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WHAT'S AT STAKE?

# FLIPPING FLORIDA FLORIDA

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**E**lections have consequences. This election could change the political balance in Washington or make a balanced, representative government. Currently, Republicans control the House, the Senate, the presidency and with the recent appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the judicial branch.

But the nation is poised to see the rise of Black political empowerment as Stacy Abrams and Ben Jealous have a chance of winning the governorship of Georgia and Maryland respectively, both Southern states with racist histories.

For Black Floridians, this could be the most-consequential and historic election in their lifetimes.

Locally, this election could result in Florida gaining its first Black governor and attorney general, the restoration of voting rights to ex-felons, new legislation to improve blighted Black communities, the end of a 20-year stretch of Republicans controlling the state, and so much more. Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum is making a run to put Democrats in the governor's mansion by besting Republican former U.S. Rep., Ron DeSantis.

Historians, students and activists – both young and old – weigh in on what Election Day 2018 means and some of the far-reaching effects that will occur the day, years and decades afterward.

Rudy Jean-Bart, an assistant professor of history at Broward College, sees a more historic element to the political decisions that will be determined next Tuesday.

"I think as people of color we have to be extremely mindful that throughout American history, we have been disenfranchised to not be as engaged in the voting process. And legislation is passed that is disadvantageous to us," Jean-Bart said.

Jean-Bart said that Republicans have been effective in limiting the vote of Blacks and restricting the right of felons as a means to limit Black votes.

"If Amendment Four is passed that can definitely change the political landscape of Florida." Amendment Four is a ballot referendum that, if passed, gives ex-felons the right to vote again unless they were convicted of murder or sexual assault.

"With more Black and Brown people voting, that may result in legislation, which would be more advantageous to us as a people," said Jean-Bart. "Therefore, a lot

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## Donna Shalala sets her sights on Congress

Former Clinton cabinet member pushes for a lifetime of service

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Democrat Donna Shalala should be a shoe-in for the 27th Congressional District.

The candidate for this predominantly Democratic area knows how to raise money as the former head of the Clinton Foundation; and she knew her way around Washington, D.C. as a former Clinton cabinet member.

Most of all, Shalala has local name recognition in Greater Miami as the former president of the University of Miami, and she has been a resident of District 27 for the past 20 years.

"I have very high name recognition," said Shalala in a one-on-one interview with the Miami Times at her campaign headquarters in Coral Gables.

Shalala won a highly contested race against four other Democratic candidates with 32 percent of the vote. She attributes her victory to support from Black neighborhoods.

"I got the largest vote in those areas during the primaries," said Shalala.

So far, Shalala said she has visited every church in the Black community and expects more votes from former and current students of University of Miami.

"She has been at our church on a few



Shalala

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## Family legacy an asset for Sean Shaw

Expert says background, political experience make candidate better

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With less than two weeks before election day, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, is busy rallying voters from all over the state. Campaigning along with Gillum is his friend, and Democratic pick

for attorney general, State Rep. Sean Shaw. If elected, Gillum and Shaw could make history by becoming the first Black governor and Black attorney general of Florida, respectively.

Given his family history, legal and political experience, and character, Shaw can bring

fairness to the attorney general position says, H.T. Smith, a Miami based, nationally renowned trial lawyer and law professor at Florida International University. Smith noted that Shaw's upbringing makes him uniquely qualified to serve as the state's top lawyer.

Shaw's father, Leander J. Shaw Jr., was a lawyer in a time when Black lawyers in Florida were scarce. The elder Shaw would rise through the different state

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Shaw

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Barbara Montford is first Black female president of Dade County Medical Association



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# The Miami Times recommends . . .

## ANDREW GILLUM AND CHRIS KING

*Governor/Lieutenant Governor*  
When Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum picked Chris King for his running mate, he sent a message: He told the state of Florida that he was a progressive who was not going to move away from policies he believes in just to get moderates to vote for him. That's the strategy the Republicans have used to hoodwink Floridians for keeping the state read for two decades. The ask for your vote as moderates and then make a hard right turn when they get in office. That has left Floridians vulnerable when it comes to health care, housing and the environment. The team of Gillum and King want to solve those issues for Floridians. Gillum has been solving issues for people of Tallahassee for 15 years and that has prepared him to run the state. He understands that whatever decisions he makes as governor, they should be in the best interest of the citizens of the state of Florida.

He is a Democrat, and he doesn't break from the party when it comes to gun control. He has used the National Rifle Association and supports universal background checks for gun purchasers, whether they buy from a store, gun show or

a private dealer. He also believes that those accused of domestic violence should have a cooling-off period without access to weapons. He wants to ban guns that can shoot "60 bullets in 60 seconds."

If he is elected, he will repeal Florida's contentious stand your ground law. An attorney, Gillum considers it a flawed law that is creating vigilantes. As governor, Gillum will veto any budget sent to him that raids the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. He plans to call a statewide summit of developers and government, where they will come up with a comprehensive plan to solve the housing crisis, including finding ways to incentivize the foreign investors who do not have a skin in the housing crisis game but definitely influence it. He likes what the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is doing in terms of creating mixed-income communities, but expects local government to do a better job of preventing gentrification and displacement. Tied directly to housing are transportation and infrastructure. Without a better transportation system, companies will not relocate to Florida because two-hour commutes reduce the quality of life of their workers. Gillum believes strongly that education at all levels

will improve Florida residents' economic security. He plans to invest in having a better-trained workforce so that the state can diversify the economy with companies that pay higher wages. Gillum's agenda is "people-centric." His holistic approach to improving the lives of Floridians is why The Miami Times says yes to the Gillum/King Ticket.

## SEAN SHAW

*Attorney General*

When you read statements from Sean Shaw in the media, he sounds just like when a new sheriff rides into town. He wants respect, and he plans to get it. Scammers, watch out. If Shaw gets elected, he said. Safety in schools is a priority for Shaw, he says but that seems like a populist topic with not much details. A priority that needs attention in this state is stand your ground and its ramifications as well as law enforcement who can't get prosecuted for alleged crimes they commit. The 40-year-old Democrat is the son of the late Florida Supreme Court Justice Leander Shaw Jr., so he well-connected in legal circles. We want to say more about Shaw but several phone calls and candidate questionnaires were sent to his campaign but were not returned. Still, The Miami Times

recommends Shaw for top cop. We need a new sheriff in town.

## BILL NELSON (Incumbent)

*U.S. Senator*

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

## TIM CANOVA

*U.S. House*

*District 23*

Tim Canova tried to win this seat two years ago, and he lost. What is impressive about Canova is that he never stopped campaigning for the seat. One of Debbie Wasserman-Shultz's team members said the campaign wasn't interested in participating in a candidate survey. As damaged as Wasserman-Shultz is, from the leaks that as head of the Democratic National Committee, she supported one candidate

over another before the primary election; not firing a staff under federal probe; and her husband's questionable business practices, you would think her campaign would be more humble. For his hubris alone, we support Canova's bid.

## District 27

Experience should prevail in this district. Donna Shalala has the experience to keep a steady hand on a district that has voted Democratic but has had Republican representation. Republican Maria Salazar is charming but she is tricking you. She has moved to the middle on issues important to you such as DACA and immigration, but she will vote with the Republicans when the going gets tough. Shalala is committed to the community and the Democratic Party. Let's see what the potential of District 27 can really be, especially in areas that under intense economic and housing pressures, under a Democratic leader. Shalala, use your connections in Washington to improve your district. The Miami Times says yes, because we know you will.

## REGINALD LEON

*Miami Gardens Seat 2*

Reginald Leon wants Miami Gardens to be a more user-friendly city. As simple as

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

## JANICE COAKLEY

*Seat 4*

Janice Coakley wants to use her administrative skills and experience, as well as involvement in mentoring children to help residents in the community. Taking an interest in children is always a good sign because it means a candidate is considering the future benefits, not the present. While the city manager administers the city, council members need to understand how to read a budget and how their votes impact the pocketbooks of their constituents. Coakley seems anxious to show what she knows. Send Coakley to Seat 4.

# Miami Times' Voting Ticket . . .

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Attorney General  
**SEAN SHAW (DEM)** ✓

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**REGINALD LEON** ✓  
**JANICE COAKLEY** ✓

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**OPA-LOCKA**

# DEBATE FOR MAYOR

Candidates pitch platforms during event at Sherbondy Community Center, as flyers, old faces shake up election

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With early voting start in full swing, votes are already piling in for the city of Opa-locka.

The residents of the city will pick a new mayor and three commissioners. This means only one seat on the dais is occupied.

Opa-locka mayoral candidates were given an hour on Tuesday, Oct. 23 to address issues affecting their constituents at the Sherbondy Village Community Center.



Matthew Pigatt



John Riley



Rose Tydus



Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson

mission, Opa-locka would be able to earn more trust from the state and, in turn, more money.

Right now, all monetary decisions in Opa-locka must be approved by a governor-issued oversight board.

Opa-locka also owes millions of dollars of fees to vendors such as Miami-Dade County.

The fix, Riley said, is completing the audits, which he said would account for \$7 million of uncollected funds by the city. Pigatt recommended completing the five-year financial plan, the state's suggested remedy. While Johnson said Opa-locka needs a special tax district, a grant writer and a mid-year budget review with a line-item budget to earn money and monitor spending.

The candidates were also asked about the lack of decorum and professionalism at the commission meetings. It has been characterized as a "three-ring circus," according to the pre-submitted question.

"This is the most toxic and disrespectful environment that I've ever been in," said Pigatt. "With all new people, this circus will stop."

There have been instances of bickering, over-talking and flinging of insults at the meetings during the current administration.

Riley said to eliminate the issues, the city leaders need

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“

A historical occasion... Hear the candidates and be able to vote intelligently and think informatively about your decisions."

Brad Brown  
NAACP

Not on the list of topics was federal corruption although a reminder of Opa-locka's dark past stood in clear view.

The event was moderated by former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Betty T. Ferguson and hosted by the local NAACP branch.

Vice president of the Miami-Dade NAACP Brad Brown called the debate a historic occasion.

"... Hear the candidates and be able to vote intelligently and think informatively about your decisions," he said.

The mayor of Opa-locka is recognized as head of the city government for ceremonial purposes, according to the city's charter. He or she is the presiding officer over the city commission meetings.

Opa-locka's current mayor, Myra Taylor is termed out. Two of the current commissioners, Matthew Pigatt and John Riley are running to swap seats with Taylor. Former longtime commissioners Rose Tydus and Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson are also vying to earn the votes for the mayor's title.

"I will fight for sidewalks, lighting, clean, safe shelter,"

said Johnson in her opening remarks as she laid out what her first 120 days as mayor would look like.

Pigatt, a sophomore commissioner, promised to "clean up the mess" in Opa-locka once elected, citing that the city has been at its "lowest point in its 92-year history."

The city is dealing with an entangled sewage and water system that has left the residents with mucky feet and high utility bills. In addition, the city has had three city managers in this year alone and a long list of financial problems.

"This city has become an embarrassment to too many of us, but it has to stop," said Pigatt. "I've watched, listened and reviewed the record. I've seen the same issues in the city."

Riley, who has also previously served as mayor and

assistant city manager, said "time has changed and so has technology and people," but he stands "true, tried and delivered."

"Been there, done that and got it done," said Riley touting his experience. He said increasing revenue and resident relations will be his top priorities once elected.

"The customer service is horrible," Riley said. "We need to change how we make people feel when they come to our city hall."

Tydus was out of the country and could not attend the event.

The candidates were asked pre-submitted questions about governance, financial stability, public safety, infrastructure, housing, zoning and public service. This gave the mayoral hopefuls a chance to prepare 90-second responses. The audience also

submitted on-the-spot questions for the candidates on index cards.

When it comes to infrastructure, all three candidates agreed that money would have to be obtained from the state, but only after financial audits are up-to-date.

According to Riley, three of the city's audits are currently delinquent. Both he and Pigatt blamed the delays on the independent contractors hired to complete the task. Pigatt added that the constant change in city managers is what ultimately affected this process.

Johnson, on the other hand, said it all falls on the commission.

"The commission is responsible for the welfare and finances of this community," said Johnson.

Pigatt said he believes with a new set of faces on the com-



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occasions," said Pastor Alphonso Jackson Sr. of the Second Baptist Church in Richmond Heights. Jackson says that Shalala doesn't come to his services to politic; she is there to worship and commune with the 3,200 congregants in his church.

Jackson has been in the ministry for 35 years and pastor of his current church for the past 18 years. He said he is 100 percent in support of Shalala.

"I like her involvement with the community. I like her work that she has done as an advocate for children. And the job that she did at the University of Miami is phenomenal," said Jackson.

"I followed her from afar, but I got to know her in the last three years personally," said Jackson. "And I found out that she is really sincere and genuine and passionate in what she is doing. I think she is going to do well in that position."

Her district is known as one of the wealthiest in South Florida. Bentleys, Jaguars and even the occasional Maserati SUV pass through the tree-lined streets and perfectly manicured lawns. Some parts could be considered the Rodeo Drive of Florida.

But Shalala understands that there are people in her district who face economic and other pressures.

"That's the myth of this district," said Shalala. "There are large pockets of poverty. Some of them are immigrant communities and some are old Bahamian communities. Many of them are being gentrified."

Her district includes Coconut Grove, Key Biscayne, Perrine and some parts of Miami Beach.

Shalala pointed out that both attorney general candidate Sean Shaw and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum won these neighborhoods and cities during the primaries. Gillum was raised in Richmond Heights, which is part of her district. The strong Democratic base may be able to pull Shalala into office.

Her main opponent is Republican Maria Salazar, who has never held public office and is known in the community as a TV personality. There is also an Independent candidate named Mayra Joli who is both Black and Hispanic and running in support of the Trump agenda.

"Neither of my opponents have ever designed or delivered a program," Shalala said.

Shalala touts her work as secretary of Health and Human Services during the Clinton Administration as part of her ability to deliver to the Black community. She said 7 million children nationwide have health insurance as a result of her policies. She has worked to provide low-income housing and extend Medicaid to those who can't afford health benefits.

"Gun control is also very important to all the communities, which I would represent," said Shalala.

The 27th Congressional district is nearly 60 percent Hispanic with a diversity of Spanish-speaking communities from Nicaragua, Venezuela and Cuba. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who was born in Cuba and represented the district since 1989, was a popular Republican politician.

"Cuban Dems are going to vote for me," said Shalala, whose ancestors immigrated to America from Lebanon.

"If you look at my votes and the polls, it is very clear that the Hispanic community knows me and supports me. It is a myth that you have to be a Hispanic to win this district."

Both her opponents are long-term Spanish-speaking residents of the district and are strident Trump supporters.

Some political analysts have predicted that in this three-

way race, the two Trump supporters may split the Republican vote and hand Shalala the victory.

"My grassroots movement is catching fire," said Joli, a former Democrat who said she sees herself as the poster child for the Walk-Away Movement consisting of former Democrats.

Currently, Joli only garners about 10 percent in the polls

but feels she will get votes from the 138,000 independent voters in the district as well as votes from both main parties.

Shalala said she respects Joli but does not see her as a threat to her chances of winning the election.

"Her impact will be as a Republican not as a Democrat," said Shalala. "Her impact is not in the African-American community. Her impact

is not there because she is a pure Trumpite. Yes, she is Black, but her ideology is that of Donald Trump."

The district consists of 139,000 Republicans and 148,000 registered Democrats giving the Dems a 6,000-vote advantage.

Shalala acknowledged that both campaigns are vying for those 138,000 independent voters.

A New York Times/Siena poll shows Shalala ahead by seven points while a Mason-Dixon poll shows Salazar ahead by two points, according to realclearpolitics.com. Neither poll includes the impact of Joli as a third-party candidate.

Shalala's campaign manager, William Washington said he has a two-fold strategy to give Shalala the win: First, by

using a complete ground operation and second, a media digital operation.

Washington said their team will be canvassing, calling and texting voters in order to make a personal connection to people.

"We are making sure that we get across Donna's message and why she would serve this community with great honor," Washington said.

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A groups hold up a sign at the intersection of Murray Ave. and Forbes Ave. in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh, during a memorial vigil for the victims of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue where a shooter opened fire, killing multiple people and wounding others, including several officers, Saturday, Oct. 27.

