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flu season

WAS ONE OF THE DEADLIEST FOR U.S.

The past flu season was the deadliest for U.S. children in nearly a decade, health officials said Friday.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials said they had received reports of 172 pediatric flu deaths since October. That surpasses the 2012-2013 flu season, when there were 171. An average season sees about 110.

There were more deaths in 2009-2010, but that was when a rare flu pandemic occurred involving a new strain. More than 300 children died that season.

Besides that pandemic year, this past winter had the most pediatric flu deaths since the CDC started counting them in 2004.

The past flu season wasn't a pandemic, but it was long — 19 weeks. It also was unusually intense, with high levels of illness reported in nearly every state for weeks on end.

The season peaked in early February. It was mostly over by the end of March, although some flu continued to circulate. The most recent pediatric death occurred in late May.

The season was driven by a kind of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths, particularly among young children and the elderly.

Making a bad year worse, the flu vaccine didn't work very well.

Flu vaccinations are recommended annually for all Americans who are 6 months old or older.

Some of the children who died this past year were too young for the shots. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has vaccination information on only about 140 of the children who died who were old enough to be vaccinated. Of those, only about 1 in 5 received the vaccine before they became ill, CDC officials said.

About half the children who died were previously healthy — they didn't have a diagnosed health condition that might have made them more vulnerable to the flu, the CDC said.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness, spread by a virus. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but more a more severe illness in others. Young children and the elderly are at greatest risk from flu and its complications.

The CDC doesn't keep an exact count of adult flu-related deaths, but it has estimated there were 12,000 to 56,000 in recent seasons.

America's generation of conquers are the new overcomers

By Marissa Alexander

The conquerors, or the privileged conquerors, are now the new overcomers. I have thought a lot about this phrase I deem the cultural shift, the old conquerors are now the new overcomers. As I reluctantly tune my TV into what has been going on over the last year or so since the election all the way up until current, overwhelmed and I would go as far to say anxious, I cringe when I need to turn on my TV and look at what the current breaking news is. The only way I know what is actually going on is by watching my timeline on Facebook. I catch the frenzy of people's opinions, memes and of course the occasional video clip shared with a shock factor.

We sat in our homes and watched historic presidential election in where a woman was up for candidacy against a man with no political experience, not even city council. Also on the rise is the amount of people addicted from opioids and is now called a crisis. According to Statsnews.com "There are now nearly 100 deaths a day from opioids, a swath of destruction that runs from

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Rosa Parks family home to be offered at auction this summer

The house where Rosa Parks sought refuge after fleeing the South will be offered at auction after being turned into a work of art and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean twice.

Guernsey's auctioneers said it will offer the house where Parks' family lived in a midsummer auction in New York City that also will feature several other items related to African-American history and culture. It said it expects the tiny wood-framed house marked with peeling paint to fetch seven figures.

The house, owned by Parks' brother, was abandoned and set for demolition in Detroit before Parks' niece, Rhea McCauley, bought it for $500 and donated it to American artist Ryan Mendoza in an attempt to preserve the legacy of the civil rights activist. Mendoza shipped it to his home in Berlin and reassembled it in his yard, where it drew a steady stream of visitors.

Mendoza brought it back to the U.S. this year for a temporary exhibit in Rhode Island, but he had been searching for a permanent home. The delicate structure should only be rebuilt one more time, he said.

"It's a wonderful way to present the house again to the American people. Let them decide what this house is worth," Mendoza said. "I hope it ends up in the hands of somebody who loves Rosa Parks. I hope it will be on public display."

The pieces of the house, currently in Providence, will be taken in two, 40-foot (12-meter) shipping containers to a storage area in Massachusetts on Friday, Mendoza said.

Parks moved to Detroit in 1957, two years after refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. Her family says Parks stayed in her brother's home with 17 other relatives.

