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## Congrats to Miss South Africa, But Here's Why Miss Jamaica Should Have Won the Miss Universe Title!

Miss South Africa, 22-year old Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, was the winner of this year's Miss Universe pageant, but many people feel that Miss Jamaica, 23-year old Davina Bennett, was the one who really deserved the title.

Black people in particular wanted to see Miss Jamaica win, not just because she is Black, but because she truly was classy. First off all, she wore her hair in an all-natural style – a very bold move, but something that really transcended beauty to millions of people all around the world who think that such a hair style is unattractive.

On Twitter user commented, "[She] represented not only



Miss Jamaica

#Jamaica in the #MissUniverse but the black race... She displayed her Afro with pride redefining the competition. Young black girls out there can feel confidence in their

natural hair without whitening it."

Secondly, she had so much grace, intelligence and confidence. When she was asked, "What quality in yourself are you most proud of and how will you apply that quality to your time as Miss Universe?" She replied, "The quality I am most proud of is my drive, my determination. I am the founder of a foundation that spreads awareness for the deaf community, and this platform is such a great platform to just let persons know that these persons need opportunities and need equal opportunities and goals in our society. So Miss

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## DMX pleads guilty to fraud, dodging \$1.7 million in taxes

Rapper DMX pleaded guilty to tax fraud Thursday, admitting he concealed millions of dollars in revenue to dodge \$1.7 million in taxes he'd otherwise owe.

DMX, also known as Earl Simmons, faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced in Manhattan federal court.

Judge Jed Rakoff set sentencing

for March 29, though the date is likely to be postponed as DMX continues rehabilitation for drug and alcohol issues. The 46-year-old hip-hop artist and actor was arrested last summer.

Authorities said the IRS had been pursuing DMX since at least 2005, when the agency realized he had managed to evade paying

\$1.7 million in taxes on millions of dollars in income he amassed from 2002 through 2005 as his hip-hop records sold millions.

Kim said DMX was "systematically cheating on his taxes."

The prosecutor said DMX had decided to do the right thing and plead guilty and agree to pay his taxes.

## African-American actress Rachel Meghan Markle says YES! to Prince Harry's proposal

By Denise Williams

The world rejoiced with the Royals on November 27th as Prince Harry, the youngest son of Diana Princess of Wales announced his engagement to American actress Rachel Meghan Markle. The couple has already given their first interview since their engagement was officially announced and the royal wedding is slated to take place at the Windsor Castle in May 2018.

This wedding is historic for several reasons. The former actress will be the first American of African descent to join the royal family. Markle is biracial having an African-American mother and a Caucasian father. Her father Thomas W. Markle was a former lighting director on the set of the hit comedy "Married with Children" and went on to earn an Emmy award for outstanding achievement in Design Excellence for a daytime drama. Her mother Doria Radlan is a therapist and social worker.

The Monarch of England is the head of the Anglican church and



Prince Harry and Rachel Meghan Markle

Markle is Catholic which would have been a problem years ago. However, the Queen approved of the marriage since Markle confessed she is not a practicing Catholic. Media sources have revealed the soon to be Duchess agreed to be baptized into the church of England before the couple ties the knot in May of next

year. In addition, she also has agreed to become a citizen of the United Kingdom after the wedding. At the time of this writing, Markle has not publicly expressed maintaining a dual citizenship with the United States.

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## Senator Audrey Gibson Designated Next Senate Democratic Leader

TALLAHASSEE - State Senator Audrey Gibson (D-Jacksonville) on Monday was designated as Leader by the Senate Democratic Caucus for the 2018-2020 legislative term. Senator Gibson will succeed current Senate Democratic Leader Oscar Braynon, II (D-Miami Gardens) when his term ends next November.

"I look forward to working with Caucus members on their priorities and ensuring their voices are heard on legislation impacting all Floridians. I am also excited about bringing in new Democrat Senators to the Florida Senate to create a legislative balance in the Chamber," said Senator Gibson.

A native of Jacksonville, Senator Gibson was first elected to the Senate in 2011. She previously served for eight years in the Florida House of Representatives.

A paralegal and PR consultant, Senator Gibson received her Bachelor's in Criminology from Florida State University, and is the mother of three adult children. She is a Formula 1 and NASCAR racing fan, and enjoys gardening, music and period movies.

During her career, Senator Gibson has worked as a Congressional District Administrator and as a Business Community Liaison. Senator Gibson sits on numerous committees and is affiliated with many noted organizations, including NCSL Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Infrastructure; Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Board of Directors;



Audrey Gibson

Women's Legislators' Lobby (WiLL); Democratic Executive Committee, Chair; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.-Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter; and charter member of Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation, among others.

Senator Gibson currently chairs the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee, and serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic

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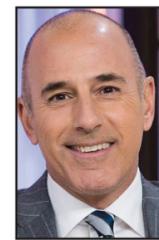
## NBC News fires Matt Lauer after sexual misconduct

"Today" show host Matt Lauer was fired for what NBC on Wednesday called "inappropriate sexual behavior" with a colleague and was promptly confronted with a published report accusing him of crude and habitual misconduct with other women around the office.

With his easygoing charm, Lauer has long been a lucrative and highly visible part of NBC News and one of the highest-paid figures in the industry, and his downfall shook the network and stunned many of the roughly 4 million viewers who start their day with him.

He is easily one of the biggest names brought down in recent weeks by the wave of sexual misconduct allegations that have swept through Hollywood, the media and politics.

Network news chief Andrew Lack said in a memo to the staff that NBC received a complaint about Lauer's behavior on Monday and determined he violated company standards. NBC



Matt Lauer

said the misconduct started when Lauer and a network employee were at the Sochi Olympics in 2014 and continued beyond that assignment.

Lack said it was the first complaint lodged against Lauer in his 20 years at NBC, but "we were also presented with reason to believe this may not have been an isolated incident."

NBC News received two new complaints against Lauer on Wednesday, "NBC Nightly News" reported. The network didn't respond to a request for comment.

Lauer becomes the second morning host in a week to lose his job over sexual misconduct allegations. CBS fired Charlie Rose after several women who worked for him complained about his behavior.

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# OPINIONS

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## Charlottesville and Common Sense Gun Solutions

By the Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

My son points the stick like he's just back from the shooting range. "Pow," he says, a mischievous glint in his eye. He already knows the family policy his older brother rattles off ambivalently: no gun play. I know what I've done, ushering in the romance of taboo, leaving unsatiated that great boy-hunger to play cops and robbers. They make do with swords and wrestling. My four-year-old lowers the stick and explains with excruciating patience, "Mama, I'm just pretending."

But I'm jumpy, having just returned from Charlottesville, where people of faith and good conscience showed up to face down the doughy faces of a new generation of white supremacists. Those boys-trying-to-be-men who marched in helmets with bats, whose lips curled with disgusting sneers, they were once small boys too. What did their mothers say, or fail to say? How did their hearts atrophy into hatred?