### Enough is enough: Fed-up Americans crave unity amid violence and rhetoric

CLAIRE GALOFARO and MARGERY A. BECK  
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — She flipped through television channels and radio stations, scanning from conservative to liberal media, searching for any sign that the polarized nation had finally reached its tipping point.

For days, Elisa Karem Parker had been seeing updates in the news: A pipe bomb sent to liberal political donor George Soros. One delivered to CNN. More to former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and other prominent political figures villainized by those on the right — a bizarre plot unfolding just ahead of the midterm election that will decide which party controls Congress.

"It's like our country is be-

coming "The Hunger Games," Parker, who considers herself squarely in the middle of the political divide, told her husband and teenage son over dinner.

As authorities intercepted more than a dozen pipe bombs addressed to President Donald Trump's most ardent critics, political scientists and ordinary Americans observed, again, that rabid partisanship had devolved to the point of acts of violent extremism. Many wonder whether this latest spasm might be the moment that the nation collectively considers how poisonous the political culture has become and decides to turn the other way.

"If this isn't it, I'd hate to think about what it will



Grayer

take," said Parker as she cast her ballot in early voting last week in Louisville, Kentucky.

A member of the Broward County Sheriff's Office bomb squad walks to the building where U.S. Rep. Debbie

Wasserman Schultz's office is housed in Sunrise, Florida, U.S. October 24, 2018. Photo by Joe Skipper/Reuters

The mail-bomb plot is merely the latest in a series of stunning attacks to test how much political animosity Americans are willing to accept: the shooting of a Republican congressman at a baseball practice, the white supremacist rally that turned deadly in Virginia, the recent ricin scare-letters mailed to

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Trump and other top members of his administration.

On Friday, authorities arrested a suspect in the bomb probe — a 56-year-old registered Republican and Trump enthusiast who “appears to be a partisan,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions said when asked about motive. By then, politicians and talking heads had already backed into the usual corners: Both parties blamed the other, and the president called for unity, then again described liberals and the media as villains. The hope Parker had that this might be a turning point faded.

And then, on Saturday, news broke of a mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue, an attack likely to cause ugly partisan debates over gun control, hate speech and more.

The volatile tribalism now so ingrained in American life will eventually right itself, says Robb Willer, a sociology professor at Stanford Univer-



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**Electrician Robert Major works at a construction site in Coral Gables, Fla. on Oct. 25. The 51-year-old from Fort Lauderdale said he once moved because his landlord, a liberal screamed at him for watching conservative news channels.**

sity, but not until the public decides it's had enough and stops rewarding politicians who use incendiary language and demonize the other side. It's impossible to guess, he notes, how much damage will be done in the meantime.

“That is the question of our time: Are we going to choose to continue the war, or are we going to choose peace?

And we don't know yet what the answer to that will be, because while a majority of Americans are fed up with the extremity of our political divisions, it does feel like we're stuck here,” Willer says. “It will get worse before it gets better.”

Animosity between parties has been growing for decades now, to the point that stud-

ies show Republicans and Democrats don't want to date one another, don't want their children to marry one another and don't want to live in the same neighborhoods at a rate unprecedented in modern America. At the same time, politicians began using increasingly apocalyptic language. Willer says those two forces — the splintering of society along party lines and the ascent of vitriolic campaigning — merged to create a breeding ground for violence.

“It was simmering,” says Parker. “It's like the gas burner was on, then Trump lit the fire.”

The president vaulted to political prominence by promoting the racist and false conspiracy theory that Obama was not born in the United States, launched his political campaign by calling Mexicans rapists and murderers, and routinely describes his enemies, including the intended recipients of the pipe bombs, as “evil,” “dangerous,” “the enemy of the American people.”

# WORD

BRIAN DENNIS

ON THE STREET

## Rise up, Liberty Square president

In April 2016, during a Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners meeting, District 3 Commissioner Audrey Edmondson spoke prophetically about all of the problems that would take place concerning the Liberty City Rising project and the redevelopment of Liberty Square, the place most people know as the pork 'n bean projects.

A few weeks ago, the city of Miami held a zoning hearing at Liberty Square. The Miami zoning hearing was actually for Related Urban Development to make the buildings in Liberty Square go up as high as eight stories, which is higher than what was previously proposed. The meeting had many residents confused because they thought that they were at a meeting concerning Section 8 vouchers.

What many of the residents of Liberty Square don't know is that there's an intentional campaign of misleading information that is being created, so that there will be so much confusion by those who are spreading this misinformation that the residents of Liberty Square will begin to question if the president of Liberty Square, Crystal Corner, is misleading them into taking Section 8 vouchers.

It is really appalling to see those who are appearing as if they are concerned about the residents of Liberty Square, but knew exactly what was going on during the time Related Urban and Atlantic Pacific were bidding on the project, and did nothing. They couldn't do anything because they had close ties to the former president of Liberty Square, Sara Smith, and her partner-in-crime, the late Eric Thompson.

There's a propaganda war that's being carried out against Corner by those who are part of the problem and not the solution. It is a sad state of affairs when the opportunity to do the right thing was presented and they all just sat there with their mouths closed — not only knowing that they were screwing over Edmondson with the cat that swallowed the canary smile — but the residents of Liberty Square as well. If outgoing State Rep. Roy Hardemon would have been using his voice concerning the residents before and during his tenure as our state representative, his so-called good intentions couldn't and wouldn't be questioned — especially after the statement that he made during the State of Black Miami by calling us all “cockroaches” not realizing that he might be the biggest roach.

But for him to question Corner who was his campaign treasurer, knowing that she was kept out of loop and in the dark about a lot of things that went on as a board member under the previous president, is just downright shameful. Talk about someone professing to be a friend but instead is a backstabber, smiling in your face. What Corner should see in him now is, with a friend like this, she doesn't need enemies.

What Corner needs to do now is let her voice be heard by sitting down with her board and having a closed-door meeting with the residents of the Liberty Square and formulate a plan of action and do what the former president didn't do, and that is to show the residents that she cares about them and their children. Rise up, Liberty Square president

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# MAYOR

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to "put the city first" and not themselves.

"It takes serious people to handle serious problems," said Riley, in his closing remarks. "Yes, there have been some problems in the past, and there will be some problems in the future." The commissioner said he vows to continue to find fixes.

Johnson, in the end, urged the audience to help her rewrite the history of Opa-locka.

"We need to get our office together," she said. However, among the crowd of more than four dozen spectators was a familiar face to the dais — one Luis Santiago.

Santiago, a former Opa-locka commissioner is one of seven who have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a FBI corruption probe that started in 2016. As of Wednesday, Oct. 31 the former city official will call a federal prison cell his home for the next two and a half years. Santiago pleaded guilty to bribery charges in January 2017 after officials said he bullied business owners out of thousands of dollars in exchange for zoning approval, licenses and dismissal of code violations.

Even though, Santiago will not be in Opa-locka for most of the new mayor's term, he has taken great interest in the elections, according to a flyer with Santiago's name and address that was handed out to early voters.

One side of the flyer titled, "Opa-locka Quick Pick," there is an election slate that selects Riley as mayor and Chris Davis, Audrey Dominguez and



Flyers circulating in Opa-locka concern candidates before election.

Sandra Espinal as commissioners.

Pigatt said he is concerned about Santiago's endorsement of candidates in the election.

"Seeing this, makes it understandable how 'buddy buddy' they were during the debate," said Pigatt, who said he feels like a target.

According to campaign financial records for Riley, the candidate paid \$300 to Santiago the day before the debate. The report does not specify the purpose or the intent of the payment.

Pigatt is not the only candidate who is concerned about flyers being distributed to residents.

"I received this slate entitled 'Miami-Dade County Official Slate Card,' wrote Johnson in a chain text. "The slate approved by Willis Howard, Campaign Consultant with tights [sic] to several candidates on the slate ...They appears to be desperation so sad."

The slate selects Pigatt as the Opa-locka mayor. Johnson said the mailer is misleading because of the use of the word "official."

Another slate passed out to residents titled "Ballot Guide 2018," chooses both Riley and Johnson as mayor, but only one person can take up the seat when the ballots are cast next week.

# STREET Talk

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## How do you feel about Black men being a priority provider in a household?



VIVIAN HOWARD, 37  
Brownsville

I don't agree with it. A woman should be able to help out her man and build him up to be a provider. She should not want to see him work alone while he's struggling to make ends meet. Black men cannot do it on their own.



LORENZO NELSON, 52  
Miami

Take a look at Barack and Michelle Obama. Barack would not be who he is without Michelle and Michelle is a representation of him.



RONALD BAKER, 54  
Miami

I wouldn't mind my woman pocketing her money. The way how I was raised by my pop, a man is suppose to be a provider. Dinner would not be eaten unless the man comes home because that's who is out doing all of the work. It's in the Bible that a man is suppose to be a provider.



ERIC GRIFFIN, 50  
Brownsville

I'm a provider and my wife stays at home, so I'm all for it. In this era, though, it teaches women to be dependable amongst themselves. The Bible teaches us not to depend on anyone. Most women feel like they're self-sufficient.



KENNETH NATHANIEL, 55  
Miami Gardens

I agree that is a Black man's job to take care of his house. Now, if his woman decides to work, then he should let his woman pocket her money just for emergencies because you never know what could happen between them, especially if they have kids.



MR. LEE, 67  
Miami Gardens

I believed in it back in the day, but in this era, I don't believe in it anymore. Everything should be 50/50 in a relationship. If you look at today, you'll see why it's not the same as back then.

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# Race issues big part of governor's race

## Candidates spar and the violence of last week shows huge intolerance

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The issue of race opened up Florida's gubernatorial challenge. And race is what may seal the deal on who gets a pass to move into the Governor's Mansion.

After Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum pulled off a come-from-behind victory to become the Democratic nominee, his Republican opponent made a racist dog whistle, on Fox News the next day.

"The last thing we need to do is to monkey this up by trying to embrace a socialist agenda ...," former U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis said.

The statement was immediately disavowed by the station and Republicans and Democrats alike. The DeSantis camp denied he was trying to recruit racists to attack Gillum but racist robocalls began shortly after.

DeSantis' campaign spokesman Stephen Lawson called the accusation of racism "absurd."

"Ron DeSantis was obviously talking about Florida not making the wrong decision to embrace the socialist policies that Andrew Gillum espouses," Lawson said. "To characterize it as anything else is absurd."

But race became a theme throughout the contest between the two candidates, reflecting a national tone of intolerance between Americans with ideological and obvious differences such as skin color and place of origin. The bitter battle between Gillum and DeSantis was overshadowed last week when intolerance manifested itself on

Oct. 24, the day of the scheduled, second debate. That day, more than 12 pipe bombs were delivered allegedly by Cesar Sayoc — who has ties to South Florida, to prominent Democrats — including two former presidents. And on Saturday, while a Jewish congregation in Pittsburgh worshipped, alleged gunman Robert Bowers entered and shot to death 11 people and wounded six, leading Gillum to tell DeSantis, "I was born Black; I have been Black all my life, I will continue to be Black and I am going to die Black."

DeSantis would lose his cool Oct. 24 during the second debate between he and Gillum. When moderator Todd McDermott asked DeSantis why he accepted \$20,000 from Republican Steven Alembik, who has called former President Barack Obama a "MUSLIM N\*GGER," in a tweet, according to Politico, DeSantis became visibly agitated.

"How the hell am I supposed to know every single statement somebody makes?" DeSantis shouted in Bailey Hall at Broward College in Davie. "I am not going to bow down to the altar of political correctness."

Gillum responded coolly to DeSantis' outburst: "My grandmother used to say, 'A hit dog will holler, and it hollered through this room.'"

Gillum would come close to calling DeSantis a racist: "I'm not calling Mr. DeSantis a racist. I'm simply saying the racists believe he's a racist."

After the debate, Gillum's surrogates spoke of his temperament and his display of knowledge about the issues.

"He has public service in

his DNA," said Alan Williams, former state rep from Tampa, adding that he was proud of Gillum. "Gillum has the temperament, the compassion and the fortitude to be the next governor of Florida."

Race was also a factor in the first debate, when Gillum confronted DeSantis about his earlier "monkey it up" comment.

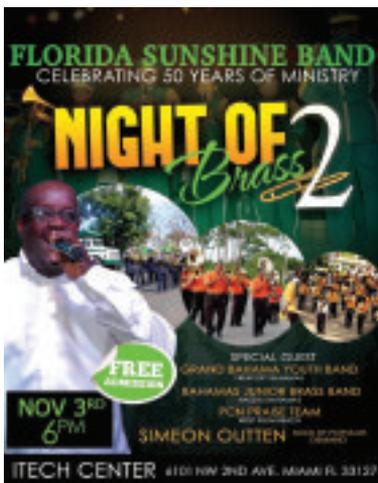
"The congressman let us know exactly where he was going to take this race the day after he won the nomination," he said. "The 'monkey up' comment said it all. He has only continued through the course of his campaign to draw all the attention he can to the color of my skin. The truth is that I am Black. I have been Black all my life. So far as I know, I will die Black."

During campaigning last week in Miami, Gillum surrogate Congressman John Lewis of Georgia asked students at Miami Dade College to dial back the rhetoric.

"We live in one house, the American house and we must all learn to live together as brother and sister," Lewis said.

Lewis gave the students a charge: "And send this young brother, send this young leader to the governor's office. Lewis then turned to Gillum and said, "You will be a governor for all people," as if it were a challenge and a reminder.

Gillum said on Showtime's *The Circus* on Sunday that he isn't playing the race card, but added, "If I am playing the race hard, they dealt that hand."



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### Officer killed in line of duty

Officer William Dunnom Jr., assigned to the Hospital Services Unit of the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, died last Thursday. Officer Dunnom was killed in a traffic accident on the way to work on the morning of Oct. 25 after suffering a possible medical emergency. Florida Highway Patrol and Miami-Dade Police Department are handling the case.

### Miami-Dade police officer sentenced to probation

A Miami-Dade police officer was sentenced to a year of probation Thursday, Oct. 25, months after he was captured on surveillance video beating his teenage daughter at her school. Rosario appeared in court in August, where prosecutor Laura Adams said the victim felt her father hadn't accepted responsibility for what he did and wanted to move forward with a trial. She also claimed her father had been abusive in the past. Rosario was suspended from the police department after his arrest. A Miami-Dade police spokesman said he is currently on restricted duty.

### 'Parkland Strong' signs can stay, community association says

Memorials grew outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and throughout nearby neigh-

borhoods after 17 people were killed in February, but one community association wanted them down. Donna Ali, whose daughter is a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, said her homeowners' association at Parkland Golf & Country Club had asked for the removal of a memorial. Board members recently sent a news release to Local 10 News, stating the signs will now be allowed to stay up until the permanent memorial has been completed. The memorial is expected to be completed by February.

### 3 Miami police officers face federal drug charges

Three Miami police officers appeared in federal court Wednesday, Oct. 24 shackled by their hands and feet. Schonton Harris, Kelvin Harris and James Archibald are charged with conspiring to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. According to a criminal affidavit, Schonton Harris, a 20-year veteran of the police force, agreed to accept cash payments in exchange for protecting the activities of drug traffickers and money launderers. The affidavit said she recruited Kelvin Harris and Archibald to participate in the scheme. The FBI said Schonton Harris was paid a total of \$17,000, while Kelvin Harris earned \$10,000 and Archibald made \$6,500.

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# STAKE

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is at stake in this election just like a lot is at stake in any election. But I will say that in Florida, what makes this election unique, is that we have the first Black gubernatorial nominee running. Andrew Gillum is running for office as a viable candidate.

Gillum is the first Black gubernatorial nominee in the history of the state of Florida. Abrams would be the first Black, female governor of Georgia. It's the first time in history that three Black people are seeking governorships at the same time.

"This is definitely an election of historic nature when it comes to Black people."

Jean-Bart also weighed in on the historical significance of the attorney general race as well.

"Having a Black attorney general would have an impact on stand your ground. That is definitely going to be an interesting race to watch," said Jean-Bart. "The dynamics would shift should Sean Shaw be elected at-

torney general."

For those who are incarcerated, as well as the effect of the stand your ground law, two cases came to mind: Trayvon Martin and Markeis McGlockton. The shootings of Martin in 2012 and McGlockton this year ignited debates and national protests against a law that allows someone to use deadly force if they feel threatened, sometimes with no consequence.

