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1 dead in Southwest Airlines flight Emergency Landing

A Southwest Airlines jet apparently blew an engine and got hit by shrapnel that smashed a window and damaged the fuselage Tuesday. Southwest Flight 1380 was flying at about 30,000 feet when the explosion took place. The incident killed one passenger and injured seven others, authorities said. The plane, a Boeing 737 bound from New York to Dallas with 149 people aboard, made an emergency landing in Philadelphia just before noon as passengers breathing through oxygen masks that dropped from the ceiling prayed and braced for impact.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) chairman Robert Sumwalt said one person was killed. It was the first passenger fatality in a U.S. airline accident since 2009, Sumwalt said.

Former First Lady Barbara Bush dies at age 92 in Houston



Barbara Bush

Former first lady Barbara Bush died at her Houston home Tuesday, April 17 at the age of 92, according to a family spokesman.

A statement issued on Sunday by the office of former President George H.W. Bush said that Bush had elected to receive "comfort care" over additional medical treatment after a series of hospitalizations.

She was widely known not just for her down-to-earth wit but also her remarkable dedication to family — her five children nicknamed her "The Enforcer".

Former President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama said they were grateful for her generosity to them and said the way she lived her life was a testament to public service as an important and noble calling, that she was an example of humility and decency.

In her commencement address at Wellesley College on June 1, 1990, Bush told the graduating class: "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent."

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston.

Beyonce gives \$100,000 to four black schools



Beyonce

Beyonce paid tribute to historically black colleges during her groundbreaking Coachella performance, and now the singer is donating \$100,000 to four black universities.

The superstar singer announced Monday the Homecoming Scholars Award Program for the 2018-2019 academic year through her BeyGOOD initiative. She plans to give \$25,000 each to Tuskegee University, Bethune-Cookman University, Xavier University of Louisiana and Wilberforce University. One student from each school will receive the scholarship money.

Beyonce's Coachella festival set was critically acclaimed, as Beyonce paid tribute to the marching bands, the dance troupes and step teams at historically black colleges. Last year, the singer launched the Formation Scholars Awards Program, supporting creative and bold young women, in celebration of the one-year anniversary of her "Lemonade" album.



Black Men arrested at Starbucks refused to 'make a purchase or leave'

The former Starbucks manager whose telephone call initiated the controversial arrest of two African-American men at her downtown Philadelphia store told 911, "I have two gentlemen at my cafe that are refusing to make a purchase or leave," according to the taped audio of the call released by police Tuesday.

The incident has prompted widespread condemnation, protests, an apology from Starbucks' CEO and a plan to close all the U.S. company-owned stores for an afternoon of racial-bias education. The manager is no longer employed there.

Starbucks released a statement Tuesday saying all 8,000 of its nationwide company-owned stores will shut down for a few hours May 29 for racial-bias education for about 175,000 employees.

On Thursday, the two men arrested at a Philadelphia Starbucks said they were just waiting for a business meeting — and a week later still wonder how that could escalate into a police encounter that left



Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson

them fearing for their lives.

Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson tell the media in their first interview since video of their April 12 arrests went viral. The arrests, recorded on a white customer's cellphone video, galvanized people around the country who saw the exchange as modern-day racism.

Rashon Nelson initially brushed it off when the Starbucks manager told him he couldn't use the restroom because he wasn't a paying customer.

The men have met with the CEO of

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Mother Daisy Kirkland A Saint for 102 Years

Born to the late Robert and Estella Patterson on October 16, 1916, Daisy and David Kirkland were the parents of 11 children during their 51 years of marriage. The couple was strong believers in God and though they were from Bainbridge, Georgia, they moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1936 and were faithful members of Faith Chapel Church of God. She was a faithful member of her community and dedicated her life to God, her family and her community.

All who lived around her knows that she dedicated her life to God, her family, friends and community. She lived a long, beautiful life. Thank you Mother Kirkland.

ATLANTA AIRPORT

Jet reports engine smoke, returns safely

On Wednesday a Delta jet that departed Atlanta for London reported smoke coming from one of its engines and returned safely to the airport where firefighters doused the engine with powerful sprays, authorities said.

A Delta Air Lines spokeswoman, said that there were 274 passengers and 14 crew members aboard the flight, which experienced an issue with its Number 2 engine before returning to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and being met by emergency crews.

Trump Wants To Drug Test Welfare Recipients

By Ryan Velez

It's been an ongoing conservative point to attack what is perceived as "entitlements" that help poor people due to the perception that some of them are somehow "exploiting the system." Now, the National Low Income Housing Authority reports that Trump plans to act on this theory by implementing drug



testing for food stamp recipients, even as data shows that this is a waste. Last week, Trump signed an executive order that would allow states to restrict access to public assistance programs and would affect about 5 percent of participants in

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or food stamps. Evidence from previous testing has shown that this is ineffective and expensive, and is mainly rooted in the stereotype that poor people are more likely to use drugs than anything else. While welfare advocates are against this, some GOP governors have shown their support, largely due to the belief that

the more a state controls implementation of federal programs, the more money is saved and fewer people would become dependent.

This has been attempted before. In 2016, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, together with ten other GOP governors, requested to implement drug testing to applicants for

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The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office hosted the annual Duval County Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics on Friday, April 13, 2018.

This event is where criminal justice agency members and special athletes run together, bringing the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremony of Florida's annual State Summer Games.

Sixteen criminal justice agencies from throughout the region participated in the event alongside Special Olympians from local schools. Jacksonville runners carried the flame from the Police Memorial Building to The Jacksonville Landing.

Throughout the month of March t-shirts and ball caps

with the Torch Run logo are sold statewide. These funds help athletes compete in Special Olympics.

As of Thursday, April 12, 2018, JSO and participating agencies had raised approximately \$4,500 through apparel sales and local sponsorships from the Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner and the Greater Jacksonville Youth Athletic Council.

At the opening ceremonies Director Tammy Morris presented the Sheriff's Challenge Coin to Alan Smith who gave the Athlete Oath and Megan Bell who led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief of Human Resources Larry Schmitt led the race by carrying the torch the part of the one mile run. Following the run, the torch was passed on to law enforcement officials in Clay County for their event in May.

For more information about this event, Special Olympics Florida and its sponsors please go to: <https://specialolympicsflorida.org>

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No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area. Use the weather forecast to plan your outdoor activities to avoid the threat. Find the forecast for your area at www.weather.gov. The safest place to be during a thunderstorm is inside a house or other fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing. Once inside, stay away from corded telephones, electrical appliances and plumbing. Don't watch lightning while standing near windows or in doorways.

If you can't get to a house, a vehicle with a metal roof and metal sides is a good second choice. Don't wait for rain to go inside. As soon as you hear thunder, get to a safe place. Stay inside for 30 minutes or more after hearing the last thunder.

If you absolutely cannot get to a safe building or vehicle, at least move away from elevated places, open areas such as sports fields, beaches, golf courses, tall isolated objects like trees. Avoid water, swimming, boating, fishing and beaches. Do NOT go under trees to keep dry during a thunderstorm! For more information on lightning safety, visit www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

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Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Calls For Volunteers For Earth Day Downtown Cleanup

The City's Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission, along with partners Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront and Downtown Vision, are seeking volunteers for the 6th Annual Earth Day Downtown Cleanup. Residents and volunteers, along with support from local businesses, will pick up litter in the area inside of Liberty, Water, Jefferson and Church streets.

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For the past five years, the City's Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission has partnered with the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville to cleanup public rights-of-way in downtown Jacksonville.

"We are pleased to be part of this annual tradition in which Hyatt and its team members have an opportunity to give back to the local community in a very tangible way," said Mike Cardwell, Director of Engineering with Hyatt. He and his team challenge other downtown businesses to get involved in the cleanup.

Last year, 97 volunteers donated 194 hours during the event to remove 1,800 pounds of debris from downtown public areas. The hourly volunteer value of those volunteer hours is estimated at \$4,683.

