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'WE EAT LAMB AND STEAK': "What do you eat in Jonestown?" "Well, we eat lamb and steak and chicken." Every day they were rehearsing what to say." Here, Loretta Cordell is shown serving dinner to Chris Cordell, Richard Anderson, and other residents, November 1978.

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TOY-MAKING: Jones enforced a rule that when his voice was played over the PA system rigged throughout the commune, no one was allowed to talk.

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Erica Harden, of Sacramento, Calif., points out the names of six of her relatives who died in Jonestown, Guyana, on a portable memorial wall, which honors more than 300 children who were victims. She attends a ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018.

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The JONESTOWN MASSACRE



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LAST MOMENTS: Jim Jones and a guest shown at a dinner table in Jonestown, served by Kim Tschetter, left. When Jones heard that someone had slipped a note to Ryan's team for help, he realized his house of cards was starting to fall. He sent hitmen to shoot at Ryan's team at the sirpot upon departure — five were killed, including Ryan. Then Jones began to initiate a forced suicide among his followers.



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Here, an adult education student is shown in class in November 1978. Things came to a fatal head following Rep. Ryan's visit to investigate abuse allegations.

Memories still haunt 40 years later

HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
Miami Times Contributor

The church building at 1859 Geary Street in San Francisco in its earlier days was festive, vibrant and joyous. Like a cultural hub, there was often plenty of dancing, entertainment, even skits, plays, lots of food and toys for the children.

But, this Sunday morning was different.

"There was an eerie type of feeling in the air. It wasn't the same," recalled Ed Norwood,

who was then only about 7 years old. "It was very dark. It wasn't as vibrant. It wasn't as joyous. And shortly after, some of the members began to create a boxing ring in the pulpit."

He recalls how they then "placed a 5-year-old boy in one corner with boxing gloves. And they placed an 8-year-old boy in another corner. And I guess the 5 year old was a bit mischievous and by accident had caused a young girl's leg to be broken at school."

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The memorial that's there now, it currently carries the name of Jim Jones. For us, we've always felt that was a dishonor to the people who died in Jonestown."

— Ed Norwood



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FINAL CARNAGE: In the end, 913 people, one-third of them children, died during what would be known as the Jonestown Massacre, one of the worst mass killings in American history.

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EDITORIAL

When it comes to voting, Black needs to try harder

The 2018 midterm election is finally over. On Tuesday, the election results were certified. The state lost a three-term Democratic U.S. senator. The state now has a Democratic Agriculture commissioner; District 27 residents who vote blue finally have blue leadership; voters said no to Carlos Curbelo, a centrist Republican, which essential means he stood for nothing. The state didn't elect its bright star, Andrew Gillum for governor, nor did it pick Sean Shaw to be top cop. The residents of Florida should have.

During this election season, we learned so many lessons and relearned a few. Here's a big one: Once you are a Black candidate, you have to try harder than everyone else; you have to better than everyone else. Gillum in his historic run to be Florida's first Black Governor showed that he understood that mantra. He did it harder. He talked to rooms with 10 people or a 1,000. He went everywhere and he stood by his message. Sure Gillum won Miami-Dade, but he needed more.

Gillum needed all 200,000 registered Miami-Dade Black Democratic voters' support and most importantly, their votes. And since we know there are efforts to stifle your vote or not count it at all, twice as many people will have to go to the polls to reach the goal — really go to the polls.

By the end of October, Democrats were outvoting Republicans 44 percent to 35 percent in early and mail-in ballots. The shenanigans of the recount revealed that election officials will have to plan to count every ballot. It appears some didn't really plan on counting every vote until the margins were so razor-thin in some races, it was unavoidable. So, you have to try harder. Just as Gillum was better you have to be better.

Educate yourself on what it means to vote in a closed primary state such as Florida. If you are registered as an independent you can't make a party choice in the primary election. And when they poll to see how the candidates are doing, no one knows how the independents are going to vote, so that makes it harder to predict how the race is really going.

Pick a side and fight for it. It is clear that the Democratic Party still needs to be strengthened though it has shown that it can run candidates to win important seats. But the two Black candidates at the top of the ticket went high but came up short. That's still cause for concern.

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Hate crimes are part of real America

BILL MAXWELL, Tampa Bay Times

Many Americans are stunned by the pipe bombs mailed to President Donald Trump's critics and by the 11 murders of Jews at the synagogue in Pittsburgh. The hateful social media posts by the accused men have caused no small amount of introspection for many Americans.

Many elected officials have opined that "we are better than this as a nation" and that "this is not who we are."

I disagree. We have a long history of such violence. It is quintessentially who we are.

As a Black man born in Fort Lauderdale in 1945, having come of age during Jim Crow's racist "separate-but-equal" era, I know that Americans are capable of unspeakable atrocities.

Some of these atrocities are violent, while others are social, psychological and economic practices that have the power to determine the very quality of our lives.

While the United States policies and judges the human

rights behavior of other nations, we are hardly the exemplar of valuing human worth and dignity. The old instinct to discount and dehumanize non-whites remains at the core of the American character.

Consider the shameful history of how Blacks have been treated. We were brought to the colonies in the holds of ships in 1619 as slaves. We were not officially given full citizenship until 1865, with passage of the 13th Amendment. Many whites, mostly Southerners, immediately sought to dismantle Black citizenship by suppressing our ability to vote. Without the vote, second-class citizenship was, and is, assured.

I remember as a kid that almost every facet of life was stacked against us. We were powerless to do anything about our under-financed and poorly equipped "Negro schools." Home loan rejections and auto loan discrimination were a given. We could not enter certain



buildings or swim in designated areas of public beaches. Black mothers could not give birth at local hospitals.

I learned at a young age that persistent injustice is never arbitrary. It is organized to harm specific people.

I recall the evening in July 1959 when my mother, father and I drove to the Greyhound Bus station in Fort Lauderdale but sat up three of my young cousins from Virginia.

They had not come for summer vacation. The public schools in Prince Edward County where my cousins were students had been shut-

tered. Whites would not let their children attend school with Blacks.

A few Black churches opened their doors and used untrained teachers. Some kids, like my cousins, found schools out of state where relatives lived.

Whites used the tax dollars from the school closures to establish private segregation academies for white children. In 1964, the courts overturned the policy, and public schools reopened to everyone. By then, however, severe damage had been done. Research shows the illiteracy rate of Blacks in Prince Edward County ages 5 to 22 went from 3 percent to 23 percent.

This kind of inhumanity, although it did not involve guns, ruined many lives forever.

Hate-inspired practices and tragedies will continue. They may be increasing. Despite what politicians and others claim, this is who we are as a people.



Looking forward to reconstruction

CHARLES BLOW, The New York Times

Make no mistake: The 2020 presidential race has already begun. It began before the ballots were fully counted from the midterms, and for some presidential hopefuls, it started even earlier.

People are already making the obligatory pilgrimages to Iowa and New Hampshire.

In fact, NBC10 Boston and New England Cable News have been tracking visits to New Hampshire by politicians who might run in 2020, and by their count, as of Nov. 13, Maryland Congressman John Delaney, who has already declared his candidacy and already has a campaign website, leads the pack with 35 visits (each city visited counts as a separate visit, even if it's on the same day as another city).

Next on that list of visitors are Jeff Merkley, a Democratic senator from Oregon; former Maryland governor and 2016 candidate Martin O'Malley; the former Missouri secretary of state, Jason Kander; Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan; Sen. Bernie Sanders; and Julián Castro, Barack Obama's housing secretary.



Supporters at a rally for President Trump in Johnson City, Tennessee, in October.

As Politico reported in June, nine prospective candidates, including Senators Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, as well as former Vice President Joe Biden and the former Massachusetts governor, Deval Patrick, had met with Obama in one-on-one meetings.

Loyalists are prodding reluctant candidates and all-runs to enter the fray or return to it. Last week, Mark Penn, a pollster and adviser to Bill and Hillary Clinton in previous elections, co-wrote an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal under the headline "Hillary Will Run Again."

As the article put it: "Get ready for Hillary Clinton 4.0. More than 30 years in the making, this new version of Mrs. Clinton, when she runs for president in 2020, will come full circle — back to the universal-health-care-promoting progressive firebrand of 1994."

Other people are looking at another side of the field: Money. Donald Trump has already raised an unprecedented amount of money for his re-election bid. According to a report last month from the Center for Responsive Politics, "Since January 2017, Trump's fund-raising

efforts totaled \$106 million, and the president finished September with nearly \$47 million on hand."

For comparison, the group pointed out how this outpaces Trump's predecessors.

"President Barack Obama raised \$4 million and only had \$2.3 million on hand at the halfway point of his first term in 2009. In 2012, President George W. Bush raised \$3.2 million and had \$2.8 million."

We are in the middle of nothing short of an ideological civil war in this country. People's interests, inclinations and sources of information are so divergent that they are diametrically opposed.

Not all of that can be healed, but some of it must be. We can't continue with half the nation viewing the other half as enemies.

America doesn't need a liberal Trump; it needs precisely the opposite of that. Before we in our parlor games settle on who has the best shot of winning, let's examine our lists for the candidates who represent our best hope for restoration.



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Gillum's future in Democratic Party bright

Florida Dems, election system needs updating before 2020

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Not everyone will agree that Florida's election system failed in the 2018 General Election, but most, if not all, agree that the political and personal future of Andrew Gillum is rising.

The 39-year-old Democrat who was mayor of Tallahassee until Monday, Nov. 19 climbed from obscurity to receiving national attention for his efforts to become Florida's first Black governor. That race is over and his opponent is now the governor-elect. But where Gillum will go is yet to be seen.

Gillum's supporters see their candidate's future as bright and hopeful, while experts suggest that Florida's Democratic Party and the state's election system may need some revamping.

"I would like him to be governor, dagnabbit," said Michelle Swaby-Smith lamenting Gillum's loss.

Swaby-Smith helped to establish a 50-plus member group called Women for Andrew Gillum. She was among many South Floridians who worked to try to get Gillum elected.

"We called ourselves WAGs," said Swaby-Smith. She said the group came together after Gillum was invited to a "meet and greet" at the home of one of the members.

"Once we heard him and got to hear him speak and got some research as to who he was, we were very very impressed," she said.

She said many of the members had done the same for President Barack Obama when he ran for president and his reelection in 2008 and 2012, respectively.

"For a lot of us, him being governor was part of the bigger picture: making a shift and change to the United States of America and that is a better direction to where we are going now," said Swaby-Smith.

Even President Trump, whose comments were far from complimentary during the election, tweeted that Gillum would be a dominant force in the Democratic Party.

"He will be a strong Democrat warrior long into the future - a force to reckon with!" tweeted Trump.

Many political observers see Gillum going on speaking tours, organizing and rising within the Democratic Party and capitalizing on his national exposure.

Gillum was born July 26, 1979 in Richmond Heights, a southern community in Miami-Dade. He was raised in Gainesville.

He attend Florida A&M University where he earned a bachelor's degree after majoring in political science. He was political on campus and served as president of the FAMU Student Government Association from 2001-2002, and was the first student member of the FAMU Board of Trustees.

He was elected in 2003 to the Tallahassee City Commission, becoming its youngest member at age 23. After 11 years on the commission, Gillum was elected to mayor of Tallahassee in 2014.

Gillum is married to R. Jai Howard, who he met at FAMU. The couple has three young children.

During Gillum's concession speech Saturday he hinted as to what he thinks of his future.

"All I have to say is stay tuned; there will be more to come," Gillum said, with his wife, R. Jai at his side. "This fight for Florida continues and I just wanted to thank you all for being along with us for at least this part of the journey, but the

journey continues."

Valencia Gunder, coalition organizer with the New Florida Majority said that Gillum should work with the Democratic Party and take a lead-

ership role.

"I think he will be a great person to keep communities organized," said Gunder. "It will help other progressive candidates that will be coming after him. He would be a great person to mentor young candidates in the future."

FUTURE OF FLORIDA'S DEMOCRATS

Florida Democratic Party chairman Terrie Rizzo noticed Gillum's efforts to raise up a new generation of voters. Gillum's run buoyed hopes for a party that has not been able to win a spot in the governor's mansion

for 20 years.

"We could not be more proud of Mayor Gillum and Chris King for running a historic campaign, that inspired millions and gave people hope for a better Florida," said Rizzo. "We are grateful for the sacrifices you both made to run for governor,

and Florida is better because of your candidacies. We look forward to continuing the fight with you, and will keep working toward your vision to bring it home."

Broward College professor Gail Choate said, "Democrats need to consider
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Norwood continued, "Jim, he was a punisher and an inflictor of fear. In this particular scenario, he allowed this 8 year old to pound this 5-year-old boy for about three rounds until he was unconscious. That's probably one of the most vivid memories that I actually have in terms of what took place at Jonestown."

The fear mongering, manipulation and seduction would gradually grow far worse, eventually permeating the atmosphere. Ed's mother, Jynona Norwood, had begun to have bad dreams, nightmares and visions about a massacre for years. A traveling evangelist, she warned people - including her family - about the impending tragedy that she is convinced - even today - that God showed her before it happened.

"There were times Jynona would awake screaming in the night from the force of terrifying visions of danger that lie ahead for those planning to follow Jones," wrote noted journalist and author Barbara Reynolds. "The visions of death were made even more awful because in reality, there were so many people telling her to stay silent and not come against such a powerful man, as Jones.

Ed Norwood, then 8 years old, had been rescued and hidden by his mother, who was convinced of the impending massacre. "I remember her coming and pulling me out of the temple. She had one arm pulling and my family and the members of the Jones congregation are just pulling. This tug of war, this kid. She finally takes me. We go around the corner to get a sweet potato pie to go home, but all I can remember is the struggle - one side trying to keep me in. The other side try-



Jynona Norwood and son, Ed Norwood

ing to pull me out."

Forty years later, Ed, now 48 and also an ordained minister, vividly recalls yet another physical struggle as his mother tried to stop her mother, his grandmother, from leaving. "I remember her walking painfully to her room, following her close behind while hugging her tightly. She pulls a suitcase out and she begins to pack it to leave to a place she thought was better than America. And I never saw her again."

In a little more than a year after the child's beating in the boxing ring, the world would witness the full result of the seduction by Jim Jones. On news broadcasts around the world on Nov. 18, 1978, people saw the horrific mounds of more than 900 bloated dead bodies of men, women and children in the deep jungle of Jonestown, Guyana, where Jones had seduced and led much of his congregation to what they thought would be utopia. The dead in-

cluded 27 of Norwood's relatives, including her mother and at least 17 children. Ed never learned the fate of either boy in the boxing ring.

These children, some of whom Ed remembers as playmates - were among those honored on Sunday, Nov. 18, the 40th anniversary of the Jonestown massacre. The dedication was at the Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland, Calif.

After years of fundraising and working to build a wall to memorialize the innocent child victims of the Jonestown massacre, Norwood has finally achieved her dream. "I've had every opposition in the world on this wall - and finally we got it done," she says.

But the moment is only bittersweet for it is just a partial victory. In that same cemetery, Jim Jones' name is listed alongside the victims on top of the mass grave in which 305 children are buried. After the ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery



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Jones sold Jonestown as an agricultural commune, rich with food, where there were no snakes or mosquitoes. Rep. Leo Ryan of California traveled to Guyana in November 1978 with a media crew and a handful of cultist relatives to investigate rumors that people were being held against their will. Jones tried to convey Jonestown as a happy, fulfilled community to allay concerns.

is over on Sunday, the wall was removed.

"It's a portable wall. We can't even leave it there because Jim Jones is honored there," Norwood said. "Those children's sacred final resting place is no longer sacred as long as Jim Jones' name is there."

Her son puts it this way: "The memorial that's there now, it currently carries the name of Jim Jones. For us, we've always felt that was a dishonor to the people who died in Jonestown."

The late civil rights icon Dick Gregory - among other high profile advocates - was outraged that the Jonestown victims had to share the memorial space with Jones.

While the deaths were widely reported as a mass suicide from cyanide-laced Flavor Aide, many of the factual details remain mysteries. Many were reportedly forced to drink the punch at gunpoint. Dr. Leslie Mootoo, Guyana's chief pathologist, said the majority

of the bodies had puncture wounds between their shoulder blades from the needles. U. S. Rep. Leo Ryan, the only congressman believed to be assassinated in the line of duty, was among five who were shot and killed at the Port Kaituma airstrip as they tried to leave Guyana after checking on reports that people were being held against their will.

The messages of those preparing to speak at the 40th Anniversary Memorial Service will no doubt carry visionary force.

"It's important that we never, ever forget and learn how to arm ourselves with that which is truth, justice and good," said Martin Luther King III, the keynote speaker for the event. "This memorial creates the consciousness so that we never ever forget about those - in particular the innocent children - who had no choice."

E. Faye Williams, another speaker at the event, also re-

flects on the tragedy of the dead children. "The job of adults is to protect our children. Since that did not happen with these children, the least we can do is memorialize them in the hope that such a thing could never happen again. The lesson learned from the Jonestown tragedy is to be careful of who you follow no matter what they promise."

Even as she continues to advocate for a permanent memorial, Norwood says she will advocate for Jones' name to be removed from Evergreen Cemetery even as she continues to seek a location for a permanent memorial.

Jones' adopted son Jim Jones Jr. and other former Peoples Temple members conducted a service Sunday at granite slabs bearing names of all 918 who died in Guyana on Nov. 18, 1978.

She also wants to raise public awareness about the depth of deception by Jim Jones. "The public at large believes that these were a bunch of dumb people who followed Jim Jones and willfully murdered their children. Firstly, they did not know they were in a cult. Nobody gets up and says, 'Today I'm going to join a cult.' They joined a church that ended up being a cult."

She continued, "The survivors that I spoke to that escaped said they could hear the gunshots as they were running through the jungle. I think it's important that we never forget the innocent children who lost their lives at Jonestown. But even the adults were only there because they believed the lies of Jim Jones."

For anyone who lost a loved one in Jonestown and would like to share that loved one's personal story or for more information, please contact the Committee for the Official Jonestown Memorial Services and Cherishing the Children Memorial Wall (Est. 1979) at www.jones-town.org.



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Black doctor among dead in Chicago mass shooting

Dr. Tamera E. O'Neal was allegedly shot and killed by her former fiancée

Staff and Wire Report

A Black doctor was among four people who died in a mass shooting at Mercy Hospital in Chicago's predominately Black Bronzeville neighborhood Monday, Nov. 19. She was identified as Dr. Tamera E. O'Neal. O'Neal died after she was allegedly gunned down in the parking lot by her former fiancée. The incident was the beginning of a deadly shooting rampage that killed Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28.