The guns got to me--I'd never seen so many on an American street. The militia stood, legs wide, on the slope between Emancipation Park and the road, semi-assault rifles slung over their shoulders, white supremacists at their back. The clergy, unarmed, knelt in the street, Cornell West's mutinous hair defying the breeze as they chanted, "Love has already won!" I stood behind him, praying for safety as tensions mounted. Media and onlookers huddled in small groups against the hum of unease, a parking lot of armed police officers stood strikingly still, a helicopter droned overhead. Later, there would be a military tank and riot gear, their armor contrasted against clergy collars, flesh, and sweat. This was a New-Old America, rife with guns and ready to rumble. A clergy colleague who works in global hot spots confirmed: It was a war zone in those streets. She did not speak in metaphor.

Las Vegas, too: a war zone. Pulse Night Club. Sandy Hook. As time creeps by, too many are inaugurated into this New-Old America, incident by armed-to-the-teeth incident. My child comes home from school saying, we practiced sitting in a closet with the lights off, we pushed the desk against the door. When did the right to purchase guns without background checks, to own and openly carry assault-style weapons--when did these so-called rights trump the safety of our

children? Our kids face a preventable public health crisis: seven are shot and killed daily. Americans own 42% of the world's privately held firearms, and over half of them owned by just 3%, so-called "super owners" who average 17 guns each. Homes with guns experience more suicides, accidental shootings, and homicides than those without. States with more guns have more gun deaths. The math adds up.

Most Americans believe the second amendment affords the right to own guns. Most also support common sense gun laws: universal background checks linked to a federal database, preventing domestic abusers and suspected terrorists from purchasing guns, a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines. The gaping breach between broadly held gun solutions and their enactment is deepened by the giant wedged between them: the NRA. Not only has it catapulted the right to carry concealed guns into places like churches, day cares, and public parks, it also pushed stand your ground laws which protect those who shoot in fear for their lives (even if such fear is grounded in scurrilous prejudice). Currently, the NRA offers Carry Guard insurance for such incidents, emboldening gun-owners to act first and sort out the details later with the help with "clean-up costs." They are a Goliath of our times.

And yet as I look into the eyes of my child and see also the eyes of my father, I remember: they once said Tobacco was too big to fail and Nixon was decent, Harvey Weinstein just last month reigned over the film industry like a preening king never to be crossed. Times change, especially when whistles are blown, shenanigans investigated, and voices raised. This New-Old America where armed militia roam, where boys with helmets toss nasty chants like grenades, where rashes of shootings break out in churches, schools, and country music concerts, where our children cower in dark closets and our President hurls threats toward a nuclearized North Korea--this New-Old America; when will we muster the public will to say enough? Guns don't save lives, they don't protect us. Only we can do that.

The Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss is a writer and an ordained, former pastor in the United Church of Christ. She resides in northern Virginia with her family.

## DEMS CAN'T FORGET BLACK VOTERS in 2018



By Sean Pittman

Throughout the year I have written about the opportunity Democrats have to successfully execute midterm campaigns. In my last piece "Will Democrats win big next year or go the way of Will Rogers?", I asked if Democrats would take advantage of America's need for strong leadership or rely on acrimony towards Trump to engage voters (which many argue was the party's demise in the 2016 election). Another question that Democrats need to ask themselves is will the party blow this opportunity by taking black voters for granted -- again?

It's an important question that should not be taken lightly. Heavy black voter turnout ensured victory in the recent elections in Virginia, New Jersey and in numerous local races across the country. Next month's U.S. Senate race in Alabama will also hinge on black voter enthusiasm.

For a political party with a record of passing strong civil rights laws and social programs that have helped all Americans, worrying about black turnout shouldn't be a concern. Theoretically, black voters should be more than willing to vote in 2018, given President Trump's treatment of the black community. Consider the record:

- President Trump hasn't gone out of his way to nominate black candidates for administrative or judicial appointments.
- Trump continues to encourage society's racist elements with dog-whistle politics and divisive tweets. Who can forget his "both-sides" comments following the alt-right protests in Charlottesville? Comments that caused Kenneth Frazier, CEO of Merck, to resign from Trump's manufacturing advisory committee.
- The president has a track record of demeaning black women: journalists April Ryan and Jemele Hill, former National Security Adviser Susan Rice,

Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, and perhaps most disheartening Myeshia Johnson, widow of Sgt. LaDavid T. Johnson, one of four soldiers fatally ambushed in Niger.

- The president also routinely attacks black men involved in professional sports including Stephen Curry, Marshawn Lynch, and Colin Kaepernick. Not to mention the mothers of the NFL players who chose to kneel before games.

While frustration with Trump's race baiting may be enough to dissuade black voters from casting their votes for Republicans, it will be the job of the Democratic Party to produce candidates that can excite constituents and drive them to the polls. African Americans remain a consistent bloc of Democratic voters and to take them for granted is no option.

Florida Democrats can't afford any political missteps. In 2018, the Sunshine State will hold key races for governor, the Florida Cabinet, and the U.S. Senate. The outcome of those elections will shape the direction of the nation's third largest state for the foreseeable future.

In 2018, the party should champion issues that are important to black voters. In Florida for example, the restoration of felons' voting rights is a no-brainer since the state's current restoration policies have silenced more than 20 percent of Florida's potential African American voters.

Democrats must also find and support qualified black candidates for public office. The party should work more closely with black incumbent-candidates and members of the Congressional Black Caucus to develop voter registration drives and get out the vote efforts.

The party can also help itself by remaining steadfast in their policy of neutrality in party primaries. Black candidates should get a fair shot to campaign among Democrats without worrying about overt favoritism from the party.

Hiring recognized political consultants of color, putting paid advertising in black-owned media, and hiring a statewide team that is reflective of Florida's diversity would also improve Democrats' positioning in 2018.

Next year's elections offer Democrats their best chance to re-establish political power, a sense of purpose and a chance to govern. 2018 could be the year, if Democrats can figure out how to reach black voters.

Sean Pittman is the Senior Partner of Pittman Law Group, a Tallahassee-based law firm with statewide operations that specializes in government, administrative and corporate law.

## People with disabilities more likely to be arrested

By Susan Kelley | Cornell Chronicle

People with disabilities face all sorts of discrimination every day. New Cornell research suggests they may also face it while interacting with the police.

People with disabilities in the study -- including emotional, physical, cognitive or sensory disabilities -- were nearly 44 percent more likely to be arrested by age 28, while those without had a lower probability of arrest, at 30 percent.

This "disability penalty" was strongest for African-American men.

Black men with disabilities in the study were at a particularly high risk of arrest: 55 percent had been arrested by age 28. In contrast, nearly 40 percent of whites with disabilities in the study had been arrested by that age.

The research was published Nov. 8 in the American Journal of Public Health.

"I expected to find that people with disabilities would be more likely to be arrested, but I was frankly shocked by how large the disparity was," said author Erin McCauley, a doctoral candidate in the field of policy analysis and management.

"These findings really point to a problem," she said. "For people with disabilities, particularly men of color, the experience of arrest is extraordinarily common. They are constantly exposed to this risk."

And because the types of disability were evenly distributed across all races, the difference in the probabilities of arrest between whites and blacks is likely due to racial discrimination, she said.

McCauley analyzed data from 8,984 people who participated in the 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, a nationally representative

survey administered by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data included each participant's disability status, age at first arrest, gender, and race and ethnicity.