"There are an awful lot of issues which will be determined by this election," said Bradford Brown who serves as vice president of the Miami-Dade Branch of NAACP and has been active in the civil rights struggle since the early 1960s.

"To me, the most important things are the judges," said Brown.

Brown is concerned that three Supreme Court justices in the state of Florida face mandatory retirement next year. And the next governor will appoint their replacements.

"Those three judges will determine the shape of the court for decades," said Brown.

"We could have very conser-



vative judges who will tend to crush our civil rights or Andrew Gillum who will appoint three progressive judges," said Brown.

Brown also sees the taking of the Senate from the Republicans as crucial so they will not continue to reshape the federal judiciary.

"Senator Nelson's re-election is absolutely critical," said Brown. "They [Senate Democrats] can't afford to lose anybody."

Tameka Hobbs is a native Floridian and African Studies history professor at Valdosta State University in Georgia.

"It is very important to vote for Andrew Gillum for gov-

ernor - not just because of his politics and his race - but because of how his opponent behaves and how DeSantis represents the Trump agenda," said Hobbs.

She expressed regret with not being able to vote in her birth state for Gillum and Amendment Four.

Hobbs said there was a concerted effort by whites to undermine the 15th Amendment, which gave Black men the right to vote in 1870. Certain crimes were punishable by the loss of voting rights. "When we talk about this law, it is really a holdover from this blatantly discriminatory practice," Hobbs said. "That type of law is a holdover from the days of Reconstruction," said Hobbs.

She had a simple message for her fellow Floridians. "Our civil rights have risen or fallen based on our voting rights. When we vote we have had increased protections. If not, we see a decline. So vote," Hobbs said.

Daddy Joseph is a 38-year-old activist with Fight for 15 who believes that his fate and the security of his family is tied to

increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

"I can't really take care of them at all," said Joseph about his responsibilities to his family.

"I'm trying to make it, but it ain't working. With \$15 an hour I could pay for some of the money for my kids to go to college," said Joseph. "What we are making now can't even pay your rent."

Joseph is so deeply committed to this issue that he actively protests in front of different McDonald's with other members of Fight for 15.

"This [election] is about putting someone into government or Congress just like us. Ordinary people like us. It will guarantee unionizing and help a lot of urban communities, especially like mine in Little Haiti."

Students at Miami Northwestern Senior High School understand the importance of voting. They produced and published a video encouraging all people to vote on youtube.com entitled, "Our vote matters."

The video begins with two students saying they are not

voting because nothing really changes. "But then a student shows them the video on her cellphone.

"Each of us has a moral responsibility - if we are of voting age and if we are registered to participate. I come here to urge every person to go the polls and vote," says Martin Luther King Jr. as a lead-in for the video. And then the kids begin their song.

"You better vote, because our vote matters," are only some of words in a song written by Thomas Dermerrite of the Admitt Program. The program provides music intervention projects for youth in the community.

"On August 28, 1963, Dr. King gave his 'I Have a Dream' speech, tweeted

Gillum before the primary. "On August 28, 2008, President Obama accepted his nomination for President. On August 28, 2018, I'm going to win the Democratic primary for Governor of Florida."

Gillum won the Democratic primary, his first step to making his pronouncement ring true.

# ASSET

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court systems and eventually serve at the Florida Supreme Court for more than 20 years. He became the Supreme Court's first Black chief justice in 1990 and served in that role until 1992.

"His dad's mentoring, guidance and the wisdom he has instilled in him will be a positive asset," Smith said. However, Shaw's job duties will be different from his father's, Smith said. The Supreme Court justice is a neutral, detached magistrate, explained the law professor. As an attorney general, Shaw will be "people's lawyer for the state of Florida. [An attorney general who] is passionate, and purposely and powerfully enforcing the laws to ensure that people are treated fairly and the laws are faithfully followed," Smith said. "He is uniquely qualified to serve that position and he is clearly the most-qualified of the two candidates."

Shaw will face Republican Ashley Moody from Tampa come Nov. 6. Moody is a former judge and prosecutor.

Shaw, who represents District 61 in the Tampa area, can potentially become the state's top law enforcement officer and the defender of the rule of law. Shaw's campaigning efforts have placed a strong focus on accountability and integrity.

"I made it clear that I intend to hold everyone accountable," Shaw told the Miami Times, "no matter who they are, where they are, or how big they are."

He wants voters to know that they can trust him in representing their interests fairly and will defend their constitutional rights. "This is going to be the most-aggressive attorney general office in the country."

The attorney general position can make sure Florida law is enforced equally for all state residents, explained Smith. "The attorney general is the person who is in the best

position, in the entire state of Florida, to ensure equal justice, rights and opportunities," he said.

Throughout the campaign trail, Shaw has spoken of his plans regarding criminal reform in the state. High on his priority list is a need for commonsense gun safety laws, which include universal background checks and the banning of assault weapons, like the one Parkland mass murderer, Nikolas Cruz, used to kill more than 15 students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February. He also plans to repeal Florida's "stand your ground" law, which, on the surface, gives people the ability to use deadly force if they feel threatened or endangered. The law has been criticized for disproportionately hurting Black people and minorities and shielding white people from arrest and legal repercussions. In 2012, George Zimmerman claimed he was standing his ground when he stalked and eventually killed Sanford Black teen Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman was charged with murder, but was acquitted of charges at trial using a self-defense claim.

"We need to make sure people are protected," Shaw said about his criminal reform plans.

Shaw is also advocating for leniency when it comes to incarceration of nonviolent offenders. Often people, especially minorities, get in trouble for a small possession of marijuana, for example, and suffer from extensive sentencing and expensive legal representation. Shaw believes that such sentencing is a misuse of taxpayers' dollars and creates unfair punishment for low-income families. "There is a lot of ways that we can do criminal justice reform in a way that is not radical," Shaw said. He also has been an advocate for the mental health component of legal reform, explaining that most people need treatment instead of extensive jail sentences. "We lock up a lot of people that do not need to be locked up."

Shaw has known Gillum for more than 15 years, since Gillum served as city commissioner for Tallahassee before becoming mayor.

"We are friends. We know each other in a personal level," he said of their relationship. "Andrew is not only charismatic but he is very talented in the policy making and policy enforcing side of public service," Shaw explained.

The Shaw campaign is fighting for issues that have always been historically important, said Michael Starr Hopkins, the campaign's communication director. "What is also historic are our ideas," Hopkins said, "like making sure people are treated equally and fairly. We are fighting for criminal justice and voter rights."

Hopkins stressed the importance for voters to go out and vote. "People need to be reminded that history is on the line."

Smith echoed Hopkins' sentiments. He believes that local voters should deem the attorney general race as important as the governor races and other local issues. "Justice, fairness and equal rights is always a local issue," he said, explaining that the attorney general deals with issues that affect the lives of "each and every person" in the state.

Following his father's footsteps, Shaw knew he wanted to be involved in the law profession. "It certainly made me want to be a lawyer," he said of his father's career. But Shaw wanted to be more involved in the policy making and enforcing spectrum of the profession. "I wanted to be involved in making the laws," Shaw said.

Shaw believes that public service is what ultimately motivates him the most.

"I think it is the most noble profession there is. It is the way that you can give back to your community," he said. "The way I am trying to handle my political career is what is the most good I can do for the people," he explained. "... what do the people want me to do, and let me try to do it."

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## WOMEN LAWYERS SEEK EQUALITY

LACK OF DIVERSITY ON FLORIDA'S SUPREME COURT HIGHLIGHTED AT RECENT SUMMIT

Miami Times Staff Report

The Florida Association of Women Lawyers provided programming to address business development for women, parental leave, confidence and intersectionality at its annual summit in Atlantic Beach. Programming on business development recognized that women are not equitably represented in partnership within law firms and that clients with a dedication to gender equality can change that by intentionally sending business to women lawyers.



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The women lawyers, about 3,500 strong, promote gender equality in the legal profession and the community at large. It held its annual summit on Oct. 12.

The panelists discussing parental leave shared their experiences in preparing for leave, seeking continuance of trial, and returning from leave, acknowledging that poor parental leave support is a likely factor in the failure to retain women attorneys.

Melanie Griffin, founder of Spread Your Sunshine, spoke about letting go of perfectionism and lifting other women up through mentoring.

The featured luncheon on intersectionality involved a discussion of the experience of women of color in the legal profession and the unique challenges these women face. Panelists recommended steps anyone can take to increase their recognition of implicit biases related to the intersection of gender and race. The

summit culminated in a dinner celebrating and drawing attention to women on the Supreme Court of Florida. In the court's 170 plus year history, only three women have ever served:

Justices Rosemary Barkett, Barbara J. Pariente and Peggy A. Quince.

In the past 20 years, seven justices have been appointed — all of them men. The women lawyers have a goal of maintaining or increasing the number of women on the court. Justices Pariente and Quince left attendees with their top 10 pieces of advice for women lawyers in Florida, including "not only be the best lawyer or judge you can be, but devote time to causes you are passionate about."

The Florida Association of Women Lawyers President Jenny Shoaf Richardson concluded by saying, "our battle is not one that can be won overnight, or even this year, and we simply must remain vigilant."



Rosemary Barkett



Barbara J. Pariente



Peggy A. Quince

## Fans bombard NBC to bring back Tamron Hall

Supporters want her back after the network fires Megyn Kelly

Defender News Service

Megyn Kelly's firing at NBC has fans calling for Tamron Hall's return. Kelly came under fire for vehemently defending people who wore blackface on Halloween. The backlash was swift. Kelly was blasted by fans and her former colleagues for her "racist" remarks. Even though she apologized for the comments, the damage was done and the anchor was let go. Fans quickly suggested Hall to be Kelly's replacement. If you recall, Hall left her longtime position at the network and its

flagship "Today" show after Kelly was hired.

Kelly's show eventually replaced Hall's time slot on the morning program. Fans tagged Hall and flooded NBC with their request.

"I hear there is probably a 9 a.m. slot opening soon. Please come back," someone wrote after news of the firing surfaced.

"Miss you on 'Today' show, Tamron. The day you left was my last day watching it," a second person admitted.

"When NBC went low, Tamron went high," wrote a third. "Keep doing us proud down in



Tamron Hall

Texas. Can't wait for the new show next year."

In 2017 Hall inked a talk show development deal with Harvey Weinstein's The Weinstein Company. But once the former Hollywood producer was accused of sexual assault and rape, there was a lot of uncertainty.

Last month, however, after signing a new deal with ABC Owned Television Stations Group, Hall had a new show in the works, and she shared a preview of it from her studio in Harlem, New York.

The new deal with ABC will likely mean the 48-year-old won't be going back to NBC or the "Today" show anytime soon, but people continued to share their hope and blast Kelly in

the process.

"I thought you were awesome," one person wrote. "Prince wrote your theme music, and yet Becky Kelly gets to make \$20 million for spouting BS. Best to you."

"Still missing you. Please come back to NBC," another person commented.

"Anyone know what @tamronhall is doing right now?" another person asked, only to get a response from Hall herself.

"I do, I do," Hall wrote back. "See my pinned tweet about my syndicated talk show. Oh, and raising money for @SafeHorizon Tamron. Oh, and taping Season 6 of #DeadlineCrime and oh, livin' my best life. I hope that's enough."



Photos courtesy of OLDCD

# Pop-up market and bazaar to get spicy

Miami's entrepreneurs, farmers to participate in event this Saturday

Miami Times Staff Report

The Opa-locka Community Development Corp.'s Business Fund will host a Small Business Bazaar at Country Corner, featuring local farmers and businesses.

Along with the fresh fruits and vegetables, clothing, jewelry, eyewear, soaps, handmade goods and prepared foods, shoppers can learn how to cook.

Opa-locka native Chef Keith Lorren, affectionately known as "The King of Spice" will give a live cooking class at the bazaar, which will open from 10 a.m. - 4

p.m. on Nov. 3.

Lorren is the maker of the Spice King Collection, what he describes as luxury and gourmet. He obtained his culinary education by traveling internationally and working and managing various restaurants. He studied culinary arts at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. He has a Business Administration degree from Nova Southeastern University in Davie.

He attributes the quality of his spices to techniques he learned during his travels to countries such as China, Japan, the United

“With over 14 herbs and spices in each bottle, you would have to use a whole cabinet full of spices to get the flavor of just one bottle of Keith Lorren spice mix.”

Keith Lorren

Arab Emirates and Greece.

He is a growing part of the American food scene.

Lorren worked behind the scenes at the Food Network Studios in Manhattan, New York, developing recipes for some of their shows. He has shared his expertise on such programs NBC's "Today Show," Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games" and Travel Channel's "Park Secrets."

Attendees to the bazaar can try Lorren's spices at Country Corner, which is located at 15060 NW 22nd Ave., in Opa-locka.

Lorren said what makes his spice collection unique is that he packs a lot of flavor in each bottle.

"With over 14 herbs and spices in each bottle, you would have to use a whole cabinet full of spices to get the flavor of just one bottle of Keith Lorren spice mix," Lorren said. "I promise you, 'Just one gets the job done!' My spices are low in sodium, all natural, packed with Omega 3, 6, 9 fatty acids, over 72 trace essential minerals and are made with an ancient guarded trade secret unlike any other."

Country Corners, the venue for the bazaar, is a multi-generational family-based business that was started by June Johnson in the early '80s when she set up shop with five bunches of collard greens for sale. Today her son, James Dixon runs

the business.

He said he is determined to carry on her legacy of entrepreneurship and grit.

Other vendors at the bazaar include Miss Florida's cakes and Danny Smith's popsicles.

The bazaar is small business bazaar is only one of the Business Funds' initiatives. The fund is hosting a Google class to help entrepreneurs market their business for the holiday season and it has partnered with the American Express annual Small Business Saturday initiative, which is traditionally held the Saturday after Black Friday, this year Nov. 24, to encourage small business patronage.

For more information, visit [www.olcd.org/bazaar](http://www.olcd.org/bazaar).

# Obamacare coverage for next year appears stable

Open health insurance enrollment for 2019 to kick off this week

RON HURTIBISE  
The Sun Sentinel

As the sixth Affordable Care Act open enrollment period approaches its Nov. 1 kickoff, the long-term prognosis is as cloudy as ever, for reasons bound up in partisan politics and the insurance marketplace.

But the short-term diagnosis is stable. Health insurance coverage will be available for 2019 that complies with all of the mandates enacted under then-President Barack Obama in 2010.

Three insurers are offering plans in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties: Market leader Florida Blue, with a range of plans from budget-priced HMO plans to benefits-packed preferred provider plans (PPO); plus two so-called "narrow network" insurers — Molina Healthcare and Ambetter from Sunshine Health — that offer lower premiums to enrollees willing to live with a smaller selection of doctors.

Known as Obamacare, the ACA has hung in there even though many were preparing to give it up for dead after the 2016 presidential election.

A big reason: Insurers are making money off their Obamacare plans, because

federal law still requires the government to heavily subsidize premiums and health-care costs for low-income enrollees.

"In 2017, insurers started rebounding in their financial performance," said Cynthia Cox, a health insurance policy expert for the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation. "But even in the last year or so, we've seen insurers on average have become quite profitable in this market. Average growth margins per enrollee have increased sharply, and the share of premiums that insurers are paying out in the form of medical claims is dropping."

In Florida, roughly 1.72 million people enrolled in an ACA plan for 2018 — nearly as many as the 1.76 million the previous year, despite President Donald Trump's administration cutting open enrollment from three months to six weeks. Of Florida's enrollees, 92 percent qualified for subsidies that reduced what would have been a \$595 monthly premium to an average of \$70.

Costs won't change much for those enrollees, including about 762,000 from South Florida, in 2019.

Too often, doctors who are listed as "in-network" on these plans are telling prospective patients that their patient loads



Patrick Sison / AP

Open Enrollment for individual health insurance coverage runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Picking a plan can initially involve several trips to websites like [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) just to understand the options. Shoppers who want to stick with the same plan must scrutinize it for changes.

are at capacity or that they were listed among a networks' providers by mistake, Eserman said.

"A lot of the networks listed on the computer are wrong," he said. "One or two of every 10 doctors listed in a network are either not in that network or not accepting new patients." And costs for non-subsidized

enrollees have skyrocketed in recent years, their participation in ACA-compliant health plans decreased from 6.4 million in 2015 to 3.9 million in 2018, according to Kaiser data.