Reports says O'Neal was killed by Juan Lopez who repeatedly shot her outside a Chicago hospital before killing two people inside the building. Lopez was the subject of a protection order request filed four years ago by another woman, yet he had legally purchased several guns in recent years, police said Tuesday.

Lopez, who also died following the shooting Monday at Mercy Hospital, had been engaged to a O'Neal before he shot the emergency room doctor, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. Investigators said he continued shooting O'Neal after she fell to the ground and, after running into the hospital, killed a police officer and a pharmacy worker.

O'Neal had recently broken off their engagement when she was fatally shot by Lopez.

Police said it's unclear whether Lopez shot himself or was fatally shot by police.

Investigators identified the other shooting victim as Dayna Less, 25, a first-year pharmacy resident who had recently graduated from Purdue

“While many Black victims are portrayed in Chicago media as underachieving individuals with criminal backgrounds, O'Neal was a well-educated and accomplished professional who attended church frequently. However, most of the attention in Chicago's media has been on Jimenez's death.”



Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, left, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel speak Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, during a news conference at the University of Chicago Medical Center, in Chicago, after a gunman opened fire at Mercy Hospital, killing a police officer and two hospital employees.

University. Officer Jimenez, 28 joined the department in February 2017 and had recently completed his probationary period. Police said he was married and the father of three children.

But as the city prepares to give Jimenez a ceremonial sendoff, gun violence that has claimed so many Black lives remains a persistent problem that once again has placed Chicago in the national spotlight, the Chicago Crusader point out Tuesday.

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Tamera O'Neal

the Crusader wrote.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, fighting back tears, said the victims were “all going about their day, all doing what they loved.” He added: “This just tears at the soul of our city. It is the face and a consequence of evil.”

Guglielmi described the shooting as a “domestic-related active shooter incident.”

Lopez, 32, and O'Neal had been arguing in the hospital parking lot. When one of O'Neal's friends tried to intervene, “the offender lifted up his shirt and displayed a handgun,” Johnson said.

The friend ran into the hospital to call for help, and the gunfire began seconds later. After O'Neal fell to the ground, Lopez “stood over her and shot her three more times,” a witness named James Gray told reporters.

When officers arrived, the suspect fired at their squad car then ran inside the hospital. The police gave chase.

Inside the medical center, Lopez exchanged fire with officers and “shot a poor woman who just came off the elevator” before he was killed, Johnson said, referring to Less, the pharmaceutical as-

sistant. Jennifer Eldridge was working in a hospital pharmacy when she heard three or four shots that seemed to come from outside. Within seconds, she barricaded the door, as called for in the building's active shooter drills. Then there were six or seven more shots that sounded much closer, just outside the door.

“I could tell he was now inside the lobby. There was screaming,” she recalled.

The door jiggled, which Eldridge believed was the shooter trying to get in. Some 15 minutes later, she estimated, a SWAT team officer knocked at the door, came inside and led her away. She looked down and saw blood on the floor but no bodies.

“It may have been 15 minutes, but it seemed like an eternity,” she said.

Maria Correa hid under a desk, clutching her 4-month-old son Angel, while the violence unfolded. Correa was in the waiting area of the hospital for her mother-in-law's doctor appointment when a hospital employee told them to lock themselves in offices.

She lost track of how many shots she heard while under the desk trying to protect her son for 10 to 15 minutes.

“They were the worst minutes of our lives,” Correa said. Mercy, which is located on Chicago's South Side, has a rich history as the city's first chartered hospital. It began in 1852, when the Sisters of Mercy religious group converted a rooming house. During the Civil War, the hospital treated both Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war, according to its website.

The Chicago Crusader and The Associated Press contributed to the report.

Dutch Court rejects bid to ban ‘Black Pete’ close to holidays

The seasonal character is portrayed by white people in Black face paint

U.S. News

A court in the Netherlands rejected a request by anti-racism activists to ban images of the seasonal Dutch holiday character Black Pete from state television, but encour-

demonstrations are planned for coming weeks. The annual children's festival is similar to Christmas traditions in other parts of Europe but falls several weeks before Christmas in the Netherlands.

The character, usually por-

trayed as the sidekick of St. Nicholas.

Disagreement over whether Black Pete's appearance should be changed has intensified in recent years, as opponents say exposure to such imagery is hurtful to Black people and damaging to children. Supporters say Black Petes, who are portrayed as acrobatic and mischievous, is a traditional, positive figure of fun, and deny the holiday is racist.

The U.N.'s Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2015 called on the Netherlands to revamp the tradition because it is “experienced by many people of African descent as a vestige of slavery.”

The Netherlands was a vast colonial power for centuries, with territories stretching from the Caribbean to the far reaches of Indonesia.

The Majority Perspective Foundation, formed by anti-racism groups, filed a suit saying government and public television broadcasters should be fined up to 50,000 euros (\$56,000) each if images of Pete wearing costume elements deemed offensive are aired.

The public broadcaster that airs the festival, has gradually changed Pete's appearance, continuing to show some Petes in full Black face paint, while introducing more and more with “smudges” said to represent soot from going down chimneys to deliver gifts.



Dutch Christmas character Black Pete

aged a debate over a tradition which has prompted protests on both sides.

Citing technical grounds, district Judge Antoon Schotman said a summary filing by opponents of Black Pete had been lodged too close to the festivities to be heard in time. But he said an issue that touches on the country's sensitive colonial past should be debated further.

“There can be no doubt that Black Pete is changing. Some believe the change is too slow, and that's fine. Others believe it is happening too quickly ... What is important is that the discussion continues,” Schotman said.

The cultural discussion about the character known in Dutch as Zwarte Piet has sparked rowdy protests and arrests on both sides in past years and more

trayed by white people in Black face paint wearing frizzy wigs and prominent red lipstick, traditionally appears in festivities marking the start of the gift-giving season on Nov. 17, televised across the country.

His appearance dates from a 19th-century story by Dutch children's author Jan Schenkman, illustrated with pictures of a dark-skinned Spanish

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Andrew Gillum, a democratic rising star, lost his bid for Florida governor.



Three-term senator. Bill Nelson loses to Gov. Rick Scott in the Nov. 6 election.



Women for Andrew Gillum stump for the candidate before election Nov. 6.

GILLUM

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coming back into the center." Choate, an adjunct professor in political science, said the Democratic Party went off to the far left in order to balance the Republicans' shift to the far right.

"It [the Democratic Party] is going to have to appeal to the non-party voter or the centrist voters," Choate had predicted prior to the election that those non-affiliated voters would determine the election outcome.

"We are looking at the power of the minority, the power of women ... in many states, they won. Because it did not happen in Florida does not mean it won't happen here," Choate said.

Choate pointed to Nikki Fried, who was not an experienced politician but still won the statewide seat, Agriculture Commissioner.

"Despite losing the two top seats, it is possible for Florida Democrats to win in statewide elections," said Choate.

Gunder thinks the Democrats should do a post-mortem on the election and find ways to improve.

"I think the Democratic Party should take a second and debrief and look at what was good and bad from the election and dust them-

selves off and get up and try again," said Gunder.

When asked if she was a registered Democrat, Gunder replied that she was a "returning citizen." She was pleased that with the passage of Amendment 4 she will be able to get even more involved in the political process.

FLORIDA'S ELECTION FUTURE

With Florida's reputation of election gaffes, 2018 will make the history books. The election process was riddled by missed deadlines, outdated and dysfunctional counting machines, lost ballots and chaos in the Broward County Board of Elections.

On election night, Broward and Palm Beach counties did not input their election tallies. The statewide races were so close that automatic recounts were required.

Protests from both sides erupted in front of the Broward County elections board. The county's Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes has resigned, effective January 2019.

There were reports that her department failed to meet deadlines for filing election results, lost ballots and designed a ballot, which some say may have cost U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson his Senate seat.

"It has been my passion and honor to serve as the Supervisor of Elections for Bro-

ward County voters," wrote Snipes in a letter to Gov. Rick Scott. "Although I have enjoyed this work tremendously over these many election cycles, both large and small, I am ready to pass the torch." Governor-elect Ron DeSantis, who stayed out of the recount fray, did comment on Snipes' performance.

"There was no way as governor that I was going to let her preside over another election after all the problems that they had," said DeSantis.

Snipes, 75, did not announce her future political plans.

STREET Talk

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How do you feel about white people painting their faces Black in plays and festivities such as Halloween and Dutch Christmas?



WALTER DENNIS, 67
Miami

I think it's offensive because of the past history and how Black faces were used. Directors should be sensitive and whatever message they're trying to get across should be used for something else. In the era we live in, people are ignorant and people are offended easily.



TARESSA STRAIGHTER, 21
Miami

I don't even know why they think it is okay to use Black faces especially because of Jim Crow history. Instead of getting a Black actor, they're just getting a white character. You don't see Black people painting their faces white. They're gendering other Black actors and it's a form of racism.



DEBRA JENKINS, 41
Broward

It just shows that racism is still around, which is no surprise to the Black community. For Halloween and Dutch Christmas, I'm pretty sure that there were plenty of people other than whites auditioning for that role. I'm not sure what their motive was. Maybe they thought they were going to make a lot of money by having a white person portraying themselves as a Black person.



TONY MASON, 48
Miami

It's hard to tell whether it's for festive fun or to be funny toward Blacks. By being a Black male, I feel we have come a long way. It sucks that we are still fighting racism and whites are taking us for a joke. To know that the court actually rejected an attempt to ban Black Pete because he's a white man with Black paint on his face shows that they are not considerate of our past and our feelings.



HENRY LEWIS, 57
Miramar

Sometimes us Blacks have a way of mimicking white folks. I feel like it's an attack on top of another attack and it's not going to stop unless we come together regardless of the color of our skin. Yes, it is racism, but it plays a role on both ends. In different plays and festivities where they have their faces painted Black, just imagine what us Black folks will do to portray a white person.



RICHARD "BUBBAHEAD" DAVIS, 55
Miami Gardens

If Black people were to paint their faces white, then there would be an issue and there would definitely be some coverage. White people are sensitive about their skin complexion so why not be sensitive or considerate to Blacks' complexion?

Florida town where Blacks were massacred renounces racist past

The Associated Press

A central Florida town where dozens of Blacks were massacred and a Black neighborhood was burned down almost 100 years ago is renouncing its racist past.

Ocoee city commissioners had planned to issue a proclamation Tuesday acknowledging the 1920 attack on the Black community in that caused Black Americans to move away for decades.

The proclamation renounces the city's past as "a sundown town," a place where Black people could be endangered if they were in city limits after sunset. The Orlando Sentinel reports the proclamation reads: "Let it be known that Ocoee shall no longer be known as a sundown city but

the sunrise city with the bright light of harmony, justice and prosperity shining upon all our citizens."

George Oliver, who this year became the first Black person elected to the Ocoee City Commission, said it's time to let people know that Ocoee has evolved.

"If you were Black, you didn't want to go through here, day or night, but if you had to, you made sure if at all possible that you got out of town before the sun went down," Oliver said. "That's changed. It's time we let people know."

In 1920, a white mob attacked Ocoee's Black community after Black people attempted to vote. The mob surrounded the home of July Perry, set fire to Perry's neighborhood and massacred dozens of Black

residents. The mob lynched Perry in nearby Orlando.

After the massacre, about 500 Black residents fled Ocoee, leaving behind their homes and possessions. Ocoee had no Black residents until the 1980, according to the U.S. census.

Black people now make up about a fifth of the town's 46,000 residents, and Hispanics represent under a quarter of the population, according to the census.

Ocoee Mayor Rusty Johnson accompanied a group of central Florida residents to the April opening of a national lynching memorial and museum in Montgomery, Alabama. He said the memorial moved him.

"It sends chills down your back," Johnson said.

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National Trust raises over \$10M to preserve historic Black sites

STACY M. BROWN
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The National Trust for Historic Preservation announced that one year after the launch of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund the organization has hit a funding milestone, raising more than \$10M dollars for this \$25M initiative.

The Action Fund aims to uplift stories of African American achievement, activism, and community, crafting a narrative that expands a view of history, and that helps to reconstruct our national identity while inspiring a new generation of activists to advocate for diverse historic places, according to the announcement.

"We are proud of how over this past year we've helped to broaden the conversation about the places that matter," Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said in a news release.

"Since the launch of the Action Fund, we have seen overwhelming support across the country in saving spaces that tell the full American story."

Launched in partnership with national foundations, and with support from a National Advisory Council, including co-chairs Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, and actress and director Phylicia Rashad, the Action Fund has changed the landscape of African American preservation.

In year one, the Action Fund empowered youth through a hands-on preservation experience, modeled innovative approaches to interpreting and



Black Press USA

The historic home of John and Alice Coltrane/National Trust for Historic Preservation. The deceptively plain suburban home on Long Island is soon to become a museum.

preserving African American cultural heritage at historic sites, continued on-the-ground work protecting significant historic places, and launched a national grant program.

"The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund has seen remarkable grassroots engagement, in the more than 800 grant applications asking for help protecting African American historic places, and in the tremendous community support at newly-launched National Treasures like the John and Alice Coltrane Home," said Brent Leggs, director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

"As we embark on year two of the Action Fund, we will continue working to foster a national landscape where every person can see themselves, their history, and their

potential in our collective story," Leggs said.

In this inaugural year, the Action Fund was able to award 16 grants, totaling more than \$1M, to preservation organizations across the country, with funding going to support the preservation of sites and stories of black history.

The grants, presented at Essence Festival this July, covered work in communities from Birmingham to the South Side of Chicago, including sites of struggle and strength, according to the announcement.

"The Action Fund grant enabled us to move forward with the goal of transforming the August Wilson House into a community space, a hub of art, memory, and interpretation that will support young artists in Pittsburgh and across the country, and celebrate August

Wilson's legacy," said Paul A. Ellis, Jr., Executive Director of the August Wilson House, an inaugural grant recipient.

Ellis, an attorney, is also Wilson's nephew and the founder of the Daisy Wilson Artist Community, named after Wilson's mother, Daisy.

"This house and this community are more than just a place where August lived - they are the inspiration for his plays, and the physical representation of what he was able to accomplish," he said.

In addition to grant funding, the National Trust through its Action Fund has supported four new National Treasure designations, including the childhood home of singer Nina Simone, and Memphis-based Clayborn Temple, famed for its role in the Sanitation Workers' Strike of 1968.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Broward's election head Brenda Snipes submits resignation

Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes turned in her resignation letter Sunday, Nov. 18, to Gov. Rick Scott. A copy of the letter stated that Snipes' last day in her position would be Jan. 4.

"Although I have enjoyed this work tremendously over these many election cycles, both large and small, I am ready to pass the torch," Snipes wrote.

Scott, who has the power to remove Snipes from office, was among those critical of Snipes' leadership during the recent mid-term election and previous ones.

Errors made in design of doomed FIU pedestrian bridge, NTSB report states

Errors were made in the design of a 174-foot bridge connecting Florida International University to the city of Sweetwater that collapsed earlier this year, killing six people, a second investigative report from the National Transportation Safety Board stated.

According to the report, cracking in the FIU pedestrian bridge, which was photographed, is consistent with the design errors. The NTSB reported that the design review was conducted by the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Bridges and Structures.

Super Bowl champ gives back with the gift of turkeys

Retired New York Jet Darrelle Revis, who now lives in South Florida, and

his foundation teamed up with several radio stations for this year's community turkey drive giveaway. Monday morning, Nov. 19, they distributed 1,000 turkeys to families in need at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center. Revis said the giveaway was just part of his foundation's mission to combat the childhood hunger crisis in America.

Hantman, Karp chosen to continue leading Miami-Dade School Board

Perla Tabares Hantman was re-elected as chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Hantman, who represents District 4, was originally elected to the school board in 1996. She was the first Hispanic woman to serve as chair, and has previously served from 1999-2001, then each consecutive year from 2010-2015 and again in 2017.

Martin Karp was re-elected as vice chair. Karp, who represents District 3, was first elected to the school board in 2004. This is his fourth time as vice chair. He served last year and previously in 2006 and 2012.

Bill Nelson concedes Senate race to Gov. Scott

Sen. Bill Nelson has conceded the U.S. Senate race in Florida to outgoing Republican Gov. Rick Scott, according to a statement released by the Governor's office.

In numbers updated Sunday by the Secretary of State's office, Scott edged out Nelson in the race by 10,033 votes.

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Bahamas poised to be the 'Silicon Valley' of the Caribbean

The Islands of the Bahamas are known for their innate beauty, seafood, beaches and resorts, a technology revolution is happening a few miles off of the east coast of South Florida.

The Bahamian government is working hard to add "technology hub" to the list of the islands' attributes. Grand Bahama island is the main focus of the country's budding technological revolution.

One way to grow the sector is to bring entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, technology enthusiasts and policymakers in one place. And that's what happened at the second Grand Bahama Technology Summit that took place in Freeport, last week. The three-day summit is a part of the government's effort to grow the technology industry sector of the island and the Commonwealth in general. For the island, the future is now, as that was the main theme that permeated the summit and its presentations.

The summit featured presentations and workshops from many globally recognizable technology companies and service providers



Grand Bahama is taking steps to accommodate investors looking to develop the island's technology sector, Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert A. Minnis said.

such as CISCO, Dell, Oracle, Tesla and Carnival.

"We are thrilled to once again maximize this opportunity to network, gather information and share ideas with locals, international stakeholders, policy makers, executives and innovators," said Prime Minister of the Bahamas Hubert A. Minnis.

In 2017, the Bahamian government decided to focus on the development of the city of Freeport as an offshore technology hub, and thus the Grand Bahama Technology Summit was started.

"I want them to know that the Bahamas is committed and ready for investors," Minnis said to the different crowd of entrepreneurs, innovators and technology gurus attending the summit.

Investors will be pleased with the recent efforts happening in Freeport geared towards the proliferation of technology-based companies, the prime minister told *The Miami Times*. He particularly highlighted the education efforts his administration is taking to create homegrown talent, adept at working in the different technology fields.

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Liberty Square: Choose to rise with necessary facts

Residents are informed through meetings, questions answered

A lot goes into community redevelopment - design, permits, zoning, land acquisition, funding just to name a few. What is most important when it comes to commu-

nity redevelopment are the people who currently live there. Oftentimes when redevelopment is scheduled, especially in our urban communities, residents aren't

fully engaged in the process and because of this, they may not be able to make informed decisions that may impact your household and, in the end, your overall livelihood. This is why it is so important for Related Urban to be forthright and just in all its dealings in the redevelopment of Liberty Square. So far, the company's representatives have held some small group meetings with the residents of Liberty Square and community workshops, which have been helpful. However, some who live there now and others from the broader community feel that not all of the information is being shared and disclosed about Liberty Square's redevelopment, especially when it comes to



relocation, transfers and residents' rights to return.