Arlan Ettinger, of Guernsey's auctioneers, said the house was not much to look at but is a "national treasure" for what it represents. Guernsey's handled the sale of Parks' personal archives after her death for $4.5 million, and Ettinger noted that collection is now in the Library of Congress. He said that "almost guarantees that nothing of hers of any importance will ever surface again" for sale.

"As the guy who sold a guitar recently for nearly $4 million, a baseball for nearly $3 million, there is no baseball, no guitar as important as this house," he said.

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Our guest speaker for this year is: Reverend Gary Johnson, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Miami, Florida

Please join us to celebrate our "Stop the Violence Recognition Banquet" honorees and our future leaders "our youth" to inspire and to recognize their contribution to our diverse and great city of Jacksonville.

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Walter White passed away June 2, 2018. Funeral service for Mr. Walter H. White will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00AM in the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Onome Idris Bello passed away June 3, 2018. Funeral service for Onome Idris Bello will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2018 at 12:00AM Rosa Glover Holmes Memorial Chapel.

Jercoby Groover passed away June 5, 2018. Funeral service for Jercoby Groover will be Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 10:00AM in Greater Refuge Temple, Apostle Groover, pastor.

Lucious Sterling Hart passed away June 5, 2018. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 11:00AM. Viewing and visitation will be held at the mortuary

Alnita P. Price passed away June 5, 2018. Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 11:00AM in the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church.

Irene Willis. passed away June 6, 2018. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., at the Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Orlando Emery passed away June 8, 2018. Funeral service will be held Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00AM in the Rosa Glover Holmes Memorial Chapel. .

Jennell T. Frederick passed away June 9, 2018**.** Funeral service will be held Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 11:00AM in the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Alphonso Gantt passed away June 9, 2018**.** Funeral service for Jercoby Groover will be Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 10:00AM in Greater Refuge Temple, Apostle Groover, pastor..

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London Breed Becomes the First African American Female Mayor Of San Francisco

London Breed (D) first African American female Mayor of San Francisco

By Denise Williams

Democrat London Breed became the first African-American female Mayor of San Francisco, CA. The 43-year-old will serve as Mayor until her term expires in the year 2020. Her predecessor, Ed Lee died last December before his term was completed, leaving a vacant seat. During this election to determine a permanent Mayor for the length of Ed Lee's term, she had to run against opponent Senator Mark Leno (D). Leno conceded the race which assured Breed a victory. The win for Breed was close as it has been reported that she won by just one percentage point (fewer than 2,000 votes).

Breed made history before her election to the office of Mayor as she was the first African American female to head the city of San Francisco. In December 2017 due to the death of Mayor Ed Lee. She filled the post left by the death of Mayor Lee on a temporary basis; however, her current victory allows her to remain in that seat until the end of Ed Lee's term which runs through the year 2020. She is the second African American female to have had to opportunity to run the city and hopes to make changes to be able to offer affordable housing to the city's residents.

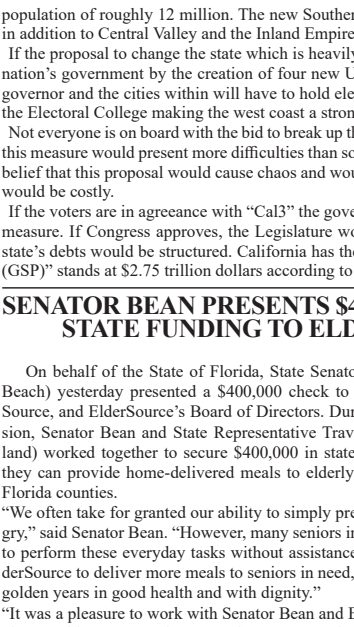
The median single-family home in San Francisco falls within the range of $1.6 million. San Francisco's housing market is one of the most expensive in the U.S. Breed is a lifelong resident of San Francisco and was raised in the city's housing projects. During her challenging childhood, her sister died of a drug overdose and she has been quoted as saying in her interview with a San Francisco Chronicle columnist, "I spent more than half my life in what was considered the worst public housing in the city. Taxis wouldn't come there. People wouldn't come to my house. I saw my first homicide when I was 12."