Over the past five years, a total of 304 volunteers participated in the event, donating 608 volunteer hours and collecting 6,360 pounds of litter and trash, a cost savings of \$14,584 in volunteer hours.

Governor Rick Scott Announces JinkoSolar To Build New U.S. Solar Panel Manufacturing Facility Creating 200 Jobs



On March 30, 2018, Governor Rick Scott announced that JinkoSolar Holding Co., Ltd., a global leader in the solar industry, will build a new state-of-the-art solar panel manufacturing facility in Jacksonville. The new facility will create 200 new manufacturing jobs and will begin production of high efficiency solar panels beginning this year.

Governor Rick Scott said, "Florida's economy is on a roll. Since 2011, nearly 1.5 million private-sector jobs have been created in our state, and more and more companies are choosing to grow in Florida. Today's announcement means that 200 more families in Jacksonville will be able to find a great job. We will continue working nonstop to make Florida the number one destination of job creators." Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry said, "This is a major win for Jacksonville and the community. JinkoSolar's presence enhances our reputation as a manufacturing city, and I am eager to see the company contribute to the vibrant economy in Jacksonville."

Jim Robo, chairman and CEO of NextEra Energy, said, "As NextEra Energy continues to invest heavily in new solar projects across the country, we're thrilled to have the opportunity to buy cost-effective, reliable solar panels made here in America. JinkoSolar shares our commitment to delivering affordable clean energy solutions, and we are pleased to welcome them to our home state of Florida."

"It's exciting to know that solar panels built in Florida will be helping power FPL customers in the not-

too-distant future," said Eric Silagy, president and CEO of Florida Power & Light Company, which currently operates 14 solar power plants in Florida. "We are honored to have played a role in making this possible, but it wouldn't have happened without the dedication and dogged efforts of Governor Scott, Enterprise Florida, Mayor Curry, JAXUSA Partnership, the Jacksonville City Council, JEA, and the business community. By working together with open minds and a shared commitment, they made Florida shine in the face of fierce competition from other states."

"Investing in this solar panel manufacturing facility makes clear our commitment to Florida and the growing US market," said Kangping Chen, CEO of JinkoSolar. "This will be one of the world's most advanced solar panel manufacturing facilities, which will provide us with the flexibility and manufacturing capacity to support our local partners and growing US customer base." JinkoSolar has been growing quickly in the United States, deploying more than 5 gigawatts of solar panels since 2011. The company plans to begin production of high efficiency solar panels at this location in the second half of 2018.

EXCITING NEW OFFERINGS FOR JAZZ FEST LOVERS

New locations add more space and highlight downtown area



The 2018 Jacksonville Jazz Festival, to be hosted over Memorial Day weekend May 24-27 in downtown Jacksonville, is sure to excite music lovers with new venue locations and an impressive lineup of award-winning performers.

The Swingin' Stage, presented by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, has been relocated from the corner of Main and West Adams streets to the front lawn of the Duval County Courthouse, a building recognized for its stately presence and architecture. The Groovin' Stage, presented by Jacksonville Acura Dealers, returns to Hemming Park, and the Breezin' Stage is now located at the corner of Adams and Main streets.

"The City of Jacksonville is looking forward to hosting another year of talented performers and exciting events taking center stage at the 2018 Jacksonville Jazz Festival," said Mayor Lenny Curry. "We are so fortunate to have one of the region's signature events right here in our city, attracting thousands near and far. The Jazz Fest is a prime contributor to the momentum that our thriving performing arts and culture industry is enjoying downtown."

The festival kicks off Thursday, May 24, at The Florida Theatre with the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition, presented by Keyboard Connection Piano & Organs. The competition features five finalists chosen by a blind panel of judges. They will compete for a cash prize and a chance to perform on the main stage at this year's festival. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the competition begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase through the theater box office or online at Floridatheatre.com.

The street-festival opens to patrons Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m. with performances from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. On Saturday, May 26, the festival opens at 2 p.m. with performances from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. The final day of the festival, Sunday, May 27, opens at 2 p.m. with performances from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The three day-long festival features a number of award-winning artists including Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Sheila E., The Bad Plus, Eugene Groove, The Pete Escovedo Orchestra with special guests Jimmy Bosch and Chembo Corneil, Ulysses Owens, Jr. Trio, The 4 Korners, Grace Kelly, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, and Lohai; alongside local favorites such as The Chris Thomas Band, UNF Jazz Ensemble, and the Douglas Anderson Jazz Ensemble 1.

Other festival activities include the Omni Sacred Jazz Brunch featuring the Noel Freidline Quartet with vocalist Maria Howell, the Jazz Clinic, the Second Line Jazz Parade, the Jazz Marketplace and the Official Jazz Store. In addition, Jazz After Dark returns Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at numerous locations throughout downtown Jacksonville.

The festival is free and open to the public unless otherwise listed. Attendees are able to enhance their festival experience with all-new enhanced VIP package options. Information regarding festival details, VIP packages, and more can be found at JaxJazzFest.com.

Founded in 1980, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival is produced by the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events with support from the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Jacksonville Acura Dealers, Heineken, Lowe's, JEA, Omni Jacksonville Hotel, Keyboard Connection Pianos & Organs, Miller Lite, Coca-Cola, AT&T, the Lasik Vision Institute, Jacksonville Business Journal, (904) Happy Hour, JTA, SMG, The Florida Theatre, Jacksonville Tourist Development Council, and Visit Jacksonville. For information on the Jacksonville Jazz Festival, visit www.JaxJazzFest.com.

The City of Jacksonville's Office of Sports and Entertainment attracts, hosts and creates opportunities that drive economic impact, accelerate the Jacksonville brand and improve the quality of life and cultural engagement for visitors and residents. Jacksonville hosts hundreds of diverse events each year making Northeast Florida a premier destination with rich tradition and world-class hospitality. The Sports and Entertainment office includes the Office of Special Events and the Film and Television Office. For more information, visit www.coj.net.

Young Black Professionals, HBCU Students Join Movement for Homeownership, Financial Education

By Hazel Trice Edney

The housing crisis that caused more than nine million people to suffer foreclosure and even homelessness due to the economic slump across the U.S. 10 years ago, has now fully recovered for everyone - except people of color - especially African-Americans.

"Black people are moving into homeownership at a much slower rate than anything we have seen in the past," says Laurie Goodman, co-author of an Urban Institute report titled, "Are Gains in Black Home Ownership History?"

The report, released last year, continues, "Gains in black homeownership have been hard won, which amplifies our concern that in the last 15 years, black homeownership rates have declined to levels not seen since the 1960s, when private race-based discrimination was legal."

This is the reason that homeownership advocates and advisers believe new and innovative ways must be attempted to bring about equality in homeownership in 2018 and beyond. In part, that means a targeted effort to bring young Black professionals, namely new college graduates, into the financial education arena and the home buying job market - ideas whose times have come, according to HomeFree-USA, a non-profit organization that specializes in mortgage and homeownership advice.

"Most people, when they think about working in a financial institution; they think about the branch or being a teller. But, there's a whole machine, one in which you can really build a good career. So they are interested," says Gwendolyn Garnett, program director for the new Center for Financial Advancement (CFA) that HomeFree-USA launched on the campus of Fisk University in Nashville last September. "Awareness and education afford them opportunities whether they are jobs or internships. So they can learn more about the industry and choose to become a part of it," says Garnett, former Neighborhood Lending executive for the Consumer Real Estate division of Bank of America.

People may simply not know the benefits and tremendous value of preparing for mortgage approval, says Marcia Griffin, president/CEO of HomeFree-USA.