STANDING-ROOM MEETING

This is why, on Saturday, Nov. 10, the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP held a meeting for all residents of Liberty Square on-site at the community center with representatives from Related Urban, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development, Nan McKay & Associates and Legal Services of Greater Miami. "The purpose of this meeting is to relay the facts to the residents so they can have a better understanding about what is going on as it relates to the relocation and Section 8 vouchers," said Ruban Roberts, president of the Miami-Dade Branch of



From left, Gabrielle Charles, communications chairperson for Miami-Dade NAACP; Daniella Pierre and Brad Brown, second vice president for Miami-Dade NAACP.

the NAACP.

It was standing-room only as more than 65 residents of Liberty Square were in attendance, in addition to community members. There was a lot of energy in the room.

Those charged with the redevelopment gave an overview about the status of the project and what lies ahead. Legal Services of Greater Miami also made a presentation

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"We are aggressively improving our education efforts so we can become an incubator for knowledge of technology," he said.

CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Since last year's technology summit, several information and communication technology (ICT) programs have been implemented in high schools throughout the region.

More than 175 students throughout Grand Bahama and New Providence were part of the ICT programs, which are set to last for three

working and IT. The prime minister also announced that it will extend ICT training to incoming college students and adults wishing to learn about the different technology and network trades. The University of the Bahamas, along with other institutions will offer free ICT classes to students who qualify.

Though the government is actively curating IT professionals through the different ICT programs, it knows that outside help is imperative to make the Grand Bahama the Silicon Valley of the Caribbean.

The Bahamian government estimates an adult liter-

ists and visitors are advised to be cautious when visiting the Grand Bahama and New Providence islands, as crime is a reality. In Grand Bahama, the island where most

of the technological revolution is slated to take place, murder and rape numbers declined. The number of murders reported was down by 39 percent and rape cases saw a 38

percent decrease. In New Providence, where the majority of the population resides, murder and rape were up, according to the report. Reported murders were up

by 17 percent and reported unlawful sexual intercourse instances were up by 23 percent, respectively. Currently there is an estimated 55,000 residents living in

Grand Bahama. The island that can support up to 250,000 residents.

"We have the nuts and bolts of what we need; we have the infrastructure; the locations and the

raw talent," Thompson said. "This summit has really been a success just because of the amount of interest that we have here. We want to show the world what we have to offer."



Miami Times Photo/ Felipe Rivers

Dell representatives talk with a summit goer.

summers. The students learn to code and develop websites, are introduced to cyber security and networking concepts, as well as learn about the internet of gadgets and machine to machine communication, all while working towards an IT certification and earning college credits.

Kentaya Stubbs, 15, is one of those students. She was part of the summer program provided at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute. Stubbs recognized that at the start of the program she struggled with the concepts, but was eager to finish the program with good grades, never earning anything below a B, she said.

There were many sleepless nights but through the program her love for IT began to expand, she explained. Now, Stubbs is able to build and manage her own websites.

"The future is now and it begins with us," she said. Stubbs is part of the 123 who have received ICT certificates after finishing phase one of the program.

CISCO, a leader in IT and cyber solutions, is recognizing the interests the Bahamian students have towards the ICT programs. During the summit, Jeff Campbell, vice president of government affairs for CISCO, announced that the company will work in tandem with the Ministry of Education to improve the ICT programs and help design a curriculum of net-

acy rate of around 95 percent, with a population of more than 300,000 English speakers. An estimated 24 percent of the National Budget is allocated to education efforts.

FREE-TRADE ZONE

In January, the Commercial Enterprise Act was enacted to encourage domestic and foreign investment in the Bahamas.

"The act streamlines the way tech companies can come in and easily do business," said Minister of State for Grand Bahama J. Kwasi Thompson.

Grand Bahama also offers attractive tax regimes for investors under the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. The agreement designates Grand Bahama as a free-trade zone, with several tax incentives, including no capital gains or income tax for outside investors.

The government is also drafting a special visa program, similar to the Hi-B visa for specialty workers, aimed at smoothing out the transition into the island for outside investors and workers. "The visas will facilitate and encourage companies to come to the Bahamas," Thompson said. "We can say to them, we offer a nice place to live, a nice place to work and we will be able to accommodate you."

Crime has been on the decline in 2017 when compared to 2016 as reported by the Royal Bahama Police Force. Tour-

Notice of Special Elections

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Resolutions and City Resolutions adopted on May 1, 2018 and October 2, 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, notice is hereby given of Special Elections on December 11, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors residing in the proposed districts, for their approval or disapproval, the below referendums:

- Andover 1st Addition Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Andover Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Bunche Park South Street Lighting Upgrade Improvement Special Taxing District
- Bunche Park Street Lighting Improvement District
- Crestview Street Lighting Improvement District
- Greendale Street Lighting Special Taxing District
- Jordan's Landing Multipurpose Special Taxing District
- Lake Lucerne Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Miami Gardens Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- North Dade Country Club Village Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Peachtree Lane Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Riverdale Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Rolling Oaks Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Scott Lake Manor East Street Lighting Improvement District
- Scott Lake Manor Street Lighting Improvement District
- Stoneybrook Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Venetian Acres Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Walden Townhomes Street Lighting Special Taxing District
- Westwood Manor Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District

Referendums

<p>Transfer of the Andover 1st Addition Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Andover 1st Addition Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-437-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 10 No 11</p>	<p>Transfer of the Jordan's Landing Multipurpose Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Jordan's Landing Multipurpose Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-427-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 22 No 23</p>	<p>Transfer of the Peachtree Lane Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Peachtree Lane Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-441-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 32 No 33</p>	<p>Transfer of the Stoneybrook Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Stoneybrook Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-419-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 42 No 43</p>
<p>Transfer of the Andover Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Andover Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-405-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 12 No 13</p>	<p>Transfer of the Lake Lucerne Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Lake Lucerne Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-411-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 24 No 25</p>	<p>Transfer of the Riverdale Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Riverdale Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-401-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 34 No 35</p>	<p>Transfer of the Venetian Acres Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Venetian Acres Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-409-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 44 No 45</p>
<p>Transfer of the Bunche Park South Street Lighting Upgrade Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Bunche Park South Street Lighting Upgrade Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-433-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 14 No 15</p>	<p>Transfer of the Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-435-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 26 No 27</p>	<p>Transfer of the Rolling Oaks Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Rolling Oaks Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-429-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 36 No 37</p>	<p>Transfer of the Walden Townhomes Street Lighting Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Walden Townhomes Street Lighting Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-439-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 46 No 47</p>
<p>Transfer of the Bunche Park Street Lighting Improvement District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Bunche Park Street Lighting Improvement District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 16 No 17</p>	<p>Transfer of the Miami Gardens Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Miami Gardens Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-431-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 28 No 29</p>	<p>Transfer of the Scott Lake Manor East Street Lighting Improvement District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Scott Lake Manor East Street Lighting Improvement District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-421-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 38 No 39</p>	<p>Transfer of the Westwood Manor Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Westwood Manor Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-417-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 48 No 49</p>
<p>Transfer of the Crestview Street Lighting Improvement District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Crestview Street Lighting Improvement District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-403-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 18 No 19</p>	<p>Transfer of the North Dade Country Club Village Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the North Dade Country Club Village Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution R-425-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 30 No 31</p>	<p>Transfer of the Scott Lake Manor Street Lighting Improvement District</p> <p>Shall the City of Miami Gardens become the governing body of the Scott Lake Manor Street Lighting Improvement District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-415-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-01-3314?</p> <p>Yes 40 No 41</p>	<p>Creation and Transfer of the Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District</p> <p>Shall a special taxing district known and designated as Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District be created and established, provided for in County Ordinance No. 18-110 And Shall the City of Coral Gables become the governing body of Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District so that the City, instead of Miami-Dade County, exercises ownership and control of the District as set forth in County Resolution No. R-964-18 and City Resolution No. 2018-56</p> <p>Yes 50 No 51</p>

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters residing within the proposed areas who will be eligible to vote Yes or No for the referendums. All marked ballots must be received by the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

These special elections will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Miami-Dade County and other applicable provisions of general law relating to special elections.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County, Florida

How the elections impacted your money

The recent government changes can have effects on your bank accounts

MARK HAMRICK
The Network Journal

The shouting and the voting are over. So with the midterm elections behind us, what's next for your wallet?

The good news, perhaps, is that probably not much should change, at least not in the next few months. The economy is solid. Still, more Americans would like to benefit from the nearly decade-long economic expansion.

A recent Bankrate survey found that the majority of Americans polled said their finances had not improved over the past two years.

For those who have money in the stock market, returns after midterm elections are generally positive. Going back to 1946, on average, the Standard and Poor's 500-stock index has gained nearly 17 percent in the 12 months after an election.

Keep in mind, that's history and not a guarantee about the coming year.

The stock market rallied in reaction to the news because investors' expectations were met by the outcome. The House of Representatives went to the Democrats, and Republicans retained control of the Senate. Veteran Wall Street observers tend to say that a congressional standoff, or some degree of it, is good for markets. Longer term, that's debat-

able because there are serious problems that need solutions, such as the affordability of health care (a key issue for Democratic voters), immigration (necessary for businesses in need of workers) and infrastructure funding (roads, highways and bridges need help pretty much everywhere in the country).

Both the presumptive House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Donald Trump have indicated a willingness to look for areas of possible agreement on legislation. As he mentioned infrastructure and health care in his post-election news conference, Trump called it a "beautiful bipartisan type of situation."

Pelosi said that working to cap prescription drug prices is also a goal, one that Trump has often mentioned. As she outlined a number of priorities, Pelosi included seeking better wages for workers and campaign finance reform. "We've all had enough of division," she said.

Whether that spirit of cooperation can actually happen is another question. Democrats pledge to turn up the pressure on investigations and subpoenas involving the president's income taxes and business ties. The investigation into Russian



After the elections, changes may take place on Wall Street.

interference in the 2016 election continues.

The trajectory of the U.S. economy appears to be fairly well-established with growth for the full year approaching 3 percent, compared with just 2.2 percent in 2017. On the other hand, the Federal Reserve appears it will continue raising interest rates through 2019. The final such

rate boost of the year is seen coming at the December meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

For savers, rising rates mean the opportunity to get more generous returns. In addition, the rates paid on products such as certificates of de-

posit vary widely, so it truly pays to shop around. For borrowers, rising rates mean that costs are also going up accordingly. That puts the onus on individuals to pay down, or pay off, debt on things like credit cards, home equity lines of credit and

personal loans. Finally, even as the midterms are over, the 2020 presidential campaign will be gearing up. That means the divisions that came to light over the past year or so won't be fading much, if at all, anytime soon.

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

PLANNING, ZONING AND APPEALS BOARD



In compliance with Section 62-16 of the Miami City Code, as amended, the City Commission of the City of Miami, not earlier than thirty (30) days from this day, will consider the appointment of members to the City of Miami Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board. Specific qualifications and eligibility requirements are set forth in Section 62-16 of the Miami City Code and require that members must be electors of the City of Miami. Applicants must possess the knowledge, experience, mature judgment, background, ability and desire to act in the public interest. Individuals representing the various social, demographic and economic elements of the city are encouraged to apply.

Public, professional, or citizen organizations within the area having interest in and knowledge of the planning and plan implementation process are encouraged and solicited to submit to the Office of City Clerk, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, a completed nomination form indicating the name, address and qualifications of persons for consideration as prospective appointees to the Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board. Application forms are available from the Office of City Clerk and the City Clerk's website (http://miamigov.com/city_clerk/Pages/Board/Board.asp).

For due consideration by the City Commission, all nominations from the public must be received by **Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 4:00 P.M.** The names and qualifications of persons submitted to the City Clerk, together with any names and qualifications submitted by members of the Commission, will be available for public review on Thursday, December 27, 2018, in the City Clerk's Office or online at the City Clerk's website (http://miamigov.com/city_clerk/Pages/Board/Board.asp). The City Commission will consider making said appointments at the City Commission meeting presently scheduled for January 10, 2019.

Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Election Notice

The Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board will convene at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172. The Canvassing Board is convening on these dates for the following Special Taxing District Elections (Mail Ballot) to be held on December 11, 2018:

- Andover 1st Addition Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Andover Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Bunche Park South Street Lighting Upgrade Improvement Special Taxing District
- Bunche Park Street Lighting Improvement District
- Cresview Street Lighting Improvement District
- Greendale Street Lighting Special Taxing District
- Jordan's Landing Multipurpose Special Taxing District
- Lake Lucerne Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Liberty Homes Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Miami Gardens Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- North Dade County Club Village Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Peachtree Lane Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Rivendale Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Rolling Oaks Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Scott Lake Manor East Street Lighting Improvement District
- Scott Lake Manor Street Lighting Improvement District
- Stoneybrook Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Venetian Acres Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Walden Townhomes Street Lighting Special Taxing District
- Westwood Manor Street Lighting Improvement Special Taxing District
- Banyan Drive Security Guard Special Taxing District

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY
Thursday, 12/6/18 10:00 a.m.	1. Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system to be used for vote-by-mail ballots
Friday, 12/7/18 10:00 a.m. through Tuesday, 12/11/18 (as needed)	1. Pre-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system to be used for vote-by-mail ballots 2. Vote-by-mail ballots opening and processing (as needed) 3. Duplication of ballots (as needed)
Tuesday, 12/11/18 7:00 p.m.	1. Tabulation of results 2. Unofficial results
Wednesday, 12/12/18 Canvassing: 10:00 a.m. to completion	1. Canvassing of presumed invalid vote-by-mail ballots 2. Tabulation of results completed 3. Certification of Official results by the County Canvassing Board 4. Post-count Logic and Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system used for vote-by-mail ballots 5. Manual post-election audit process starts to completion

All proceedings will be open to the public. For a sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 305-499-8405 at least five days in advance. In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person who appeals any decision by the canvassing board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and therefore will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Christina White
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County, Florida

For legal ads online, go to <http://legalads.miamidade.gov>


City of Miami
Notice of Solicitation

IFB 940383
Title: Invitation to Bid for the Provision of Catering Services and MRE's
ITB Due Date Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 2:00 PM

Voluntary Pre-Proposal Conference
City of Miami
444 SW 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor South Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33130
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

(Deadline to Request additional information/clarification: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM)

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Miami City Clerk's office located at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, FL 33133

For additional information, please contact Victoria Giraldo at Victoria.giraldo@miamigov.com

THIS SOLICITATION IS SUBJECT TO THE "CONE OF SILENCE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-74 OF THE CITY CODE.

DP# 29654 Emilio T. González, City Manager

DMS - Rohde Fire Alarm Replacement Project:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Management Services, Turner Construction Company is actively soliciting subcontractor bids for the upcoming construction project: **DMS Rohde Fire Alarm Replacement Project**. The project is located at 1030 NW 111th AVE, Miami, FL 33172 and will consist of fire alarm and security camera system replacement along with a Fire Pump Bypass Line. Bid Packages available include Electrical, Fire Alarm, Fire Protection, Interior Finishes, and MEP work. This project is seeking M/DBE Business Entity participation.

All interested contractors and firms will be required to meet the following:

- * Complete pre-qualification form prior to sealed bid submission. Directions to complete pre-qualification form are contained with the bidder instruction forms
- * Insurance EMR must be less than or equal to 1.00
- * Financial Capacity and good legal standing with all authorities
- * Full Compliance with the Bid Documents and Bid Manual
- * Bid Bond to be provided for any proposal \$100,000 or above

Sealed bids are due no later than close of business December 17, 2018. If interested, provide email of interest addressed to the following email to obtain Bid Instruction Forms: esteves@tcco.com.

Turner is an equal employment opportunity employer - minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity. VEVRAA Federal Contractor

Invitation to Bid Phase 2 - Roofing Package

Turner Construction Company, MCO Construction, and Jackson Health System cordially invites subcontractors to complete and submit their bids by **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 no later than 2pm EST** for the following project:

JACKSON SOUTH MEDICAL CENTER EXPANSION & RENOVATION PHASE 2 ROOFING PACKAGE

The Invitation to Bid for the Roofing Renovation includes the following package.

- Roofing

Bid requirements, bid forms, specifications, drawings and other construction documents will be available through www.buildingconnected.com. Respond via www.tjackson.com website to get access to bid documents. Select the phase of interest and enter contact information.

All bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to Jackson Memorial Hospital Facilities, Design and Construction Department trailer located at the corner of NW 12th Ave and NW 19th St. Complete address is listed below:

**Jackson Memorial Hospital Facilities,
Design and Construction Department
FD&C Department Trailers Attn: Mari C. Lopez 1611 NW 12th Ave
Miami, FL 33136**

The pre-bid walk-thru will be on Thursday, November 29, 2018. The time for the walk-thru is 9AM.

Turner is committed to supporting the economic development of certified Miami-Dade County small business enterprise - construction (SBE-C) firms. Miami-Dade County certified SBE-C entities are encouraged to submit a bid package for this and future projects. Turner Construction Company and associated partners are an equal employment opportunity employer minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity.

All questions can be directed to George Preininger III at gpreininger@tcco.com.

Strange behavior prior to voting

KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Facebook said it blocked 115 accounts for suspected "coordinated inauthentic behavior" linked to foreign groups attempting to interfere in Tuesday's U.S. midterm elections.

The social media company shut down 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts and is investigating them in more detail, it said in a blog post Monday, Nov. 5.

The company took action after being tipped off Sunday evening, Nov. 4, by U.S. law enforcement officials, who notified the company about recently discovered online activity, "which they believe may be linked to foreign entities," Facebook's head of cybersecurity policy, Nathaniel Gleicher, wrote in the post.

U.S. tech companies are stepping up security and efforts to fight disinformation campaigns to prevent online troublemakers from trying to divide voters and discredit democracy. Facebook's purge is part of countermeasures to prevent abuses like those used by Russian groups two years ago to sway public opinion ahead of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Gleicher said the company will provide an update once it learns more, "including whether these accounts are linked to the Russia-based Internet Research Agency or other foreign entities."

Almost all of the Facebook Pages associated with the blocked accounts appeared to be in French or Russian. The Instagram accounts were mostly in English and were focused either on celebrities or political debate. No further details were given about the accounts or suspicious activity.

Last month, Facebook removed 82 pages, accounts and groups tied to Iran aimed at stirring up social strife in the U.S. and the U.K. It carried out an even broader sweep in August, removing 652 pages, groups and accounts linked to Russia and Iran. Twitter says it has identified more than 4,600 accounts and 10 million tweets, mostly affiliated with the Internet Research Agency, that it says were linked to foreign meddling in U.S. elections, including the presidential vote of 2016.