Those younger, healthier enrollees are relied upon to fund medical care costs of older, sicker members. But last year, Congress made it easier for

younger enrollees to drop out of the pool by eliminating the federal tax penalty for going without health insurance.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration has been following through on its promise to reduce health insurance costs by loosening regulations on short-term health plans that don't cover preexisting condi-

tions. While the resulting plans might cost less than plans that must cover preexisting conditions, a switch to them by too many healthy ACA enrollees could destabilize the ACA pool by making compliant plans too expensive, prompting more people to pull out of the ACA market and hasten the death spiral.

# Avoid this big career mistake

Five reasons not having a mentor could be costing you some money

GABRIELLE SIMPSON  
Essence

As we climb higher up the corporate (or entrepreneurial) ladder, many of us tend to make the same mistake when it comes to building our "career team."

Make no mistake about it: Your career success is not just based on your own merit — but of those who invest in, believe in, and sponsor you. And in order to keep your coins in order (and growing), you need to know the difference. A mentor is one who guides and advises in the hope that you attract a sponsor. A sponsor uniquely has the power to impact your career directly and influence a promotion or raise. You may not even know if someone is sponsoring you, because they may be an impressed senior executive who sings your praises when you're not in the room — calling for you to be placed on projects and for you to have a seat at the table. Stop counting on online searches for career advice and depend on real people who are invested in your success.

Here are key factors to keep in mind to help you secure your coins.

**A mentor is your personal career coach.** Think of any good coach — they teach you plays to win a game and prepare you with necessary practice. A good mentor does the same. You cannot level up without a view from the top and a mentor shows you the ropes and coaches you just the same. Most people typically undertake a partic-

ular career for a significant period of their life. It is mandatory to have career counsel for positive progression.

**They offer counsel and guidance during the negotiation phase.** Negotiation is intimidating, but it's necessary to get what you financially deserve. You may literally be leaving money on the table by not knowing the tricks of the trade. Before you even get to the offer phase, a mentor should prepare you for what's to come — interview pointers, compensation conversations, and they may even have contacts at the company where you're applying and be able to make a referral phone call for you.

Did you know that many companies set aside a predetermined amount of money for spot bonuses, and signing bonuses? You may be eligible for a signing bonus with a mid-level to senior level position. But, if you do not know to ask about bonuses, you may never receive it. Moreover, there is incredible power in tactfully negotiating company stock, title changes, being able to work from home, professional development conferences, training and events, professional membership fees, tuition reimbursement, a company sponsored certificate program, commuting expenses, as well as additional vacation days. All of these valuable things positively impact your income and topics that a mentor can coach you through. A mentor also coaches you in asking for more money



Photo via Essence

**Having a mentor can help you to advance in your career.**

during the offer process, annual reviews and times in between.

**They'll set you straight when it comes to knowing your worth.** There are a few topics that people say are off limits such as religion, politics, and money. Let's change that now — talk about money with the right people! You need a dependable and trustworthy mentor to discuss salary with on a quarterly basis to keep you in-line with financial career goals. You can find salaries on LinkedIn, Glassdoor and Salary.com amongst others, but nothing is more reliable than hearing a salary range from a mentor who really knows what they're talking about and probably has other mentees at your level. You should always have real-life examples for salary comparisons.

**Mentors teach you about "performance currency."** Mentors help you to develop performance currency, which is generat-

ed by you going above and beyond what's asked of you in your role. Mentors do this by reminding you to surpass expectations. Good mentors encourage you to keep a personal performance brag sheet including a list of items, roles, and activities that you've accomplished that are above your traditional responsibilities.

**Mentors coach you to earn "relationship currency."** Mentors coach you on how to earn relationship currency at work. This is generated in the investments you make in people. For optimum career growth, it's imperative that those of influence in your organization know who you are, and your mentor will teach you how to navigate those relationships. Your success will always be dependent upon someone else's opinion of you and moreover based on fans rooting for you and cheering you on. Together, performance and relationship currency increases income.

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**New iOS update offers tighter security for your iPhone.**

*check right now*

## 7 IOS SECURITY SETTING TIPS

Update keeps your phone out of reach from hackers

JENNIFER JOLLY  
USA Today

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STRONGER PASSCODES

Apple didn't change the default lock screen from a four-digit code to six-digit one just to mess with you. The longer your device passcode is, the harder it is to hack. Hackers often use software to cycle through every possible passcode combination — known as a brute-force attack — and since a four-digit passcode has just 10,000 possible combinations, it doesn't take long for a computer to break right in!

You can make passcodes as long as you want, and you can set it to use numbers and letters or numbers only. I prefer numerical only because then I don't have to mess with the keyboard, but go with whatever works for you. Just know that if you're still using 111111 or 123456 — you're begging to get hacked.

Go to Settings > Touch ID & Passcode and enter your current passcode. Then, go to Change Passcode and, from the Passcode Options and, set a Custom Numeric Code.

### USE AUTOMATED TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Two-factor authentication

**A**pple's latest mobile software, iOS 12, tightens up security and privacy issues on iPhones.

To get the most out of the updates though, you might have to tweak a setting or two. Here's how to take full advantage of the latest bug fixes and make sure you're keeping your device as safe as you can from hackers and prying eyes.

adds an extra layer of security to all your logins by asking new devices to confirm that they're legit. After you log in to an app or site with two-factor enabled you'll get a text message to your phone number with a verification code, ensuring you're the only one who can access the account.

Go to Settings > Password & Security and then tap Turn on Two-Factor Authentication. Once you do this, your phone guides you through the rest of the setup process.

### TURN ON USB-RESTRICTED MODE TO MAKE YOUR PHONE EVEN HARDER TO HACK

One of the most significant security changes in iOS 12 is that Apple made it much harder for iPhone thieves or privacy-snooping meddlers to sniff your phone for information about you.

When you plug your phone into a USB device it can do two things: get charged and

transfer data. In the past, when you connected your phone into a computer, it asked for verification to keep you safe, but there were still tools that hackers could use to get around that.

After seven days without being unlocked, iOS 11 would finally lock down the charging port to prevent any attempts at breaching its security. iOS 12 shortens that time window in a big way. Now, it locks down iPhone's charging port into power-only mode after just one hour after you last unlocked it.

To set this correctly, head into Settings > Face ID (or Touch ID) & Passcode and then go all the way to the bottom of the list. There you'll see a toggle for USB Accessories. Make sure this button is OFF (gray, not green). This simple step should prevent any USB devices from trying to break into your phone after just one hour of being locked.

### SIGNIFICANT LOCATIONS: ON/OFF?

Your iPhone tracks everywhere you go so it can make location-based features in apps like Maps, Photos and Siri work smoothly. Your phone encrypts the information so nobody should be able to see it but you, but it's pretty creepy the first time you see it, especially if you don't realize that it's tracking you in such a way. It's entirely up to you whether you want to turn it off, or you can clear your saved locations any time.

Head into Settings > Privacy > Location > System Services and then tap Significant Locations. Here you can see the locations that your iPhone thinks are most important to keep track of and toggle the feature on or off.

### USE SAFARI

There are approximately a million web browser options in the App Store, but Apple's

own built-in Safari browser comes packed with new features in iOS 12 to help keep your browsing habits more private.

Safari now protects against cookies that track you across the internet, following you from site to site and potentially revealing your browsing habits to companies trying to learn more about you.

Social widgets on websites — like Facebook logins for comment sections — can sniff out what you're doing even if you don't interact with them. Now, Apple blocks all of those by default and even masks your phone's unique identity so that advertisers don't flood you with targeted ads.

### ENABLE AUTO UPDATES

Keep your phone in auto-update mode. Apple isn't perfect and every now and again, a privacy or security bug slips through the cracks. Apple is among the best at patching these holes quickly, and if your phone is in auto-update mode, you'll get those patches as soon as they're released.

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## New kind of credit score to widen borrower pool

FICO will consider bank balances and cash management behavior

ANN CARRNS  
The New York Times

Consumers with less-than-stellar or borderline credit scores may soon have a new option to help them qualify for loans and credit cards.

Fair Isaac Corporation, creator of the widely used FICO credit score, said it would test a new score that considers a borrower's bank account balances and cash management behavior as a supplement to a traditional credit score.

The new score, UltraFico, will be tested early next year with Experian, one of the three big credit reporting bureaus, and offered as an option to consumers whose traditional credit score alone would not qualify them for a loan.

People who already have strong credit scores shouldn't need to consider UltraFico. "It would most likely be used as a second chance," said Sally Taylor-Shoff, scores vice president at FICO.

Credit scores are three-digit numbers that lenders use to evaluate a borrower's ability to repay a loan. The higher the score, the less risk the lender faces. Basic FICO scores range from 300 to 850, with 700 and above considered good. The average FICO score has been rising in recent years and stands at 704.

Traditional credit scores are based mainly on a borrower's history of repaying mortgages, loans and credit card balances. Lenders and card companies report payments to the big credit bureaus — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. The bureaus then use formulas from FICO, or other models, to distill a consumer's credit file into a score.

The new option, FICO said, will be most helpful for customers who have scores from the upper 500s to the low 600s — sometimes called "subprime" — or fall just

“... it looks like this product does not use merchant identity information and there is real control. People manage their money in all sorts of weird ways. We're not sure what the assumptions will be.”



Photo via Pixabay

New credit score can help young people and those building credit.

below a lender's score cutoff for a given loan. People who will benefit the most are those new to credit — say, young people with a limited credit history — or those who hit a financial pothole and are rebuilding their credit.

Lenders must obtain a borrower's permission to collect information about their cash management habits and create an UltraFico score, Ms. Taylor-Shoff said.

Applicants with at least a \$400 average bank account balance, and no history of negative balances, are most likely to benefit. The new score takes into account factors like how long accounts have been open, the frequency of activity and evidence of saving.

FICO and Experian are working with the technology company Fincity to digitally gather borrower bank account information.

Companies have used such technology for years to aggregate bank account data for online budgeting tools, like Mint.com, she said. Lenders get a summary of the applicant's bank

account profile, Ms. Taylor-Shoff said. Details like whom you write checks to aren't shared.

One reason for a pilot is to gauge the "willingness of consumers to share financial data" in exchange for a higher score, FICO said.

Some financial companies are already using underwriting systems that factor in deposit account information. A start-up called Petal, for instance, supplemented traditional credit scores with an analysis of a potential customer's bank account when evaluating credit card applications.

Chi Chi Wu, a lawyer with the National Consumer Law Center, said bank account transaction data "definitely has a lot of promise" as an alternative scoring method, so long as consumers have true control over whether to share information and what level of detail is shared.

"Right now," she said, "it looks like this product does not use merchant identity information and there is real control."

Katherine Lucas McKay, a program manager with the Aspen Institute who is focusing on consumer debt, raised the issue of how the new scoring model will interpret the added bank account data.

"People manage their money in all sorts of weird ways," she said. "We're not sure what the assumptions will be."

The move by FICO comes as lenders are seeking new customers and as new financial technology companies are offering alternative ways of assessing consumer creditworthiness.

"This is all about giving banks a bigger pond to fish in for customers," Matt Schulz, chief industry analyst at CompareCards.com, said in a statement on the scoring option.

It's not clear if the other two credit bureaus will eventually offer UltraFICO along with Experian. TransUnion said in an emailed statement that it "applauds all efforts that promote financial inclusion and expand economic opportunity." Equifax didn't

respond to a request for comment.

Here are some questions and answers about credit scores:

**How much of a boost can my credit score get from UltraFico?**

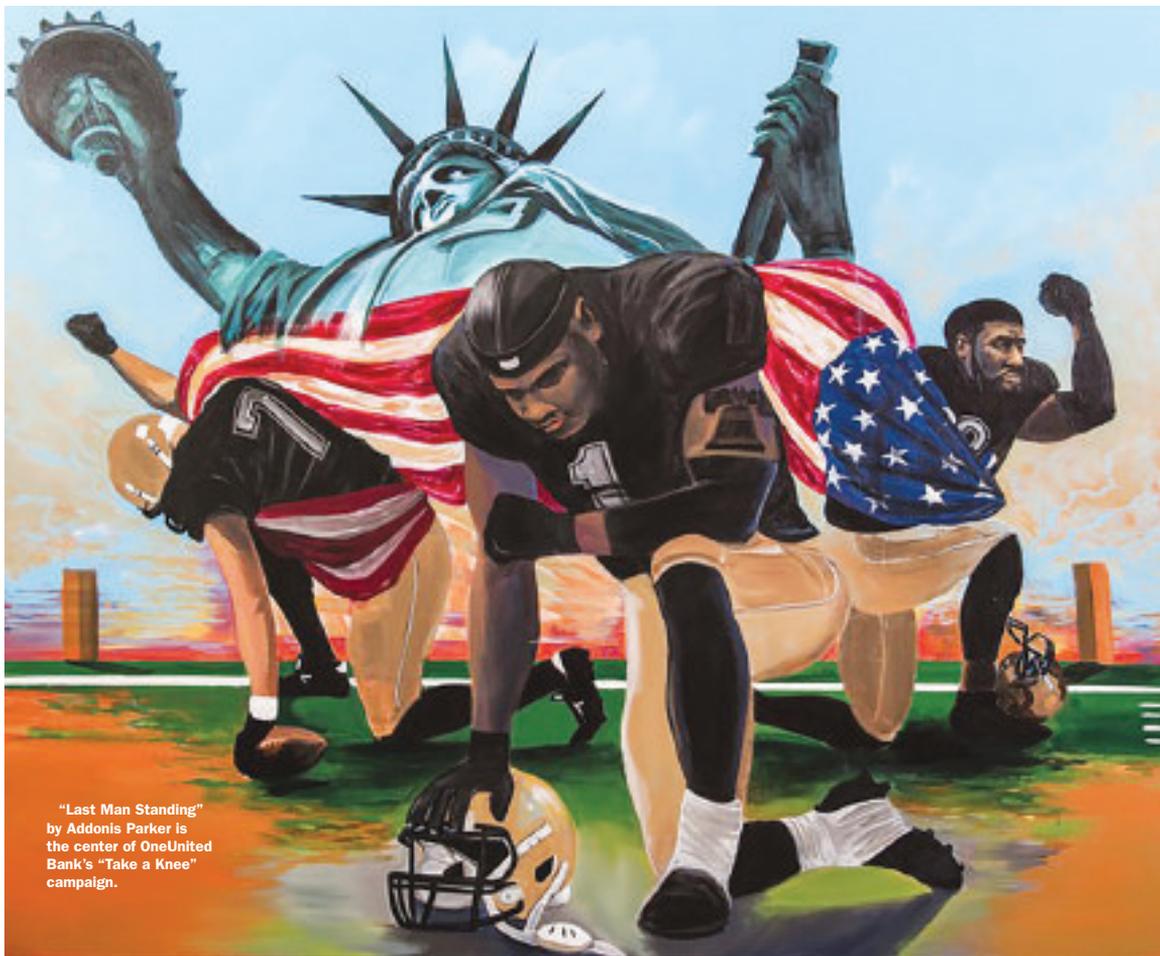
Some borrowers may see an increase of 20 points or more, Ms. Taylor-Shoff said, depending on the details of their financial profile.

**How can I improve my traditional credit score?**

Credit experts suggest paying your bills on time each month, keeping your credit card balances below the card's maximum and limiting the number of new accounts you open.

**What lenders and institutions are using UltraFico?**

FICO identified Pentagon Federal Credit Union, one of the largest credit unions, as an institution interested in participating in its UltraFico test, but declined to name others. PenFed, through a spokeswoman, said it is too "early" to comment. FICO expects to make the new score widely available next summer.



“Last Man Standing” by Addonis Parker is the center of OneUnited Bank’s “Take a Knee” campaign.

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## OneUnited unveils ‘Take A Knee’ Campaign

Black-owned institution inspired by NFL player protests, activism

Miami Times Staff Report

In an unprecedented move, OneUnited Bank, the largest Black-owned bank in America, unveils the “Take A Knee” Campaign with a stunning masterpiece, Last Man Standing, by internationally acclaimed artist Addonis Parker. The protest art evokes the importance and burden of activism in America, featuring three football players kneeling during the nation-

al anthem. The Take A Knee Campaign is a nod to the national #TakeAKnee movement started by Colin Kaepernick and followed by over 180 football players including Carolina Panthers’ Eric Reid and Miami Dolphins’ Kenny Stills in which they refused to stand during the national anthem and instead took a knee in silent protest of police shootings of unarmed Black people and the need for criminal justice reform.

