear and discouragement in her own life, Spry believes her experiences are meant to equip her to help others. To help accomplish this, she will be releasing her first hardcopy book, "40 Lessons to 40" later this year. Her eBook, "Ten Principles to Becoming a Purpose Driven Woman" is available now.

"Fear is nothing but an illusion. It's the possibility of what might happen. Most times, it's not even something that happens. I have finally come to grips with the fact that everything that I go through is for me to have the ability to help somebody else that's going to go through that during this journey to our destiny. Whether I was grappling with fear or struggling with my faith, I know that I had to go through it to help somebody else," Spry said.

Her weapons to overcome trials and difficulties are prayer, faith and belief in God's word.

"Prayer has saved my life.

Just because you are aware of what your purpose is, doesn't mean there isn't a process that you're going to have to go through before you can live it out. Even when you're living it out, you're still going to face challenges and difficulties ... so prayer has been my strength because that's when I can communicate with God and be honest with Him," Spry said.

She wants people to understand they don't have to hide anything from God.

"You can tell God exactly how you feel. He already knows anyway so we don't have to pretend for Him. You can go to Him full out... then you can be quiet and listen to the still of His voice and the comfort in His word," Spry said.

She credits taking God at His word and having a great support system - including having a husband she describes as "the best" - with helping her get where she is today.

"We have to believe God; we have to trust Him; and we have to know that what He says is true, what He says is yes and amen.

To learn more about The Purpose Church, call 786-505-3558.

Do you know a spiritual leader who should be featured in this column? Email Ishka at ishekah@gmail.com.

Man's life saved after surprise heart attack

Former North Shore Medical Center patient recounts his experience with doctor during and after treatment

DAVID MARKUS
Special to the Miami Times

To my great surprise I had a heart attack at home during boxing training with my trainer. I thought I was having gas pains. My wife had the presence of mind to look at me and told me, you're going to the hospital. If it wasn't for her I probably would have never went to the hospital. We went out to the car and she took another look at me and decided we needed to call 911. The emergency personnel came and were debating whether it was a heart attack or a case of anxiety. By the time I got to the hospital, the doctor who was on call made the determination it was a heart attack.

Ten minutes later, I was in the operating room (the Cath lab) with Dr. Juan Velasquez who saved my life. He put a stent in and I was out of the hospital in two days. My life today is because of him. Three weeks after I went to the hospital I was able to go on a vacation to Mexico for a week.

Dr. Velasquez answered my questions directly. He spoke to me one-on-one and never in a condescending way. He was always supportive and constructive. Dr. Velasquez is someone I have a lot of confidence in and I will be forever grateful to him. He's a great doctor and has a fantastic bedside manner.

I didn't have the traditional warning signs you've heard



Photo courtesy of North Shore Medical Center

about for a heart attack like stiffness in the arms or chest. I had what I thought was a gas attack. I took a break from the boxing training I was doing and after 10 minutes I realized that it wasn't going away and something was wrong. I don't have a history of heart disease in my family. It just never occurred to me that I was having a heart attack.

Dr. Velasquez explained to me that a piece of plaque in my artery had broken off, a very random event that could've happened at any time. He told me that if I hadn't gotten to the hospital when I did that things could have been worse. Dr. Velasquez said I had 90 minutes from when that piece of plaque broke off and clogged my heart

for them to put a stent in and open up the blood flow. I was at about the 65-minute mark.

Most of my heart wasn't receiving blood. Dr. Velasquez explained to me that once a piece of plaque breaks off and clogs the heart the way it did in my case, you have a 90-minute window to seek treatment or it may be fatal. He told me that my blocked artery is nicknamed the widow maker because so many people pass away from it randomly. Fortunately, that didn't happen to me. It rarely presents symptoms. I was in good hands. I was in a place where people knew what they were doing. Reaction time was quick and they took care of me and saved my life.

The stent procedure itself was

not painful. Once they gave me the morphine I wasn't in any pain or distress. I was in the hospital just for recuperating and monitoring. After I came out of the operating room after several hours, I felt fine. I was ready to go right then but they insisted on keeping me for a while to make sure everything was OK.

I am in the best shape of my life. I feel great. I have a good mental attitude and I feel I have been given a second chance at life that I'm going to use.

I am so thankful that my heart attack led me to Dr. Juan Velasquez who saved my life. He's my doctor today. I have complete confidence and faith in him. I am glad I was taken to North Shore Medical Center in Miami where I received the best treat-

ment anyone could ever have. The nurses at the North Shore Medical Center were attentive. If I had to be taken somewhere I am glad I was taken there. They literally saved my life.

Dr. Velasquez's office was a pleasure to go to; it was convenient and the parking lot was

easy to get in and out of. Most importantly, Dr. Velasquez pays attention to you and it's a pleasure to go to his office.