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designed to not only inform residents but to also educate them of their rights and the differences between public housing and Section 8 vouchers. During a Q&A, the most popular questions from residents were about homeownership; the right-to-return agreement; Section 8 vouchers; family self-sufficiency; and finding out how will they be notified when it is time to return.

WHAT'S NEXT?

During the planning meeting held at Public Housing and Community Development and again at the meeting on Saturday, the Miami Dade Branch of the NAACP discovered the right-to-return agreement form needed to be revised to ensure stronger protections for residents choosing to accept the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher. The Miami Dade Branch of the NAACP will continue to serve as an advocate for fair housing in the local community and render assistance in an effort to eliminate discrimination in housing. In the

weeks to come, the branch's Housing Committee will continue to monitor the level of engagement and information sharing with the residents and throughout the broader community. Related Urban and all other parties involved directly or indirectly, in the redevelopment of Liberty Square Rising, you can be sure of this one thing, we are all watching you!

Are you a resident of Liberty Square? Have questions about Liberty Square Rising? Let's hear your story. Contact Daniella Pierre, affordable-housingmatters@gmail.com.



Daniella Pierre speaks to an audience about fair housing.



LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to F.S. 98.07(5)(f), notice is hereby given to the voters listed below. Please be advised that your eligibility to vote is in question based on information provided by the State of Florida. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections in Miami-Dade County, Florida, no later than thirty days after the date of this notice in order to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact the Supervisor of Elections at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida or call 305-498-8383.

AVISO LEGAL

Conforme a F.S. 98.07(5)(f), por el presente se notifica a los electores enumerados a continuación que según información provista por el Estado de Florida, se cuestiona su elegibilidad para votar. Usted debe comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Miami-Dade, Florida, dentro de los treinta días, a más tardar, desde la fecha de este Aviso, con el fin de que se le informe sobre el fundamento de la posible falta de elegibilidad y sobre el procedimiento para resolver el asunto. Si usted no responde a tiempo con su obligación de responder, se emitirá una declaración de falta de elegibilidad, por parte del Supervisor de Elecciones, y su nombre se eliminará del sistema de inscripción de electores de todo el estado. Si tiene alguna duda acerca de este tema, por favor, comuníquese con el Supervisor de Elecciones, en 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida, o por teléfono, al 305-498-8383.

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Alford, Dana B	500 NW 17th Ave	Machado, Liliana	11634 SW 105th Ter
Alyson, Darron	125 NW 18th St	Macias, Carmen	8955 SW 28th St
Alvarado, Cesar A	5275 NW 130th St Unit 902	Mari, Reggie	2841 NW 24th St
Alfonso, Leonardo Y	1308 NW 82nd St	Marguez, Andrea	13305 SW 115th Ct
Alford, Boris	5275 NW 20th Ave APT 504	Martinez, Daniel D	1441 S SW 43rd Ter
Alfonso, Julian L	300 NW 3rd St APT 2	Methel, Sasha J	783 NW 61st St
Alford, Donald E	20553 NW 18th Ct	Martinez, Lary T	780 Euclid Ave APT 108
Alfonso, Lorenzo R	225 NE 11th St Apt 5	Martinez, Jose B	2704 SW 14th St APT 2
Alta, Haydee	2221 NW 3rd St	McGrath, Patrick A	1866a NE 2nd Ave
Alta, Patricia	1651 N NW 52nd Ave	Meeks, George	6480 NW 67th Ave APT 7
Alfonso, Nelson	268 NW 10th Ave	Melnyk, Raymond M	3275 NW 109th St APT 4880
Alfonso, Marco L	307 NW 73rd Ave APT 225	Miller, Bob	2150 NW 82nd St
Alfonso, Leonard	2091 N NW 32th Ct	Molina, Maria I	8801 SW 127th Ave APT 207
Alfonso, Wilfredo A	5375 NW 150th St	Mourdin, Michael	18051 NW 18th Pl
Alford, Maria	7125 Ave Sw 1st St APT 4	Murphy, Rosemarie	28672 NW 19th Ct
Alfonso, Tania	695 NW 3rd St	Muys, Jerome	18505 SW 21st St
Alta, Tania M	2996 NW 43th St	Nichols, Adrian B	350 NW 82nd St
Alford, Vincent R	2258 NW Miami Ct	Olivera, Fabian	5375 NW 150th St UNIT 421 B
Alfonso, Leticia M	2090 SW 23rd Ave	Paje, Andrew	3850 NW 21st Ave
Alford, Raymond S	1002 Adams Ave UNIT 3	Pagan JR, Andy T	12151 NW 10th Ave
Alta, Gisela	4831 NW 18th Ave	Perez, Gabriel F	14094 SW 77th Ave
Alfonso, David	2775 NW 57th St APT 2	Perez, Esperanza	3343 NW 3rd St
Alta, Isabella	2861 SW 28th Ct 1	Pierre-Louis, Judith J	8315 NW Miami Ct APT 2
Alford, J.R. Clement A	1424 E Worthy Ct APT 202	Piscardo, Liana	241 Collins Ave APT 61 B
Alfonso, Michael D	2508 NW 47th St	Precher, Walter B	690 SW 7th Ter
Alfonso, Karol E	1075 NW 100th St	Priddy, Douglas S	430 NW 82nd Ct
Alfonso, Alejandro	17501 NW 4th Ave	Quarson, Hector B	10300 NW 201 St St APT 280
Alfonso, Oscar M	27353 SW 117th Pl	Ramos, Jesus	5879 NW 150th St
Alfonso, Isabella	2421 NW 100th St	Ramirez, Sergio I	5375 NW 100th St APT 4742
Alfonso, Gregory	227 NE 2nd St APT 40	Ramirez, Tonya B	5375 NW 150th St APT 4742
Alfonso, Timothy J	10075 SW 119th St APT 1	Rodriguez Perez, Jose I	28908 SW 137th Avenue Rd
Alford, David J	1144 SW 8th St APT 4	Rodriguez, Luis	2825 NW 23rd St
Alfonso, William E	577 NE 190th Ct	Rosa, Yvonne	6511 SW 140th Ct
Alfonso, Juan C	14308 SW 57th Ter	Royal, Jennifer B	2845 Washington Ave
Alfonso, Nancy, Rita	16848 SW 304th St APT 1 B2	Sanders, Sheila B	18902 SW 104th St APT 1 A
Alfonso, Maria	227 NE 2nd St APT 1	Sandoz, Claudio I	3325 Bird Ave 1
Alfonso, Michael D	59542 SW 100th Ave	Santos, Maria Beatriz DC	282 NE 2nd St APT 2A08
Alfonso, Sofia B	3781 NW 21 37th St	Saucedo, Luka F	1221 S NW 8th Ave
Alfonso, Jessica R	381 NW 82nd St	Smith, Brian A	910 NW 90th St
Alfonso, Felipe I	3928 SW 60th St	Smith, Robert	2185 NW 57th St APT 2
Alfonso, Brandon	9448 SW 133rd St	Soto DE, Francisco R	12127 N Dixie Hwy
Alta, Stanley L	686 SW 7th Ter	Sprules, Barbara C	6844 NW 57th Ave
Alta, Dora A	1421 NW 43 St St UNIT 296	Stevens, Anthony E	18101 Lincoln Blvd
Alfonso, Rafael A	1738 NW 55th Ter	Sylvester, Joseana	17006 NE 67th Ave
Alfonso, Daniel	7328 SW 38th St	Tanaka, Miguel A	8021 SW 125th Ave
Alfonso, Lowell G	342P NW 151 St St	Taniguchi, Maria F	1229 West Ave APT 204
Alfonso, Donald L	1258 NW 50th St APT 306	Torres, Alejandra B	217 NE 2nd St
Alfonso, Gianluca R	20498 NW 20th Ave	Tumbin, Vincenzo A	9150 NW 7th Ave APT 287
Alfonso, R.F. Fernando	11928 NW 48th Ave	Uri, Gregory B	17425 SW 245th Ter
Alfonso, Jarvis E	3319 NW 100th St	Valderrama, Yvabelle	17905 NW 12th Ct
Alfonso, Christopher P	900 Jean Ave APT 9	Velez, David	1245 W 24th St APT 1 B4
Alfonso, Veronica S	12268 SW 302nd St	Walterson, Marica D	18925 SW 123rd Ave
Alfonso, Kenneth	900 NW 82nd St	Wills, Willie H	18328 SW 181 St St APT 3
Alfonso, Luz A	5275 NW 150th St UNIT 2780	William, Kelvin E	1985 NW 103rd St
Alfonso, Andrea E	447 NE 1 25th St APT 32E	Williams, James	1810 NW 47th Ave APT 1 B9
Alfonso, Wilfredo S	10724 S Country Club Dr	Williamson, Kenneth L	2648 NW 100th St
Alfonso, Tahir S	405 NW 90th Ter	Willis, Shane	17195 NW 82th Ter
Alfonso, William	15432 SW 178th Ter	Willis, Joseph T	18658 SW 200th St
Alfonso, Ray J	2040 NW 24th St	Young, Ralph D	3800 NW 82nd St APT 181
Alfonso, Josefa D	2445 NW 61 St St		

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Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade County
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How to rehab your spending

Three steps to avoid a financial hangover after the holidays

ALFRED EDMOND, JR.
Black Enterprise

Most of us are especially vulnerable during the holiday shopping season, during which many of us spend more money in 30 days than we have in the previous six months combined. To avoid a financial hangover after a serious shopping binge, here's a plan — let's call it a spending rehab intervention — to sober up your finances and get your budget back under control.

SPENDING REHAB

is a good idea to do two to three times a year, even if you don't overspend. Keep a record of every penny you spend, and what you spent it on. Also, note how you made each purchase—with cash, credit card, debit card, personal check, automated payment, whatever. You can track your spending using a pen and small notepad, or your mobile device or computer. Using an app like Spendr might also help. Do whatever works to have a complete record of your spending for one

entire month. As with the previous month, keep a record of every penny you spend, and what you spent it on. Use a pen and pad, your mobile device, whatever works to have a complete record of your spending — without using credit cards.

SPENDING REHAB STEP THREE

Sit down and look at your spending choices over the two months. How did your spending differ from one month to the next? Have you been too reliant on credit cards, or using them needlessly when you could have used cash and avoided wasting money on paying

more conscious of how you spend, what you buy, and most importantly, why — so you can challenge and change your thinking and adopt a healthier financial lifestyle. To get started, you want to identify and eliminate three kinds of spending — confused spending, compensatory spending — if you are serious about improving and maintaining your financial wellness:

- Confused spending
This is when you make purchases without giving any real consideration to what you are getting for your money — or whether

tensely, requiring more spending to cope — and leading to shopping addiction.

- Conspicuous spending
This is when you spend in order to buy social status — to try to impress others, “keep up with the Joneses,” or maybe do a “little frontin’ for the ‘Gram. If you rock nothing but luxury brands but have horrible credit, this is likely you.



Photo via USA TODAY

During this holiday season, many people are prone to overspending.

STEP ONE

You have to be woke — more conscious and aware — when it comes to how you are spending your money. Most of us spend money mindlessly, without really considering the impact on our financial health, or even whether we really need or want what we purchase. That's the very definition of impulse spending.

So, to begin the spending rehab regimen, for one month you're going to track your spending (which

month. Spending rehab step two. This is where we test your commitment to getting your spending under control: Continue to track your spending for a second month, with one change — no using credit cards. That's right; you have to go cash only for the entire month. Debit cards are OK, too, since you are just using plastic to spend cash. But no using credit cards or other tools to borrow money to finance expenditures for the

interest on credit card balances? Where in your budget can you eliminate spending (or at least avoid paying interest and fees), and where can you better apply that money to more beneficial, financially healthy uses — such as paying down debt faster, increasing contributions to your retirement savings, building a stronger cash emergency fund or financing a new money-making venture? The point of this exercise is to make you

even really want or need what you are buying. Confused spending almost always results in overspending.

- Compensatory spending
This is when you spend as a form of self-medication in order to cope with emotional pain or discomfort, such as boredom, feelings of unworthiness, sadness, or repressed anger. The problem with this so-called “retail therapy” is that when you're done, the bad feelings return, often more in-



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Kelly Bryant

A CHANGE FOR THE HURRICANES

REPORT OF CLEMSON TRANSFER QUARTERBACK VISITING MIAMI DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH SOME

CHRISTY CABRERA CHORINES
Sun Sentinel

During his tenure at Miami, Hurricanes coach Mark Richt hasn't shied away from recruiting — and signing — graduate transfers he believes can help his team win immediately.

But right now, some of Miami's most recent recruiting overtures to one high-profile graduate transfer don't seem to be sitting well with at least some of the current players on the Hurricanes' roster.

Miami running back Lorenzo Lingard took to Twitter last week to share his thoughts on a Rivals.com report that former Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant, a graduate transfer, is set to make an official visit to UM later this month.

"They say it's business. I believe in my QBs ... Anything possible with opportunity but loyalty is the code? ... I forgot its business," Lingard posted in a tweet that has since been deleted. He added a laughing emoji and the words "#Same

opinion free."

Lingard, who is currently recovering from knee surgery, linked his tweet to the Rivals.com story reporting Bryant is set to make an official visit to Miami on Nov. 24 when the Hurricanes host Pittsburgh in their regular-season finale at Hard Rock Stadium.

The running back wasn't the only one to share his thoughts on the topic.

Freshman quarterback Jarren Williams, one of the jewels of the Hurricanes' 2018 recruiting class and the player many believe could be Miami's quarterback of the future, chimed in, quote-tweeting Lingard's post and writing "Real talk," an indication he agreed with Lingard's sentiment.

And it's there where things could get tricky for Richt moving forward.

If the Hurricanes, who have struggled with quarterback play all season, bring in a veteran like Bryant — who would be a one-year fix — they run the risk of losing Williams,



Lorenzo Lingard

who could transfer. Fellow quarterbacks N'Kosi Perry and Cade Weldon, both of whom are redshirt freshmen, could leave the program as well, to seek playing time at another school.

Since Richt took over as Hurricanes coach in Decem-

ber 2015, two former Miami quarterbacks — Jack Allison and Evan Shirreffs — have transferred. A third, Brad Kaaya, opted to leave school early and enter the NFL Draft.

Among the quarterbacks expected to return to Miami next season, only Perry has seen extensive playing time, with Richt alternating between him and redshirt senior Malik Rosier through the first 10 games of the season.

Perry, who has been named the starter for this week's game at Virginia Tech (4-5, 3-3), has appeared in eight games and completed 53.9 percent of his passes, throwing for 866 yards with 11 touchdowns and five interceptions.

However Bryant, if he were to come to Miami, would give the Hurricanes a veteran presence with championship experience.

A former four-star prospect coming out of high school, he started every game for Clemson last season and helped lead the Tigers to their third straight berth in the College Football Playoff and the ACC title.

Along with Miami, Bryant is reportedly considering Mississippi State, Arkansas, Auburn, Missouri and North Carolina. Many in recruiting circles believe Arkansas is

the favorite to land Bryant because of his relationship with first-year Razorbacks coach Chad Morris.

"We've never brought in a graduate transfer and promised him he'd start. We've never done that. We've only promised an opportunity to compete and then they look at the situation and decide whether that situation is one that makes sense to them," Richt said. "The bottom line is we are always trying to build our roster through any means that's legal, and that means it helps us be stronger. Competition creates better play and that's what we're looking for. I'm not talking specific to any position, as I know you guys want me to, but any time a graduate transfer has come into this program, he's always been promised an opportunity to play, an opportunity to win a job. But we've never said, 'You come in here, you're going to start for us.' We've never done that. You can't do that. It's not right, it's not fair to anybody."



Etched in ice history

Legend skated into Hockey Hall of Fame, helps others to do the same

There are four major professional sports leagues and Black people are practically taking over all of America's favorite pastimes.

We have conquered the NFL. We practically are the NBA. From the Negro Leagues to the big leagues, we have infiltrated MLB.

The NHL...well that's a different story. Our presence in this sport is a work in progress.

The diversity issue in the NHL is definitely greater than in other leagues. It only took hockey 41 years to get its first

Black professional.

But thanks to pioneer Wille Eldon O'Ree some 60 years ago, Blacks are slowly but surely making their presence known on the ice.

On Nov. 26, the National Hockey League will be celebrating its 101 year in existence.

O'Ree, the NHL's first Black player, got his start back in 1958 as a winger for the Boston Bruins. And last week, on Nov. 12, O'Ree was enshrined on (ice) in the Hockey Hall of Fame for his contributions in expand-



Photo via CBS Boston

Wille O'Ree at a Boston Bruins game.

ing the reach of the sport.

The 83-year-old became the first Black man to claim such an honor. O'Ree was inducted under the Builders category — a category designed to recognize those who have helped grow the sport.

Over the years, O'Ree has been a Diversity Ambassador for the NHL. In 1998, the

league named him the director of Youth Development.

A mentor and role model, O'Ree advocates introducing hockey to communities previously unexposed to the sport.

"Willie O'Ree has meant so much to our country, and what he's meant for people that are not as fortunate as others. He's been positive for the game of

hockey," said Wayne Gretzky, only just one of the best players in the history of the sport.

O'Ree admitted that there is more work to be done, as currently there is less than one Black player per team in the league. There are 31 teams. He clearly expects to continue being a trailblazer in this effort.

"Tonight, I am here to tell you that we are not done because the work is not done. We have barriers to break and knock down and opportunities to give," O'Ree told the crowd at the inductions ceremony in Toronto.

He urged those in the audience to return to their communities and take a look around.

"Find a young boy or girl who need the opportunity to play hockey and give it to them," he encouraged. "You never know, they may make history."

Touched Mr. O'Ree. Touched! There are only three Black athletes in the Hockey Hall

of Fame: Angela James and Grant Fuhr and O'Ree.

"I'm a firm believer that 'opportunity' breeds success. 'All I needed was the opportunity,' said O'Ree in his induction speech.

And the proof is in Mr. O'Ree's pudding.

O'Ree got an opportunity to play professional hockey despite the fact that he was blind in his right eye, a result of being struck with a puck.

He prevailed. And now he fights for opportunities for other minorities.

The NHL has an initiative designed to "drive positive social change and foster more inclusive communities." It's called "Hockey is for Everyone."

Yes, it is. And, I personally am looking forward to seeing more people of color on the ice.

Congratulations, Mr. O'Ree on your induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame and thank you for letting us see our reflection on the ice.



Professional drummer Eddie Mejia instructs elementary school students on how to play a paradiddle.