OneUnited Bank unveils Last Man Standing and the #TakeAKnee Campaign to take the #BankBlack and #BuyBlack Movement to the next level. The Bank will donate to the American Civil Liberties Union or ACLU and to BMe Community, in honor of Leon Ford, a BMe Community Genius who is a survivor of police brutality, for each new customer that opens a checking account between Oct. 25, 2018 and Dec. 31, 2018.

BMe Community is a network of innovators, leaders, and champions who invest in aspiring communities. Head-

quartered in Miami, Florida, BMe has satellite offices in Akron, Baltimore, Detroit, Louisville, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. It has earned 67 prestigious awards for innovation, storytelling and social impact.

The bank will also extend an invitation to all OneUnited Bank customers to become a member of the ACLU and donate to BMe Community.

The ACLU works daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by

the constitution and laws of the United States. Since its founding in 1920, the non-profit, nonpartisan ACLU has grown from a roomful of civil liberties activists to an organization of over 1.84 million members, with offices in almost every state. The ACLU fights to end mass incarceration, obtain voting rights for returning citizens and reform the criminal justice system and other social justice issues.

“Throughout history, art has been used to raise awareness about social issues and affect positive change. We are honored to unveil ‘Last Man

Standing’ and support the ACLU and BMe Community as we continue to support the #BankBlack and #BuyBlack Movement and advocate for social justice,” says Teri Williams, president and COO of OneUnited Bank.

OneUnited Bank will make a \$25,000 minimum contribution to each organization. For more information on how to participate in the Take a Knee Campaign visit [www.oneunitbank.com/takeaknee](http://www.oneunitbank.com/takeaknee).

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## Wade and Haslem show how to be true brothers

The players are brothers both on the court and in their daily lives

Am I my brother’s keeper? You bet they are. Guarding each other’s back. Back in 2003 both Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem joined the Miami Heat family – Wade via the draft and Haslem via free agency.

They are the longest-tenured players on the Heat’s roster.

And after 13 ½ seasons together on the Miami Heat’s roster, they’ve become best friends, family, brothers.

And though Wade took a little time away exploring other families, he realized there’s no place like home and he’s back.

They’ve remained friends throughout.

They’ve gone through the good times (three NBA Championships) and the bad times together (dismal seasons not even making the playoffs).

Well, here it is 2018 and the two are virtually inseparable.

Brothers from different mothers; they share an unbreakable bond.

They do everything together. They play professional basket-

ball together, they go on vacations together and earlier this month they even went into business together.



Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem

The three-time NBA champs opened a restaurant called 800 degrees Woodfire Kitchen inventura. Now they are bringing the “heat” both on the court and in the kitchen.

They formulated a joint company called Forty-Three—named after their respective jersey numbers.

But on Saturday, Oct. 21, the duo stepped onto the floor of AmericanAirlines Arena for their final Miami Heat home-opener together as teammates.

They could very well be retiring together in their 16th season in the league.

Wade has called this season his “last dance.” His “sweet

16” tour.

Haslem, known for his defense, has yet to confirm that this is indeed his last season. He jokingly called this his “last stance” as he stood above the rim with his arms crossed at media day.

These two home-town heroes represent the “culture” that the Miami HEAT boasts about.

In an emotional moment in front of a sold-out home crowd, standing side-by-side, the brothers took to the mic to address the fans.

“Heat Nation, what’s up?” said Wade before the Heat tip-off on Saturday night against the Charlotte Hornets.

“On behalf of our teammates and on behalf of this amazing organization, my brother and I want to thank each and every last one of you guys. We want to thank our season ticket holders. We want to thank our fans everywhere for your unwavering support.”

Haslem echoed those sentiments saying, “We thank you guys for the love and support. We appreciate you guys. We are going out here to play hard

to give you everything we got. Heat Nation, we thank you.”

The fans with a right-back-at-ya, cheered and gave Wade a standing ovation upon his entering the game midway through the first quarter.

The future hall of famer did not disappoint.

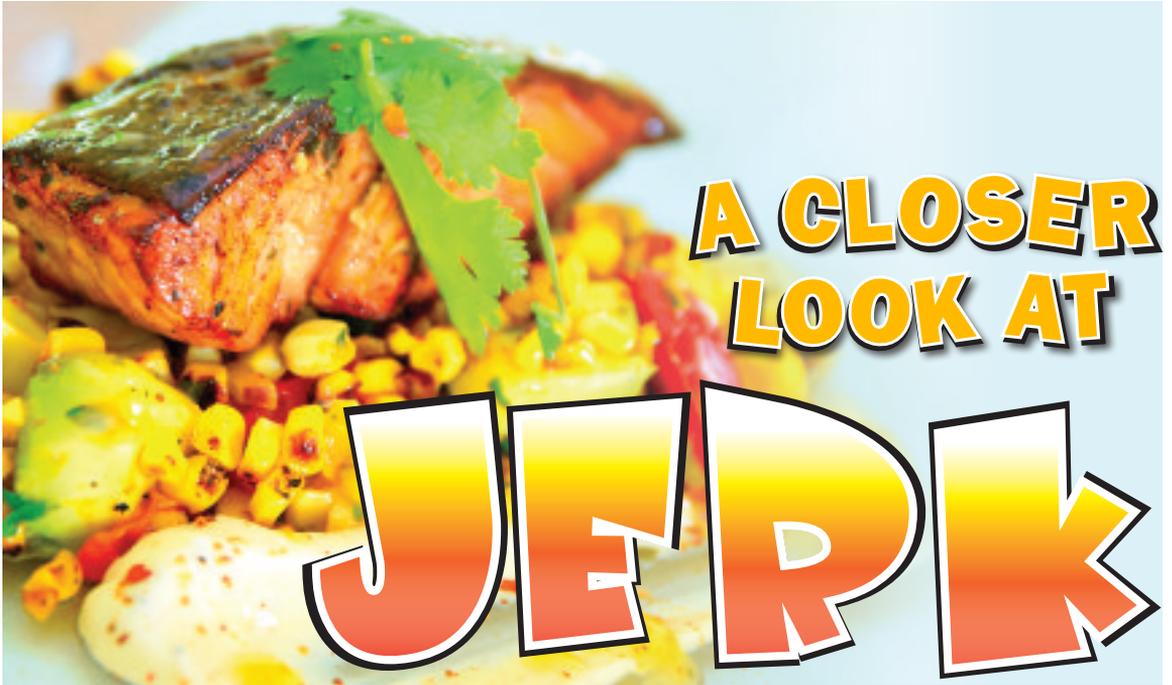
Wade came off the bench and posted a team-high 21 points off nine-for-15 shooting, grabbed three rebounds, dished off three assists, and blocked two shots.

The Charlotte Hornets however played the spoilers on this magical and emotional night, when they handed the Miami Heat a heartbreaking home-opening loss 113-112.

Just a few games in, I can already tell that this season is going to be an emotional roller coaster – win or lose – filled with firsts, lasts and lots of trips down memory lane.

Trying to stay in the moment and appreciating every moment, will be the daunting task.

Both Wade and Haslem have meant so much to this team, this organization, this city, the fans and to the community.



Photos courtesy of Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival

## Annual food festival displays rich history and evolution with museum

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Seeing an opportunity for freedom in the chaos of war between the Spanish and British in the 17th century, a group of slaves on the island of Jamaica found refuge in the mountains.

The Maroons, as they were later dubbed, adopted the survival techniques of the indigenous people of the land, the Tainos to remain out of captivity.

One of those techniques was the preserving of meat with salt and peppers called jerk.

"As to what they were used to back in Africa, I am sure there were similar processes, but all in all, I think they blended together what was there already and what they brought with them ..." said Hugh "Chef Irie" Sinclair, culinary ambassador for the Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival.

SEE JERK 6C

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**Authentic jerk needs to be done outside. You need wood. You need smoke – a fireplace, coal, smoke with heat. It needs to be a slow process, so flavors can be absorbed.”**

Hugh "Chef Irie" Sinclair



Jerk seasoning can also be used on vegetables and other foods.

## Various local artists win big at The Ellies

Artists and teachers receive close to \$500,000 to bring ideas to life

*Miami Times Staff Report*

Art installations that explore gentrification, the Middle Passage and preserve pieces of Liberty Square were awarded last Wednesday at The Ellies, Miami's visual arts awards.

Artist Edouard Duval-Carrie was recognized as one of Miami's eminent artists at a special reception of The Ellies, which was created to celebrate and elevate the careers of Miami artists.

Duval-Carrie is one of 44 artists who will share \$500,000 as part of The Ellies, which was presented by ArtCenter/South Florida. The Haiti-born Duval-Carrie will receive \$75,000 and a com-

mission at The Bass on Miami Beach.

Marcus Blake will oversee the painting and erecting of slabs of concrete from the demolition of the Liberty Square housing complex in open spaces around Liberty City. The community will have the opportunity to enter these lots, walk around, and enjoy these eye-catching structures.

Additional recipients include:

Woosler Delisfort: For "This is Little Haiti," a multimedia exploration of the people, history and culture of Little Haiti, which is both the cultural capital of the Haitian diaspora and one of Miami's fastest gentrifying neighbor-



More than 200 artists and art lovers gathered to celebrate The Ellies, Miami's visual arts awards, including award recipients (from left) Marcus Blake, Michelle Lisa Polissaint and GeoVanna Gonzalez, pictured with ArtCenter's VP for Programming Esther Park.

hoods. Through documentary film and a transmedia website, the project aims to investigate and preserve the neighborhood's cultural legacy.

April Dobbins: For "AL-ABAMALAND" is a feature-length documentary that is an ongoing exploration of Black land ownership in the rural South. The film examines three Black women's relationships to their family's 688-acre Alabama farm – a place that has long provided them with solace, free from the discrimination and limitations they face in the outside world.

Adler Guerrier: To create a film that will depict spaces identified with immigrant groups, and explore how people shape them culturally and politically. This examination will offer images of grace and

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# THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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What a busy month this October 2018 has been with a focus on so many relevant themes. The coming elections next Tuesday have focused on how vital it is and will be to vote. It is indeed an important election for America.

There have been celebrations and events led by organizations that give service locally and nationally. Congratulations to the Biscayne Bay Chapter of the Links, Inc. on a very successful 2018 'Splendor on the Bay Masquerade Day Party' held at Jungle Island. Congratulations to the 'Sheroes' who were recognized and honored for their service under the theme 'Unmasking Purpose, Passion, and Persistence': The Honorable **Carrie P. Meek**; **Leigh Ann Buchanan**; and **Valencia Gunder**.

Booker T. Washington Senior High in Historic Overtown was the site for a college fair on Oct. 23. Among colleges and recruiters represented were: Miami-Dade; **D.A. Dorsey** Technical College; West Point Florida National Guard; **Lindsey Hopkins** Technical College; Florida Atlantic University; **Saint Thomas** University; **Johnson and Wales**; FAMU; Miami International University of Art and Design; Barry University; Florida Memorial University and always on the college scene: Tennessee State University.

Indeed, it was a **Tiger-iffic Day** with a very passionate team of Tigers who interacted with a myriad of future collegians. This mission was made possible by **Dr. Susie Robinson**, **Marilyn Bellamy**, **Marsha Johnson House** and **George Storr** who was photographer for the event. **William Aristide**, principal, was on hand to express his pride and appreciation for the efforts of all recruiters from the numerous schools represented.

In last week's column, we spoke of "Stepping for a Purpose" Step Show as a part of Greeks Giving Glory at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. The start of 'steppin' goes back to Africa, where the African Gumboot Dance performed by dancers in boots is said to be one of the biggest influences on 'steppin'. One shared ritual over which there is little debate is the syncopated, percussive rhythms that emerge from the marriage of precise and stylized movements of the body, which captures the audio and visual imaginations of observers. This art is dubbed stepping.

"Frequently coupled with songs, chants, and verbal calls," **Carol D. Branch** describes stepping as "a vibrant performance that has been shaped by the experiences of Blacks, yet continues to evolve. Generally performed in groups, stepping helps maintain the social



Dr. Susie Robinson and BTW principal Wallace Aristide

cohesiveness of the Black fraternal community. The practice's origins are also African, and can boast roots in the call-and-response tradition as well as in games played by Congo children and in the gumboot dancers of South African mines. Historians of Phi Beta Sigma contend that its member **Kwame Nkrumah**, first prime and later president of Ghana, introduced the heavy West African influence on Black Greek Letter Organization (BGLO) stepping as well as the cane, although certainly the men of Kappa Alpha Psi would invite a healthy debate

over the introduction of the cane to the Black fraternal tradition."

The Bethune Cookman University Athletic Hall of Fame was created to preserve the historical contributions of teams, individuals, traditions and accomplishments of the department of intercollegiate athletics at Bethune Cookman University while paying honor to generations of student-athletes, coaches, administration and humanitarians who had significant impact on success of the institution.

Thirteen great Wildcats made up this year's class. This class was honored in



BCU Hall of Fame 2018 Elestine Allen, John Osborne and Carol Weaterington.

conjunction with the Hall of Fame Induction Celebration and the Hall of Fame Game, Oct. 19-20.

Honorees included two Miami natives: **John "J. O" Osborne** (football), an All-SIAC performer in 1973-1974 and All-American in 1973. Osborne was one of the most dynamic returners in Wildcat history. After a pro career with the Jacksonville Sharks of the World Football League he became a legendary high school football coach in South Florida where he coached at Miami Central, Miami Norland, and Miami Jackson High Schools.

**Larry Little** (coach) Bethune Cookman Hall of Famer 2000, a member of the Miami Dolphins 1972 Super Bowl team, perfect season, and a graduate of the Booker T. Washington class of 1963. He was honored

along with his 1998 MEAC football championship team and presented a check of \$5,000 toward the **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune** statue in Washington D.C.

In attendance to support them were Bethune-Cookman Miami-Dade Alumni members and John Osborne's classmates, **Rosa Osborne** (wife) and family, **Elestine McKinney Allen**, **Carolyn Weaterington**, **Calvin Jackson** (Hall of Famer 2016) and friends.

"I was beaten, my skull fractured, and I was arrested more than 40 times so each and every one of us can register to vote. Do your part." Representative **John Lewis** Please each of you to take and make the time to vote in these midterm elections as we march on and Live, Pray, Love, Dance, Sing and Laugh in the Whirl. Blessings.

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Mountain gorilla in Uganda in its natural habitat.

# GONE GORILLA TREKKING

## Exploring Uganda's wildlife with G Adventures

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**H**ungry for adventure? As I discovered, going gorilla trekking in East Africa is the perfect way to satisfy your appetite. G Adventures is a leading travel company that offers small-group adventure tours around the world, and I'm honored to be one of their brand ambassadors this year.

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The tour I was on allowed me to gain insight into Ugandan and Rwandan culture, eat loads of tasty local food, and observe firsthand the flora and fauna the region is famous for, something for which I'm super grateful. However, I'd be lying if I told you that coming face to face with a silver-back mountain gorilla wasn't an absolute highlight of the trip!

**What is gorilla trekking exactly?**

Also known as gorilla tracking (some purists will argue there's a slight difference), the practice is a way for tourists to observe

mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. As the name hints, this is done by "trekking" or "tracking" the creatures on foot: it's essentially a hike through the rainforest to visit mountain gorillas in the wild.

The experience is a particularly special one since mountain gorillas, the largest primate on earth, are extremely rare. With fewer than 800 left, the species is endangered, and great conservation efforts are made to keep the remaining population intact.

Because of development and deforestation, mountain gorillas are only found in three countries in the world: Uganda, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. To see the gorillas tourists must pay for a (pricy!) permit

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and be accompanied by a guide. This allows the local economy to flourish and deters poaching, which has been a big problem in the past.

**How a gorilla trekking excursion in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park works:**

Our day started before sunrise with breakfast, and then a pickup from our lodge. Our G Adventures group members (nine of us in total) were driven by 4x4 to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, where we were deposited at the Visitor Center. We were then seated and asked to listen to a presentation from one of the head guides, who explained how the day would go. He also went over some ground rules and gave

advice for how to best enjoy the experience.