"It is critical for us. Yet, more African-Americans are becoming renters than they are home owners. Homeownership is our primary wealth building tool. But it's also a personal tool. It's a life tool that enables us to provide something to leave for our children, to have a life in which you are paying yourself instead of paying the landlord," Griffin says. "I often use



Center for Financial Advancement events have drawn high levels of interest from students and young Black professionals. Photo: Courtesy

this as an example: If you're paying a thousand dollars a month rent and you rent for 10 years, conservatively you're talking about a hundred and twenty thousand dollars that you've paid to somebody else. No benefit at all."

She also pointed out that rents often go up whereas a fixed rate mortgage stays the same. "This is just a wealth building tool that must be promoted," Griffin said.

In the three decades after the Fair Housing

Act, signed into law in 1968, America's Black homeownership grew nearly 6 percentage points, the Urban Institute report said. But, according to Forbes, "from 2000 to 2015, that gain dropped to about 41 percent, compared to White homeownership of 71 percent."

The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) sees a glimmer of hope as NAREB has detected a slight upward movement in Black home ownership rates. HomeFree-USA is pushing to increase that trend by empowering students with the financial education that they will then spread among each other as well as to parents and ultimately into the community.

A core principal of the CFA is that the more African-Americans are involved in the lending and mortgage business, the more buyers they will attract. They hope this will result in a significant spike in the housing industry as it relates to African-Americans in general; including African-American youth.

"I agree that yes, whether you're African-American or Hispanic, those ethnic groups are comfortable dealing with people who look like them. And I think that's the case not only for homeownership but a host of other experiences and consumer decisions that we make," says Jeffrey Hicks, NAREB president/CEO.

Prospective salaries may serve as enticements for young professionals. The annual salaries can range from an average of \$75,900-\$93,000 as a senior underwriter to \$41,725-\$135,000 as a loan officer and multiple opportunities in between according to mortgage industry salary listings.

There are opportunities for even higher salaries when sales are involved.

"Mortgage loan officer jobs are usually commission based. I know some who have made millions in this industry," says Garnett, who worked for Bank of America for more than 24 years in various positions. "When you sell a home, when that person gets a home loan through you, you get a big commission from that...So you

can make a good income, but a lot of young folks are not even aware of the industry."

The Center for Financial Advancement has launched on the heels of a recent study that says although more African-Americans than ever are going to college, Black students are still overrepresented in majors that result in the lowest paying jobs.

"Access to college for African Americans has increased, but African Americans are highly concentrated in lower-paying majors," says the 2016 study by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce.

The report says "only 7 percent of finance or marketing majors are African-American." It also says that only 7 percent of those who receive STEM-related bachelor's degrees - which includes information technology (IT) and who earn a median annual salary of \$84,000 - are Black. IT, finance and marketing are favored concentrations in real estate, mortgage and banking. On the other hand, the report says African-Americans are highly represented in majors associated with serving the community, which tend to be lower-earning - "human services and community organization (20%) and social work (19%)."

Milan Griffin, Vice President of Marketing and Outreach for HomeFree-USA believes mortgage industry jobs - which are a combination of earning higher salaries while serving the community - will attract Black college graduates, most of whom tend to be socially conscious trend setters among their peers.

"People of this generation are much more social advocacy focused," she says. "The importance of students from HBCUs entering into the mortgage industry is this is an opportunity for them to really fuse and really live through their work the essence of doing well and doing good by helping to impact lives while also doing well for themselves financially."

Milan Griffin added that the Center movement will not only increase the number of African-Americans in the mortgage business, but the young people will likely also see the value in getting prepared earlier and purchasing homes at younger ages.

"This program is having them to rethink success: 'I was told that going to grad school was the only option for me to boost my income. But now I see that instead of amassing a whole other pound of debt, I need to build wealth first and build my assets by managing the debt that I do have and then go into home ownership right after college.'"

Despite new opportunities in the mortgage industry, obstacles for homeownership in the Black community are still major. Among those hindrances:

- Affordability. Housing prices are increasing; especially in urban areas.
- Insufficient income. Although the mortgage lending industry is financially lucrative, it takes time to nurture and develop a strong six or high five figure earning.
- Poor preparation. Money management, credit repair, budgeting and savings - keys to wealth - are areas that must be strengthened in the Black community.
- Education. There can be a long learning curve for some people pursuing the home ownership industry as a profession; therefore, mentors are needed in this field.
- Loan Denials. According to the Pew Research Center, "throughout the boom, bust and recovery phases of the housing cycle, blacks have been denied home loans at higher rates than most other racial groups (the exception being Native Americans, and even then only in the last few years)."
- The Urban Institute study predicts that "inequality will get worse with inaction".
- It continues, "The period since the housing crisis began has been a tragic chapter in the history of the black community's access to the wealth building, security, and the sense of belonging offered by homeownership."
- The study concludes, "We must take action to avoid further decline. Reforms are needed that provide more affordable rental housing and more plentiful and secure access to homeownership."

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Stanton Alumni Planning

150th Anniversary Celebration

The celebration will be held in June during the 12th Stanton Alumni Gala at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel. Since Stanton school opened its doors in 1868, the name "Stanton" known today as Stanton College Preparatory School has had a history of high academic standards. Stanton is the oldest operating secondary institution in Jacksonville; the first school in Florida for African American students. Little did we know, some 150 years ago, we would have nurtured distinguished alumni as Olympians, city council members, state legislators, Harvard and MIT graduates, a Duval County Sheriff, Congresswoman, Army Generals, Florida Bandmasters' Hall of Famers, Judges, Doctors, Performing Artists, an International president of a sorority, Professional Athletes, Educators and a very distinguished gentleman, James Weldon Johnson. For more information contact Kenneth Reddick at 742-7026 or kwreddick@comcast.net.



Floyd Phillips

Floyd Philips is president of the Lincolnville Museum in St. Augustine, Florida. Formerly a Miami resident in the insurance industry, Floyd relocated to St. Augustine because of its history, and wanted to be a part of preserving it. He became involved with the museum three years ago.

"It was on the verge of collapse. I saw the great need, and saw its potential," Phillips said. "I never dreamed I'd be in the museum business, but knowing what I know now, I would have been involved years and years ago."

For those who may not know, what is the Lincolnville Museum & Cultural Center? How does it help shape the community?

The Lincolnville Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization set up to teach, promote, develop, and share the history of African-Americans in the Lincolnville neighborhood of St. Augustine going back more than 450 years. It shapes the community by providing cultural events in the area, such as jazz events, lectures, and museum exhibits in the community. Working with the museum, you never know who you will encounter. Just this week we've had visitors from China, New York, South Carolina, and Tampa, Florida. It's always encouraging to see young people come here and how engaged they become.

How did the Lincolnville Museum get its start?

Individuals in the community came together with the desire to promote and save the culture in this community, because gentrification is in full bloom here. It was a concern that the cultural contributions of the African-American community here would be lost if it was not preserved. In 2005, a group of concerned citizens founded the Friends of Lincolnville and opened the museum.

African-Americans have a significant role throughout history in St. Augustine. From the arrival of free Africans on the first ship with Pedro Menendez in 1565 to Fort Mose then to the Civil Rights movement. Why is it so important to acknowledge that history?

St. Augustine receives approximately 7 million visitors to this area each year. A large percentage of those individuals are African-Americans. But, the history that is here is not widely known even by the residents, because we have an influx of new residents from other areas. If we don't promote this

history, it will be lost. People come specifically to St. Augustine for its history, so we are compelled to promote and preserve it.

Martin Luther King came to St. Augustine in 1964 to help progress the Civil Rights movement here. How did he change the community and spark hope within the city?

During that particular period, there was hopelessness in the African-American community in St. Augustine. Martin Luther King indicated that this was perhaps the most difficult city he had encountered throughout his endeavors in the Civil Rights struggle. His time here in 1964 was so important because it put a spotlight on the poor race relations in St. Augustine, which became a national spotlight, which then led to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

What is the one thing you hope people walk away thinking from the museum?