Miami Times Photo/K. Barrett Bilali

ON THE SAME

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Susan Smith of Miami Gardens will pack her car with students and go to the Betty T. Ferguson Center every Monday after school from now until June.

Inside a large room, her grandson, Michael Abraham Smith, 10, and his two friends, Jacob and Quintyn Porter, were tapping away on drum pads with several other children. They were learning to play the drums in a free program called STEPS, which is conducted by the Florida Youth Orchestra, based in Hollywood.

"I would bring as many kids as I could find," said Smith in praise of the program. "If I had a bus I would bring more."

STEPS stands for Students Transformed Through Education and Performance Skills. The program is funded in part by Miami-Dade County and the instruments are on loan to each student. The program targets Title I schools, some of which have high numbers of students on reduced lunch programs and no

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Kids need to be exposed to other venues. Sports are great but if there is an opportunity to learn an instrument that's even better."

Susan Smith

music program.

"Kids need to be exposed to other venues," said Smith. "Sports are great but if there is an opportunity to learn an instrument that's even better."

For now, the kids are learning to play drums on pads but as their skills increase, they will be playing on real snare drums.

"By the end of the pro-

gram the kids will learn how to read music. It teaches them concentration and critical thinking skills," said Smith.

The Florida Youth Orchestra promotes music education and cites 12 benefits from learning how to play a musical instrument.

Music education helps to develop higher language and reasoning skills, better scores on standardized tests, problem solving skills, better eye-to-hand coordination and team working skills, the program's website reports.

Music instructor Eddie Mejia works full-time for Florida Youth Orchestra. "I am going to teach you one of the basic drum beats," Mejia tells the

students sitting in a circle around him. "It's called a paradiddle."

"Sticks up!" Then Mejia waits for silence; all eyes on him. "Right-left-right-right, left-right-left-left," he calls. The students tap the series of notes known as a cadence slowly on the pad.

Mejia, who plays drums professionally with Atlantic Coast Wreckin' Band, patiently worked with the young people who were excited to have a set of drum sticks in their hands. His lesson was not only about how to play a beat, it was also about discipline.

"You have to have discipline and listen," said Mejia to the students. "If not, you will be doing push-ups on the marching

band field for not following instructions."

Eighteen students are signed up to learn how to play the drums on Monday nights, said Dawn Janosik, Florida Youth Orchestra's vice president. On Wednesday nights, 40 students take the violin classes.

The STEPS program has been active for 28 years, she said, and it is not only about teaching students to play an instrument. They must perform as well.

"We put on a performance in June and in February for Black History Month," said Janosik.

City officials in Miami Gardens have been working hand-in-hand with the Florida Youth Orchestra

to make the program a success.

"We appreciate the city loaning us the room and letting us stay here," said Janosik.

Another contribution of the city is the distribution of promotional materials, which are sent out to the public by email or flyers.

This marketing campaign has brought students from grades four to six out from various schools to participate in the program.

"I learned about the program through one of the city's flyers," said Smith, as she was rounding up her grandson and the other playful kids to take home.

"It's a great program," said Smith. "I just have to keep them on task."

ALL BEAT

STEPS PROGRAM EXPOSES STUDENTS TO THE SOUND OF MUSIC

In the best moments of 'Becoming,' the miracle of Michelle Obama arises

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Jackson Women's HEALTH ISSUES

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Photo: Dr. Cox Neurosurgeon

From left, Emmett Cox III, Dr. Emmett Cox, Dr. Efreem Cox, Dr. Evan Cox, and Elliott Cox.

Young doctor joins Jackson team as a neurosurgeon

On Sept. 7, 1978, Dr. Emmett Cox, II, jumped on his bicycle alongside classmates for a short ride home from St. George's University in Grenada. It was the same scenic route the second-year medical student had grown accustomed to, but one that quickly turned tragic when an oncoming bus went out of control and crashed into him head on. Emmett went through the windshield, shattering most of his facial bones, completely ripping off his nose, and cracking his skull. When his classmates saw him at the scene of the accident, they thought he was dead. He was taken to a local hospital for initial



"My older brother Derrick initially wanted to become an engineer, but my father took him around the hospital to shadow him and inspired him to consider medicine. Derrick became a surgical oncologist."

Dr. Efreem Cox

medical attention. Overnight, he was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Now, more than 40 years later, his son, Dr. Efreem Cox, is working as a neurosurgeon spine fellow in the very hospital where his father's life was saved.

"When I came to Jackson for my interview, I was awestruck," Efreem said. "The neurosurgery department's strong history of excellence in spine surgery and the excellent care my father received at Jackson Memorial confirmed this would be the best place for me to complete my post-graduate training. My

SEE DOCTOR 6C

Jackson's program relieves parents

DR. ALIREZA ALAM
pediatric urologist

Spina Bifida is a birth defect that occurs when the spinal column doesn't form or close properly before birth. It leaves a portion of the spinal cord and nerves exposed through an opening in the back. An estimated 1,500 babies are affected each year in the United States.

This in the development of a baby's back affects the nervous system, bladder, bowels and movement of the patient. Patients can experience issues with mobility and walking, kidney dysfunction. They can also experience fluid accumulate on the brain, sleep disorders, skin problems and other conditions.

To treat these affected children and assist their families in managing the condition, Jackson Health System offers a Comprehensive



Alireza Alam

Spina Bifida Program at Holtz Children's Hospital at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center.

Dr. Alireza Alam, pediatric urol-

ogist, who helped develop Jackson's program, explains how the hospital provides the most comprehensive care to these patients and their families.

What is the best way to treat Spina Bifida?

The care of patients with Spina Bifida after birth includes closure of the back defect, ultrasound of kidney and bladder and urodynamic study at the age of 6 months. Urodynamic study is to find out the bladder pressure and decide on the plan of treatment. We are fortunate to be able to provide that study at our clinic.

In order to give the best care possible, patients with Spina Bifida also need a multi-disciplinary team consisting of a pediatric urologist, pediatric neurosurgeon, pediatric orthopedic surgeon, pediatric nephrologist, general pediatrician, nurse and social

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Thanksgiving Leftover Pot Pie

Makes: 8 servings
Cooking Time: 25 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup carrot, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 Tbsp. trans-fat-free tub margarine
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 2 cups no-salt-added chicken or turkey stock, plus additional, as needed
- 3 cups leftover turkey
- 1 cup frozen baby peas
- 2 Tbsp. chopped Italian parsley from sea salt, to taste
- 2 cups Garlic mashed Potatoes

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Heat olive oil to thinly film the bottom of the saucepan. Add onion and garlic and cook 2-3 minutes until onion begins to soften. Add celery and carrot and cook 5 minutes to soften. Set aside.
3. Melt margarine in a saucepan. Whisk in flour and mix well. Mixture will be dry. Gradually add 1 cup stock to saucepan. Cook 2-3 minutes until mixture begins to thicken and takes on a golden color. Add turkey, peas, parsley, and additional stock to achieve desired consistency (some like it soupy, some like it thicker). Add salt and pepper to taste.
4. Place mixture in baking dish and top with mashed potatoes. Bake at 375°F for approximately 25 minutes or until golden. VING

Per Serving

Thanksgiving Leftover Pot Pie

Makes: 8 servings | Calories: 200 | Fat 6g | Saturated Fat 1.6g | Trans Fat 0g | Carbohydrate 17g | Fiber 3g | Sugars 3g | Cholesterol 40mg | Sodium 190mg | Potassium 500mg | Protein 19g | Phosphorus 175mg

Choices: Starch 1, Lean Meat 2, Fat 0.5

Recipe courtesy: American Diabetes Association

JHS celebrates centennial

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

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

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

On Thanksgiving Day in 1986, Mark Frye underwent heart transplant surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital. On the same day that his life was saved, he also became the first heart transplant recipient in South Florida's history.



Mark's journey toward transplantation began following an accident on a backhoe at his family's tool rental business. The injuries that he sustained led doctors to discover that he had a heart condition called idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition that occurs when the left ventricle of the heart becomes enlarged, and cannot efficiently pump blood out of the organ.

Mark was placed on the national

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EXPERT PARENTS CHOOSE US

Parents, did you hear the news? The pediatric services offered by UHealth - University of Miami Health System and Jackson Health System specialists will now be known as UHealth Jackson Children's Care. Where our experts work together, children can receive the best treatment possible, but it all begins with an expert parent choosing UHealth Jackson Children's Care.



Call 305-555-FEBE or visit Epic@UHealthCare.com



THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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Historically, Black universities and colleges football teams have been competing as far back as 1919 for the winning score and bragging rights at rival games called HBCU Classics. The games don't only showcase athleticism and sportsmanship, but it is a chance to showcase the marching bands and dance lines. Each year the events draw thousands of current and alumni students and fans.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, fans flocked to Orlando for the **Florida Blue Classic**. The game pits the **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Rattlers** against the **Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats**. The Wildcats won their eighth title defeating the Rattlers 33-19.

Friends and classmates reunited on Saturday at the **Camping World Stadium** for the game. Many Miami fans took the faithful trip to the capital packing school colors and other memorabilia.

The marching bands and auxiliary dance lines also had their own competition. Ten HBCU bands and 10 high school bands displayed their talent in **The Battle of the Bands** on Friday, Nov. 16. BCU also reign victoriously



in the battle. **Miami Norland Senior High School** was pegged as the "most requested high school band in the state." Other high school bands that participated included **Heritage High School (Palm Bay)**, **Miami Carol City Senior High**, **Mainland High School (Daytona Beach)**, **Creekside High School (Fairburn, Georgia)**, **Piper High School (Sunrise)**, **Edgewater High School (Orlando)**, **Howard W. Blake High School (Tampa)**, and **Darlington High School (Darlington, South Carolina)**.

The fun and celebration continue all weekend long up north.

However, this weekend was also sad for many

in the community. The funeral service for beloved photographer and FAMU alumni, **Adrian D. Freeman**, was held Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 at the Fountain of New Life in Miami. Freeman who was also an employee of the University of Miami Hospital and Clinics, is known locally for taking photos for many events in Miami Gardens including Jazz in the Gardens. His work was often featured in *The Miami Times*.

Freeman is survived by grandmother, **Ella Mae Smith**; mother, **Beverly Lewis**; wife, **Niesha Macke-Freeman**; and daughters, **Kerrington** and **Kennedi Freeman**. Many mourners paid respect to Freeman by posting some of his work on social media.

Let love and light shine through this hard time for his loved ones.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. Many of us have prepared for the holiday by decorating, stocking up ingredients to prepare mass quantities of our holiday favorites and preparing for visiting relatives or to travel. Ahead of the holiday, several community organizations and churches hosted turkey drives.

The Inner City Dance Club of Miami was one of them. The group gave turkeys to 25 needy families at the Belafonte TACOLCY Center on Monday. The event was a way to expose the girls to the importance of charity, according to the organizers. The board of directors are **Latrice Hill, director**; **Tiffany Redd, operations director**; and **Sandra Hill, financial director**.

The school caters to girls 2-16 years old and offers classes in modern, jazz, ballet, African and Afro-Caribbean.

Outside of the dance curriculum, the club holds weekly mother/daughter relationship building workshops to help parents through the trials of adolescent rearing.

The Inner City Dance Club of Miami will be



taking four girls to Orlando to compete in the quad competition to qualify for internationals at the **UDO World Street Dance Championships** in the summer.

Although the Thanksgiving tradition is to meet up with family to have dinner, some people are not as blessed when it comes filling the tables with food while others may be surrounded by empty chairs.

Local TV chef, **Hugh "Chef Irie" Sinclair** prepared meals for less fortunate families, especially those single-parent homes, and delivered it to them ahead of Thanksgiving Day as part of an initiative that he started last year with the help of **Grace Foods, Milams and Jamaica Women Florida**. This year the chef garnered help from other chefs in the community and was able to feed 10 families.

As we gather with friends and family tomorrow and feast on turkey, ham, collard

greens, mac and cheese, pies, dressing and more, let's not forget to cherish the moments also and be thankful for both the good and bad.

John Greenleaf Whittier said it best in his poem, "The Pumpkin":

*Then thanks for thy present!
none sweeter or better
E'er smoked from an oven or
circled a platter!*

*Fairer hands never wrought
at a pastry more fine,
Brighter eyes never watched
o'er its baking, than thine!*

*And the prayer, which my
mouth is too full to express,
Swells my heart that thy
shadow may never be less,*

*That the days of thy lot may
be lengthened below,
And the fame of thy worth
like a pumpkin-vine grow,*

*And thy life be as sweet, and
its last sunset sky*

*Golden-tinted and fair as
thy own Pumpkin pie!*

*Embrace life and love one
another. Blessing as we Live,
Love, Pray, Laugh and Dance
in the Whirl.*

Influencers help change the world's view of Haiti

South Florida native leads campaign to show the beauty of the country

SELENA HILL
Black Enterprise

Wanda Tima didn't feel proud of her Haitian heritage as a child. "I grew up always hearing nothing but bad things about Haiti," she told *Black Enterprise*. Born to Haitian parents in Turks and Caicos, the 35-year-old entrepreneur moved to a community in South Florida in the early 90's where Haitians were stigmatized. "Kids were being told that Haitians eat cats and all Haitians have AIDS," she said. In addition to the taunts and scorn, Haitian students were subjected to physical bullying and violence. "I watched Haitians get beat up on the school bus and there would be a lot of gang-related fights all the time with Haitians versus Jamaicans [and] Haitians versus everybody [else]. It was so uncool to be Haitian."

FINDING HER ROOTS

It took years before Tima fully embraced her lineage, which was triggered when she had an identity crisis as a young adult. At the time, she felt disconnected from her Haitian peers and detached from the culture at large. "You have a generation of kids, like myself, [who] were only Haitian by name," she said. "My mom wasn't speaking Creole to us at home and we weren't listening to Haitian music. There wasn't any Haitian culture in my house." As a result, "I never really understood where I fit in."

"There was a missing piece that I didn't have any information on," she said. "I was going through a phase of trying to learn more about Haiti and the culture."

Her parents, however, discouraged her from exploring her ethnic background or visiting Haiti, so she started researching the country on

the web, which led her down a rabbit hole of depressing news. Rather than becoming discouraged, Tima became determined to change the narrative. In 2011, she created *L'Union Suite*, a digital platform that highlights positive news about Haiti and Haitians around the diaspora. Today, it's one of the most popular websites for Haitian-American lifestyle, tourism, culture, and entertainment news, reaching tens of thousands of readers on a monthly basis, plus millions more on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

THE BEAUTY OF HAITI

In October, Tima celebrated the seven-year anniversary of *L'Union Suite* by inviting a group of U.S.-based millennial women entrepreneurs, artists, influencers, and members of the press to Cap-Haitien. The goal was to expose the world to the beauty that lies beyond the protests, violence, and natural disasters that are frequently reported through American news outlets.

During the trip, the influencers — which included singer Dawn Richards; BET correspondent Amanda Booz; Mecca Moore, the owner and publisher of THINK PYNK and PYNK Branded LLC; singer and reality TV star Azia Toussaint; recording artist Steph Lecor; actress and entrepreneur Shelah Marie Rhouhac; Sandy Pierre, a marketing specialist at Hearst Integrated Media; and this reporter — shared their experiences with their massive collection of Instagram followers. The four-day trip included a visit to a local school and a tour of the Sans-Souci Palace, an ancient royal ruin built in 1813, that was named after Jean-Baptiste Sans Souci, an African-born slave who helped lead the Haitian Revolution. The women also spent a day on Amiga Island, a stunning beach destination in Labadee, where local fishermen caught and grilled red snapper, crabs, and a Creole conch dish known as lambi. They also dined at popu-



Photo credit: Rossini Mozart Louis courtesy of L'Union Suite

The influencers visited the Sans-Souci Palace in the town of Milot in Haiti.



Photo via Black Enterprise

Steph Lecor with students from the Institut Sacré-Coeur du Cap-Haitien.

lar Haitian restaurants like Lakay and Lolo and stayed at the luxurious Satama Hotel, which sits at the top of a mountain overlooking North-Haiti.

Richard, an independent recording artist formerly signed to Bad Boy Records, was in the middle of a tour with her singing group, Danyti Kane, when she received Tima's invite to travel to Haiti. Honored by the invitation, the New Orleans native immediately cleared her schedule. "I am overwhelmed and very grateful that I had the

opportunity to see my roots first hand," the Haitian American singer told BE. "Not only am I able to see Haiti through my own eyes...but I get to do it with other women who look like me."

While appreciative of Haiti's allure, Lecor is not remiss of what many people think of Haiti, like President Donald Trump who notoriously described it as an "s-hole" country. "The perception is that Haiti is unsafe, dirty, and dangerous," she said, admitting that it's hard to drive through the impoverished

neighborhoods. As a result, the landscape, culture, and people are overlooked.

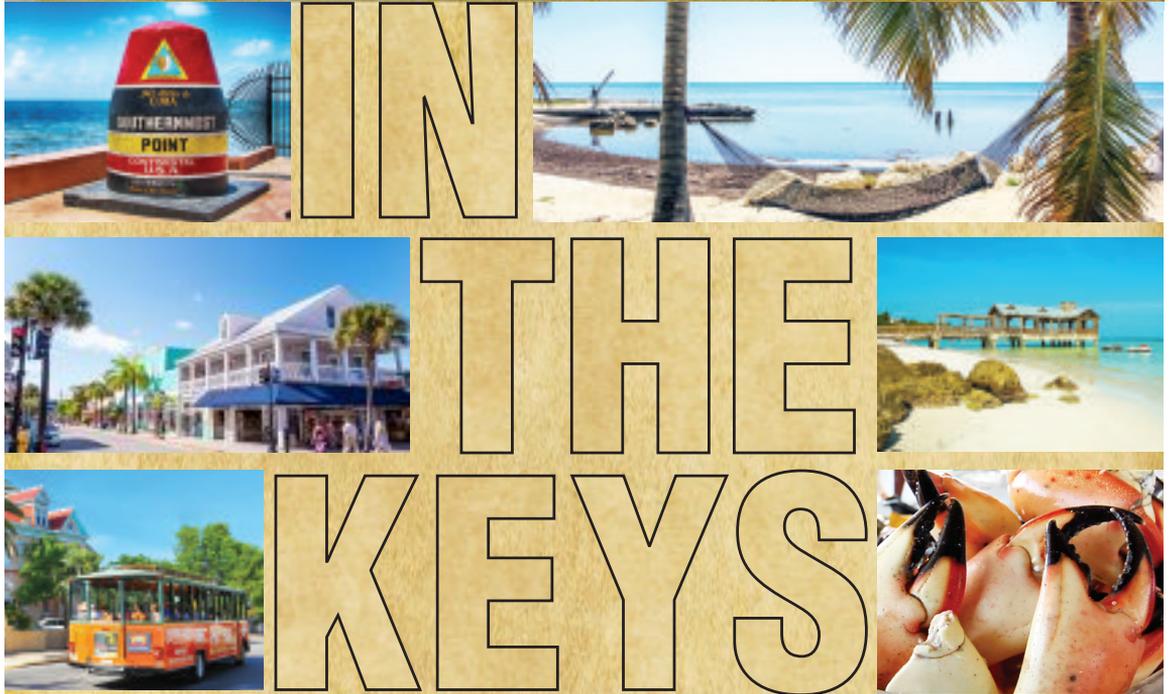
After returning to her home in Sunrise, Florida, Tima said the trip was "beyond successful." In addition to a great experience, the women networked and connected with each other as well as with locals all while shining

a positive light on Haiti through social platforms. *L'Union Suite's* "social media impressions during the trip were record-breaking," said Tima, "and now more and more people know about the work we are doing in Haiti and want to not only vacation [here] but [also] assist in giving back at the school."