After that, our G Adventures group was split into two and redistributed amongst the other tourists who were at the park for gorilla trekking that day. In all, there were eight to nine groups comprised of seven to 10 people. The number of tourists permitted to visit the park each day is strictly regulated.

Each group was accompanied by its own tour guide, porters (you can pay them to carry your bag during the trek), and a couple of professional trackers who not only have intimate knowledge of the gorillas' location, but are also armed and equipped to protect the group should anything go awry.

**SEE GORILLA 6C**

Oneika Raymond with her travel group.



# 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](http://www.overtowncyc.org/workshops); Info: Contact Shari Benjamin at 786-477-5813.

**Halloween Happenings**  
Carnival games, haunted house, treats and trick-or-treat street; 6-9 p.m.; Oct. 31; Scott Rakow Youth Center; 2700 Sheridan Ave.; For more info, call 305-673-7767.

**State of the City Address**  
6:30 - 8 p.m.; Nov. 1; The Miramar Amphitheater; 16801 Miramar Parkway;

For more info, call 954-602-3198 or email [elaroche@miramarfl.gov](mailto:elaroche@miramarfl.gov).

**The Different Phases of Me Fashion Show**  
Launching of the Ruth Louissaint Brand; 7-10 p.m.; Nov. 1; The Venue of Fort Lauderdale; 2345 Wilton Drive; For more info, call Ruth Louissaint at 786-356-1095 or email [ruthlouissaint@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthlouissaint@yahoo.com).

**SCHOOL MEETINGS**  
**Miami Northwestern Class of 1963**  
Breakfast meeting; Oct. 6; Pastime Restaurant, 2469 NW 62nd St.; Info: Call John at 786-222-8380.

**Miami Northwestern Class**

**of 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 [msguns@aol.com](mailto:msguns@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 cultural ballet workshops for girls ages 6-8 and 9-12; Time and date TBA; 1350 NW 50th St; Info: Call 305-758-1577 or visit [www.childrendance.net](http://www.childrendance.net).

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

## BOOK REVIEW

# Tina Turner tells all you've wanted to know, her way

Love, loss, triumph and gratefulness are all woven into her life's story

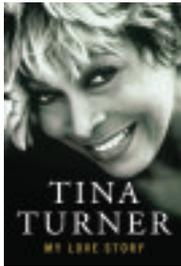
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Just wait. Those are two words that are impossible to hear, especially if you have big plans. Hold on, don't veer off-course; work the plan, hard as it may be. Just wait. As in "My Love Story" by Tina Turner, good things really do come to those who do.

If you've come to this book solely because of the name of the author, you probably don't need to be told about her early adult life. Even so, it bears repeating.

Anna Mae Bullock was born in November 1939, on a farm near a tiny Tennessee town. Hers was a difficult childhood. Her mother, who mostly rejected Anna Mae, was tired of her marriage and abandoned it when Anna Mae was 11 years old. Two years later, Anna Mae's father abandoned the family, too, so Anna Mae moved to St. Louis to live with her estranged mother.

She took one important thing with her. "Even as a little girl," says Turner, "I knew I could sing... I was born with that talent.



My voice was my gift and I knew how to use it."

Because her sister was old enough to go to St. Louis clubs, Anna Mae managed to

tag along and that was where she met Ike Turner, a womanizer who ignored Anna Mae until he heard her sing. Not long afterward, he started paying her to be onstage and they became friends. He was "ugly," she was "skinny and all voice," but they were a team until they started sleeping together. She became pregnant; they got married-not-married, and the fighting began.

It seemed to feel as though he owned Tina; for sure, he owned her name, since he'd registered it as a trademark. He told her what to do and where to be, didn't trust her, beat her, slept with other women and didn't bother to hide it. She endured it, waiting for things to get better, until one hot July night, she fought back, and she ran...

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pain as Tina also tells about illness, family, personal losses and missed opportunities.

But wait: this isn't a poor-me tale. Though Turner writes (with Deborah Davis and Dominik Wichmann) about challenges, gratefulness beams between sentences. So do words of inspiration, so whatever humor and that wonderful romance.

Wait. That love story you're promised? It's a perfect bow atop a not-anywhere-near perfect life, and for readers who want a memoir with a minimum of gratuitous name-dropping, but heavy on sassitude and triumph, "My Love Story" tells it right.

So why wait?

# 'The Wiz' was beginning of a shift in Black culture

Music, actors, and story made big impression on African-Americans

GERRICK D. KENNEDY  
*The Network Journal*

Decades after its original release, four to be exact, no film has uniquely defined

by including Diana Ross, a cast that included Quincy Ross, Michael Jackson, Lena Horne, Nipsey Russell, Mabel King and Richard Pryor and an aesthetic firmly rooted in Black culture.

performing it in high school or seeing a touring troupe tackle it, but the film is the most accessible entry into the all-Black retelling of "The Wizard of Oz." Many of us recall watching it with family during the holidays, huddled around the TV and singing the tunes. What was revolutionary

"The Wiz," however, weaved together gospel, blues, soul and R&B — genres that are unequivocally Black creations — and were narratives of the Black experience, an especially bold move given Hollywood's monochromatic palette.

It bombed upon its release on Oct. 24, 1978 (it cost more than it earned, and critics dis-

missed it as a saccharine imitation of its stage predecessor), but that didn't matter to audience members who were seeing themselves reflected on screen in ways they hadn't before.

**HOW IT ALL STARTED**  
To understand its power, let's rewind to 1972. It was then that New York disc jock-

ey Ken Harper, inspired by the dominance of the Motown sound, imagined a take of Baum's epic fantasy that distilled the tale through a Black lens.

He got the backing of Fox — in exchange for first option for film rights, publishing rights and album rights — and in 1974 "The Wiz: The Super SEE THE WIZ GC



Cast members of The Wiz: Nipsey Russell, Diana Ross and Michael Jackson

Black culture and shaped the framework of a musical genre quite like "The Wiz." An adaptation of the groundbreaking Broadway musical — itself a retelling of L. Frank Baum's classic 1900 children's fantasy "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" that became the beloved Judy Garland movie — the Sidney Lumet-directed film had a rapturous soundtrack produced

For a generation of Black Americans, this was the first time they saw people who spoke, sung and moved the way they did in a Broadway production and, later, a big-screen musical, and it has become a kind of rite of passage for the Black community.

Everyone remembers their first time experiencing "The Wiz." If it's the stage production, that likely came from

about it, first in the original Broadway production and then amplified by Jones' work on the splashy film version, was its songbook. "Grease" had arrived to big screens months earlier, as did "Thank God It's Friday" (which, like "The Wiz," was a Motown production), but both pulled from the world of disco and were tailored to ward white audiences.

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# ARTISTS

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dignity to counter the dominant framing that depicts immigrant spaces as dirty and dangerous.

Michelle Lisa Polissaint: For "Moonshine Moanin," an exploration of the artist's queer identity as it relates to being raised in the South. The work will consist of public performances inviting viewers to watch the artist perform the personas of female Black queer jazz singers from the 1920s and '30s such as Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith, who spoke openly and unapologetically about their queerness in their work.

Johanne Rahaman: For "Water Rights," an installation that examines the African Diaspora's relationship to water, from the Middle



Edouard Duval-Carrie receives the Michael Richard Award, from Dennis Scholl, CEO and President of ArtCenter/South Florida.

Passage, through segregation, to the present, as Black

bodies are policed at beaches and swimming pools, and safe

drinking water is still not democratized. The exhibition

is a segment of the project BlackFlorida, the ongoing photographic archive of Black rural and urban spaces of Florida

Onajide Shabake: For "Alusogbe," a project examining Colonial era and contemporary ethnobotany as material for understanding the migrations of both humans and plants during the Atlantic Colonial slave era. It will culminate with a public exhibition of photographs, works on paper, film and an artist's book.

Troy Simmons: To celebrate Miami's unique neighborhoods, many of which are being gentrified, by salvaging sections of buildings slated for demolition and transforming them into pieces of art. He hopes his work, which blurs the lines between painting, wall relief and sculptural installation, will give future inhabitants of the neighborhood a glimpse into its past.

Symone Titania: For "NOTES TO MY YOUNGER SELF/Women's Photo Documentary exhibit," which captures the diverse images and personal handwritten narratives of bold and innovative women of Miami-Dade County. Both the images and narratives highlight the journey of being a woman, and are crafted to provide practical advice to young, emerging women leaders in Miami-Dade.

Juana Valdes: For "Rest Ashore," a multichannel installation that re-examines the experience of migration and how it relates to the current global refugee crisis. Using the Cuban balsero crisis as a starting point, the exhibition examines how these crises are documented in mass media, while creating a new visual vernacular honoring those who died at sea.

The list of all winners is available at [TheEllies.org](http://TheEllies.org).

# JERK

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This Veteran's Day weekend, South Floridians will get a chance to indulge in the Afro-Caribbean essences at the 17th annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival at Markham Park in Sunrise.

According to "Jerk from Jamaica: Barbecue Caribbean Style" by Helen Willinsky, after days of marinating, the Maroons would prepare their meat of choice – wild boar – then place the meat in a hole in the ground lined with hot stones. The boar cooks in its own juices.

Nowadays, authentic jerk pork, chicken and seafood are prepared on pimento or sweet wood with added spices of pimento, cinnamon, Scotch bonnet, thyme, scallion, garlic and sometimes, ginger. It is often served with festival (a harder version of a hushpuppy) or hard dough bread.

Even with the evolution of technology, the Maroons' technique of open fire remains.

"Authentic jerk needs to be done outside. You need wood. You need smoke – a fireplace, coal, smoke with heat," said Sinclair. "It needs to be a slow process, so flavors can be absorbed."

Weeks ahead of the jerk festival, Michael Elcock and his business partner Mario Bignall are prepping 4,000 pounds of meat with their version of the marinade in their Boston Jerk vendor stand. They will let the meat

**IF YOU GO:**  
**What:** Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival  
**When:** Nov. 11, 2018  
**Where:** Markham Park, 16001 W. State Rd. 84, Sunrise  
**Cost:** \$30-\$150  
 For information: [www.JerkFestival.com](http://www.JerkFestival.com)

soak in the jerk seasoning for at least four days.

Bignall's great-great-grandfather was part of the group of the first "jerk men" who brought the technique from the Blue Mountains down to the residents in Boston Bay, Portland, Jamaica.

"His grandson still has the shop in Portland today," said Elcock. Each year for the festival, Elcock, Bignall and other descendants of the original jerk men joined together to serve the inherited jerk recipe to thousands of patrons.

The only difference is the lack of pimento wood, which is not available in the United States.

But according to Elcock, substitutes like sweet wood and coals can still produce the authentic flavor, as long as it remains on an open fire.

The origin of the word "jerk" is unclear. Many English historians have written that it derives from the Peruvian word "charqui." This is the word used to describe dried strips of meat by the indigenous natives of Peru, in relation to the word "jerky." Others say jerk comes from the process of jerking the



The Jerk Festival displays a variety of foods.

meat, or poking it with holes to the skin so that the flavor of the spices could penetrate it. The word "jook" in Jamaican patois also means to poke.

Regardless of the word's history, Sinclair said a taste of jerk show always spark heat and pimento spices. Sinclair and Elcock both agree the amount of heat depends on the cook and its clients.

"The original recipe calls for a lot of pepper, but as

time progressed especially serving customers in the U.S., we had to turn down the heat," said Elcock. "Some people add ketchup to their jerk seasoning, and in places like Trinidad and Guyana they add guava or mango to the recipe."

The evolution of jerk has progressed into sauces, powders and various pastes. This has allowed the seasoning to be used for vegetables, fruits and even desserts. There is



Guests can visit a museum of jerk at the festival Nov. 11.

even jerk ice cream. Yes, jerk ice cream.

Although it may sound a bit peculiar to an untrained cook to mix meat seasoning with a sweet, creamy dairy product, Sinclair said it is not a stretch. The chef first explained that the dessert should be looked at as jerk-flavored ice cream instead of jerk ice cream.

As a celebrity chef who owns a catering company with the slogan, "Food on Fyah," Sinclair said he often mixes sweet notes with spicy and savory.

Festivalgoers can learn the history of jerk at the culinary museum at the Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival. There will be an exhibit with graphics, tangible artifacts and the spices used in the famous jerk seasoning.

After learning about the origins and ingredients, attendees can purchase the items on site at the farmer's market. They can also find recipe

ideas at the Publix Culinary Pavilion where celebrities like Local 10 news anchor, Todd Tonger; NBC 6 anchor, Roxy Vargas; WSVN 7 news anchor, Donovan Campbell; and Miss Universe Jamaica, Emily Maddison will compete for bragging rights.

More than 25 food vendors will be onsite serving prepared versions of the delicacy. After feasting, patrons can dance off the calories with a concert featuring some of the Caribbean's greatest acts. On stage will be reggae legends Freddie McGregor and Marcia Griffiths and Queen of Soca, Alison Hinds.

"We are excited about the improvements and additions to this year's festival because our goal is always to deliver an enjoyable and satisfying patron experience and to exceed all expectations," said Eddy Edwards, the festival's CEO.

# GORILLA

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After locating the family, we would spend one hour observing them (this is a standard rule for any gorilla trekking excursion), stop for a picnic lunch, then hike back the same way we came. In total, we could expect to be out in the forest for just over seven hours before heading back to the lodge.

Despite having read online that the hike could be difficult, I found it relatively easy, with the exception of a 40 minute stretch where the forest was so impenetrably thick with trees and foliage that our guides had to cut through it with machetes. That same stretch also required quite a bit of climbing, scrambling, and jumping, so I was very happy to be appropriately dressed and in good shape!

Finally, just shy of the three hour mark, we happened upon what we were looking for: a group of five or so mountain gorillas having a drink at the stream. It was glorious.

For the next hour, our trekking group alternated between extreme giddiness, glee, and awe. Observing these great creatures up close, and in their natural habitat, is really quite re-



Guides helped the travel groups make it through the rainforest.

markable. When our 60 minutes were up, we turned back around and found a clearing where we were able to eat our packed lunches (I purchased mine from my lodge that morning), then made our way back to the entrance of the park. The two and a half hour trek back was over in a flash – clearly I was still on a high from seeing the gorillas! G Adventures then arranged our transfer back to our lodge.

**Other things you should know about Gorilla Trek-**

**king in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park:**

–Bring something to eat + pack a lot of water. Obviously, once in the actual forest there is nowhere to purchase food or water. This can be problematic if you find yourself on a longer hike like I was.

–Dress appropriately. Wear layers that are breathable and be sure to bring a waterproof jacket as it can rain without warning. Also be sure to bring proper shoes!

The terrain is muddy and uneven in many places. I was happy to have my hiking boots for the ankle support, though old sneakers would also do the trick.

–Bring local currency or USD to tip your guides. While tips aren't required, they are certainly encouraged and appreciated. Expect to tip your main guide anywhere from \$10 to \$20 USD.

–Employ a porter to carry your bag during the trek, even if you're perfectly capable of doing so yourself. Nearly all of the porters at the park are from the surrounding villages and for many this is their sole source of income. Engaging porters injects money into the local community and shows goodwill. I was lucky to get a female porter (there aren't very many ladies doing this job) and it felt good to be able to help.

–Bring a camera (and extra batteries or an external charger if you're snap happy). I'm obsessed with high-quality photography, so I brought my full frame Sony camera. I must say that I was extremely happy I did. For all you photography buffs out there: now's the time to break out your best telephoto zoom lenses! I only took my 24-70mm with me and was super sad I didn't have a longer lens.

# THE WIZ

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Soul Musical "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" opened in Baltimore, before hitting Broadway the following year.

"The Wiz" weathered a ballooning budget, mixed reviews, technical hiccups, sluggish ticket sales and the constant threat of closure to become a sensation that earned seven Tony Awards, including best musical, and a multimillion-dollar adaptation from Motown and Universal, who grabbed the rights from Fox.

Both the stage and film productions of "The Wiz" have a common theme: the perseverance of the Black American dream despite mighty odds. But where the original stage production uses Dorothy's journey home from the Land of Oz to explore slavery, emancipation, the great migration and faith, the film updates it to a post-civil rights era.