The work fills a gap in the research in this area. It is well established in the field that about 40 percent of people who are incarcerated have a serious mental health issue, and the largest treater of mental health is the U.S. criminal justice system, McCauley said.

But not much is known about the intersection of people with disabilities and incarceration, she said: "I couldn't find anything that looked at people with disabilities as a population, to answer how fundamental the experience of criminal justice contact is to this group. How often does this come up in their lives?"

The findings have public health implications, she said.

For example, police training should put stronger emphasis on de-escalation, minimizing the use of force, and the role of implicit bias in police interactions, she said. In the paper, she wrote: "Police officers should understand how disabilities may affect compliance and other behaviors, and likewise how implicit bias and structural racism may affect reactions and actions of officers and the systems they work within in ways that create inequities."

And ensuring high-quality care could decrease how frequently and closely people with disabilities come into contact with the criminal justice system, she said.

"For many with disabilities, quality health care is imperative for positive functioning within the community through increasing access to medication and support services," she wrote.

of victory in the ten closest races for the Virginia House of Delegates earlier this month as well as the 25 closest races in the 2016 congressional elections. In all 25 of these close congressional races, the projected number of new voters dwarfs the margin of victory of the winning candidate. The ratios range from almost twice as many to 24 times as many people newly registered to vote compared to the number of votes that determined the election.

"Democracy works best when all voices are heard. AVR is a commonsense way to modernize the voter registration process, keep voter rolls up-to-date and secure, and remove obstacles to voter participation," said Liz Kennedy, director of

## With Gas-Price Comments, Schumer is Running on Fumes

By Jeff Dunetz

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer evidently hasn't visited a gas station this year. If he had, he'd realize that his recent diatribe against the oil industry is based on a complete fiction.

During a recent television appearance, Sen. Schumer lamented that "gas prices are sticky. You know . . . when the price for oil goes up on the markets, it goes right up, but it never goes down." New York's senior senator further claimed that big energy companies are stifling competition to keep prices high.

These assertions are patently false, as anyone who has refueled his vehicle lately can attest. Our domestic energy boom has resulted in some of the lowest gasoline and electricity prices Americans have seen in decades.

American energy production has surged in recent years thanks to hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling. These technologies have enabled energy companies to harvest oil and natural gas from America's numerous underground shale rock formations. As recently as 2010, America trailed both Saudi Arabia and Russia in oil and gas development. Today, the United States is by far the largest producer of these fuels.

The nation's energy dominance isn't likely to subside anytime soon. A new report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that domestic crude oil production will break all previous records in 2018, averaging 9.9 million barrels per day -- a nearly 100 percent increase from 2008 levels.

The massive increase in American production has broken OPEC's stranglehold on the oil market and helped drive down crude prices from over \$140 per barrel in 2008 to less than \$50 per barrel today.

Gasoline prices, which closely track crude oil prices, have plummeted too -- in 2016, a gallon

of regular gasoline cost only \$2.15 on average. In inflation-adjusted terms, gasoline hadn't been that cheap since 2003.

Motorists continue to enjoy low gasoline prices. Roughly a quarter of gas stations nationwide currently sell fuel for less than \$2 a gallon. In early August, the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline was only \$2.32, compared to \$4.11 in July 2008.

A couple of dollars a gallon may not seem like much to Sen. Schumer, but it's life-changing for average Americans. Between 2014 and 2015, falling gas prices saved American motorists \$115 billion -- about \$550 per driver, according to AAA.

Natural gas prices have similarly plummeted. Power plants use the fuel to generate electricity. Utility companies currently pay just over \$4 per thousand cubic feet of gas. In July 2008, they paid over \$12. That's why residential electricity costs fell for the first time 14 years in 2016.

It's remarkable that this unprecedented drop in energy costs has somehow eluded Sen. Schumer. After all, it was eleven years ago that he urged then-President George W. Bush "to reduce skyrocketing prices at the gasoline pump by tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve," identifying America's reliance on foreign oil and gas as "one of the great problems America will face in the next quarter century."

We've since solved that problem -- not by selling off strategic assets, but by tapping America's rich shale oil and gas deposits. Sen. Schumer's slander against the oil and gas industry is unfounded and undeserved. These companies have delivered hundreds of billions in savings to regular Americans and freed us from our energy dependence on volatile foreign governments.

Jeff Dunetz is publisher of Lid's Vids (LidsVids.com) and a political columnist at The Jewish Star. This piece originally ran in the Detroit News.

## Automatic Voter Registration in All 50 States Would Boost Voter Rolls by More Than 22 Million People, CAP Projection Shows

Washington, D.C. — One year out from the 2018 midterm elections, a new analysis says the United States would see a dramatic rise in new potential voters if every state adopted a system that automatically registers every eligible person to vote.

The report from the Center for American Progress projects that voter rolls would grow by 22 million people if all 50 states adopted an automatic voter registration (AVR) system similar to one begun by Oregon in 2016. This includes approximately 9.5 million people who are unlikely to become registered without AVR.

The report compares these massive gains in voter registration to the relatively small margins

Democracy and Government Reform at CAP and co-author of the report. "The current system in most states, which puts the burden on individuals to get and stay registered, places an unnecessary barrier to voter participation. AVR is poised to bring millions of citizens into America's political process."

Oregon saw more than 272,000 new people added to the state's voter rolls in the first year of the program—with 98,000 of them voting in the 2016 election—and an additional 570,000 Oregonians had their addresses updated on their voter registrations through AVR. This summer, Illinois became the tenth state to adopt AVR.

Read the report: "Close Elections, Missing Voices, and Automatic Voter Registration Projected Impact in 50 States" by Liz Kennedy and Rob Griffin.

Additional resources:

Oregon's Success Shows Way Forward for Automatic Voter Registration by Liz Kennedy

Who Votes with Automatic Voter Registration? by Rob Griffin, Paul Gronke, Tova Wang, and Liz Kennedy

For more information or to speak to an expert, please contact Sam Hananel at 202-478-6327 or shananel@americanprogress.org.



## FIX JEA NOW CALLS FOR STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERT WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY

Jacksonville, FL- On yesterday, JEA Board Member Tom Petway announced his resignation and called for a valuation of JEA's assets on the open market along with an assessment of whether JEA's customers would be better served by the private market. Mr. Petway pointed to the fact that much has changed over the last 49 years since the utility was created and that the concept for JEA needs to be reviewed.

What is most important is that JEA customers are provided with the best, most reliable and most affordable service possible. Fix JEA Now has previously called on JEA to address several issues of mismanagement that have cost the ratepayers millions of dollars, and plans to meet with JEA leadership in the near future to discuss in further detail.

Fix JEA Now supports Mr. Petway's recommendation for review but believes any review must be done by an independent expert in a transparent manner.

## SAFE MOBILITY FOR LIFE COALITION TO PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES DURING OLDER DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

National Safety Campaign Starts December 4, 2017

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Safe Mobility for Life (SMFL) Coalition, and partners will host events and provide resources to raise awareness on the importance of safe transportation and mobility options for older adults in support of the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, which runs from Monday, December 4 until Friday, December 8.