Destinations

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IN THE KEYS

FRESH SEAFOOD ON THE MENU

Special to The Miami Times

Coconut-crusted yellowtail snapper, spicy barbecued shrimp and lobster Reuben sandwiches are among the Florida Keys' distinctive dishes featuring fresh seafood. Chefs throughout the Keys take pride in creating unique interpretations of classic seafood fare.

Finfish preferred by Keys chefs include snapper, tuna, the oddly named hogfish and dolphin fish, also called mahi-mahi. The fish that graces a restaurant table at night was probably unloaded at the docks that morning. Preparation choices include char-grilled, pan-fried, broiled and blackened.

Bounty of the sea includes Key West pink shrimp, considered much sweeter than other shrimp. Whether sautéed in buttery scampi, battered and fried, nestled atop salad or simply steamed, Key West pinks rank among the most popular of the Keys' "natu-

ral resources."

The mollusk conch, although not harvested from Keys waters, is a traditional favorite served in many forms: lime-kissed salad, spicy chowder and deep-fried fritters among them. However, don't expect to find standardization of recipes between restaurants, since chefs enjoy dreaming up new preparations.

Stone crab claws, renowned for their succulent flavor, are a seasonal delight and the subject of impassioned debate in the Keys: eat them hot or cold? Claw meat can be used

in crab cakes, fritters and stuffing as well as simply savored with mustard sauce.

In fact, the Florida Keys are Florida's leading regional supplier of the world-renewable delicacy — considered a renewable resource because of the crabs' ability to re-grow harvested claws. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, about 40 percent of the state's annual stone crab harvest comes from Keys waters.

Unlike stone crabs, Keys lobsters are clawless. Known as spiny lobsters, they offer

sweet, tender meat. Local restaurants often serve them steamed with butter, stuffed and baked, made into salad or even in unique Reuben sandwiches.

Gary Graves, owner of Marathon's Keys Fisheries restaurant, dreamed up the signature Reuben that blends lobster meat, homemade Thousand Island dressing and freshly baked bread into a seafood sensation.

Whether served at a dockside eatery or gourmet bistro, daily-caught delicacies prepared by Florida Keys chefs are a singular treat.

An experience unlike anywhere else

(NAPS) —The most significant worldwide travel trend today is individuals' desire for experiential travel.

Gone is the era of ticking destinations off a "bucket list"; today's traveler seeks personally transformative encounters with people and places that bring deeper meaning and lifelong memories to a vacation.

The Florida Keys & Key West abound in unique experiences that can be found "Only in the Keys" throughout the 125-mile-long island chain.

On a drive down the famed Overseas Highway from Key Largo to Key West you'll en-

joy the distinctive character of individual islands.

In Key Largo, take a 90-minute canal cruise on the African Queen, the original vessel from the 1951 film starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. A registered national historic site, the boat looks much as it did on the silver screen.

For a "hook and cook" experience in Islamorada, book a charter in the Sportfishing Capital of the World for exhilarating offshore, reef or backcountry fishing — then take your catch to a local restaurant to be prepared from a local recipe.

Encounter rescued sea



Credit: Bob Carr, Florida Keys News Bureau

The Turtle Hospital staff releases a rehabilitated loggerhead sea turtle in Marathon in the Florida Keys.

turtles during a behind-the-scenes tour of the planet's first licensed veterinary hos-

pital for turtles. Located in Marathon, The Turtle Hospital rescues and rehabilitates

sick and injured turtles and, whenever possible, releases them back into the ocean.

West of Marathon, you'll drive across the landmark Seven Mile Bridge, one of the world's longest segmental bridges and the centerpiece of the iconic Florida Keys Overseas Highway.

Discover tiny Key deer on Big Pine Key. Endangered Key deer live only in the Lower Keys and can be spotted grazing during early morning and at dusk. The 9,000-acre National Key Deer Refuge was established in 1957 to protect the diminutive deer and other indigenous wildlife.

In Key West, explore his-

tory with former President Harry Truman and author Ernest Hemingway. The Harry S. Truman Little White House Museum is Florida's only presidential museum.

The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum is where the writer lived and wrote masterpieces in the 1930s. Be sure to pet a descendant of Hemingway's six-toed cat.

Finally, take a selfie just 90 miles from Cuba at Key West's red, black and yellow Southernmost Point marker that denotes the southernmost land mass in the continental United States.

For more information, visit fla-keys.com.



In the best moments of 'Becoming,' the miracle of Michelle Obama arises

In her debut memoir — ever the reluctant symbol — sometimes struggles to reconcile her extraordinary accomplishments with the groundedness she's worked hard to maintain

SONIA SARAIYA
Vanity

"And then we were rattling down the runway and beginning to tilt upward as the acceleration seized my chest and pressed me backward into my seat for that strange, in-between half moment that comes before finally you feel lifted." Later, describing early, moonstruck arguments with her future husband, she writes, "When something sets me off, the feeling can be intensely physical, a kind of fireball running up my spine and exploding with such force that I sometimes later don't remember what I said in the moment." And after she'd taken up residence in the White House, she describes meeting high-school students in England that give her an intense, melancholy *déjà vu*. "Something inside me began to quake. I almost felt myself falling backward into my own past."

In these moving passages, Obama locates the immensity of her emotions within her body — a marked contrast to the controlled, no-nonsense public figure she has been until now. These passages also differ from much of the rest of *Becoming*, which is told with the style and warmth of a fireside tale. Her story is paced indifferently — there's twice as much text spent on campaigning for the 2008 presidential election as there is on the first six years of Malia's life — and regrettably, the prose shifts between bloodless, campaign-trail professionalism and the language of empowerment found on daytime talk shows. What stands out are the moments when she describes how it all felt — from growing up in a cramped South Side apartment in Chicago to standing in front of more than 200,000 people the night that her husband, Barack Obama, was elected the 44th president of the United States.

In those moments, the miracle of Michelle Obama arises. She has a pedigree bristling with accomplishments: a Princeton and Harvard-educated lawyer who leveraged her degrees into a six-figure first job at a corporate law firm, Sidley Austin, before shifting to service-oriented work that emphasized community-building in her hometown. As First Lady, she dedicated herself to ending childhood obesity

A recurring theme in *Becoming*, the debut memoir from former First Lady Michelle Obama, is the physicality of her most powerful emotions. On the verge of flying to Europe for a high-school class trip — the first time she'd travel across the Atlantic, an opportunity her parents never had — she describes the experience of taking off.



Scott Olson/Getty Images

Oprah Winfrey introduced Michelle Obama at the start of her book tour in Chicago on Nov. 13.

within a generation, and in her book lists the many milestones she hit on the way to accomplishing that goal. But her physical being — her famous arms, her fashion, her smile — is also part of that living history. And in *Becoming*, Obama is so candid about that body — whether that is the in vitro fertilization treatments she underwent to conceive her daughters; the "everyday drain of being in a deep minority" at Princeton University, where, she writes, the black kids stood out like "poppy seeds in a bowl of rice"; or, especially, the "toppling blast of lust" she feels for 28-year-old Barack, the new first-year associate at her firm.

Obama's romance with the charismatic native Hawaiian is one of the joys of *Becoming* — an opportunity to fall in love with Barack Obama from the perspective of the person who both knows him best and yet seems to be dazzled again by him daily. Michelle's story is quite stark until Barack shows up to muck it

up; in writing *Becoming*, Obama glosses over her years at Harvard Law to relate in minute detail the first few days and weeks of her acquaintance with her future husband. Love animates Obama's prose; her parents, her daughters, and her husband each emerge from her book as vibrant, brilliant personalities, embellished with Obama's eye for affectionate detail. That love saturates how she describes her neighborhood, too, beginning with her home on Euclid Avenue in the South Side of Chicago, and radiating outward to include the family and friends that live on the floor beneath her, around the corner, and along the two-minute walk to school.

But despite how close we get to her voice here, it's never quite close enough. She lets us into all kinds of memories, including tender recollections, romantic dates, and triumphant moments on the campaign trail. But for all her candor, there is still a veil of privacy around the inner workings of this reluctant public figure. She draws the reader in, but pauses at arm's length. Maybe this is all we can expect, in text, from this woman with so much presence. As she says herself, she's more of a hugger.

The first section of the book, "Becoming Me," is the most thoughtful and well-written of its three parts. ("Becoming Us" is about her marriage; "Becoming More" focuses on her time as First Lady.) It takes nearly 100 pages before Barack turns up, which leaves ample room for Obama's voice to form. She seems the most assured here, talking about her family life and her pride in her neighborhood, which almost overshadows the deep insecurities that affected her. Her father, Fraser, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in his thirties; he supported a family of four on his working-class paycheck from a city water-filtration plant. When she began kindergarten at her local school, it was a diverse student body; by fifth grade, her entire class was nonwhite, as illustrated by class photos included in the center of the book. As she entered seventh grade, an opinion piece in the Chicago Defender labeled her school as a "run-down slum" governed by a "ghetto mentality."



LIFESTYLE HAPPENINGS

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EVENTS

The Overtown Children and Youth Coalition

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

Roots and Reggae

9 p.m. — 2 a.m.; Every Thursday; 109 SW 2nd Ave.; For more info, call 954-449-1044.

44th Annual North Miami Winternational

Thanksgiving Day Parade 10 a.m.; Nov. 22; Alongside 125th St from N.E. 6th Ave —

12th Ave; For more info, call the North Miami Parks and Recreation Department at 305-895-9840, email kwarren@northmiamifl.gov or visit NorthMiamiFL.gov/Celebrate.

Light Up Annual Tree Lighting

Celebrate the start of the holiday season; 6:30 p.m.; Nov. 28; MOCA Plaza; 770 N.W. 125th St; For more info, contact the North Miami Parks and Recreation Department at 305-895-9840.

Liberty Square Family and Friends Family Reunion

5th Annual Scholarship

Banquet/Dance; Dec. 1; 6001 NW Eight Ave; For more info, call 305-333-8539 or 305-696-1819.

SCHOOL MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Booker T. Washington

Class of 1959

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

Miami Northwestern Class of 1961
Noon every second Tuesday; YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.; Info: Call 305-696-11554.

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

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

ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Citizen Advisory Committee
7 p.m. every second Thursday to discuss general community issues; Northside Police Station, 799 NW 81st St.; Info: Call 786-512-3641.

Women on the Move Inc.

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

The Miami Central High Alumni Association

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

The George Washington Carver Alumni Association

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

The Miami-Dade Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University

6:30 p.m. every second Thursday; Omega Center, 15600 NW 42nd Ave.

Tennessee State Alumni Association/ Miami-Dade Chapter

9 a.m. every third Saturday; African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave.;

Info: Call 305-336-4287.

The Morris Brown College Miami-Dade/Broward Alumni Association

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

Top Ladies of Distinction Inc.

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

CLASSES

Women in Transition of South Florida

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

Inner City Children's Touring Dance

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

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

A TURKEY Twist

Holiday recipes worth sharing

Family Features

Most great holiday gatherings start with great food and end with quality time spent with loved ones. This holiday season, rely on simple recipes that let you spend less time in the kitchen and more time celebrating special moments with family and friends.

As a holiday host, it may be tempting to explore complicated new recipes to lend a festive air to your seasonal celebrations. However, with the right ingredients, a simple recipe can be equally impressive. Delicious holiday dishes start with premium ingredients like Bertolli Olive Oils, which offer enough versatility to be a must-have kitchen accessory throughout the holiday season and onward. From soups to main dishes to desserts, the rich, quality flavor works for nearly every culinary occasion.

After a long day of checking items off your holiday shopping list, there's almost nothing better than a warm bowl of quick and easy Rustic Minestrone. This vegetarian classic is the perfect mix of marinara blended with aged cheeses, kale, zucchini and beans. One of the best parts: It can be on the table in 10 minutes, meaning less time cooking and more time spent stringing up holiday lights with family.

If you're looking for a simple way to put a new twist on your turkey, take it to the next level with a seasonal brine made with sweet Riesling, garlic cloves, thyme, fresh cranberries and olive oil. It's a hands-off way to make a tried-and-true dish a little more special.

Finally, when it's time to wind down the evening, delight guests by bringing back a classic dessert: chocolate chip banana bread. Served slightly warm with a side of fresh whipped cream or vanilla bean ice cream, it's a sweet finish to any gathering that family and friends are sure to love.

RUSTIC MINESTRONE

- 3 tablespoons Bertolli Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided
- 1 small zucchini, sliced in 1/2-inch half moons
- 2 cups tightly packed, thinly sliced Tuscan kale leaves
- 1 jar (23 ounces) Bertolli Rustic Cut Three Cheese with Aged Asiago, Romano and Parmesan Sauce
- 1 carton (32 ounces) vegetable broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed
- 1/3 cup shaved Parmigiano Reggiano cheese
- In 6-quart pot over medium-high heat, heat 2 teaspoons oil. Add zucchini and kale; cook, stirring frequently, about 1-2 minutes, or until



kale begins to wilt. Reduce heat to medium; add sauce, broth and beans. Simmer 5-7 minutes, or until heated. Top with shaved cheese before serving.

Tips: Substitute garbanzo beans, kidney beans, pinto beans or tri-bean blend for cannellini beans. For heartier soup, add 3 cups (9 ounces) refrigerated tortellini pasta with broth and beans. Simmer soup 8-10 minutes more, or until pasta is cooked through.

CHOCOLATE CHUNK BANANA BREAD

- Recipe courtesy of Justin Schuble on behalf of Bertolli Olive Oil*
- 3/4 cup Bertolli Olive Oil, plus additional for coating pan
 - 3 ripe medium bananas, divided
 - 1/2 cup applesauce
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 large egg white
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks or chips
 - 1/4 cup nut spread
 - Heat oven to 350 F. Coat 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with olive oil.
 - In mixing bowl, mash 2 bananas. Add applesauce, egg, egg white and vanilla to bananas and whisk.
 - In separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Slowly add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix. Add olive oil slowly and mix until combined.
 - Fold in chocolate chunks. Pour batter into loaf pan.
 - Heat nut spread in microwave until it reaches pourable consistency. Swirl spread into top of batter. Thinly slice long, flat strips of banana. Add slices to top of batter for decoration.
 - Place loaf pan in oven and bake 1 hour. Remove bread and cool before slicing.

CRANBERRY RIESLING BRINED TURKEY

- 1 quart water
- 6 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon mustard seeds
- 1 1/2 cups kosher salt
- 1 bottle (750 milliliters) Riesling wine
- 2 large shallots, thinly sliced, divided
- 8 cloves garlic, crushed but left in skins
- 1 bunch fresh thyme, divided
- 2 cups fresh cranberries, slightly crushed, divided
- 1 turkey (16 pounds), giblet package and neck removed
- Ice water, for covering turkey
- 1/2 cup Bertolli Mild Olive Oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- In pot, bring water, bay leaves, peppercorns, mustard seeds and kosher salt to boil. Stir until salt is dissolved. Cool to room temperature.

Pour brine into 5-gallon stock pot or container. Pour in wine then add one shallot, garlic, thyme (reserving some for stuffing turkey) and 1 cup cranberries. Slowly lower in turkey.

Pour ice water into pot to cover turkey. Place lid on pot and refrigerate at least 24 hours.

Heat oven to 500 F. Remove turkey from brine, pat dry and stuff with reserved shallot, thyme and cranberries.

Place turkey in roasting pan. Generously massage olive oil into skin of turkey. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste. Use kitchen twine to tie legs together so turkey will keep its shape. Place in roasting pan and roast 20 minutes. Lightly brush skin again with olive oil, reduce heat to 350 F and roast until internal temperature reaches 155-160 F on meat thermometer.

Allow turkey to rest, loosely covered with foil, 30 minutes before carving.

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waiting list. Within two months, a heart became available, coincidentally on Thanksgiving day.

Scheduled to undergo the first heart transplant in

South Florida, it was not only a big deal for Mark and his family, but also a milestone for the medical team at what is now known as the Miami Transplant Institute – an affiliation between Jackson Health System and the University of Miami Health System. UM/Jackson physician



Dr. Hooshang Bolooki and Mark Frye

Dr. Hooshang Bolooki, who launched the heart transplant program, UM/Jackson physician Dr. Eduardo de Marchena, and Laurie Futterman, the nurse practitioner, led the historic surgery.

The team's only experience up to that point was months of preparation

and hundreds of hours of rehearsal.

Since then, the Miami Transplant Institute performs has performed nearly 1,000 heart transplants VAD procedures in adult and pediatric patients

To learn more about Jackson's rich history, visit CenturyofMiracles.org

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father was elated when he had heard I would be training in the very same hospital where his life was saved."

The family's connection with Jackson runs deep.

Following the crash in 1978, the odds were stacked against Emmett, as he underwent multiple lifesaving surgeries at Jackson. There were many who doubted whether he'd ever leave the hospital. He spent months fighting for a

chance at life, unable to eat solid food throughout.

Yet, as he was going through the recovery process, Emmett received a gift that inspired him to persevere.

"Just a little over a month after my father was admitted to Jackson, my older brother, Emmett Cox III, was born right here. My mom was eight months pregnant at the time of his accident, and on October 13, she went into labor," Efrém said. "My brother was on one floor, and my father on another floor. If it wasn't for the doctors here who saved his life, I wouldn't be

here. My younger brothers would not be here."

Miraculously, the severe brain injury Emmett suffered did not cause permanent brain damage, and the glass chips that pierced his eyes did not affect his vision. Over the years, his facial nerve damage and facial sensation would improve. However, Emmett would require years of further facial reconstructive surgeries.