I hope everyone walks away with the understanding that African-Americans have made significant contributions to this region. And, that this museum is the only place in the country where one can acquire more than 450 years of history about this community. We recently did an archeological dig where a mass grave was uncovered and, through testing, it was determined that a percentage of the inhabitants of the mass grave were Africans. This means that when the city was settled in the beginning, Africans were already here. We had believed it, but we now have scientific data to prove that Africans were here when Spain settled this region.

The museum has many stories to tell within its exhibits. What is one of the most interesting?

We have many compelling stories here within the museum. One that gets a lot of attention is a photograph of the swimming pool of the Monson Motor Lodge in St. Augustine in 1964. We have the photograph that's been seen around the world, in which the hotel owner Mr. James Brock was pouring acid into the pool while African-American protestors were swimming. This seems to excite a lot of people because even if they've seen the photo before, when they start to hear the history and see the artifacts that we have from the event, they are moved. We have a tile from the pool, and its depth marker. When people see these they really make a connection to the reality of an individual pouring acid into a swimming pool with human beings in it.

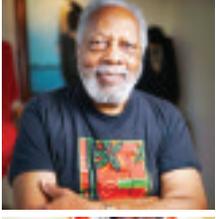
What is the next step for the Lincolnville Museum? Are there new exhibits, events or renovations planned?

We are in the process now of archiving an exhibit from Savannah, Georgia. Called "Making Do," it is an exhibit of everyday life and culture of the Gullah-Geechee people. It's very exciting, and we expect to open the exhibit within the next two weeks.

A second exhibit opened the first of April. Titled the "Harlem Renaissance," it will be a virtual reality experience for individuals 10 years old and up.

As for renovations, our building is 94 years old and is in need of great repairs. We are in the process now of renovating 9,000 square feet of the upstairs. We will add a new ceiling, new energy-efficient LED lighting, and flooring.

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Missouri Ranks #1 in Nation for Black Homicide Victimization

Washington, DC — Missouri has the highest black homicide victimization rate in the nation with a rate of 46.24 per 100,000, which is nearly two and half times the national black homicide victimization rate and 10 times the overall homicide rate nationwide, according to a new analysis by the Violence Policy Center (VPC).

The annual study, Black Homicide Victimization in the United States: An Analysis of 2015 Homicide Data, ranks the states according to their black homicide victimization rates. It is based on unpublished data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR). The study details homicide rates for 2015, the most recent year for which comprehensive national data is available. This is the 12th year the Violence Policy Center has released the study. To see past editions of study, read the report.

“Each day in America, the number of black homicide victims exceeds the toll in the Parkland, Florida mass shooting. And just like Parkland and other mass shootings, these deaths devastate families, traumatize

whole communities, and should provoke an outcry for change. The devastating and disproportionate impact homicide, almost always involving a gun, has on black men, boys, women, and girls in America is an ongoing national crisis. We hope our research will help educate the public and policymakers, spur action, and aid community leaders already working to end this grave injustice,” states VPC Executive Director Josh Sugarmann.

Lawson Statement on Committee Passage of U.S. House Farm Bill

WASHINGTON DC — U.S. Rep. Al Lawson today released the following statement after the House Committee on Agriculture passed H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, by a vote of 26 to 20:

“The Farm Bill passed today by the House Agriculture Committee would take food away from millions of seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities and our most vulnerable citizens struggling to make ends meet. As a

nation, we should be steadfast in eradicating hunger. This bill does not do that. There are several important provisions in the Farm Bill that benefit our nation's agriculture industry — many of these I would like to support. But, I could not at the expense of our nation's most vulnerable. I urge Republicans to work with Democrats to negotiate a compromise Farm Bill that does not weaken our ability to fight hunger or support farmers.”

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Starbucks and are pushing for meaningful change so what happened to them does not happen to anyone else.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's premier civil rights organization, issued the following statement following the disgraceful arrest of two African American men in a Philadelphia Starbucks.

“The arrest of two Black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks represents another ominous signal of the increasingly dangerous environment for African Americans. Less than two weeks after we honor the life and work of Dr. King and 50 years after the Kerner Commission found racism and police brutality at the root of public unrest in our communities, we still have a long way to go towards becoming a nation where a person is judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin.

“The Starbucks situation provides dangerous insight regarding the failure of our nation to take implicit bias seriously. We refuse to believe that our unconscious bias—the racism we are often unaware of—can and does make its way into our actions and policies.

“We know if two Black men in Philadelphia require six police officers to handcuff

and arrest them for waiting to order coffee, then we begin to understand the mind state that allows for such overzealous and reactionary use of deadly force by those who are paid to serve and protect.

“Every day people of color find themselves at the mercy of the stereotypes and embedded fears of others. How else can we explain why 14-year-old Brennan Walker who missed his bus on his way to school would be shot at by a homeowner just outside Detroit? Or explain Saheed Vassel, a mentally-ill man in Brooklyn fired at ten times and shot dead by police officers. Or why Stephen Clark was shot at 20 times and hit 8 times, mainly in the back, by police officers in Sacramento, based on the assumption that he was the culprit responsible for breaking into cars. We are at least glad in the case of Starbucks that no one mistook a wallet for a gun.

“All too often these issues are discussed in passing episodic ways by media. Racism and biases that make simply breathing while Black so dangerous will not just go away without our society committing more resources to discussion, education and training on implicit bias and racism. If we refuse to, we'll continue to face the consequences of our failure to do so.”

—Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO

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food assistance. It pushed through even though a judge dismissed the lawsuit. In 2014, only 1 percent turned out to be positive for drugs in Tennessee where Republicans

implemented drug testing for those who applied for welfare benefits. In Utah, merely 12 public assistance applicants out of 466 tested positive for drugs from 2012 to 2013. Similar initiatives in Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, and Utah all yielded the same results: very few recipients actually being caught using.

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Passing of the Torch



Dr. Nathaniel Glover and Dr. A. Zachary Faison

By Shanda Suggs

I was there to witness the baton passing if you will, from the 29th College President to the 30th College President Dr. Nathaniel Glover to President Dr. A. Zachary Faison.

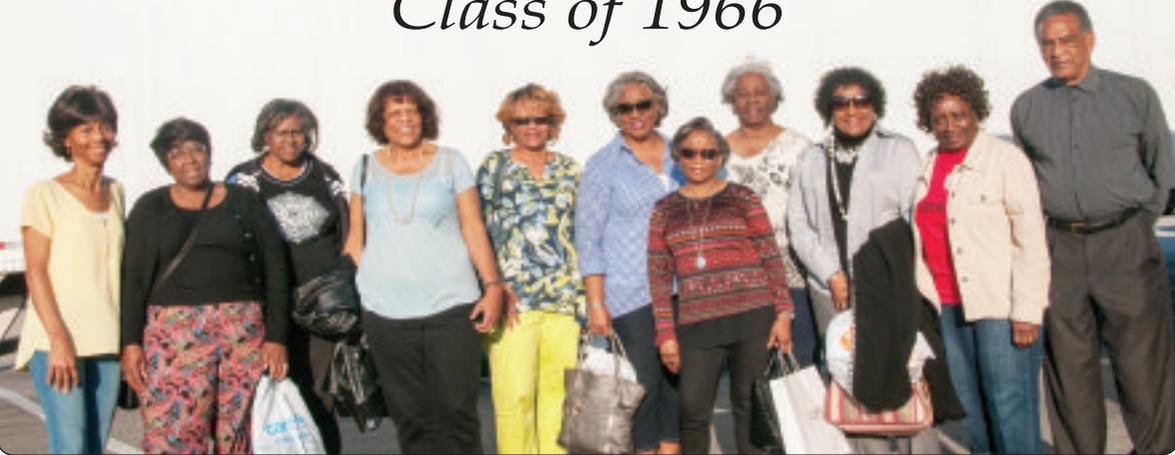
Dr. A. Zachary Faison promised to continue "Preserving History, and Promising Futures". As an alumna of Albany State University, University of Georgia School of Law, Founder of "The Faison Firm, PC", Former General Counsel & Vice President of Tuskegee University. Dr. A. Zachary Faison was accompanied by his lovely wife Mrs. Tyciee L. White and other significant family members and friends.