Established by the AOTA, Older Driver Safety Awareness Week promotes the importance of safe mobility to help ensure older adults remain active and engaged in their community. Throughout the week, the SMFL Coalition alongside state and local partners will raise awareness on the 3 Keys to Achieve Safe Mobility for Life, which are:

1. Understand the impact that aging has on driving
2. Stay Proactive about safe driving skills
3. Plan for a safe transition from driving

The SMFL Coalition believes that by empowering older adults to stay proactive as drivers, while planning for a safe transition from driving, they will remain active and independent in their communities even when driving is no longer a safe option.

FDOT Secretary Mike Dew said, "Safety is our top priority. Working with the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition we can provide educational resources to help older adults remain safe and

engaged in their communities using all modes of transportation, including driving, walking, biking, and transit."

Florida's Guide for Aging Drivers was developed by the SMFL Coalition and first released in 2012 in print to help Floridians learn how to continue to safely drive while also sharing information to help prepare and plan to meet their mobility needs after transitioning from driving. The Guide is now available as an e-book in both English and Spanish and can be viewed or downloaded for free by visiting [www.FLSams.org/ODSAW2017.htm](http://www.FLSams.org/ODSAW2017.htm).

Throughout the week we are working with partners across the state to raise awareness and promote the keys to achieving safe mobility for life. For more information on the community events and available free resources and materials to support the SMFL Coalition's Older Driver Safety Awareness Week campaign visit, [www.FLSams.org/ODSAW2017.htm](http://www.FLSams.org/ODSAW2017.htm).

About the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition  
In 2009, FDOT partnered with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy at Florida State University to establish the SMFL Coalition for addressing the specific needs of Florida's aging road users. The Coalition's mission is to work with their 28 partners, which include national, state, and local public agencies, and aging and safety advocate organizations, to implement a strategic plan for increasing the safety, access, and mobility of aging road users and reducing crash, serious injury, and fatality rates. For more information, visit [www.FLSams.org](http://www.FLSams.org).

## News You Can Use from State Senator Audrey Gibson Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment is Here!



Dear Constituent and Friend,

November 1st through December 15th is the Affordable Care Act OPEN ENROLLMENT period.

The Federal Healthcare Marketplace is accepting applications for new enrollment, or making changes to your existing healthcare coverage for the upcoming plan year.

To receive health coverage for you and your family, it is critical that you act immediately by visiting [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

According to the web site here are 3 things to know before you chose a health insurance plan.

Choosing a health insurance plan can be complicated. Knowing just a few things before you compare plans can make it simpler.

The 4 "metal" categories: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These categories show how you and your plan share coverage costs.

The categories have nothing to do with quality of care but, are related to how often and the number of services you think you and your family will need.

Your total costs for health care: You pay a monthly bill to your insurance company (a "premium"), even if you don't use medical services that month. You pay some out-of-pocket costs, including a deductible, when you get care. It's important to think about both kinds of costs when shopping for a plan.

Plan and network types - HMO, PPO, POS, and EPO: Some plan types allow you to use almost any doctor or health care facility. Others limit your choices or charge you more if you use providers outside their network.

If you need assistance enrolling please call 1-800-318-2596 or (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week (except holidays).

The Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc., will also be assisting anyone in Duval, Baker, Clay, Flager, Nassau, St. Johns, and Volusia county. Their contact information is listed below:

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As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,  
Audrey Gibson  
State Senator, District 6

## Removing The Stigma Surrounding Mental Health



*Madhukar Sharma president & CEO of Ace Medical*

By Denise Williams

As many resources for social programs are being significantly reduced or eliminated under our current administration, many families struggle to find quality care for loved ones who suffer from mental illness. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), one out of every five adults is diagnosed as mentally ill which amounts to a little over 43 million people. While mental illness impacts all ethnicities, numbers are rising among African-Americans, 18.6 % of whom are deemed mentally ill. In addition, NAMI also reported that sixty percent of Americans did not receive mental health services when needed in the last twelve months.

Multicultural communities have unique challenges when loved ones are mentally ill. The reason a family may fail to seek treatment encompasses a variety of reasons. These groups often fear seeking treatment due to cultural bias, religious beliefs, language barriers, or social discrimination. In addition, these underserved patients may fear seeking help believing it will affect their health insurance coverage.

Mr. Madhukar Sharma, CEO of Ace Medical in Jacksonville, Florida is offering hope to many who are unable or simply have limited financial means to secure

the medical assistance needed in order to receive treatment for maladies that plague communities. He is a relatively new resident of the first coast, living in Jacksonville for the past four years yet he is wholeheartedly committed to the betterment of our residents. Sharma believes everyone, no matter their social standing should have access to quality treatment. His facility, Ace Medical, offers treatment in the areas of mental health, podiatry, and physical health.

Mr. Sharma is CEO of a group of clinics whose vision at the onset was to make medical care more tangible to those who are considered displaced. In 2015, after forming the Ace Medical group, he opened their first clinic in St. Augustine, FL. He enlisted the expertise of a board-certified sports physician, an internist, and a psychiatrist. Since then, he opened three other medical locations which include two locations in northeast Florida. One clinic is on the northside (Dunn Avenue), and another is on the southside (beaches). His fourth location opened in 2016 in Palm Coast, FL and the organization has a corporate office in the Baymeadows area.

Sharma understands that mental illness can strike any family and no community is immune regardless of culture, gender, transgender or other sexual orientation. Ace medical has over forty employees and is thriving. One unique feature of Sharma's group of clinics is that they offer home visits as an option for their patients. This unique house call feature allows medical professional's access to patients who are physically unable to visit their nearest facility. This option is also available to those who reside in nursing homes, rehab facilities, assisted living residences or retirement homes. Ace Medical has become an integral part of the landscape here in Jacksonville winning the Bronze Stevie award in 2017 in the people focused CEO of the year category for the best employer which recognized his business practices, training methods, and healthcare initiatives. Sharma was also recognized by the Jacksonville Business Journal as a person "on the move" in July 2017.

If you or a loved one would benefit from this program, call their corporate office at (904) 475-2039 during business hours or visit [www.ace-medical.org](http://www.ace-medical.org) for more information.

## FEMA Hosting Job Fair Dec. 4 in Brunswick to Recruit Georgians for Hurricane Irma Recovery Work

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — The Georgia Department of Labor and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are hosting a job fair to recruit Georgians for temporary disaster recovery work under FEMA's Local Hire program.

The job fair will take place Monday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgia Department of Labor's Brunswick Career Center, located at 2517 Tara Lane, Brunswick, GA 31520.

FEMA hires local residents, who themselves may be disaster survivors, on a temporary basis to help their fellow citizens in the recovery process and to add to disaster operational staffing. A Local Hire's term of employment is generally 120 days. The term may be less than 120 days or may be extended for up to one year.

Local Hire positions in Georgia pay between \$17 and \$45 per hour, and may lead to longer-term employment opportunities with state and federal emergency management agencies. This event is targeting candidates who can work in the Brunswick, Ga. area. You may live outside of the area and commute with your own resources.

If you plan to attend the hiring event, bring at least one copy of your resume and two valid forms of ID. Be prepared to complete a full job application, be interviewed on the spot, and be processed for a background check.