But nothing stopped him from achieving his dream of becoming a physician and an excellent father to his five children: Derrick, Emmett,

Efrém, Elliott, and Evan.

"Three years following his accident, Emmett was accepted to the University of Southern California's medical program." Throughout medical school and residency, he continued to undergo reconstructive surgeries.

"It was something our family became accustomed to," Efrém said. "It gives you strength as a person, to look at everything he went through and realize he had that drive. As a child growing up, I could never tell my father I couldn't do something or that something was

too hard."

Emmett went on to become an orthopaedic hand surgeon.

"That drive to become a doctor became contagious, inspiring three out of his five sons to pursue a career in medicine."

"My older brother Derrick initially wanted to become an engineer, but my father took him around the hospital to shadow him and inspired him to consider medicine. Derrick became a surgical oncologist," Efrém said. "I wanted to play football and always told my father I was going to play professionally, but my

dad would always say, 'No, you're going to be a doctor.'"

To date, Emmett has had more than 65 surgeries. He continues to practice orthopaedic hand surgery in Southern California, and remains a great inspiration to his sons.

"When I thought about becoming a doctor, I went in thinking I would go into orthopaedics like my father," Efrém said. "But after a neurosurgery rotation and seeing patients survive severe traumatic injuries, I was inspired to be like the doctors at Jackson who saved my father's life."

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worker to assist families in getting the resources they need to manage their condition.

The team decided to host the clinic to give patients the opportunity to receive all the care they need in one centralized setting. This is the best opportunity for families because they do not have to worry about going from place to place to see different providers; they can see every specialist in one day.

It is important to be proactive and not passive when treating patients. Many studies have shown that being proactive in managing the treatment of Spina Bifida

patients, the chances of them needing to have a kidney transplant or developing other, more severe complications is very low.

Patients with more severe cases – known medically as meningocele and myelomeningocele – need to have surgery after they're born. When the patients are discharged after surgery, we want them to begin coming to the clinic as soon as possible to see our entire team. Timing is important because the older patients get, the more difficulty we will have treating them. By then, the disease could have damaged their kidneys, and affected their mobility, including their ability to walk.

Are there any particular factors that put babies more at risk of being born

with Spina Bifida?

Pregnant women who have a folate deficiency are at increased risk of having children with Spina Bifida. Folic acid, found in leafy green vegetables, is key to genetic formation. There are also congenital factors that are sometimes unknown which may play a role.

What is the age range of Spina Bifida patients seen at the clinic?

Patients can range in age from birth to 18 years old. Ideally, we would like to start seeing patients from the time they are diagnosed because there is a better chance for successful treatment if it begins early.

Though we currently see patients who are age of 18, we're trying to find a way to have a transitional clin-

ic that will allow us to see them once they become adults. Spina Bifida is a disease that pediatric urologists are most familiar with so we can be great resources in an adult patient's treatment also.

What advice would you give to parents whose children are diagnosed with Spina Bifida?

I want to emphasize again the importance of beginning treatment immediately after a diagnosis at birth. Even though our orthopaedic surgeons do a great job ambulating patients and helping them improve mobility, from a urology point of view, most patients will end up having catheterization to help with the bladder. If this is not done timely, other issues may arise.

Is there a certain life expectancy for Spina Bifida patients?

It depends on the condition of the patient. If they enter treatment very early, their life expectancy is very long. If they start late and have already developed some of the conditions and complications we talked about earlier, their life expectancy is not very good.

What about patients who are uninsured or underinsured? Can they come to the clinic?

Yes, Jackson has different programs that can help families qualify for charity care, depending of their financial need. In some cases, we also provide families with samples and supplies for one or two months until their insurance or financial assistance

kicks in.

Is there anything else you would like to add about the Spina Bifida program?

I am very thankful to all of the team members that helped us build the Spina Bifida clinic at Jackson. It is very important that people are educated about this condition, and know that we are here to help children and families.

The spina bifida clinic meets every first Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. To learn more about the Spina Bifida program visit www.jacksonhealth.org. To make an appointment call 305-585-3627.

Alireza Alam, MD, is an UHealth pediatric urologist, and helped develop the Comprehensive Spina Bifida program at Holtz Children's Hospital.

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A League OF ITS OWN

“Dr. Warren Banner, a researcher for the Urban League did a study that found the conditions, when compared to others, were deplorable.”

—T. Willard Fair

STRONGHOLD MIAMI AGENCY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

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One man's plan in a segregated Miami led to the establishment of landmark organization that has led to the progression of the Black community for the last 75 years.

In 1943, Ira P. Davis, a dentist and civil rights activist, decided to tackle the racial injustices despairing the Black population in the

city. He founded the Greater Miami Negro Service Council, which later turned into the Urban League of Greater Miami.

“He was in charge of the Negroes,” said T. Willard Fair, president of the Urban League of Greater Miami. Davis had also formed a Negro Police Force and lobbied for conditions for Black areas dubbed as “Negro Central.”

Negro Central ran south

by Fifth Street, north by 20th Street, east by the East Coast Railroad and west by Seventh Avenue, according to Fair. The most populous Black neighborhoods were in Overtown and Coconut Grove, also known as the Black Grove. But regardless of the collectivism among the community, there was still the economic and social strain of racism.

“Dr. Warren Banner, a researcher for the Urban

League did a study that found the conditions, when compared to others, were deplorable,” said Fair.

One of Davis' first order of business was leading a protest against Jim Crow swimming pool and beach regulations. Blacks could not swim in the same water as white people.

Using sit-ins as models, Davis and another Negro Service Council member Lawson Thomas organized

“wade-ins,” starting at Haulover Beach, according to researcher Jasmine Rashid.

The protests drew a national audience.

The wade-ins also spread to nearby Broward County.

“By September of 1960, the wade-ins started gaining attention. An NAACP lawsuit resulted in a U.S. federal court deciding that Miami's Black residents should be allowed to use

public swimming facilities,” wrote Rashid. “However, de facto-segregation persisted as police did not enforce the court order and facility owners continued to discriminate.”

Despite long-term challenges with the wade-ins, the League was able to accomplish several changes in the first few years.

Blacks were allowed access to the Orange Bowl
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The ultimate guide to your first stress-free Thanksgiving

JULIA TURSHEN
Washington Post

Maybe it's your first time cooking for Thanksgiving. Or maybe you're hoping this is the first time you'll prepare it without inviting stress into the kitchen, too. Whatever the case, I have just the meal for you - along with the strategies to back it up.

Here's how to set things on the right track from the beginning, starting with planning:

1. Keep the scope of the meal small and manageable.

Choose carefully. You don't have to tick off every box. Just because so-and-so grew up

with two types of stuffing and another guest waxes poetic about three desserts doesn't mean you have to make them. You can have all the nostalgic flavors in a handful of simple dishes. Besides, the fewer the dishes, the easier the calculations of how many servings to make. (My selection of recipes adds up to a plentiful meal for eight, and they're all easily scalable.)

2. Decide what to delegate.

Some good candidates:
• Drinks and/or ice.
• The table setting. Ask someone to bring miniature pumpkins and/or clematines, and set them out before



the rest of the guests arrive.
• Dessert.
• Final prep help.
3. Cook everything but the turkey the day before.

This renders moot the question of how to prepare multiple dishes so they're all ready at the same time. Two of these side dishes and the dessert bake at the same temperature, for maximum timing flexibility:

• A simple bread stuffing, which can be reheated just before serving.
• Green beans, which can warm in nutty browned butter at mealtime.
• Apple gingerbread cake,
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Photo via Time.com



Brown Butter Green Beans can be blanched the day before the meal and warmed in browned butter at serving time.

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which is just as good, if not better, after it sits for a day, and involves no rolling of pie dough, no mixer and no frosting.

4. Think of the turkey as a big chicken and skip all the fuss.

Don't brine, baste, marinate or stuff. Simply season it generously with salt, add some water to the pan, and roast it for a couple of hours. I like to set it on a little rack made of celery, which helps to circulate air underneath it, plus it gives you yummy celery. But even this, you can skip.

Once your turkey is defrosted, remove the giblets and neck if they're included and save them for stock.

Let the turkey rest after it roasts for at least 20 minutes. Really: It makes such a difference in the bird's juiciness.



Roasted Sweet Potatoes With Sour Cream + Toasted Pumpkin Seeds let you avoid the pitfalls of mashed potatoes.

Make an easy gravy that doesn't require an intimidating roux or run the risk of getting lumpy. While the turkey rests, whisk some sour cream into the pan juices. It couldn't be easier, and the result tastes like pure Thanksgiving.

After you carve the bird, if you'd like, throw the carcass — along with the saved gib-

lets and neck — into a large pot, cover with cold water and let it simmer while you're eating (at least two hours, and ideally up to four). Later, strain the stock and use it for soup the next day. Add whatever turkey is leftover plus some cooked rice or barley and eat topped with grated cheese and parsley.

LEAGUE

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stadium and local golf courses among other places.

After the Civil Rights Act of 1964, segregation was illegal, but there was still work to be done, said Fair who joined the organization in 1963.

Blacks were still left out of opportunities for decent employment and living.

The organization examined the market in South Florida and pushed for seats at every table for Blacks.

"We recruited and placed the first Black airline stewardesses with Eastern Airlines," said Fair. "Pushed for the first Black sales clerk at Burdines."

Back in the 1960s, the League also sponsored the first integrated sit-down dinner at the Everglades Hotel in downtown Miami; placed the first Black bank tellers at Southeast Bank; registered 1,000 new, Black voters per week through the "Vote Baby, Vote" campaign in 1968; coordinated the hiring of Florida Power & Light, Southern Bell and Florida Highway Patrol's first Black employees; created a minority procurement pro-



gram for Miami-Dade County; and helped find employment for thousands of Miami's Black residents.

No accomplishment was bigger than the other, said Fair. "Anything that happened in Black Miami, we were involved in," he said.

Explicit racism has decreased dramatically in the past three centuries said Fair, but the League has not

stopped its work.

Its main focus now is the progress of the Liberty City community.

Through the League's We Rise Initiative launched in 2017.

Using the slogan, "It's On Us," Fair said the goal is to increase the value of education in the Black community.

"We believe there are no problems that we can't re-

solve," he said. "Education strengthens the Black community in spite of racism."

The initiative focuses on empowering family units, in particular, single mothers of children who attend thirteen schools in Liberty City that were once all failing. The initiative offers parenting classes and assesses the social needs of the parents and children. Through We Rise, the League



has also implanted the only functioning charter school in Liberty City. Fair has also committed \$100,000 of his personal funds to adopt Liberty City Elementary School.

Fair called the current push for restoration in Liberty City a "collective will," which would not exclude the children who live without parents or guardians. It is also a plan that fixes the future without focusing on what's yet to be.

"I deal with the present. If I correct the present then the

future will do the rest," said Fair.

The Urban League of Greater Miami celebrates 75 years at its community celebration called the Power of the Family, Saturday, Nov. 24, at an invitation-only event.

The organization's leaders pledge to continue to empower the Black community regardless of the needs.

"What we have always done is what always needed to be done at the moment," said Fair.

CHURCH Listings

CATHOLIC

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

BAPTIST

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

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

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

True Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor John M. Fair
1890 NW 47th Terrace • 786-262-6841

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

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

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

PENTECOSTAL

New Faith Deliverance Center COGIC
Pastor Dr. Willie Gaines
3257 NW 7th Avenue Circle • 305-335-4398

New Life Christian Center
Rev. Bruce Payne
5726 Washington Street • 786-536-9039

MORAVIAN CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

NON DENOMINATION

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

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FAITH CALENDAR

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The Forever Christian Music Festival
5:30 - 9 p.m.; Nov. 23; 901 NW 183rd St.

You are Church
Sunday service; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Nov. 25; Tuscany Garden Apartments; 1227 SW Third Ave; To register, go to bit.ly/2S0zh5S.

The Church of the Open Door

Liberty Square Family and Friends Family Reunion 5th Annual Scholarship Banquet/ Dance; Dec. 1; 6001 NW Eighth Ave.; For more info, call 305-333-8539 or 305-696-1819.

Holy Family Episcopal Church
Celebrating its 44th year of performing classical choral music of the old Masters; 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 2; 18501 NW

Seventh Ave.; For more info, call 305-652-6797.

The Vineyard 7th Day Church of God International Ministries
Youth Emphasis Weekend; Noon; Dec. 8; 754 Opa-locka Blvd; Register at bit.ly/2Pmfp0d.

The Kingdom Agenda Ministries Inc.
Free counseling, tutoring,

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

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

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

Sistah to Sistah Connection
Women's empowerment meeting; 10 a.m. - noon every

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

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

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

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

First Haitian Church of God

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

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

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.

NORTH MIAMI



Everyone claps after the red ribbon has been cut

Miami Times Photos/Kishanda Burns

First medical marijuana site opens

With many locations in the state, Curaleaf's goal is to aid those who are in need

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Krizia Barker had a difficult time falling asleep. She was faced with insomnia at an early age and it eventually caused her to be drowsy during the day.

"Ever since I was 10 years old, I'd stay up super late and my parents thought that I was being rebellious but I just couldn't get the sleep," said Barker.

Her inability to sleep at night made her day difficult because she was always drowsy.

The 26-year-old has been trying medical marijuana for a month and ever since then, it has worked wonders for her sleep without having any side effects.

Barker says that medical marijuana has helped her greatly with her insomnia.

She said she could have done better in school if she wasn't tired during the day.

There were different types of pharmaceutical medicines that she tried, but it did not help her condition.

"Now I can control my schedule; I can get [to] sleep at a normal time and wake up at a normal time," Barker said.

Barker now works at Curaleaf, where she is also a patient.

Curaleaf is the first medical marijuana dispensary to move to the North Miami area.

"It's about making a difference in peoples' lives," said Michelle Terrell, communica-

employees that were hired but members of the North Miami community and supporters of the business.

Curaleaf had a full house of people seeking to better their deliberating conditions such as insomnia, epilepsy, post-traumatic stress disorder, cancer, and Crohn's disease.

Fourteen dispensaries are now open, in which two of them are a drive-thru in Florida.

East Orlando opened its drive-thru dispensary on Thursday, Nov. 15 and it held its grand opening with the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce. That makes it the second drive-thru dispensary that Curaleaf has opened.

The second drive-thru dispensary is in Palm Harbor.

Marijuana for recreational use is not legal in Florida. However, a form of marijuana that is formulated for medicinal purposes, is legal, per Amendment 2, which was passed in 2016.

In Florida's Nov. 8, 2016 general election, voters approved the Florida Medical Marijuana Legalization Initiative.



Many people were hired by Curaleaf the day the facility opened.

tions director for Curaleaf. "When you have someone in your life that has suffered and you see them with cannabis and they're a new person, you'll know that is your calling."

Curaleaf is a publicly-traded company based in Canada and one of the fastest growing medical marijuana dispensaries in the U.S.

It held its grand opening on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 6685 NW Second Ave., in North Miami in which 14 people were hired that same day.

The grand opening not only brought together

The bill required a super-majority vote to pass with at least 60 percent of the voters voting to support the constitutional amendment.

The Amendment 2 passed by a percentage of 71.32 of the voters voting yes.

Medical marijuana is solely recommended by a doctor for a treatment condition.

According to MAXIMUM YIELD, a source of information on hydroponics, aeroponics, aquaponics and organics, recreational marijuana

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North Shore Medical Center Updates

Encouraging a healthier life

North Shore Medical Center joined with the Village of Miami Shores for Green Day and offered health screenings for all in the community.

Green Day is an annual event with more than 150 vendors. Families came out and enjoyed live music, shopping and all things green and good for the environment.

"We are committed to the health and wellness of our community, and this was a great way to further that mission in an ecologically sensitive manner," said Mark Racicot, CEO of North Shore Medical Center.

Large hiring event at end of November

Registered nurses who have at least one year of a step-down, emergency room or operating room experience in a hospital setting, will have an opportunity to get hired at the North Shore Medical Center open house event.

The hiring event will start at 8 a.m. and end at noon on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 1100 NW 95th St., in Miami.

Hiring staff at North Shore Medical Center appreciate the unique personal and professional qualities essential to superior nursing. The hospital values people who deliver excellent care with compassion. Its nursing team values the dedication to patient care, a spirit of inclusion, teamwork and real advancement opportunities available at North Shore Medical Center.

To learn more about the hiring event, or to RSVP, email allan.otieno@tenethealth.com.

Veteran's staff honored

North Shore Medical Center honored its veteran employees for the sacrifices they made serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The veteran employees have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The administrative staff thanked them for their service and spent time listening to the experiences each employee had.

Veterans Day is the official annual holiday that is observed to honor all those who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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CHAMPS

Opa-locka team wins regionals

The 12U Opa-locka Hurricanes are the No. 1 team in the state after defeating the Jensen Beach Dolphins in Sanford on Sunday, Nov. 18. The team will be going on to the state championship for the National Youth Football League. Hurricanes 14U team also won the regional championship on Saturday, Nov. 17. Some of the team members were congratulated by the Opa-locka City Commission at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Miami Times photo/Nyannege Daniel

Gallon gets personal with district schools

At the end of October and early November, District 1 School Board Member Steve Gallon III held Educational Town Hall meetings at Carol City and Miami Norland Senior high schools. The meetings were for Gallon to discuss the plans, ideas, and solutions to continue to move the schools forward and improve the learning and lives of our students.

The meeting consisted of educators, staff, parents, students, elected officials and community stakeholders from District 1. The meetings also gave attendees an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Gallon discussed the following:

- Instructional Staff • Dual Enrollment
- Honors Courses • Electives
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Cambridge AICE Courses
- The Re-envisioning Initiative • Community Engagement

"I am pleased to continue to provide a platform to the community for information, input and ideas about the work and ways we continue to improve District 1," Gallon said. "The town hall meetings represent a promise that I made when I ran and am keeping to ensure ongoing community access and engagement."



Food insecurity is a growing issue at FIU

Start-up program helps to replenish items for the Student Food Pantry

CRISTINA JARAMILLO
FIU News

Recent studies show food insecurity continues to rise among college students nationally. The lack of reliable access to sufficient food is estimated to be experienced by 20 percent to 33 percent of students at four year colleges.

Florida International University's Student Food Pantry at Modesto A. Maidique Campus received 1,390 visits and distributed 6,925 pounds of food from July to October 2018. The figures within the past four months alone account for 50 percent of what the student food pantry experienced in 2017-2018.

"The need is greater than what we can sustain at this time and it is increasing," says Joanna Garcia, associate director of the Center for Leadership and Service, which oversees the program

at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

Consequently, staff at the Center for Leadership & Service is hoping university community members will help them ensure FIU students are well-nourished throughout the entire year.