DUVAL, please join me in welcoming Dr. A. Zachary Faison and his wife Mrs. Tyciee to TigerNation.



Pictured from Left to Right (Mrs. Tyciee L. White Faison, Dr. Nathaniel Glover 29th President Edward Waters College, Sandra Brown Graduate Advisor Nu Iota Chapter, Shanda Suggs, and Dr. A. Zachary Faison 30th President Edward Waters College

Stanton Blue Devils Class Outing Class of 1966



Members Left to Right are: June Gibbs, Cynthia Baker, Dorothy Lanier, Cynthia Rawls, Gloria Bonner, Verona Mitchell, Deborah Jones, Carolyn Williams, Dianna Clark, Arbesto White, and Carlton Addison.

Photos by Frank M. Powell III

Stanton Blue Devils Class of 1966 Class Outing - April 11, 2018

Stanton Blue Devils Class of 1966 returning from their quarterly outing. Classmates visited the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet for a scrumptious meal in addition to a half day of sight seeing and shopping in Daytona, the Tanger Outlet Mall, and on St. George Street in St. Augustine.

The class will be celebrating their 70th birthday on August 18th. Party tickets are \$50 for an evening of live entertainment and more. Contact Party Chairperson Gilda McMillan-Brown for additional information at gamcmb230@gmail.com.

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Braves' Sánchez, Tucker Spoil Wrigley Debut for Darvish

By Bryan Zarpentine

CHICAGO - Since signing a \$126-million, six-year deal with the Chicago Cubs in February, star pitcher Yu Darvish made his first start in front of the hometown crowd on April 13. Unfortunately for Darvish, it may have been an unlucky Friday the 13th as he did not make a strong first impression in

front of the Wrigley faithful, as the Cubs fell to the Atlanta Braves 4-0.

Darvish labored through the early innings, and struggled to retire Atlanta hitters. The Japanese righty lost all concentration in the fifth after a balk and a wild pitch scored infielder Ozzie Albies. Braves right fielder Nick Markakis would then single to center, catcher Kurt Suzuki would double to left, and left fielder

Preston Tucker delivered a three-run home run to clear the bases. After seeing ten batters and 39 pitches in the inning, Darvish was yanked after 4 2/3. In total, he threw 105 pitches and allowed four runs on nine hits, walking four and striking out four.

On the other hand, Atlanta starter Anibal Sánchez pitched well against the Cubs. The 34-year old right-hander pitched three-hit

ball over six innings, striking out six with one walk. It was a much-needed performance for a pitcher who accumulated a 6.41 ERA with the Tigers last year. Sánchez was released by Detroit in mid-March, but the Braves picked him up on a minor league contract and have reaped immediate benefits.

The Braves initially intended for 21-year old lefty Luiz Gohara to

hold the fifth spot in their rotation. But with the start of Gohara's season delayed by an ankle injury, Sánchez has proven to be a valuable fill-in. After his performance against the Cubs, the Braves should feel comfortable with Sánchez being part of their rotation until Gohara is ready to return. At that point, Sánchez could be a nice addition to the bullpen.

Offensive Woes Continue For Rays In Loss To Arrieta, Phillies

By Bryan Zarpentine

TAMPA, Fla. - The third time was not a charm as the Tampa Bay Rays dropped its third straight to pitcher Jake Arrieta and the Philadelphia Phillies at home on Saturday, April 14.

Arrieta looked worth every dollar of \$75 million that the Phillies signed him for last month. The right-hander allowed just three runs (two earned) over 6.2 innings. While he recorded just one strikeout, he forced a lot of weak contact, leading to mostly ground ball outs against an overmatched Tampa Bay lineup.

Of course, the Rays expected their ace, RHP Chris Archer, to match anything Arrieta did on the mound. Unfortunately,



File Photo: Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Joey Wendle. (Photo: Ethan Chivari/The Florida-Georgia Star)

Archer lasted just four innings, giving up seven runs to the Phillies, six of which came in the second inning. A young Phillies lineup had its way with Archer in the second inning, starting the inning with back-

to-back doubles and later stringing together four straight hits to push six runs across the plate.

Although it's still early in the season, Archer, a two-time all-star, has made four starts,

giving up at least four runs in each of them. In those four starts, Archer has posted an ERA of 7.84, while opposing batters are hitting .306 against him. The Rays are built around their pitching, and while Archer isn't the only one who has performed below expectations, Tampa desperately needs its ace to kick it into gear.

However, the Tampa Bay offense didn't provide much assistance. The Rays are one of the lowest-scoring teams in baseball this year, which was to be expected after the Rays parted ways with Evan Longoria, Corey Dickerson, Steven Souza and Logan Morrison over the winter. They desperately need to start stringing some wins together.

In Brief



Bucs Pick Up Fifth-Year Option on QB Winston

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers picked up the fifth-year option on quarterback **Jameis Winston** for 2019. Winston will earn \$20.922 million.

Tiger Woods Commits to U.S. Open at Shinnecock

What could be his last U.S. Open, **Tiger Woods** officially committed to try to win his fourth U.S. Open title in June at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. The tournament runs from June 14-17, after which the 10-year exemption Woods earned with that '08 victory will expire.

Rays Centerfielder Kiermaier Out 8-10 Weeks

Tampa Bay Rays center fielder **Kevin Kiermaier** has a torn ligament in his right thumb after sliding headfirst into second base against the Phillies last week. The injury requires surgery and he was placed on the 60-day DL. The two-time Gold Glove winner is expected to be out 8-10 weeks. This will be the third straight season Kiermaier will miss significant time because of injury.

Thursday Night Football Pregame Show

FOX Sports Pro Football Hall of Famers **Terry Bradshaw**, **Howie Long** and **Michael Strahan** will headline a new "Thursday Night Football Pregame Show" live from New York City for the 2018 NFL season. Beginning in Week 4, the new show will air at 7:30 PM ET on the FOX broadcast network and NFL Network, taking viewers up to kickoff.

As the host, Strahan, a veteran on-air personality covering news, sports and entertainment is the first former professional athlete in the host role for a FOX NFL studio show. Strahan, Bradshaw and Long remain analysts on FOX NFL SUNDAY alongside

Emmy-nominated host **Curt Menefee** and former coach **Jimmy Johnson**.

Veteran José Bautista Joins Atlanta Braves

José Bautista, once one of baseball's most feared hitters, has signed a minor league contract with the Atlanta Braves as a third baseman. The six-time All-Star outfielder will report to the Braves' extended spring training complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Per MLB.com, Bautista, 37, will earn \$1 million if added to the 40-man roster. Bautista began his career playing third base, though he's played just 12 games since the 2012 season.

Sloppy Field Slows Pride in Loss to Thorns

By Bryan Zarpentine

PORTLAND, Ore. - Looking for redemption, the Orlando Pride traveled to Portland, hoping to avenge last season's 4-1 semi-final loss to the Thorns. Unfortunately for the Pride, the rain-soaked field helped to slow down Orlando's speedy attack, swaying things in favor of the National Women's Soccer League defending champs, as the Thorns knocked off the Pride 2-1 on April 15.

The Pride managed to slow down Portland's attack early on with a brilliant save from

goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris in the 17th minute. Orlando was then opportunistic during their 20th-minute goal when midfielder Christine Nairm picked off a Portland pass and quickly found forward Chioma Ubogagu, who slotted the ball into the bottom corner of the goal with her left foot.

Roughly seven minutes later, the Pride nearly doubled their lead, as midfielder Kristen Edmonds hit a perfectly struck ball off the crossbar. Alas, Edmonds was just a few inches off, and those few inches turned out to be the critical difference

in the game.