FEMA is seeking applicants for the following positions in the Brunswick area:

- Public Assistance Site Inspectors (Job ID 1753885278)
- Environmental Consultant (Job ID 1672774362)
- Historic Site Administrator (Job ID 1670788660)
- Hazard Mitigation Engineer and Architect Specialist (Job ID 1753977948)

- Hazard Mitigation 406 Specialist (Job ID 1753885278)

FEMA is filling these and other temporary positions in Atlanta, Albany, Warner Robins and Savannah. For a full list of positions and their job descriptions and locations, go to [www.fema.gov/disaster/4338](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4338) and click "We are hiring." You can also view the list of available positions by locality at <https://careers.fema.gov/hurricane>.

If you cannot attend, or if you are interested in jobs at other Georgia locations, you may apply for Local Hire positions online or via email:

- Create a profile on [www.employgeorgia.com/jobseekers](http://www.employgeorgia.com/jobseekers) and submit your resume for the specific position(s) you're interested in; or,
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Candidates must be U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older. They must have a valid government identification card, such as a driver's license, state ID or military ID or U.S. Passport. Before hiring, selected candidates will be subject to a complete background investigation.

FEMA is committed to employing a highly qualified workforce that reflects the diversity of our nation. The federal government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, political affiliation, non-disqualifying physical handicap, sexual orientation and any other non-merit factor.

For updates on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4338](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4338) and [www.gema.ga.gov](http://www.gema.ga.gov). On Twitter, follow @FEMARegion4 and @GeorgiaEMA.

# Now is the Time to Sign Up for Health Insurance



(Family Features)

The time to sign up for 2018 health coverage is here, and unlike previous years, there is only one deadline. The Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment period starts on Nov. 1 and runs until Dec. 15. During Open Enrollment, you can enroll for health insurance or, if you already have coverage, you can re-enroll for 2018 coverage.

If you currently have a plan from [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov), the Open Enrollment period is the time for you to compare plans to make sure you have the best plan for you. This is the only time you can change your health insurance plan. Visit [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) today to shop and compare plans and find out if you qualify for assistance.

Marketplace plans cover a range of services, including

preventive care, doctor's visits, prescriptions and hospitalizations. Even if you were enrolled last year, you should still visit [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) to shop and compare plans. You might find a plan that better fits your needs. [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) has tools to help you figure out which plan will work best for you for the upcoming year, and you can see if you qualify for assistance.

Remember, if you want health coverage in 2018 enroll by Dec. 15. While online at [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) is the easiest way to apply, select the right plan, and enroll all in one sitting, you can also call 1-800-318-2596 for help.

Don't wait until it is too late to be covered. Visit [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](http://CuidadoDeSalud.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596 to shop for the best plan for you. Enroll by Dec. 15.

## A Doctor's Tips to Stay Healthy During Holiday Travel

(StatePoint) More than 100 million Americans will travel this holiday season, according to AAA estimates. Holiday travel can seem daunting, between flight delays and bumper-to-bumper traffic. What's more, it has potential health impacts, including leg swelling and increased risk for cold and flu.

"Air travel, long drives, less sleep and added stress can weaken your immune system at a time when you're around more people and susceptible to illness," says nationally renowned natural health physician and best-selling author, Dr. Fred Pescatore.

Dr. Pescatore is sharing a few tips to help boost health for this season's holiday travel.

### Feed Your Immune System

Cold and flu season ramps up just in time for the holidays, which means you may be more at risk of catching a bug. "Take precautions before boarding a flight -- wash your hands frequently, bring hand sanitizer with you and snack on antioxidant packed vegetables like broccoli, carrots and sweet potatoes to keep your immune system strong," says Dr. Pescatore.

### Fend off Fatigue

The American Sleep Association estimates that nearly 93 percent of travelers experience jet lag and it can be severe enough to interfere with holiday and vacation plans. "Sleep disturbances make you feel tired, nauseous and irritable -- not a good combination with holiday activities," says Dr. Pescatore.

A peer-reviewed study shows that daily supplementation with the super-antioxidant, Pycnogenol (Pic-noj-en-all), reduces jet lag symptoms by nearly 50 percent. "Pycnogenol, a natural botanical extract from the bark of the French maritime pine tree, is a traveler's best friend. You can spend less time feeling fatigued and more quality time with your loved ones this holiday season," says Dr. Pescatore.

### Boost Circulation

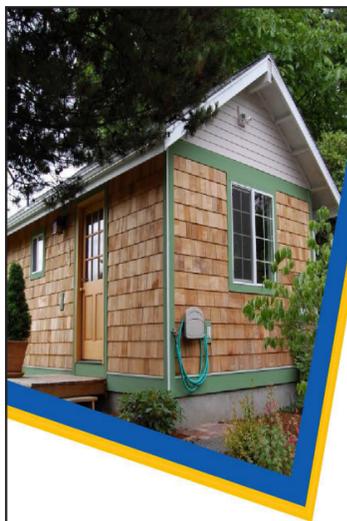
Long periods of immobility in a cramped space like a car or plane contribute to swelling and fluid accumulation throughout the legs. Known as edema, it can be uncomfortable and may feel worse after travel.

Dr. Pescatore recommends taking shorts breaks to move around on road trips and to stand up and stretch during long flights to keep blood circulating and reduce swelling. "Pycnogenol is also shown to promote circulation, and studies show its benefits for reducing swelling and discomfort during long-distance travel. Again, it's a good supplement for travel," he says.

Pycnogenol is one of the most researched ingredients on the market with decades of studies showing its benefits for a variety of health applications. It's available in more than 700 dietary supplements, multi-vitamins and health products worldwide. For more information, visit [pycnogenol.com](http://pycnogenol.com).

"Drink plenty of water, use a supplement for a beneficial boost and remember to enjoy the holidays. Yes, even the travel can be fun," says Dr. Pescatore.

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of better health by taking simple steps.



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### What to expect:

- Discuss your options with your mortgage servicer
- Apply for assistance with a HUD-approved non-profit housing counselor
- Meet with local representatives that can provide resources and aid
- Receive education and awareness on recovery and rebuild

### What to bring:

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# 5 Ways to Make an Impact on Children



go. For example, Children International supporters can join a monthly giving program and sponsor a child in poverty for \$32 per month. Your donation establishes a connection with an individual child who receives access to life-changing benefits like medical care, educational support and life-skills training. The institution is a CharityWatch top-rated organization that serves 250,000 children in 10 countries. If a recurring donation is not right for you, the organization also accepts one-time donations. Learn more at [children.org](http://children.org).

#### Host a foreign exchange student.

Education is an important tool that can set kids up for success and help shape available opportunities in the future. Through a foreign exchange program, you can provide opportunities to youths who are working to better themselves through learning. As an added bonus, you and your family can have the chance to learn more about another culture and part of the world you may not be exposed to otherwise.

#### Donate new or used items.

Service organizations such as shelters generally operate on tight budgets and rely on contributions from the community. Gently used items in good condition such as children's clothing of all sizes and warm bedding are generally welcome. Other options include watching for sales to stock up on new items to donate or assembling kid-friendly packages of travel-size toiletries.

No matter how you approach it, putting kids front and center as you look for opportunities to give back can make a difference not only in the short term, but potentially for a lifetime. You can also feel good knowing your gift can have a positive impact on a child's life.