Rural, turn-of-the-century Kansas in Baum's version became contemporary Harlem. Now our heroine is an introverted Harlem schoolteacher that has never been south of 125th Street. Emerald City is a slick urban core brimming with temptations, and the Winkles are, in effect, the poor working class stuck under the thumb of

a slave-driving tyrant.

"The Wiz" is foremost a story of racial liberation, and an early piece of Afro-futurism – the combination of science fiction, fantasy, magic realism and ancient African tradition that critiques historical events or envisions a Black future, inspiring such recent groundbreaking films as "Get Out" and "Black Panther" – but what has cemented its cult status is the music and movement seen onscreen.

Its dance numbers incorporated traditional movement from the African diaspora with ballet, jazz and modern movement that has defined Black dance – the "Emerald City Sequence" alone has informed everything from the Black queer ballroom scene to Beyoncé, and the music has shaped R&B for decades.

The original production launched the formidable Stephanie Mills (the original Dorothy, she lost the film role after Ross pulled a power play with the studio) to R&B stardom. It was the first time Jones collaborated with Jackson, then a 19-year-old looking to break away from the Motown sound. "Off the Wall" was released 10 months after "The Wiz," the album inspired by Jackson's time in New York frequenting Studio 54 and getting exposed to percolating hip-hop scene during downtime from filming.



Miami Times Photo/ Gregory Reed

Tracee Ellis Ross

## Tracee Ellis Ross brings it home

Community members and leaders spread the word about voting

With less than 16 days away from one of the biggest elections in the state of Florida, voters and well-known celebrities such as Tracee Ellis Ross and Lee Daniels are making sure they get the word out about voting for the first Black gubernatorial candidate, Andrew Gillum.

Ross, who is best known for her role as Joan Clayton in the "Girlfriends" TV series, was in attendance Saturday at the Dorothy Bendorss-Mindingall Center in Brownsville.

As Ross walked into the packed room filled with Gillum supporters, all stood to their feet to applaud in amazement that they had yet another celebrity supporter.

Ross talked about how she has voted, but she wasn't aware that she could use her platform to get people around the world to vote.

"Since the Obama election, [I] have continued to be involved," said Ross.

Though Ross was at Gillum's campaign event to encourage everyone to vote for him, she told a story about an ex of hers who told her she was taking campaigning really seriously.

"Our democracy is at stake!" Ross said to her ex.

Ross continued to explain to the audience how she wanted representatives that not only look like her but understand the experiences that they're having.

"Vote for who makes you feel empowered not who makes you feel afraid," she said.

"They say the blue wave is coming, we're building that wave one person at a time, one vote at a time, not five, but 10."

Supporters who were in attendance screamed "Bring it home" to get everyone else hyped up about the potential change that will be coming to Florida.

The day to cast your vote early was Oct. 22 and election day is Nov. 6.



# fake

## Museum of the Bible says some of its Dead Sea Scrolls fragments likely forged

Staff and Wire Report

The Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. says five of its most valuable artifacts — once thought to be part of the historic Dead Sea Scrolls — are fake and will not be displayed anymore.

The museum released a statement Monday with the results of tests conducted by a German-based firm.

Now days after the Museum of the Bible acknowledged purchasing forged Dead Sea Scrolls, more American Christians say they now suspect that they, too, have bought pricey fakes.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the 1940s and '50s in the West Bank. It's believed some of the texts are about 2,000 years old and they include early copies of the Hebrew Bible.

The museum has 16 fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The five in question have been withdrawn and replaced with three other pieces, CBS News reports.

"Though we had hoped the testing would render different results, this is an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the au-

thenticity of rare biblical artifacts, the elaborate testing process undertaken and our commitment to transparency," Jeffrey Kloha, Ph.D., chief curatorial officer for Museum of the Bible, says in the news release.

This is not the first controversy involving the Museum of the Bible, which was heavily financed by Hobby Lobby owners Steve and Jackie Green. According to USA Today, Hobby Lobby had to return several religious artifacts that had been smuggled out of Iraq and pay a \$3 million fine.

Steve Green, the Bible museum's evangelical founder and chairman, would not say how much his family spent for the 16 Dead Sea Scrolls fragments

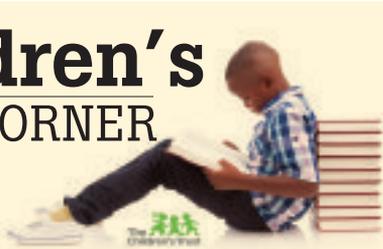
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Kipp Davis, an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls at Trinity Western University in Canada, was one of several academics who has tried to warn Christians, including the Green family, about the forgeries.

Rendering via Museum of the Bible



# Children's BOOK CORNER



## In 'Children of Blood and Bone' fantasy meets reality

### How a popular young adult novel tied real-life issues with fantasy

JANIAH ADAMS  
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A young adult fantasy novel with all-Black characters? That's a rarity.

But they do exist and one is getting the attention it so deserves.

Enter "Children of Blood and Bone," the first installment of a young adult series by Tomi Adeyemi that engages, entertains and provokes thought.

In "Children of Blood and Bone," readers are thrust into the fictional land of Orisha, where the ruthless King Saran has all but destroyed the ability for maji clans to possess magic. Characterized by their stark, white hair against their Black skin, maji are discriminated against and believed to have been ruthless when they were able to possess magic. Adeyemi likens the plight of the maji clans with the struggle of



Tomi Adeyemi

Black people in the U.S. - a people who've created a beautiful culture but are criminalized by the larger population and are often misunderstood.

Our main character, 17-year-old Zelie's mother was killed due to her ability to possess magic and the trauma of that day remains with her father and older brother, Tzain. When Amari - an unsuspecting princess who comes directly from King Saran's bloodline - reaches for Zelie's help with a secret that could possibly restore magic to the land,

she, Zelie and Tzain go on a life-threatening mission to bring peace back to their people. But not without Inan, Amari's brother, and King Saran's son, right on their heels.

Told in three different points of view, "Children of Blood and Bone" is one of those books that you simply can't put down. The 544-page fantasy novel leaves the reader with the bitter aftermath of hope and freedom. Although violence is shown in pieces throughout the novel, the characters use it to obtain their main objective. Adeyemi doesn't leave out the sweetness of first love, the complications of being a 17-year-old, and the beauty of teenage friendship.

Although parents should exercise caution when allowing their children to pick up the book, "Children of Blood and Bone" will not disappoint and is definitely worth the read.

## FAKE

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in its collection. But scholars say even small fragments with little text can fetch millions in the antiquities market.

Through a spokesperson, Green declined to comment on the news about his museum's five fake scrolls. As to the 16 fragments: seven will not be displayed, nine will be tested further. Three of those nine are currently on display at the museum with signs addressing the questions about their authenticity, the spokesperson said.

Dead Sea forgeries could be part of the most significant sham in biblical archeology since the "Gospel of Jesus' Wife," a fiasco that hoodwinked a Harvard scholar and made worldwide news in 2012. Some scholars estimate that as many as 70 forged fragments have hit the market since 2002.

Kipp Davis, an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls at Trinity Western University in Canada, was one of several academics who has tried to warn Christians, including the Green family, about the forgeries.



The weekly Standard

The Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., just three blocks from the U.S. Capitol.

Davis, who studied the fragments for the Museum of the Bible, said Monday's news about the fakes felt like bitter-sweet vindication. His take-away: Evangelicals and others whose faith motivates them to collect artifacts should be very careful with antiquities dealers eager to pique their interest in supposedly ancient

scraps of scripture.

"These good intentions that draw from a place of faith are subject to some really gross manipulations," Davis said, "and that is a big part of what has happened here."

The scholar said he believes two-four of the Greens' 16 fragments may be authentic, but that at least eight are fake.

In April 2017, Bible Museum sent five fragments to the Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung (BAM), a German institute for analyzing materials, where scholars tested for 3D digital microscopy and conducted material analyses of the ink and sediment on the papyrus.

Scholars have theorized that forgers write on top of ancient scraps of papyrus or leather, making the scrolls appear authentic until the ink is tested.

Their report, which the Bible Museum said they recently received, "further raises suspicions about the authenticity of all five fragments."

Before the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered 70 years ago, the earliest and most complete version of the Hebrew Bible was from the 9th century.

But then Bedouin shepherds stumbled on the scrolls, hidden away for nearly 2,000 years in caves in Qumran, on the western shore of the Dead Sea.

The discovery was so vast, with more than 900 manuscripts and an estimated 50,000 fragments, it took six decades for scholars to excavate and publish them all.

The Israeli Antiquities Authority keeps a tight hold on most of the Dead Sea Scrolls, displaying them in the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem. For decades, it was almost impossible for private collectors to get their hands on even scraps from the famous archeological find.

But in 2002, new fragments

began mysteriously appearing on the market. The Greens bought their fragments between 2009-2014. At the time, they were deeply involved in the antiquities trade, amassing a collection of some 40,000 artifacts.

Some scholars accused the Greens of buying too many artifacts too quickly, without being sure exactly where they came from, or who had owned them in the past.

"They made it widely known that they were buying everything," said Joel Baden, a professor at Yale Divinity school and co-author of "Bible Nation," a new book about the Greens.

"Every antiquities seller knew the Greens were buying everything and not asking questions about anything."

In an interview before the Bible museum opened last fall, Steve Green told CNN that wasn't sure who sold his family the Dead Sea Scroll fragments.

"There's been different sources, but I don't know specifically where those came from."

CNN Wire and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

# CHURCH Listings

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

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**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

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Rev. Harold Harsh  
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## Walking in Christ M.B. Church

Rev. Larry Robbins, Sr.  
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**New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**  
Elder William Walker  
5895 NW 23rd Avenue • 305-635-3866

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# FAITH CALENDAR

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**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.

**St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church**  
Sponsored by Mount Sinai Medical Center, there will be a Life Line Screening; Nov. 2;

6100 NW 24th Ave.; For more info, call 888-653-6434.

**United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables**  
Annual pancake breakfast fundraiser; 8 - 11 a.m.; Nov. 3; 536 Coral Way; For more info, call 305-445-2578.

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
Purple wave to end clergy abuse; 3 - 5 p.m.; Nov. 3;

7525 NW Second Ave.; Register at bit.ly/2PrwpBu.

**Mount Pisgah Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
Art Therapy Branch; 1 - 4 p.m.; Nov. 4; 3340 NW 215th St.; Register at bit.ly/2qf1J8c.

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

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

**Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church**  
Food and clothing; 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



County Commissioner  
Barbara Jordan, center, honors  
Dr. Barbara Montford at the  
Oct. 23 Commission meeting.

## MEDICINE WITH A DOSE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Barbara Montford honored as first  
Black female president of Miami  
Dade County Medical Association

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Dr. Barbara Montford has a passion for medicine and a yearning for social justice.

She has combined these two driving forces in her role as president of the Dade County Medical Association.

"I am a child of the '60s ..." said Montford when being installed as president in June. "I still remember the vivid pictures showing young Black children like myself being attacked by snarling dogs and powerful water hoses. I couldn't understand why anyone would do this to kids and my father could never explain it to me."

Montford's life experience and medical credentials have put her in a position to make a difference for those in the Miami-Dade community who are in medical need.

Montford was recognized for her many accomplishments and service to the community by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan. Montford is the first Black female president of the Dade County Medical Association.

Jordan said Montford is "an inspiration" and noted that the moment was "a historic achievement that will open doors for many women in the future," at the Oct. 23 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The Dade County Medical

Association consists of 1,200 members while there are at least 7000 medical professionals in the county, said Angel Bosch, the managing director of the group.

"We are here to educate and advocate for the well-being of the physicians and patients," said Bosch, pointing out that the group is the only multi-specialty medical group in the county.

Montford's priority as president is to keep the organization socially active. There are many causes from education, community outreach and making sure that Miami-Dade residents have access to affordable health care.

"We are working with the Trayvon Martin [Foundation] and trying to see how we can best assist them," said Montford.

Trayvon Martin was shot and killed in February 2012 in Sanford. His killer, George Zimmerman, was at first released and later arrested. The incident sparked major nationwide protests and debates on racial profiling.

"The Trayvon Martin decision really affect me," said Montford. "It affected every Black mama in Florida. Every Black mama who had a son. It was too personally painful."

Working with the Trayvon Martin Foundation is the first of her three new initiatives to involve the medical group in more social and communi-



Dr. Barbara Montford addresses audience.

Photos courtesy of Armando Rodriguez / Miami Dade County

ty outreach.

The Dade County Medical Association is now working closely with the Trayvon Martin Foundation to serve as a facilitator between the people in the community and the police, said Bosch, the group's managing director.

The foundation has a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program, or STEM program, which gets support from the

medical group.

"We are at the beginning stages of working with Dr. Montford," said Denise Cooper, marketing consultant for the Trayvon Martin Foundation. "And we are really humbled for Dr. Montford's help for our organization."

Montford has also established what they call a physician staff manual to help doctors who are just starting out in the field and will work for hospitals or large

private practices.

"It's basically the do's and don'ts of working in hospitals or private practice," said Bosch. He said doctors learn a great deal about medicine in school but need help with understanding human resources, financial issues and other issues that are not taught at medical school.

The medical association now offers an expanded affiliate associate membership. Member doctors have the fi-

nal say on policy and the direction of the organization, but affiliated associates can share their ideas and contribute to the common good.

Montford, a board certified Urologist and Urologic Surgeon, offered some good advice for men and women to maintain a healthy urinary system.

"For men, it is very important that they do screening for

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Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and congresswoman Frederica Wilson address the Florida Memorial Audience during a rally last Thursday.

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## Students and residents rally for Gillum

Florida democratic gubernatorial candidate speaks at FMU

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With less than two weeks before election day, Florida Memorial University students and Miami Gardens community members rallied behind Florida governor democratic candidate, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, and attorney general candidate, Sean Shaw, last Thursday.

Following the Oct. 24 contentious governor debate at Broward College, the democratic candidates appeared at the historically Black university stressing the magnitude of change that may come to Florida politics on election day, but only if the community heads to the polls.

More than 100 Gillum supporters packed the college's Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts. Among them were civil rights leader and congressman, John Lewis of Georgia, and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, D-Miami Gardens.

Excited "Bring it home" chants, cheers and fanfare filled the auditorium, as the student body and community members waited for the democratic candidates to take the stage. Shaw addressed the students and residents first, encouraging them to take full advantage of the early voting. "This is in your hands," said the Florida attorney general candidate. "This is the most important election you will vote in," Shaw said.

In this year's midterms voters could elect Florida's first Black governor, as well as the

state's first Black attorney general. "I don't want you to wake up and feel like you felt the day after Donald Trump won the presidency," Shaw continued.

Congressman Lewis, who opened up for Gillum, recalled his experiences of fighting for civil rights in Selma during the Alabama voting rights marches. "I was beaten and left bloodied," Lewis said. "But many of our forefathers and foremothers gave their very lives. We cannot stay home; we have to get up and go vote like we never voted before," he said as the audience exploded in cheers and applause.

The cheers continued as Gillum took to the podium. He quickly began talking about the issues that he has been advocating for, mainly a total reform of the state's criminal justice system. "It is time for us to have a real criminal justice system," Gillum said. "One that is fair, honest and just," he said, advocating for Shaw's vision of bringing fairness and accountability to the attorney general position.

Gillum also addressed his vision for economic prosper-



Congressman John Lewis opens up for Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum during the Florida Memorial University rally last Thursday.

ity and growth. "Right here in the state of Florida, we are going to build an economy that can absorb your talent," he said to the FMU students in attendance. "If you want to start a business, we want to build an economy where you have access to low-interest loans," he said to the community members. Gillum reminded attendees that the new governor will have the ability to pick three new Florida Supreme Court



Audience member supports Andrew Gillum.

justices. The justices will remain long after the governor's term is over but their decisions can affect Florida and national issues for more than three decades. Gillum ended his speech by echoing the importance of going to the polls on election day, and encouraged all voters to vote early and take people to the polls on election day. FMU has held several initiatives to educate the stu-

dent body on the issues that are at stake this primary. FMU has been keen on helping students understand the importance of the primary elections. Jovenel Pierre, 21, president of the university's student government association, said the university provided shuttles for students to take students to vote early at North Dade Regional Library, all throughout the early voting period. The university has

also helped students register to vote, as well as provided informational sessions about the different amendments that will appear in the ballot. "We have really been focused on educating students so that they are not going to polls unprepared," Pierre said. Early voting continues from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday to Sunday. Early voting ends on Sunday, Nov. 4. Election day is on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

# Pastor OF THE WEEK



Lance Bailey



## A young pastor hopes to take historic church to next level

Lance Bailey keeps congregation active in community

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Lance Bailey hails from a family of ministers so it's no surprise he's been in ministry all his life. He served first as a musician who played the piano and drums, then as a minister of music before becoming a senior pastor. Now Bailey, 31, has taken the reins of the historic

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church located at 3515 Douglas Road in Coconut Grove. The ministry celebrated its 123rd anniversary last week.