In the 28th minute, not long after the near-miss from Edmonds, Portland's midfielder Lindsey Horan tied the game at one goal apiece. Horan released a left-footed wonder strike from more than 20 yards away with no less than three Orlando defenders ready to converge on her. An outstretched Harris never had a chance to stop it.

With the game tied at one, it was a run from Horan on the left side that led to the Thorns' second goal. Horan played a cross that landed perfectly at

the feet of Canadian legend Christine Sinclair, who redirected the ball into the back of the net from less than six yards out.

At the moment, Orlando is far from full strength. Several key players missed Sunday's game due to either injury or the international break, most notably Brazilian star Marta (Marta Vieira da Silva). With a short-handed roster, the Pride were unable to take down the defending champs on their home turf, leaving Orlando still in search of its first win of the season.

What to Watch For In The 2018 NFL Draft

With the 2018 NFL Draft beginning on Thursday, April 26 in Arlington, Texas, let's take a closer look at what the teams in Florida and Georgia hope to accomplish at this year's event.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

By virtue of last season's deep playoff run, the Jaguars will have the 29th overall pick, and in all likelihood, they'll be using it on a wide receiver to help replace Alen Hurns and Allen Robinson. Unfortunately, this year's wide receiver class isn't all that deep. If the Jaguars are lucky, SMU's Courtland Sutton could fall to them late in the first round. If not, they may have to reach for someone like Maryland's D.J. Moore or LSU's D.J. Clark.

After linebacker Paul Poslusny announced his retirement on April 16, Jacksonville also figures to fill that void. Possibly on Day 2 of the draft, Leighton Vander Esch of Boise State and Malik Jefferson of Texas could be the



players they target. This is not a deep position, so the Jaguars may have to act fast.

Of course, the elephant in the room is the quarterback situation. After giving Blake Bortles a three-year, \$54 million extension, and Chad Henne signing with the Kansas City Chiefs, the front office could potentially land someone like Luke Falk of Washington State or Richmond's Kyle Lauletta late in the 3rd round or possibly in Round 4.

Finally, the Jaguars will have three picks in Rounds 6 and 7, and with those picks, look for them to add some depth to both the offensive line and the defense. Of course, taking a chance on a late-round wide

receiver or running back can't be ruled out either.

ATLANTA FALCONS

For the Falcons, this draft will be about finding ways to supplement last season's 10-6 team and finding areas where a small improvement can end up making a big difference in such a competitive NFC South. Of course, there is a sizable hole on the defensive line after Atlanta lost Dontari Poe and Adrian Clayborn in free agency, so that will likely be the position the Falcons address first.

With the 26th overall pick, the top defensive tackles on the board are probably out of reach for the Falcons. However, there is a good chance that former Florida Gators defensive lineman Taven Bryan will be available as their first pick. But if he comes off the board earlier than expected, Maurice Hurst of Michigan and Harrison Phillips of Stanford could be backup options. Also, don't be surprised if the Falcons come back to the defensive line later in the draft.

Derrick Nnadi of Florida State and Justin Jones of N.C. State could be nice pickups in the middle rounds.

If the Falcons are going to pay special attention to any other position, it may be at wide receiver. Julio Jones needs help, and Mohamed Sanu and tight end Austin Hooper may not be enough. There isn't a ton of high-end wide receiver talent in this draft outside of Alabama's Calvin Ridley, who'll be gone within the first 15 picks. If the Falcons want size in a wide receiver, Auden Tate of Florida State and Equanimeous St. Brown of Notre Dame should be available in either the second or third round. But if the Falcons are more interested in a shorter, quicker receiver, Oklahoma State's James Washington and Anthony Miller of Memphis could both fit the bill.

To read the full story, including NFL Draft speculation for Tampa Bay and Miami, go to thefloridastar.com/category/nfl/



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Supreme Court of Georgia HAROLD MELTON TO BECOME NEW CHIEF JUSTICE



Atlanta, April 16, 2018 – Presiding Justice Harold D. Melton has been unanimously elected as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, succeeding Chief Justice P. Harris Hines, who plans to retire Aug. 31, 2018.

The Court has also unanimously elected Justice David E. Nahmias to become the new Presiding Justice.

The state's Chief Justice presides over Georgia's judicial branch, as the governor leads the executive branch of government and as House and Senate leaders head the legislative branch. The Presiding Justice serves in the Chief Justice's absence. The Chief Justice is the spokesperson for the Court, as well as for the entire judiciary. He presides over oral arguments and runs the meetings in which the Court deliberates about cases, although he has only one vote as does each Justice. The Chief Justice, who serves one 4-year term, also chairs the Georgia Judicial Council, the policy-making body for the judicial

branch that is made up of the State Bar President and 26 judges who represent the appellate courts and all classes of trial courts in the state.

Presiding Justice Melton was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court by then-Gov. Sonny Perdue in July 2005. Prior to his appointment to the state's highest court, Presiding Justice Melton served as Gov. Perdue's Executive Counsel, representing the governor on a host of legal issues. Before that, he worked 11 years in the Georgia Department of Law under two Attorneys General, dealing with issues ranging from the creation of the Georgia Lottery Corporation to the administration of Georgia's tobacco settlement. A native of Washington, D.C., Presiding Justice Melton received a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University where he was the first African-American president of the student government. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia. He serves on the Board of Atlanta Youth Academies and is on the local and national board for Young Life youth ministry.

Justice Nahmias was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court by Gov. Sonny Perdue in August 2009. Prior to his appointment, he served as United States Attorney in Atlanta for five years. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Justice Nahmias served as a senior Justice Department official in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw terrorism cases. A native of Atlanta, Justice Nahmias graduated summa cum laude from Duke University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk for Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Both justices will be sworn into their new positions in a ceremony at the State Capitol in House chambers on Sept. 4, 2018.

48th Annual Savannah Earth Day



Savannah Earth Day is coming on Saturday April 21, 2018!

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and community groups to connect with the public and each other. It is the City's largest environmental outreach event of the year and the largest educational Earth Day event in the state of Georgia.

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For more information visit <http://earthdaysavannah.org/>

Health System Receives Grant from Komen Coastal Georgia Affiliate for Eighth Year



April 4, 2018 –The Coastal Georgia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to Southeast Georgia Health System for its *Mammograms in Motion* project.

Led by the Health System, *Mammograms in Motion* is a collaboration with area physicians, community health centers and county health departments to provide breast health education and outreach, screening mammograms and diagnostic breast work-up services to uninsured and low income individuals residing in Brantley, Camden, Glynn, Long and McIntosh counties. High-risk patients are eligible for breast MRI scans. While each of Southeast Georgia Health System's three breast imaging locations participate in the project, what makes *Mammograms in Motion* special is the use of the Wellness On Wheels mobile health vehicle to reach individuals in rural areas with limited access to health care and health education.

"We're thrilled to receive the grant for the eighth consecutive year from the Coastal Georgia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen," says DelRia Baisden, vice president, Southeast Georgia Health System. "Because of the availability of the grant funds, individuals who qualify for participation in *Mammograms in Motion* have no out of pocket costs for these services. Recipients who receive screening mammograms and need to return for follow-up care also receive their additional diagnostic services paid for by the grant."

Services vary per patient, and advanced diagnostic studies and stereotactic biopsies are provided based on the results of the patient's screening mammogram. Since inception in 2011, *Mammograms in Motion* has provided services to more than 1,700 individuals, including mammograms, ultrasounds, physician visits and biopsies. These are patients who otherwise

would not have had access to care for a host of reasons including out of pocket costs, transportation and lack of access to care.

"Each month in our service area, 12 women are diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer," shared Suzanne Kirk, board president, Coastal Georgia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen. "We stress the need for screenings for underserved women in our community because early detection saves lives."