Dr. Velasquez told me live my life to the fullest and that's what I am doing.

David Markus, a Miami native, is a criminal defense attorney.

Pastoral appreciation at Apostolic Revival Center

The congregation of the Apostolic Revival Center invites you to join us as we praise God for a man and woman of God, Dr. and Sis. G.S. Smith, for their 48th Pastoral Appreciation on October 23 - 26 at 7 p.m. night. The theme will be "Still Running the Race," Hebrews 12:12. In summation of the week-long Pastor's Appreciation Celebration, we will be celebrating the "50th Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony of Dr. Gilbert S. Smith and Mrs. Geneva O. Smith on Saturday, October 27 at 4 p.m. at the JW Marriott Hotel, 1109 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL 33131.



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We are praising God for true visionaries that have stood the test of time through their ministry and marriage. They have faithfully followed the call of God and brought a ministry from a storefront

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For more information, please call Sis. Ernestine Cowart at 954-558-8444.

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

Richardson

MARY LOWE, 53, homemaker, died October 14 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



BARBARA JEAN DURDEN, 75, retired teacher, died at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



KENNETH SCOTT, 63, laborer, died October 14 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel.



CHARLES ADDERLEY, 94, retired printer, died October 11 at Miami Veterans Administration Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday Mount Olivette Missionary Baptist Church.



Hall Ferguson Unit

SALLIE MAE WILSON, 61, cafeteria worker, died October 16. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



JOHN JOSEPH, 81, laborer, died October 12. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Gamble Memorial Church of God.



ADRIAN CODY, 50, admission rep., died Oct. 13. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at St. City Church of God.



Meadows

DENNIS ARTHUR ROBINSON, 53, carpenter, died October 19 in Atlanta, GA. He is survived by his loving parents, Judy Robinson Lathan and Early Robinson; two brothers, Roderick (Lisa) and Johnnie; seven lovely children, Tasheka Robinson (Chad) of Miami, FL; six others in Atlanta Tavoris Thomas, Shrika Evans, Diamond Robinson Allen (Ali), Nicholas Robinson, and Selvyn Robinson; many aunts, uncles, grandchildren and friends. Special friend, Derrick Sheldon. Dennis was and will remain loved in all of our hearts. Now may he rest in peace. Final rites in Atlanta, GA.



Eternal Rest

DR. FREDERICK FERGUSON, 58, medical doctor, died October 15. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Temple Baptist Church.



Eric S. George
MR. LORRAINE JOHNSON, 20, died October 20. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Ebenezer Baptist Church.



Range-Coconut Grove

MOTHER ROSE MARIE KEELS, 82, died October 17 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater Faith Temple F.B. Church.



PERRY GLENN, 66, died October 16 at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Services were held.



HORACE E. TAYLOR, 59, head custodian, died October 16 at Jackson South Community Hospital. Services were held.



Mitchell

CLAUDIA M. EVERETT, 72, retired sky chef, died October 19 at home. Survived by husband, John L. Everett; sons, John Everett (deceased), Jerry Thomas; two loving granddaughters, Shirkeria, Shanti; four great grandkids. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.



Gregg L. Mason

HORACE SIMS, SR., 98, retired construction worker, died October 14. Survivors include daughters, Renee Hutchinson (Phillip) of West Palm Beach and Neatley Mimi (Robert) of Ft. Lauderdale; son, Horace Sims, Jr. of Miami; grandchildren, Kimberly Edwards (Fredrick), Louis Lamb (Latoya), Durwin Lamb, Trashanna Melvin, Ashley Hutchinson, Elijah Hutchinson, Wesley Sims, Ricari Mimi; and other relatives and friends. Viewing 7-9 p.m., Thursday at Roanoke Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL. Viewing 5-8 p.m., Friday at Gregg L. Mason Chapel. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment: Caballero Rivero Dade North.



Royal

JURRIE MCCLARY, 96, landscaper, died October 10 at Jackson North. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at 93rd Community Baptist Church.



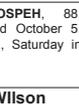
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CURTIS HINSON, SR., 84, correction officer, died October 18. Service 11 a.m., Friday at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church.



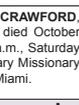
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JEANILIA JOSEPH, 88, homemaker, died October 5. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



Eric L. Wilson

NETTIE MAE CRAWFORD, 95, homemaker, died October 20. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Miami.



Hadley Davis MLK

KAYDEN CESAR, 4, died October 11 at Broward Health Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete.



GEORGE D. JOY, 71, journalist, died October 16 at home. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



HENRY BROWN, 46, died October 11 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Services were held.

Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

DEREK KIRKLAND, 56, laborer, died October 4. Services are held.



NARCISO ALBERTI, JR., 61, hairstylist, died October 18 at home. Service 2 p.m., Friday in the chapel.



Wright and Young

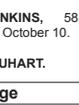
GLENDIA PATTERSON, 62, lead medical sterilization technician, died October 16. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at New Birth.