The center is kicking-off its Student Food Pantry Adopt-a-Month program, an annual initiative with the goal to replenish much needed items for the Student Food Pantry at MMC.

The BBC Student Food Pantry is run by the department of Healthy Living Program.

Getting involved is easy. University departments, offices and student-led organizations are invited to choose one month of the year and commit to carrying out a food drive during their designated 30 days.

A list of suggested items will be provided to ensure



Photo courtesy of FIU News

Student food pantry at Modesto A. Maidique Campus

the Student Food Pantry is stocked with the essential items, and a reminder will be sent at least one month prior to the start of the department/organization's chosen month. Participants are encouraged

set their own internal goals and create fun challenges for their teams.

"Your help is crucial," says Garcia. "Your department's contribution will help keep FIU's Student Food Pantry

shelves stocked."

For more information and/or to sign up for the Student Food Pantry Adopt-a-Month program, contact Joanna Garcia at jjgarcia@fiu.edu.

The MMC Student Food

Pantry is located in GC 319 and is open Mondays from noon to 3 p.m., Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The BBC Food Pantry is located in WUC 307 and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Important information about the Student Food Pantry

Who may use the pantry? The Student Pantry is available to currently enrolled FIU students. Students can access the pantry once a week taking up to 10 pounds of food each week. No proof of need is required.

What do you need to bring to access the pantry? A Panther ID card.

What items are available at the pantry? Non-perishable food items and toiletries.

Donations to the food pantry are taken at Healthy Living Program's office (WUC 307) at BBC and Center for Leadership and Service offices on both campuses (MMC-GC242; BBC-WUC353).

Pastor OF THE WEEK



Pastor Carlos Malone

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Miracles made daily.

Carlos Malone wants to help people meet their Godly goals

Apostle says true hypocrisy is not falling into sin

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Apostle Carlos Malone has been in church his entire life, but he's far from bound by tradition. As the leader of The Bethel Church, Malone, 61, believes wholeheartedly in applying Biblical principles without man-made constructs.

"I want to help churches. I have a great anointing towards breaking traditional barriers and religious barriers in churches and helping pastors to reach their greatest potential in God and not just be an institution or an organization, but rather an organism that gives life to the com-

munities and the people that are a part of that ministry," Malone said.

Located at 14440 Lincoln Blvd. in Miami, Bethel holds services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The church has many outreach ministries that fulfill Malone's mandate to do the tangible work of meeting people at the point of their needs.

They include: a food and clothing bank called Manna House; a prison ministry; a nursing home ministry; an intercessory prayer ministry; a senior saints ministry; and a health services ministry. Bethel also holds service every Wednesday and an annual



From left, Ashley Malone, Apostle Carlos Malone Sr., Andrea Malone Bernadel, Derby Bernadel, Pamela Malone, Raymond Young and Carlos L. Malone Jr.

Photos courtesy of Kristen Browning Photography

pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Agape Women's Center in Goulds.

"I've heard this saying all my life. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Love is defined not by what it says but by what it does ... and oftentimes the church loses its perspective on that. When it's your responsibility to do something, you shouldn't be looking for recognition; you just do it. Compassion sometimes gets lost because we get too busy building our own vision instead of carrying out the mandate of God," Malone said.

Originally from East St. Louis, Illinois, Malone and

ter he received a prophetic word and spiritual impartation from Reverend Martin Luther King Sr. during a Black History Month program while attending Illinois State University. Still skeptical thereafter, he received further confirmation about two months later during a choir rehearsal.

"When people say they hear God, it's not always an audible voice. ... There's an inner voice that speaks to your soul that speaks to the core of who you are and you just know it; and I knew that it had to be Him because there was nothing in my heart or in my mind that I felt preaching was something that I desired to do," Malone said.

On April 21, 1977, Malone said he acknowledged his call and the Lord showed him what his ministry would be like the following day. After pastoring churches in Illinois and Central Florida, Malone became the senior pastor at

On Nov. 16, he released his latest book entitled "Rich Shepherd Poor Sheep: A Call to Accountability." He said since we now live in an age of the "celebrity preacher," he wanted to give clarity and understanding to the true Biblical message of prosperity.

"What we're seeing in a lot of cases is preachers who are prospering more than their sheep. Wealthy shepherds should produce wealthy sheep, especially if they're eating the same thing. ... In the eyes of God your prosperity doesn't start with what you possess in your bank. Being rich spiritually is God's concern for your life. God doesn't just give you money; he gifts you to get money ... and if you don't apply those things, men that don't work, they don't eat," Malone said.

In his mind, acting as if you're perfect is hypocrisy at its finest.

"You have to deal with peo-

ple on their level. We don't do that. We're so quick and judgmental. The same people who struggle are always judging the people who are struggling," he said. "Now that's hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is not being a Christian and committing a sin; hypocrisy is being a believer and judging other people who are sinning when you know in your own life you either have struggled, are struggling, or trust me, something's coming," Malone said.

He also believes more teaching on forgiveness is needed so Christians can learn to give one another more grace.

"I don't think that the church practices forgiveness and restoration in the manner by which God would have us to," said Malone. "If somebody messes up in church we throw them away as opposed to working with them and helping people who struggle with their flesh or whatever issues because all of us have some. But people would rather walk around with Halloween masks on everyday, pretending that they're healed when they're just hiding. So my desire is to have a ministry support network that allows for true transparency. Winners are not people who never lose; but they are people who never quit."

To learn more about The Bethel Church or Apostle Malone, visit www.tbcmiami.org or www.carlosmalone.com.

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

Scott appoints seven to Trust's governing board

Reverend Richard Dunn Jr. among those announced by governor's office

Miami Times Staff Report

Gov. Rick Scott announced the appointment of seven to The Children's Trust governing board of Miami-Dade County.

The governing board of The Children's Trust is made up of 33 members as defined by county ordinance. Within the membership are seven members named by the governor and four members-at-large as

appointed by a majority of the sitting members of the governing board.

The Children's Trust is an independent special district, created by Miami-Dade County Ordinance on Dec. 3, 2002, and governed by a board of directors. The main responsibility of the board is to allocate funds to other agencies in Miami-Dade that are operated for the benefit of children and youth. Its current budget is



Gov. Rick Scott

\$100 million.

Below are Scott's appointments that he made on Nov. 17:

Marissa Leichter, 41, of North Bay Village, is a program manager with Florida Foster Care Review. She is reappointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2020.

Tiombe Bisa Dunn, 44, of Miami, is a psychologist with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools School. She is reappointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2022.

Sanford Bohrer, 70, of Pinecrest, is a partner with Holland and Knight, LLP. He succeeds Miguel Balsara and is appointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2019.

Nicole Gomez, 34, of Miami Beach, is an associate with LSN Partners, LLC. She fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2021.

Richard Dunn Jr., 57, of Miami, is a senior pastor with the Faith Community Baptist Church. He succeeds Maria

Alonso and is appointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2019.

Lourdes Gimenez, 63, of Miami, is a former administrative director with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She succeeds Lileana De Moya and is appointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2022.

Constance Collins, 60, of Surfside, is the president and founder of Lotus House Women's Shelter. She fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning Nov. 15, 2018, and ending March 17, 2021.

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is to change one's state of consciousness that often produces feelings of happiness and exhilaration.

When the psychoactive drug enters into one's body, it brings on an intoxicating effect that is referred to as being "high."

Terrell said that the dispensary enables anybody that has any debilitating condition to

become more active and to look presentable.

Curaleaf isn't just a dispensary where people who are facing a condition can pick up their medicated marijuana; it is also a place where they can go to for events such as yoga sessions, painting or marijuana bingo.

Of course one just cannot walk into the dispensary expecting to be handed medical marijuana because they have a condition.

There are procedures that must be followed thoroughly.

One has to go see a medical doctor that has gone through a two-hour certification class.

Once one becomes a patient with the doctor, he or she will enter them into the Office of Medical Marijuana Use so that all of their information can be taken, such as their name, their condition, address, etc.

One would then have to wait for an email that will tell them if they have been approved.

A card that is in a form of a driver's license will be

distributed to them and it is called a medical marijuana user i.d. registration.

Once one gets the card, they're free to walk into any medical marijuana treatment center to get logged in.

Since medical marijuana is not covered by health insurance, Curaleaf tries to hold down cost by offering discounts.

Medical marijuana is still seen to be illegal because the federal government considers it to be a schedule 1 drug.

Schedule 1 drugs are sub-

stances or chemicals with no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

Anything that is a schedule 1 drug cannot be prescribed. The cost of medical marijuana can vary based on the quality and location of the purchase.

An ounce of marijuana buds can cost from \$200 to \$400.

A gram of buds can cost from \$5 to \$20 and 3.5 grams can cost from \$20 to \$60.

"We have a compassionate care discount, for people who

are on a fixed income; we have a veterans' discounts; we have senior citizens' discounts; we have a industry discount; we have a pediatric discount, and this list goes on," said Terrell.

The North Miami dispensary is open seven days a week from Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m.

Curaleaf is expected to have 22 dispensaries opened by the end of this year in Florida.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>Apostolic Revival Center</p> <p>Services Wed. Intersession Prayer 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Morning Service 9 a.m. Sun.-Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Fri. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Dr. Gilbert & Smith</p> <p>6702 N.W. 15th Avenue 305-836-1224</p>	<p>Liberty City Church of Christ</p> <p>Services Sunday Morning 8 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 5 p.m. Tue. Bible Class 8:30 p.m. Thurs. Fellowship 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Evangelist Eric W. Doss</p> <p>1263 N.W. 67th Street 305-836-4555</p>	<p>New Vision For Christ Ministries</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Michael D. Screen</p> <p>13650 N.E. 10th Avenue 305-899-7224</p>	<p>Brownsville Church of Christ</p> <p>Services Lord Day Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 5 p.m. Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm Thurs. Mon. Bible Class 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Min. Harrell D. Henton</p> <p>4561 N.W. 33rd Court 305-634-4850</p>		
<p>Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church</p> <p>Services Early Worship 7 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. NBC 10:05 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. Mission and Bible</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pastor Douglas Cook, Sr.</p> <p>5946 N.W. 12th Avenue 305-751-9323</p>	<p>New Birth Baptist Church, The Cathedral of Faith International</p> <p>Services Sunday Worship 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Tuesday (Bible Study) 6:45p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 800) 254-NBCB 305-685-3700 Fax: 305-685-0705 www.newbirthbaptistmiami.org</p> <p>Bishop Victor T. Curry, D.Min., D.D., Senior Pastor/Teacher 2300 N.W. 135th Street</p>	<p>93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church</p> <p>Services 7:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship 11 a.m. Morning Worship Evening Worship 1st & 3rd Sunday 6 p.m. Website: cmc.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pastor Rev. Carl Johnson</p> <p>2330 N.W. 93rd Street 305-836-0942</p>	<p>St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Dr. C.A. Ivory, Pastor</p> <p>1470 N.W. 87th Street 305-691-8861</p>		
<p>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</p>				<p>Pembroke Park Church of Christ</p> <p>SUNDAY Bible Study Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Services 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">www.PembrokeParkChurchOfChrist.com 954-962-9327 3707 S.W. 56th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33023</p>	<p>Hosanna Community Baptist Church</p> <p>Services Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Youth Ministry Mon.-Fri. 2:45-3 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Charles Lee Dinkins</p> <p>2171 N.W. 56th Street 305-637-4404</p>

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Hadley Davis Miami Gardens

BETTY ANN THOMAS, 76, retired, died November 15 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 10 a.m., Saturday in the chapel.



LELIA CULMER, 63, administration secretary, died November 9 at home. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Mt. Hermon AME Church.



EVELINA PAULK, 80, custodian, died November 12 at Jackson North Hospital. Service 2 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



WILLIE CURTIS WILLIAMS, 60, laborer, died November 13. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel.



GODFREY HALL, 69, retired, died November 15 at Memorial Hospital West. Final rites in Toronto, Canada.



LEROY JONES, 84, self-employed, died November 17 at home. Services were held.



Gregg L. Mason

JOYCE L. HOWARD, 92, owner of Buckeye Restaurant, died November 13. Viewing 4-9 p.m., Friday. Service 12 p.m., Saturday in the chapel. Interment: Caballero Rivero Dade Memorial.



GRADY THOMPSON, 93, retired truck driver, died November 17. Survivors include: wife, Alice Thompson; daughters, Rhonda Gibbs (James), Sandra Boyd (Matthew), Wanda Thompson, Dawn Askew (John); sisters, Minnie Robinson, Lula Lovings, Mattie Bradshaw; grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Viewing 4-8 p.m., Friday at Faith Community Baptist Church, 10401 NW 8 Ave, Miami, FL. Family hour from 6-8 p.m. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Bible Baptist Church, 9801 NW 24 Ave, Miami, FL. Interment: Caballero Rivero Southern.



Richardson

ROSE MARIE JASPER, 73, domestic, died November 11 at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



BABY GIRL ALEXIS JOSELYN SEARS, five months old, died November 11 at Broward Health Medical Center. Services were held.



DARRIUS LAMARK COOK, 55, dietary technician, died November 18 at North Shore Medical Center. Service Friday at Refuge Church of Our Lord.



HENRY MITCHELL, 81, transit custodian, died November 7 at North Shore Medical Center. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church.



Hall Ferguson Hewitt

NICOLAI DERBY, 30, barber, died Nov 13. Service 10 a.m., Saturday at New Shiloh Baptist Church.



OSSIE SUTTON, 89, landscaper, died Nov 8. Service 3 p.m., Wednesday in the chapel.



Mitchell

TOMMY LEE WALTON, 79, warehouse manager, died November 14. Service 12 p.m., Saturday at First Baptist Church of Brownsville.



Nakia Ingraham

CHARMAINE MOULTRIE, 55, died October 26. Services were held.

ICILDA PINNOCK, 77, homemaker, died October 20. Service 11 a.m., Saturday at Countyline Worship Center Church of God.

WINSOM BAILEY, 48, died October 25. Service 3 p.m., Saturday at Miracles Through Prayer and Faith Ministries.

Eric L. Wilson

MS. FREDDIE ALLEN, 75, homemaker, died November 10. Service 1 p.m., Saturday at Greater Williams Freewill Baptist Church, Homestead, FL.

BABY ISAAC & ILANI DEMPS-TAYLOR, died November 11. Services were held.

KALI MICHELLE DOUSE, 4, died November 12 at Joe DiMaggio Hospital. Services were held.

JADWIGA DULAK, 76, died November 13 at home. Private service.

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



YVONNE MAJOR
04/14/1933 - 11/28/2013

Milton, Greg ad family

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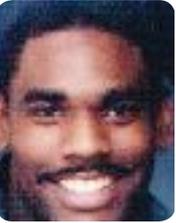


DONNA BURGER-MAJOR
03/06/1959 - 11/25/2013

Neat, Daja, T.T. and Greg

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



CURTIS DEXTER JACKSON aka "CJ"
11/23/1962 - 03/21/2015

Gone, but not forgotten. You are always in our hearts. Love, mom, dad, daughters, sisters, brother and family.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



JOSEPH HENRY PRICE, SR.
03/07/1938 - 11/28/2013

Thinking of you during this Holiday Season and always. You are dearly missed. Your loving family.

Happy Birthday

In loving memory of,



SHIRLEY ANN DAVIS
11/21/1944 - 07/14/1991

Love, Crick and Dina

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



MICHAEL LOVETT
01/12/1961 - 11/18/2013

M-ighty Man of God I-ncredible Father K-ind and Loving E-xtraordinary Friend. You've been gone for five years. Yet, you live in our hearts forever! We Love-ett You Always! Robin and the family

In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



JAMES "BUG" TOOMER
08/03/1948 - 11/25/2011

You gained your wings and flew away, but we still miss you everyday. Gone, but not forgotten. Love the Toomer family.

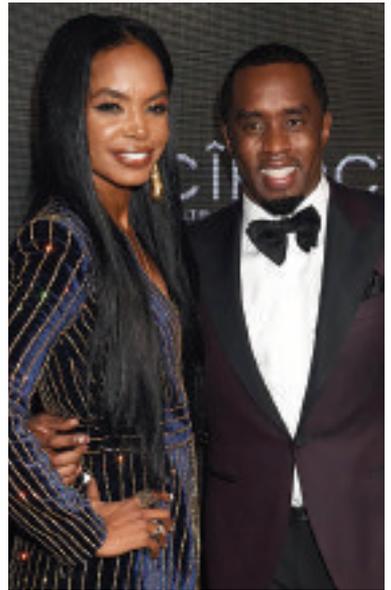
In Memoriam

In loving memory of,



CHARLES MYRICKS
12/13/1944 - 11/24/2016

Your life was a Blessing. Your memory a Treasure. You are LOVED beyond words and missed beyond Measure. You will forever live in my Heart. Your loving wife, Delores.



Kim Porter and Sean "Diddy" Combs.

Kim Porter, mother of Sean 'Diddy' Combs' children, dies at 47

CHLOE MELAS
CNN

Model and actress Kim Porter, who shares three children with musician and entrepreneur Sean "Diddy" Combs, died Thursday, a representative of Combs told CNN.

Porter was 47. "Sadly, I can confirm the passing of Kim Porter. I ask that you give the families privacy at this time," Combs' publicist Cyndi Berger said in a statement.

Porter was found dead in her Toluca Lake home on Thursday morning, the Los Angeles County medical examiner's office said in a statement. No information about the cause of her death was released.

Porter and Combs were a couple for more than a decade until 2007. They had twin daughters and a son together. Porter also had a son from a previous relationship. She maintained a close friendship with Combs after their split.

"You know how when two people go their separate ways, most of the time there's animosity? It's not like that with us," Porter told Essence in a 2009 interview.

"Sean and I have this bond, this friendship. It's not about 'if you're faithful to me, if I'm being faithful to you.' We're friends. I'm the person he can tell his inner most thoughts to and he's that person for me."

News of Porter's passing elicited heartfelt condolences from across the entertainment industry.

"This is so heartbreaking. Lord please give her kids & her whole family strength," Missy Elliott wrote on Twitter.

Viola Davis also shared her condolences on social media. "My heart breaks for your beautiful children and family," Davis wrote.

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson voiced his grief. "R.I.P to Kim Porter, I send my condolences to her friends and family. She was loved and will be missed dearly," he said in a tweet. "I know Puff is hit right now, he loved her for real, soul mate type sh—. Chin up puff, Positive vibes only."

Beyond her modeling career, Porter made several film and television appearances over the years, including roles in "The Brothers" and the TV series "Wicked Wick-ed Game."

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