"I believe God called me, along with the people of the church, to take the ministry to the next level and to help the Coconut Grove community out," said Bailey. "Hopefully the church

will be there for many more years. There are so many great things that are going to come out of Coconut Grove and Macedonia will be at the center of that."

A father of four who has been married to his wife Monique for more than 12 years, Bailey was born and raised in the Scott Lake area of Miami Gardens. He said he serves God because his

Heavenly Father has done so much for him.

"As a young pastor and a young African-American, I've experienced so many obstacles and so many things ... and I guess dealing with those things has caused me to draw closer to God," said Bailey. "There are so many things that God has blessed me to accomplish and do ... so God is very important in my life and always has been because I know that's where all my blessings come from."

Bailey became Macedonia's pastor on Aug. 12. During the short time, the church has been very active under his leadership because he believes it is their duty to make the community better.

"We've been doing so many things since I've been here these last three months. I believe the church should be accessible to the community. The church is beyond the four walls. I strongly believe that and I strongly believe that the pastor should be the person leading the church into the community, so eventually people will see the church as a light and want to draw closer to God and become saved," Bailey said.

As a result, Bailey said there is no shortage of ac-

tivities at Macedonia. They have very active missions and youth departments, offer tutoring Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and recently offered free vacation Bible school and summer camp for the community. The church is also actively participating in Souls to the Polls initiative.

"The church is actually a resource for people to grab hold to, and not only is a resource, we need Christ. Everybody needs Christ and the only way we can bring more people to Christ is to be accessible as pastors as leaders," Bailey said. "If they see the pastors and the leaders of the church making an effort to make society better, to make communities better, to make their families better, whatever it takes for them to succeed in life, it's going to draw them closer to Christ."

He doesn't take it lightly or for granted that a church like Macedonia took a chance on him.

"What attracted me to the ministry is the history and the values the ministry holds. The previous pastor was there for 35 years and he did an excellent job. I actually think it's an honor and a privilege for them to consider such a young pas-

tor to take on the mantle of a church of such caliber. I know that's only God's doing and so far it's been wonderful," Bailey said.

Services are at 9 a.m. (Sunday school) and 11 a.m. (worship) on Sundays with Bible study at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The church will host a Bazaar Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the church grounds. Anyone interested in vending can contact the church at 305-445-6459. To learn more about the church overall, visit [www.macedoniambcmiami.com](http://www.macedoniambcmiami.com).

According to Bailey, though the church has many different facets, everything he does in ministry has one overarching goal.

"In the end, my job is to make sure that everybody - and it's hard - makes it to heaven. That's the bottom line. I want everybody to make it to heaven and to see Jesus one day. Everything that I do and everything that I want to do in the future is solely for the building of the kingdom. I don't want to get recognition or be known for anything but drawing people close to God," Bailey said.

Do you know a spiritual leader who should be featured in this column? Email Isheka at [ishekah@gmail.com](mailto:ishekah@gmail.com).

## Jackson elected as Eta Phi Beta National President

On July 27, after a unanimous vote, Miami resident Colette McCurdy-Jackson was elected and installed as the 18th National President of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated during the Sorority's 33rd Biennial National Convention which convened at the Hilton Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee.



Colette McCurdy-Jackson

McCurdy-Jackson will serve as the National President for the 2018-2020 Sorority Years. She is qualified and excited for the opportunity to serve. Inducted into the organization through Alpha Gamma Chapter in Miami, Florida in 1995, McCurdy-Jackson has remained a dedicated member of the organization for more than 20 years and has served the Sorority on local, regional and national levels.

Professionally, President McCurdy-Jackson is an Operations Manager with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts. She is a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Women's Studies with a minor in History and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management from University of Phoenix. McCurdy-Jackson is a Certi-

fied Court Executive and a Fellow of the National Center for State Courts - Institute for Court Management.

In her community affiliations, President McCurdy-Jackson served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for over 10 years, a mentor to at-risk girls involved in the Sisters of the Heart Mentoring Program, and a past president of the Miami-Dade County Women's Park Founders Committee.

President McCurdy-Jackson believes strongly in service to the community. She believes that, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." This is evident in her continuous involvement in community and civic affiliations.



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Commissioner Rebeca Sosa applauds Dr. Barbara Montford.

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prostate cancer, said Montford.

Montford acknowledged that there is some controversy over screening. National medical associations, which set the standards for prostate screening, are split on the effectiveness of screening.

But Montford sees screen-

ing as a way of preventing this devastating and sometimes fatal disease.

"One out of every six men, will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime," she said. The occurrence of prostate cancer among Black men is even higher.

Montford recounted a story of a Black man who was not even 55 years old, hopping up and down while waiting to be seen by the doctor. The pain and discomfort was

apparently too much for him to sit down or stand still.

When he was examined, they found that the cancer had already metastasized.

"The cancer went up into his spine and he was soon paralyzed. And within two years of hopping around in the emergency room, he was dead. He didn't even get to see his daughter graduate from high school," Montford said. "This is a good example of why you

should screen for prostate cancer."

Montford said that women have a similar issue with urinary incontinence. It is rarely fatal unless they develop a severe infection but it has the effect of rendering a woman socially limited and even isolated.

"They say, 'I don't go out anymore or visit family members because I don't want to wet the bed, or people will smell me,'" she said.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Apostolic Revival Center**

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

Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith

6702 N.W. 15th Avenue  
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**Liberty City Church of Christ**

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

Evangelist Eric W. Doss

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

**New Vision For Christ Ministries**

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

Rev. Michael D. Screen

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

**Brownsville Church of Christ**

Services  
Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm  
Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.

Min. Harrell L. Henton

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305-634-4850

**93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church**

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

Website: cmcb.org  
Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson

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

**St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church**

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

Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivory, Pastor

1470 N.W. 87th Street  
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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

— Romans 8:28

**Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

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

Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.

5946 N.W. 12th Avenue  
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**New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International**

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

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2300 N.W. 135th Street

**Pembroke Park Church of Christ**

Services  
SUNDAY Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com  
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**Hosanna Community Baptist Church**

Services  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Mon.-Fri. 2:30-3:00

Rev. Charles Lee Driskins

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305-637-4404

**Range**  
**LARCINA ROBINSON**, retired LPN at Jackson Memorial Hospital, died October 28. Survivors include her children, Beverly Williams, Regina Sinkfield, Felton Robinson, Jr. and Judith "Cookie" Braxton; sisters, Rev. Dr. Cora Lee Thomas, and Rev. Dr. Katrina Forbes; and a host of other relatives and friends. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Way Fellowship Praise and Worship Church.



**WILBERT "POPPA" LEE**, 83, retired correction officer for Miami-Dade Juvenile Justice Center, died October 17. Survivors include his son, Robert Haggins (Renee); daughter, Robin Haggins; sisters, Constance "Connie" Johnson, Deborah Pitts, Aundria Haggins, Roletta Collins, Linda Smith (Craig), Katrina Haggins, and Vernika Haggins; three grandchildren, and one great-grandson; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion M. B. Church.



**WILLIAM DUNNOM, JR.**, 54, correction officer for Miami-Dade County, died October 25. Survivors include his daughter, Nekeisha Rye (John); five grandchildren; sisters, Gloria McDonald, Lenette Person (Robert), Mary Ann Pratt, JoAnn Dingle and Tangela Trimmings Dunnom; brother, Corey Dunnom, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Carol City.



**LANISHA RENEE GLOVER**, 47, security officer for security companies, died October 18. Viewing 9 a.m.-10 a.m. prior to the service in the chapel. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**Hadley Davis Miami Gardens**  
**DEMETRIUS THOMAS**, 42, cook, died October 23 at North Shore Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.



**CLEVEN SMITH**, 94, retired, died October 20 at University of Miami Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Stephen AME Church.



**WAYNE WILLIAMS**, 56, laborer, died October 22 at Jackson North Hospital. Services were held.



**AJ Manuel - FL City**  
**ALVIN FRANKLIN**, 60, butcher, died October 24. Service 2 p.m., Saturday at House of God.

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**Richardson**  
**LAURA FRANCIS CHINA**, 80, homemaker, died October 27 at North Shore Medical Center. Viewing 3-8 p.m., today in the chapel. Final rites in Waynesboro, GA.



**IONIA RICE**, 82, homemaker, died October 17 at home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at New Providence Missionary Baptist Church.



**GREGORY CANNON**, 62, mail carrier, died October 27 at Miami Veteran Administration Hospital. Service 2:30 p.m., Saturday at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.



**CHARLES BROWN**, 47, medical technician, died October 22. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church.



**Hadley Davis MLK**

**GLENN STAVAUGH**, 55, disabled, died October 22. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**JOE LOUIS HAMILTON**, 78, truck driver, died October 15 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**JAMES EDWARD LEROY LUCAS, SR.**, 87, mechanic, died October 26 at North Shore Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



**GAYLA YVETTE MITCHELL-WILLIAMS**, 65, retired, died October 16 at Sinai Plaza Rehabilitation Center. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at St. Paul AME Church.



**Wright and Young**  
**MICHAEL HUDSON**, 60, security guard, died October 24. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at First Baptist of Brownsville.



**PRAEZZY CHESTNUT**, 70, carpenter, died October 8. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

**NATHAN DAVID ROSE**, 43, carpenter, died October 22. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.

**BETTY DOCK**, 72, postal worker, died October 27. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at House of God.

**Hall Ferguson Hewitt**  
**REDONNA THOMPSON-ROBERTS**, 63, clerk, died October 28. Litany service 6 p.m., Monday, November 5 at Church of Incarnation. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 6 at the church.



**Gregg L. Mason**  
**ANNIE LOU GRAVES**, 74, homemaker, died October 29. Survivors include: husband, James B. Graves; son, Jaime F. Graves (Judy); daughters, Deborah Sutton (Enoch), Kimberly Green (Johnny) and Coretta Greene; brothers, Richard Bryant (Kathleen), Alfred Bryant (Dorothy Jean), Jessie Bryant and Jeffrey Bryant (Shirley); sister, Debra Bryant; and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing, 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, November 6 at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 5020 SW 18 Street, West Park, FL 33023. Service 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 7 at the church.



**EDITH GODFREY**, 95, retired LPN, Hospital, died October 23. Memorial Service 10 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.



**GWENDOLYN DELORES DANIELS**, 59, dietitian, Nursing Home, died October 22. Viewing 2-9 p.m., Friday. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at True Light Church of Jesus Christ, 8449 NW 22 Avenue, Miami, FL.



**RETHA WEST WILLIAMS**, 53, died October 25 at home. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Second Baptist Church.



**DOROTHY TERRY**, 82, died October 25 at Brook Wood Gardens. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Second Baptist Church.



**ALBERT DUNN**, 23, died October 25. Arrangements are incomplete.



**Eric L. Wilson**  
**CHIMERE HENFIELD-STEWART**, 37, died October 23. Service 11 a.m., Thursday at Upper Room Ministries, Miami Gardens.



**DEACON RALPH COLEY**, 80, died October 28 at Memorial West Hospital. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at New Fellowship Christian Center, Opa-locka.



**Happy Birthday**  
In loving memory of,  
**GEOFFREY WENDELL JORDAN**  
11/03/1958 - 07/30/2018



We think of you always, but especially today. You will never be forgotten although you are gone away. Your memory is a keepsake with which we never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our heart. Every breathe I take, every step that I make, I will be thinking of you. From your loving wife, Darlene Jordan; sons, Michael Jordan and Amos Conyers and family.

**Happy Birthday**  
In loving memory of,  
**MAE LOIS MINGO BROWN**  
11/01/1939 - 05/09/2012



We will always love you, Mother.  
Mingo Family

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of,  
**THOMAS "NICK" MARSHALL**  
02/12/1933 - 10/25/2009



It's been nine years since God called you home. You are greatly missed. From your loving wife.

**Death Notice**  
**SHARON Y. DUHART**, 60, died October 22 at UMJ Hospital. Survivors include: children, James, Shantrel, Sidney and Shamyra Duhart. Viewing at 589 NW 183rd St., Miami Gardens, 33169. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at First Baptist Church of Bunche Park. Arrangements entrusted to Sunshine Mortuary and Cremation.



In this Oct. 25, 2010 file photo, author Ntozake Shange attends a special screening of 'For Colored Girls' at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York. Oct. 27, 2018, according to her daughter, Savannah Shange.

## Author Ntozake Shange, 70, of 'For Colored Girls' dies

### The influential playwright and poet had suffered many strokes in 2004

**MARK KENNEDY**  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK (AP) — Playwright, poet and author Ntozake Shange, whose most acclaimed theater piece is the 1975 Tony Award-nominated play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," died Saturday, according to her daughter. She was 70.

Shange's "For Colored Girls" describes the racism, sexism, violence and rape experienced by seven Black women. It has been influential to generations of progressive thinkers, from #MeToo architect Tarana Burke to Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage. After learning of Shange's death, Nottage called her "our warrior poet/dramatist."

Savannah Shange, a professor of anthropology at the University of California at Santa Cruz, said Saturday that her mother died in her sleep at an assisted living facility in Bowie, Maryland. She had suffered a series of strokes in 2004.

"She spoke for, and in fact embodied, the ongoing struggle of Black women and girls to live with dignity and respect in the context of systemic racism, sexism and oppression," Savannah Shange said.

"For Colored Girls" is an interwoven series of poetic monologues set to music — Shange coined the form a "choreopoem" for it — by Black women, each identified only by a color that she wears.

Shange used idiosyncratic punctuation and nonstandard spellings in her work, challenging conventions. One of her characters shouts, "I will raise my voice / & scream & holler / & break things & race the engine / & tell all yr secrets bout yrself to yr face."

It played some 750 performances on Broadway — only the second play by a Black woman after "A Raisin in the Sun" — and was turned into a feature film by Tyler Perry starring Thandie Newton, Anika Noni Rose, Kerry Washington and Janet Jackson.

Born Paulette Williams in Trenton, New Jersey, she went on to graduate from Barnard College and got a master's degree from the University of Southern California. Her father, Dr. Paul

T. Williams, was a surgeon. Her mother, Eloise Owens Williams, was a professor of social work. She later assumed a new Zulu name: Ntozake means "She who comes with her own things" and Shange means "She who walks like a lion."

"For Colored Girls" opened at the Public Theater in downtown Manhattan, with Shange, then 27, performing as one of the women. The New York Times reviewer called it "extraordinary and wonderful" and "a very humbling but inspiring thing for a white man to experience." It earned Shange an Obie Award and she won a second such award in 1981 for her adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage and Her Children" at the Public Theater.

Shange's other 15 plays include "A Photograph: A Study of Cruelty" (1977), "Boogie Woogie Landscapes" (1977), "Spell No. 7" (1979) and "Black and White Two Dimensional Planes" (1979).

Her list of published works includes 19 poetry collections; six novels; five children's books and three collections of essays. Some of her novels are "Sassafras, Cypress, and Indigo" (1982) and "Some Sing, Some Cry," with her sister, Iya Bayeza. Her poetry collections include "I Live in Music" (1994) and "The Sweet Breath of Life: A Poetic Narrative of the African-American Family" (2004). She appeared in an episode of "Transparent" and helped narrate the 2002 documentary "Standing in the Shadows of Motown."

She worked with such Black theater companies as the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre in San Francisco; the New Freedom Theater in Philadelphia; Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick, New Jersey; St. Louis Black Rep; Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul, Minnesota; and The Ensemble Theatre in Houston, Texas.

Shange taught at Brown University, Rice University, Villanova University, DePaul University, Prairie View University and Sonoma State University. She also lectured at Yale, Howard, New York University, among others.

In addition to her daughter and sister, Shange is survived by sister Bisa Williams, brother Paul T. Williams Jr., and a granddaughter, Harriet Shange-Watkins.

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