(Family Features)

**W**hen looking for opportunities to make an impact on the lives of others, selecting a cause to support can be an overwhelming task with so many options to choose from. However, considering opportunities that can change the lives of kids is one way to make a lasting impact for generations to come.

for kids living in poverty who are not guaranteed access to things like medical care and quality educations. According to global humanitarian organization Children International, nearly half the world lives on less than \$2.50 a day and 1 in 5 kids in the United States lives in poverty.

Consider these ideas to make an impact on children in need now and well into the future:

**Become a mentor or coach.** A positive role model can make a life-changing difference for a child from disadvantaged circumstances. As a mentor or a coach,

you can help children explore and nurture their unique talents and guide them toward a successful future.

**Volunteer at a local school.** Families increasingly rely on two incomes to support their households, which means parents are less available to lend their time to their children's classrooms or schools. At the same time, public school funding is shrinking. As a volunteer, you can help fill these gaps and contribute to bettering the learning opportunities for children in your community.

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# SPORTS



## Magic Losing Streak Reaches Eight Games With 130-111 Loss to Sixers

By Adesina O. Koiki

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In a way, the Orlando Magic played a team on Saturday night they hope resembles what their rebuilding project will look like in just a couple of seasons.

Orlando went into the Wells Fargo Center and was humbled by the upstart Philadelphia 76ers, 130-111, extending its losing streak to a season-long eight straight. Guard Elfrid Payton led all Magic players with 22 points, and he also contributed eight rebounds and nine assists.

While Orlando is still trying to rebuild and once again become a contender in the Eastern Conference, the 76ers are now seeing all of their young talent starting to settle in as NBA ready as they have gone from perennial cellar dwellers in the Eastern Conference to one of the league's up-and-coming teams. Joel Embiid, the centerpiece in the rebuilding job dubbed "The Process," had 18 points, 14 rebounds and six assists. JJ Redick led the Sixers with 29 points, including hitting eight three-pointers.

Philadelphia was playing this



Orlando Magic point guard Elfrid Payton (2) battles for the rebound against Philadelphia 76ers guard T.J. McConnell (12) at Wells Fargo Center on November 25, 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Debby Wong/The Florida-Georgia Star)

game without last year's No. 1 overall selection in the NBA Draft, as point guard Ben Simmons sat out to the game due

to a sore elbow. In his stead, backup guard T.J. McConnell started and had one of the best games of his career: 15 points,

13 assists and seven rebounds.

The loss could have been easily predicted for the Magic, outside of the fact that it was

already on a long losing streak coming into the game; Orlando was playing its fifth game in eight days and the Sixers game

was the second of a back-to-back after playing the Eastern Conference Celtics last night in Boston. Philadelphia had not played since their win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday.

"It's tough because they've been off for a couple of days and we played (Friday) night in Boston and they were a step quicker to most things,"

Magic coach Frank Vogel said. "(The 76ers are) a good team. Credit them, they played really well."

Other than an early eight-point lead in the first quarter and a run which cut their halftime deficit of 15 to seven early in the third quarter, the Magic were not really in the game. The 130 points by Philadelphia not only were the most points allowed by the Magic this season, but was the first time the Sixers scored that many points in a regulation game since 1994.

"We'll break out of this (streak)," said Magic forward Aaron Gordon, who scored 16 points and had nine rebounds. "We can't panic and we have to stay composed. It's that balance of not panicking, but at the same time playing very urgent."

## Falcons' Julio Jones Eclipses Two Records in Win over Bucs 34-20

By Darrell Baker

ATLANTA – Julio Jones put on a show that produced an NFL season high of 253 yards receiving Sunday in the Falcons win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34-20. Jones would set two records with his monster performance. With 563 catches, Jones surpassed former San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Anquan Boldin's old record for most receptions by a player through their first 90 games in the NFL. Secondly, San Diego Chargers wide receiver Lance Alworth's record of 8,502 yards receiving yards after 90 games was also broken, as Jones hit 8,649 yards before the game was over.

The first quarter was fairly uneventful with Tampa Bay kicking a 36-yard field goal on their first possession and the Falcons following up on ensuing drive with a 49-yard field goal by kicker Matt Bryant. The first quarter would end at 3-3 with both teams evenly splitting the time of possession at seven minutes and thirty seconds each.

The second quarter is where Jones would begin to put on a show that would be what Atlanta has been waiting for beginning with Mohamed Sanu behind center and quarterback Matt Ryan lining up as a wide receiver. After a slight bobble with the

snap, Sanu would thread a 51-yard strike down field to Jones for a touchdown and the Falcons would take a 10-3 lead with their first possession into the second quarter. When head coach Dan Quinn was asked about his trust in Sanu on that pass play he said, "This wasn't a play we just put up this week, it's been something that ... we had up last season as well. I wasn't confident in it when I saw him bobble the snap, but I knew when he ripped it down the field, I knew we'd have a chance at it."

The Falcons defense wasn't interested in bending to anything that Tampa Bay was trying to do on offense especially on third down. This is where the Falcons were being the most hardened, defending their side of the field and also the red zone. Their efforts had them winning and taking pressure off of the offense.

On the Falcons second possession of the second quarter, Ryan had the offense chipping away at the Buccaneers' defensive secondary with a couple of big passes to Jones, a 20-yard gain to their own 48 and another 15-yard gain to Tampa Bay's 37-yard line on the next play. Three plays later, Ryan would hit Jones in stride for a 25-yard touchdown catch in which Jones would have to stretch and dive as he sailed over the pylon on



FILE PHOTO: Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones. (Debby Wong/The Florida-Georgia Star)

the left side of the endzone putting the Falcons up 17-3 after Bryant's field goal attempt.

The Buccaneers would take the following possession down to just under the two-minute mark before halftime. After stalling out with three successive incomplete passes in the red zone, Tampa Bay would come away with three points off a field goal by kicker Patrick Murray making it 17-6 with just 1:40 left on the clock before

halftime.

With that kind of time and the way Jones was playing, it was just enough for Ryan to get the offense rolling again and downfield for more points as the half ended. Ryan hit Jones for a 22-yard gain to put the Falcons just past Tampa Bay's 48 yard line. Ryan continued spreading the ball around, hitting tight end Austin Hooper, Sanu and then Jones again before spiking the ball on the 18-yard line giving

Bryant another easy 36-yard field goal attempt and the Falcons would go into halftime with a 20-6 lead over the Buccaneers.

Jones' performance at the end of the half was 133 yards and two touchdowns.

The Falcons would take first possession after halftime and head downfield starting with another downfield pass by Ryan, deep to the left side of the field to Jones for a 23-yard gain and then to Sanu a few plays later for 25 yards. Hooper would also catch a 20-yard pass from Ryan, as Tevin Coleman would finish out the drive rushing three yards for a touchdown to start the third quarter. Coleman would have a solid performance on the day as well rushing for 97 yards and two touchdowns on 19 attempts as he continues to shoulder the rushing load while running back Devonta Freeman remains in concussion protocol.