Funding for community grants is generated through Coastal Georgia Affiliate fundraising, with the majority from its signature event, the annual Savannah Race for the Cure®, and third party community events like the On Par golf tournament held at the Brunswick Country Club. The 2018 Savannah Race for the Cure is scheduled for April 21 in historic Savannah's Ellis Square. For more information about the race, visit komecostealgeorgia.org.

The Health System previously received grants for \$40,000 in 2011, \$45,000 in 2012, \$50,000 in 2013, \$60,000 each in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and \$50,000 in 2017.

For more information about the Southeast Georgia Health System Breast Care Center or the *Mammograms in Motion* grant, call 912-466-5235 or visit sghs.org/services.

2017 Summer 500 Recap

The 2017 Summer 500 program provided summer jobs for nearly 300 local youth. Over 120 businesses participated in the 8-week program which gave the youth between the ages of 16-19 an opportunity to learn soft skills and on the job training. Special thanks to all of the business partners and local agencies who made this year such a huge success!

About Summer 500

The City of Savannah and businesses across the community have joined forces to match 500 students with 500 paid internships this summer.

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If you own/manage a business, this is your opportunity to make an investment in Savannah's future workforce by helping to prepare our youth for success and get an intern who can make a real contribution to your operations.

Program Objectives

To increase internship, apprenticeship and mentorship opportunities for 500 students in the Greater Savannah area

To identify visionary business partners who are willing accept participating students and invest in Savannah's future workforce.

For more information visit: www.savannahga.gov/1855/Summer-500



Summer 500 interns from St. Joseph's Hospital attend a presentation at City Council meeting.



Corinne Green local intern as she receives her certificate of completion after successfully completing her internship with the Georgia Department of Transportation.



Matching day for students and businesses was held on June 14 at Governor's Arts Academy.

MSM Teams Up with Meharry Medical College and University of Zambia to Take Steps Towards Global Health Equity

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) recently announced its partnership with fellow HBCU medical school Meharry Medical College and the University of Zambia. The partnership between the three institutions will work to develop an international exchange program focusing on disease research and prevention.

Students and faculty at the three schools will take part in an exchange program in an earlier release. "This examining the seven core areas of health science. These include HIV/AIDS, cancer, HPV, late-onset diabetes, hypertension, infectious disease, and malnutrition. The program is scheduled to begin in fall 2018.

"We are thrilled to have formed this partnership with the University of Zambia alongside Meharry Medical College," said Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D. president and dean of MSM in an earlier release. "This agreement between three

MSM welcomed delegates from the University of Zambia on Monday, April 16. Dr. Luke Mumba, vice chancellor, and Dr. Esther

Munalula Nkandu, dean, School of Health Sciences, visited MSM along with Mr. Kennedy Msusa, executive assistant to the vice chancellor. The group met with Dr. Montgomery Rice, David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., founding director and senior advisor of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, and global health leaders from various departments across campus.

To learn more about programs and donate today, please visit www.msm.edu



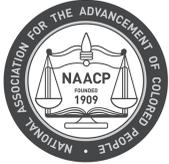
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THINGS BLACK PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW



The NAACP Jacksonville Branch will list in this column black facts and historical information. Also state, county and city contact information.

US PRISON POPULATION

The United States has 2.3 million criminals behind bars, more than any other nation. Approximately one half of the US prison population are black.

In 2015, of African American males currently serving sentences in a federal correctional facility, 10.4% were sentenced for a violent crime, 48.5% for a drug offense, and 6.4% for a property crime. Among African American males serving sentences longer than a year in state institutions, 47% were sentenced for a violent crime, 15% for a non-violent and 16% for a property crime. One of the main reasons for a disproportionate amount of African American males in prison has to do with the war on drugs that was a result of a tough on crime approach created by policymakers in the 1980s.

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BLACK WOMAN PHYSICIAN, KELLI T. WELLS FORCED TO QUIT AS HEAD OF THE DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR ALLEGEDLY EMULATING THE "ETHICS" OF JACKSONVILLE'S INFAMOUS, ELITE POWER-BROKERS

Morning Tea commentary by Denise Hunt



Yesterday, a successful Black female physician, Kelli T. Wells, who graduated with honors from the University Of Florida College Of Medicine in 1998. And having more than 20 years of diverse experiences, that since 2013 included the head of the Duval County Health Department. Unfortunately, Dr. Wells was demoted and ended up resigning from her well paid and earned position after possible Sunshine law ie "back-door-dealing" violations by the power brokers in the State of Florida for allegations of Nepotism.

Allegedly Dr. Kelli Wells created a position in the Department for her distant cousin and helped to get them a pay raise, which allegedly they deserved for performance.

Dr. Wells was promptly replaced by an upwardly-mobile, white woman, Mrs. Hess, who was an administrator of the Marion County Health Department from 2015-2017, was named the interim director in Duval County on Monday. She previously was an administrator of the Okeechobee County Health Department

Word on the streets is that someone close to Dr. Wells "snitched" and filed a grievance, due to possible retaliation for being overlooked for a position, and resented a successful black female physician being in a position of power.

Did you know that "Florida earned a score of 61 (D-), placing it 30th among 50 in the ranking and assessment of state government accountability

and transparency", due to Florida becoming the "the corruption capital of America" according to Dan Krassner, the executive director of a watchdog group, Integrity Florida, citing statistics going back to 1976? <https://www.nosue.org/florida-corruption/>

Apparently, Dr. Wells ethics or lack thereof follows the same historical pattern of Nepotism and Cronyism by the elite, status quo, rich, business power-brokers in Jacksonville, FL that have continuously resulted into negative outcomes for Tax-payers.

Remember the lies and unethical cronyism associated with the inflated 400 million dollar courthouse "back door dealing" cost overruns that exceeded the promised 120 million agreed on by the public and our elected city council officials under the Sunshine Act laws.

We know that Back-door unethical deals in Duval county keep the rich in power and far exceeds the limited, misdirected deeds and actions of an over-caring Black woman physician taking care of her "own"--Follow at NorthFlaPolitics

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Palm Coast, Florida - The African American Cultural Society will have an afternoon of delicious food and much joy to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m., at The Cultural Center, 4422 N. US Highway 1, 386-447-7030. Cost for this event is \$30 per person; there will be door prizes and a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased at The Cultural Center, 386-447-7030. For information and tickets, contact Secomia Reed, 386-447-6098, Sharon Waring, 386-585-4717, or Janice Williams, 386-446-3055.

Knowing the Difference Between an Ophthalmologist and an Optometrist Can Save Your Vision

By Curtis Bunn, Urban News Service

Tears flow from the nearly sightless eyes of Marilyn Rumph. At 49, this hardworking African-American woman is losing her ability to read, drive and watch her children grow up. A few years ago, she had two working eyes and ambitions for the future. Today, she struggles to see.

Just the thought of it makes her cry. Her condition, she believes, could have been prevented.

A confluence of circumstances led the Palm Beach, Florida native to this dark, unfortunate place: she says she was ignored, mistreated and misdiagnosed by the one eye-care specialist that she had trusted.

problems. At stake are billions of dollars of insurance, Medicaid and Medicare payments, which will flow to one group of professionals or the other—optometrists or ophthalmologists.

To win some of that money, optometrists are demanding legal changes to allow them to do the work once reserved for medical doctors—without getting the training or supervision of medical doctors. Some optometrists want to perform eye surgeries, prescribe drugs and otherwise take the place of medical doctors. Some states, including Florida and Kentucky, are considering measures that will vastly expand the role of optometrists, without necessarily telling the public that they are not actual medical doctors. That may save the state and federal government tens of millions of dollars per year since the non-doctors bill at a lower rate than doctors, critics say, but many patients could lose their eyesight in the bargain.

The optometrist political action committee, a Florida lobby group, has spent as much as \$400,000 urging reaching retirement age, and optometrists most of the community is about to privileges of doctors. The bill see record numbers of eye

house and is scheduled for a vote in the state senate's Health and Welfare committee in the coming weeks.