LATRON JOHNSON, 39, self-employed, died October 5.



ELIGAH JENKINS, 58, dishwasher, died October 10.



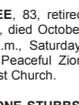
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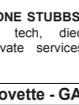
MINNIE WHITE KEMP, 80, retired Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher, died October 19. Survived by her husband, Gladston C. Kemp; children: Sharon Wright (Adisa), Alecia and Angela Kemp, and grandchildren: Jamila Asha Wright and Roland Smith III. Viewing 6-8 p.m., Friday at Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 8100 NW 17 Avenue, Miami, FL 33147. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at the church with Pastor Benjamin Parrott officiating. Interment will follow at Vista Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 14200 NW 57 Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL 33014.



WILBERT LEE, 83, retired correction officer, died October 17. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, November 3 at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



MILTON TYRONE STUBBS, 55, orthopedic tech, died October 5. Private services were held.



Gregory B. Lovette - GA

VINCENT J. VAN, 53, retired correctional officer, died October 22 in Atlanta, GA. Service 11 a.m., Saturday in Lawrenceville, GA.



In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



VINCENT "DWAYNE" BURSE I
03/19/1960 - 10/02/2016



GENIE VIOLA BURSE
04/04/1959 - 10/24/2017

"Together in Life" - "Together in Heaven" "Hallelujah" Forever loved and missed by your sons, Vincent Dwayne Burse II, Victor Dwayne Burse and all of our families and friends.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



ANDREA ELAINE JOHNSON
06/08/1960 - 10/30/2016

To some you are forgotten, but to the ones who loved you, your memories will always last. Your mother, Dorothy Singleton; brothers, Jacques, David, Edward Murray; sister, Jan Pierre-Jerome and host of family and friends.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



DEACON ALLAN L. MCPHEE
08/11/1943 - 10/30/2016

When God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. He put His arms around you and whispered come to me.

He didn't like what you went through, so he gave you rest. His heavenly choir must be awesome. God only takes the best.

Forever In My Heart.
Your wife, Carol.

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Raye Montague who had trailblazing Navy career dies at 83

Black woman from Arkansas created rough drafts of ship specifica-

The Associated Press

Raye Montague, a trailblazing Black woman from Arkansas who revolutionized the way the U.S. Navy designed ships, has died. She was 83. Montague, who had a 33-year career in the Navy, developed a computer program that created rough drafts of ship specifications. She told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in 2012 that the program allowed the Navy to cut the



Raye Montague

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



CAROLYN CLEAR
10/29/1945 - 08/21/2014

We miss you dearly.
The Family

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



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

Although you have both transitioned, the examples, the foundation, and the love you and Dad both shared with and instilled in me, will never be forgotten and will always be celebrated. Happy Heavenly 100th Birthday! From your loving son, Jimmie Cheever

Death Notice



EARL FORD GLENN, 82, financial planner, of Cutler Bay, died Oct. 22 at Kindred Hospital. Survivors including wife, Mrs. Azalee Glenn; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 5-7 p.m., Friday at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Coconut Grove. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Range - Coconut Grove Funeral Home.

time it took to build a ship's draft design from two years to 18 hours and 26 minutes.

The newspaper reports she died Oct. 10 at a hospital in Little Rock. Her son, David Montague, says his mother died of congestive heart failure.

Raye Montague, a civilian engineer, fought discrimination during her career. When a co-worker wouldn't show her how to operate a computer, she taught herself.

"I had to run circles around people, but when they found out I really knew what I was talking about they came to respect me," Montague told the newspaper. "I worked long hours and traveled for the job because I couldn't say I wanted the same wages as the guys if I couldn't. I had to do all the same things, within reason, that they did."

Her son said, "She always made it a point to just try to meet every challenge with a smile."

Montague's work became widely recognized after the release of the movie "Hidden Figures" in 2016. The film told the story of the work done by black female mathematicians during the early days of NASA.

A 2017 article on the Navy's website about Montague noted she was known as the Navy's "hidden figure."

Montague was born in 1935 in Little Rock and grew up in segregated Arkansas. David Montague said his mother was unable to pursue engineering in college because the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville wouldn't accept black students at the time. So Raye Montague attended Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College — now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff — and studied business instead.

After graduating in 1956, she went to Washington, D.C., determined to find a job related to engineering. She started as a clerk typist with the Navy and worked her way up to become its first female program manager of ships.

"She was involved with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) before it was sexy," said Anna Beth Gorman, executive director of Women's Foundation Arkansas.

Montague, who was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award by the Navy, moved home in 2006 to be closer to her son David and his family. She was inducted into the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame this year.

David Montague said that despite her busy work schedule and career goals, his mother, who was divorced, always made sure to take him to Boy Scout meetings and rarely missed a bowling match.

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