Tampa Bay wasn't going to give up easily. During the third quarter Ryan Fitzpatrick would take the Bucs offense downfield after the Falcons scored to answer with their own touchdown. Peyton Barber would score on a 2-yard run into the end zone making the score 27-13 after the extra point kick. Barber would score another rushing touchdown after the Falcons turned

over on downs on a 1-yard rush and the score would be 27-20 going into the fourth quarter.

The Falcons would turnover the ball on what seemed to be a costly fumble on its first possession in the 4th quarter. Terron Ward would fumble just after breaking free past the Buccaneers defensive line for what looked like a sure touchdown until Kendall Beckwith managed to use his arm to jar the ball loose causing the fumble. Tampa Bays' cornerback Brent Grimes, would recover and make it a 37-yard fumble recovery. The Falcons defense however, would stand strong, giving up no points and Tampa Bay was forced to punt with just seven minutes left in the 4th quarter.

This time, the Falcons offense would patiently drive down field behind big gains from Jones, and Sanu with Coleman scoring on a 14-yard run putting the Falcons up for good 34-20. The Falcons got great play out of their best players on the field today with Jones' play being one for the records books and something to look forward to as the playoff picture begins to take shape.

With this win, the Falcons are 7-4 overall and 6-1 against NFC teams. The Falcons play a critical game against the Minnesota Vikings (9-2) next Sunday in Atlanta at 1 p.m.

## Last-Second Field Goal Lift Cardinals Over Jacksonville 27-24

By Adesina O. Koiki

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The performance that Arizona Cardinals quarterback Blaine Gabbert put on Sunday was the type of performance that the Jacksonville Jaguars envisioned he would replicate many times while wearing their uniform. Unfortunately for the Jaguars, Gabbert played one of the best games of his career against his former employer.

Gabbert, the Jaguars' first-round pick in the 2011 NFL Draft whose career never took off while in Jacksonville, threw for two touchdowns and led a last-second drive – set up by poor Jaguars clock management on offense – that resulted in Phil Dawson's 57-yard field goal with one second remaining as the Cardinals defeated Jacksonville 27-24 at University of Phoenix Stadium.

The loss drops the Jaguars to 7-4, now tied with the Tennessee Titans for first place in the AFC South.

Coming into the game with a four-game winning streak, the Jaguars were sluggish on all facets, as they had to dig out of

“If I had to do it all over again, looking at it, I would have just ran the clock out and went to overtime,” Marrone said. “That’s my fault.”

— Doug Marrone, Jacksonville Jaguars coach

an early 13-0 hole. Jacksonville was able to do just that to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but Doug Marrone's decision to throw a pass on the Jaguars' final drive that eventually fell incomplete allowed Arizona to save a timeout, which was crucial to the Cardinals as they made their game-winning kick on virtually the last play of the game.

"At the end of the game I've got to do a better job," Marrone said after the game. "I ran the ball on first down and got greedy."

Gabbert led the Cardinals down the field on the team's first drive of the game, which ended with a Dawson 34-yard field goal to give Arizona a 3-0 lead.

After punting on its first two offensive possessions of the game, Jacksonville embarked on its best drive of the half, marching 56 yards to the Arizona 34-yard line early in the second quarter. On first down, however,

running back Chris Ivory fumbled after being hit by linebacker Josh Byner, and fellow linebacker Karlos Dansby recovered to end the Jaguars' drive. The Cardinals turned that turnover into points, as Dawson connected on a 42-yard field goal to double the Cardinals' lead.

After another Jaguars punt, Gabbert finally led the Cardinals into the end zone, hitting rookie tight end Ricky Seals-Jones up the middle for a 29-yard touchdown to give Arizona a 13-0 lead.

On its final drive of the first half, Jacksonville finally got on the board. Quarterback Blake Bortles completed five of six passes on the drive, which ended with Josh Lambo's 43-yard field goal to cut the Jaguars' deficit to 13-3 heading into halftime.

Dawson kicked his third field goal, a 48-yarder, to cap off the first drive of the third quarter to

give Arizona a 16-3 lead. Jacksonville, who gained only 98 yards on offense in the first half, went 75 yards on a touchdown drive on its opening drive of the quarter. Faced with a fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line, the Jaguars went for the touchdown and scored when Bortles faked a handoff to running back Leonard Fournette and ran to the right, diving into the end zone and bringing the Jaguars to within 16-10 at the 7:33 mark of the third.

Jacksonville's defense struggled for most of the game to slow down Arizona's offense, but came up with two massive defensive plays in the fourth quarter – the first giving the Jaguars the lead. Deep in his own territory, Gabbert lost control of the football while getting sacked by defensive end Yannick Ngakoue and fellow end (and former Arizona Cardinal) Calais Campbell returned the fumble 10 yards for a touchdown to give Jacksonville a 17-16 lead.

The Cardinals' offense responded, needing just six plays to regain the lead after Campbell's touchdown. Gabbert eluded the

rush from Campbell and floated a deep ball that was caught by receiver Jaron Brown for a 52-yard touchdown with 9:07 left.

Gabbert then completed a pass to Larry Fitzgerald for the two-point conversion to give the Cardinals a 24-17 lead.

Playing with a lot more confidence, Jacksonville's offense went back down the field to tie the game, with Bortles completing the drive with his second touchdown run of the game, a 17-yard jaunt up the middle to square the game at 24 with 7:26 remaining.

The Jaguars thought they were close to winning the game when they came up with another take-away towards the end of the game. Gabbert threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted by safety Barry Church at the Jaguars' own 42-yard line with 3:38 remaining. However, four plays later, and with Jacksonville inside of Arizona's 40-yard line, Bortles threw an interception to Cardinals safety Tyrann Mathieu, ending Jacksonville's drive just before the two-minute warning.

Jacksonville forced a three-

and-out on Arizona's next possession and received the ball at its own 10-yard line with 1:14 remaining. Playing for overtime

looked to be the Jaguars' strategy as T.J. Yeldon ran the ball for two yards on first down and Arizona only having one timeout remaining. But Arizona decided to be aggressive on second down and run a pass play, but Bortles' pass for Marqise Lee was incomplete and allowed the Cardinals to save their last timeout. Fournette ran for two yards on third down, and Arizona called its final timeout after the play with 27 seconds remaining.

The Cardinals received the ball after the Jaguars punt with 16 seconds left at their own 39, and Gabbert completed consecutive passes to move the ball to Jacksonville's 39-yard line with six seconds left.

Dawson then came onto the field and connected on his career-long field goal, from 57 yards, to win the game.

Jacksonville returns home to EverBank Field for an AFC South matchup against the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday Dec. 3 at 1 PM EST.



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# Merry Ideas for Every *Wish List*

## FAMILY FEATURES

**B**righten the holiday season for everyone on your shopping list with this sleigh full of gift ideas. With an assortment of thoughtful options, you can find everything you need to wrap up the seemingly endless quest of finding the right presents.

Check those names off your list and find space under the tree for gifts ranging from boxes of baked goods or steaks to a robotic car that teaches kids about programming to wardrobe accessories like boots and watches and even a wireless tech accessory for tunes on the go.