Rumph's case cuts right to the center of the controversy between optometrists and ophthalmologists. While many patients cannot tell the difference and sometimes falsely believe that optometrists are medical doctors. In fact, optometrists do not go to medical school or pass medical doctor state board license exams. Instead, they earn PhDs in eye care—which is why they can legally call themselves doctors, as any PhD holder can.

"The difference between the two professions can confuse many Americans who don't have time to learn the difference," said Sandra Greenberg, the president of the National Consumer League. She added that the system works best when optometrists and ophthalmologists work together to help their patients. Since optometrists are generally cheaper, some insurance plans push people to non-medical doctors first.

Rumph said she trusted the expertise of her long-time optometrist, who could not explain her painful eye or blurred vision. He prescribed new eyeglasses, she said.

It was not until she got fed up and went to a second optometrist, who recommended she see an ophthalmologist, that she finally saw an actual medical doctor. As an ophthalmologist, he had a wealth of experience of eye disease, which learned as a resident physician in a nearby hospital. He quickly diagnosed her with two detached retinas. By then, it was too late to save her vision.

One retina was so severely damaged that it could not be corrected with surgery. The other was repaired, but Rumph's vision is far from clear, she said.

At issue was the difference between the eye care professionals. An optometrist is a vision professional, not a medical doctor. Once known as an optician, as explained by the College of Optometrists, he is "trained to examine the eyes to detect defects in vision, signs of injury, ocular diseases or abnormality and problems with general health, such as high blood pressure or diabetes. They make a health assessment, offer clinical advice, prescribe spectacles or contact lenses and refer patients to further treatment." He does not perform surgeries.

An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor who is trained to perform eye exams, diagnose

and treat disease, prescribe medications and perform eye surgery. They also write prescriptions for eyeglasses and contact lenses.

In Rumph's case, according to her, optometrist Dan Durante, whom she had been a patient since 1992, ignored her concerns and did not refer her to an ophthalmologist. Instead he increased the strength in her prescription glasses, she said.

"He told me, 'You're fine. It takes a while to adjust to new lenses'" Rumph said. "The last time I went he was just angry and felt I was wasting his time when all I wanted was my ability to see. I thought I was going mental."

Durante has run a successful practice in Florida for many years and his Jensen Beach, Florida office receives 11 reviews on Yelp.com—giving him a score of 4.5 stars out of 5. Still, the reviews also include complaints from patients. Several attempts to reach Durante, via phone and email, went unanswered.

In severe cases like Rumph's, quickly seeking out a reputable ophthalmologist can be the difference vision and blindness, or day and endless night.



optometrist missed her condition entirely and, while, the second optometrist correctly diagnosed a detached retina in one eye... he failed to notice it in her other eye.

The ophthalmologist determined that vision in one eye was 90% gone. But, he thought, with the careful surgery, he could save the other eye.

With his surgical skills, he was able to restore her eyesight in one eye. Even then, she said, her vision is often marred by blurriness.

As a result, her husband said, she suffers bouts of depression. The so-called "eyeball wars" will grind on, going from state to state, pitting optometrists against ophthalmologists. Getting lost in the fight over profits and patients is the simple failure to disclose the truth.

If Rumph had known her trusted optometrist was not actually a medical doctor, she might be seeing out of two eyes today.



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A HEARING on this matter has been scheduled for August 20, 2018, at Hartford Superior Court, Family Division, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

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AUTOMATIC COURT ORDERS have been issued in this case as required by section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the COMPLAINT on file with this court.

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FDA Approves Contact Lenses That Block The Sun

When contact lenses first came out, they were an alternative to eyeglasses, making it even easier for those with vision problems to see. Well, now even those who wear contact lenses, have got it even easier thanks to technology.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first contact lenses that can act like sunglasses.

A special additive automatically darkens the lenses when exposed to bright light, while they become clear again in normal or dark lighting conditions.

"This contact lens is the first of its kind to incorporate the same technology that is used in eyeglasses that automatically

darken in the sun," said Malvina Eydelman. She directs the division of ophthalmic, and ear, nose and throat devices at the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc.'s Acuvue Oasys Contact Lenses with Transitions Light Intelligent Technology are soft contact lenses for daily use for a maximum of 14 days by people who are nearsighted or farsighted and have no eye disease. They can also be used by people with certain degrees of astigmatism, an abnormal curvature of the eye, the FDA said in a news release.

About 42 percent of Ameri-

cans aged 12 to 54 are nearsighted and 5 to 10 percent of all Americans are farsighted, according to the U.S. National Eye Institute. In 2014, more than 40 million Americans used contact lenses, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The FDA's approval was based on research that included a clinical study evaluating daytime and nighttime driving performance among 24 people wearing the contact lenses. There were no problems with driving performance or vision while wearing the contact lenses, the study found.

— Black Doctor

Five Things You Should Never Do To Your Eyes

People often say that the eyes are the windows to the soul. So, it makes total sense that you'd want to keep your peepers in working shape — after all, you only get one set.

Because sight is frequently something many take for granted, BlackDoctor.org enlisted Benjamin Ticho, MD of The Eye Specialists Center in Chicago Ridge, IL to break down five things to NEVER do to your eyes.

Don't rub your eyes.
Washing your hands after using the restroom doesn't only apply to restaurant employees. There's good reason you should wash your hands before reaching for your eyes. Sure, it's only natural if something itches — eyes included — to scratch it. However, rubbing your eyes before practicing good hygiene can have harmful side effects.

Not only are you at risk of infections like pink eye but chronic eye rubbing can lead to thinning of the cornea. That in turn can lead to recurring infections or worse, keratoconus. This condition causes deterioration of vision

that in many cases can't be fully corrected.

Don't sleep in your contact lenses.

This rule also applies to "extended wear contact lenses (which are sold as overnight lenses)," says Dr. Ticho. According to this expert, overnight lenses "increase the risk of corneal infection (ulcers) several hundred percent when worn while sleeping."

Corneal ulcers, described as inflammation of the outermost layer of the eye, can result in pain, excessive tearing, sensation of a foreign body in the eye, and worsening or blurry vision, according to the National Eye Institute.

Don't buy contact lenses at gas stations!

"We have had several patients get decorative (Halloween) contact lenses at service stations, only to get corneal damage from poor fitting, poor-quality lenses," said Dr. Ticho, suggesting that fans shy away from using the cheap lenses.

Don't share eye drops or eye makeup.

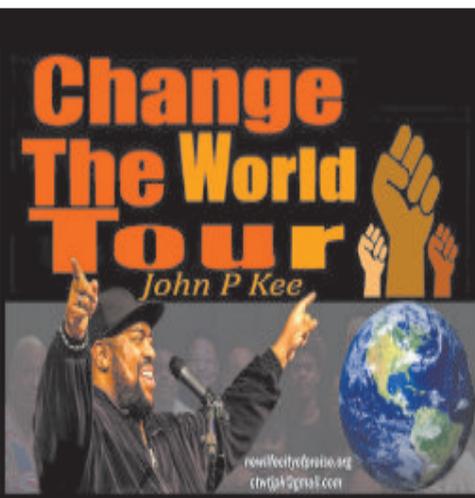
Although this shouldn't surprise you, sharing makeup is a big no-no. "Be aware that mascara becomes contaminated quite easily," Dr. Ticho explained. Doing so could result in contracting "herpes, pink eye and other infections," all of which are easily transmissible, according to Dr. Ticho.

Don't skip eye screening examinations!

This applies especially for children who will "rarely complain about eye issues," Dr. Ticho said. Because of this, "it is common to find children with loss of vision in one eye (amblyopia) or surprisingly high glasses prescriptions."

The importance? By making it a point to see your eye doctor annually, you can catch common conditions before they start. "Glaucoma, one of the leading causes of permanent vision loss in African-Americans and older Americans, is almost always asymptomatic until very late in the disease," Dr. Ticho added.

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