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## STEM in Motion

Put science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects into motion this holiday season with the first calculator-controlled robotic car from Texas Instruments. Middle and high school students can program the TI-Innovator Rover using the TI graphing calculators they already own. The robotic car connects with the TI-Innovator Hub to help show kids that learning to program can be fun and easy. Learn more at [education.ti.com/rover](http://education.ti.com/rover).



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## Fashion Meets Functionality

With the holiday season comes cooler temperatures and, oftentimes, less-than-ideal conditions like snow and ice. Help keep the feet of the women on your list warm and dry with on-trend footwear that is as functional as it is fashionable. With styles ranging from leather to sheepskin to suede, a pair of fashionable winter boots can provide increased traction and cushioning while remaining durable, breathable and flexible.

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## Announcements

### FEMA Holds Job Fair in Brunswick, Ga.

Attention job seekers: the Georgia department of labor and FEMA are hosting a job fair to recruit Georgians for temporary disaster recovery positions.  
On Monday, December 4th, stop by the Brunswick career center, located at 2517 Tara Lane in Brunswick. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bring your resume and two forms of ID and be prepared to be interviewed and processed for a background check.  
You can also apply online at [www.employgeorgia.com](http://www.employgeorgia.com) slash job seekers.

### KWANZAA CELEBRATION AT AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

Palm Coast, Florida – The African American Cultural Society is announcing that Kwanzaa 2017 will be held on Friday, December 29, 2-6 p.m., at the The Cultural Center, 4422 N. US Highway 1, (386) 447-7030. This annual free public festivity of vendors, food and entertainment is partly supported by a cultural arts grant from the City of Palm Coast. Kwanzaa is a celebration of the Nguso Saba, the seven principles for enhancement of family, community and culture. Contact Brenda Andrews for details.

The African American Cultural Society, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
Its mission is to preserve and perpetuate the cultural heritage of African Americans through social, educational, artistic and intellectual activities.  
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### FIX JEA NOW CALLS FOR STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY INDEPENDENT EXPERT WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY

Jacksonville, FL- On yesterday, JEA Board Member Tom Petway announced his resignation and called for a valuation of JEA's assets on the open market along with an assessment of whether JEA's customers would be better served by the private market. Mr. Petway pointed to the fact that much has changed over the last 49 years since the utility was created and that the concept for JEA needs to be reviewed.  
What is most important is that JEA customers are provided with the best, most reliable and most affordable service possible. Fix JEA Now has previously called on JEA to address several issues of mismanagement that have cost the ratepayers millions of dollars, and plans to meet with JEA leadership in the near future to discuss in further detail.  
Fix JEA Now supports Mr. Petway's recommendation for review but believes any review must be done by an independent expert in a transparent manner.

### YOUTH OFFER FREE FARMER'S MARKET AT 7TH ANNUAL LET'S MOVE JACKSONVILLE

Group with Most Attendees Wins \$1000

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.– Youth in the I'm A Star Foundation will give away free fruits and vegetables to all attendees of the 7th Annual Let's Move Jacksonville festival this Saturday.  
The healthy food and fitness festival will be held Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry J. Klutho Park, located in Springfield at 204 W 3rd St, Jacksonville, FL 32206. 3rd street will be closed to allow for parking.  
I'm A Star teens design the event for the whole family, ages 1 to 100. There will be free food, dancing, kickball, Double Dutch, relays, flag football, a cheerleading camp, basketball, bounce houses, face painting, arts, crafts, vendors and more.  
Let's Move Jacksonville is free and open to the public.  
Since learning in a CDC Youth Risk Behavioral

Study in 2010 that "this generation may not outlive their parents", youth in the I'm A Star Foundation plan this event annually to engage their peer group and combat childhood obesity.  
City and community leaders of all kinds typically support the event, which has attracted upwards of 3000+ people.  
Families, groups or churches who bring the most attendees will win \$1000.  
I'm A Star Foundation has partnered with 93.3 The Beat in a #LetsMoveMondays social media challenge. Every Monday, post a video of yourself dancing to your Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, with hashtag #LetsMoveMondays — and one lucky winner will be chosen to receive a prize of \$100 — announced at Let's Move Jacksonville on December 2.  
For more information, please visit [www.imastarfoundation.org](http://www.imastarfoundation.org).

### The Jacksonville Children's Chorus Annual "Cool Side of Yuletide" Concert

JACKSONVILLE, FL - The Jacksonville Children's Chorus is pleased to present "The Cool Side of Yuletide," Saturday, December 16, 2017, 2:00pm and 5:00pm at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, located at 4001 Hendricks Avenue, 32207. The performance will feature holiday favorites by the JCC choirs with special performances by ChoRuss, a cappella group from St. Petersburg, Russia.  
Publix Super Markets Charities is the sponsor for this concert event. Peterbrooke Chocolatiers will also be giving the audience a little sweet treat and will be available in the lobby to pick up some gifts for those chocolate lovers on your list. There will also be a drawing at each show for a gift basket full of Peterbrooke goodies.  
"It's a fun-filled concert of music-making by our singers. Even our audience takes part in singing holiday favorites!" said Darren Dailey, President and Artistic Director of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus.  
General admission tickets are \$21 each. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Jacksonville Children's Chorus ongoing programming and scholarship funds.  
Please note that tickets for the 2:00pm show generally sell out quickly. Tickets may be purchased from the Jacksonville Children's Chorus office at 353-1636, ext. 2 or online at [www.JaxChildrensChorus.org](http://www.JaxChildrensChorus.org).



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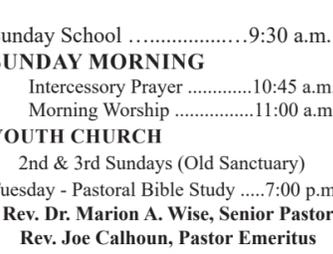
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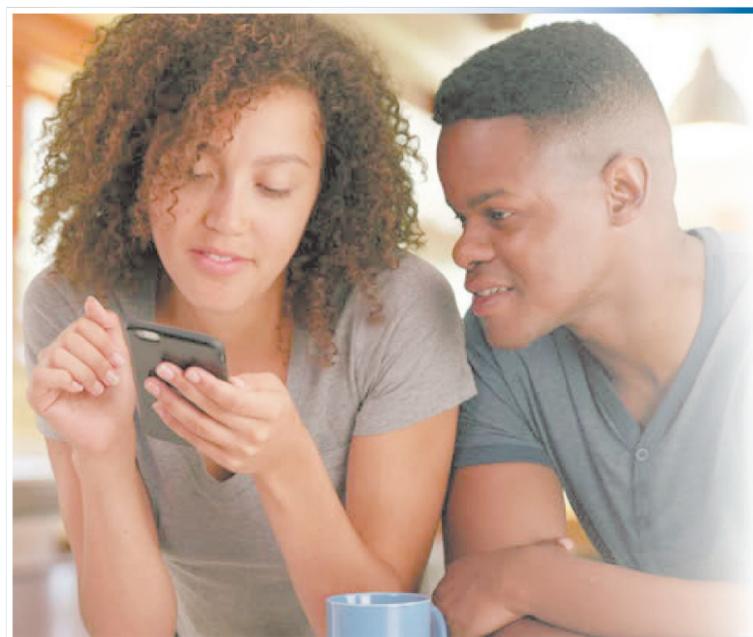
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