Breed has been passionate about pursuing a career in city government for some time. Her first exposure to public service was as an intern during Mayor Willie Brown's administration. She was then appointed by Mayor Newsom to serve her city as fire commissioner. Breed then went on to win a seat on the county board of supervisors. While serving on the board of supervisors, Breed launched one of the most stringent bans on Styrofoam food containers in the United States.

Breed was quoted by media outlets as saying "I am so hopeful about the future of our city, and I am looking forward to serving as your mayor. I am truly humbled and I am truly honored."

London Breed now joins an unprecedented number of African American females that have won Mayoral elections in recent years in large metropolitan areas. She now joins Atlanta, GA Mayor, Keisha Lance Bottoms who was elected in 2018, Baltimore Mayor, Catherine Pugh elected in 2016, Charlotte Mayor, Vi Lyles elected 2017, and Washington, D.C. Mayor, Muriel Bowser elected 2015

Proposed "Cal3" Initiative Could Turn California into 3 Separate States



If "Cal3" passes, California would be divided into three separate states entitled NorCal, SoCal and Californinia

By Denise Williams

The state of California may be divided into three separate states this November if Silicon Valley billionaire and venture capitalist Tim Draper's initiative is supported by residents of the state. The "Cal3" campaign received over 400,000 signatures which means it will appear on the ballot at the end of the year in the general election. This measure, if passed will not only change the landscape of California but will impact the entire nation.

The "Cal3" initiative is being spearheaded by venture capitalist Tim Draper. Draper believes the economic and geographic diversity is impacting how well the entire state can be governed. In addition, the state of California's population is reaching 40 million and Draper has been reported to state the region with such a large population has become "Ungovernable".

If the state is divided into three separate states it would be listed as Northern California, California and Southern California. The goal is to create three states with populations that are balanced so that no one state is overburdened economically. If the "Cal3" proposal becomes a reality, Northern California would have 40 counties alone which would include Sacramento, San Jose, San Francisco and most of the rural areas in the north region. California would have a group of six counties surrounding L.A., with a population of roughly 12 million. The new Southern California would encompass Orange and San Diego counties in addition to Central Valley and the Inland Empire.

If the proposal to change the state which is heavily democratic becomes three separate states, it would impact our nation's government by the creation of four new U.S. Senator seats. In addition, each state would have their own governor and the cities within will have to hold elections to fill newly created Mayoral posts. It would also impact the Electoral College making the west coast a stronghold in the race for future presidential campaigns.

Not everyone is on board with the bid to break up that state. There are opponents to the "Cal3" proposal that believe this measure would present more difficulties than solutions for the state. An effort entitled, "OneCalifornia" is of the belief that this proposal would cause chaos and would spearhead more inequality in the state believing the measure would be costly.

If the voters are in agreeance with "Cal3" the governor and legislature would have to request Congress to pass the measure. If Congress approves, the Legislature would determine how the states would be divided and how each state's debts would be structured. California has the fifth biggest economy in the world. Their "gross state product (GSP)" stands at $2.75 trillion dollars according to data obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

SENATOR BEAN PRESENTS $400,000 CHECK IN STATE FUNDING TO ELDERSOURCE

Aaron Bean (R) represents Florida's 4th District, which includes all of Nassau County and parts of Duval County, since 2012.

On behalf of the State of Florida, State Senator Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach) yesterday presented a $400,000 check to Linda Levin, CEO of ElderSource, and ElderSource's Board of Directors. During the 2018 Legislative Session, Senator Bean and State Representative Travis Cummings (R-Fleming Island) worked together to secure $400,000 in state funding for ElderSource, so they can provide home-delivered meals to elderly residents in seven Northeast Florida counties.

"We often take for granted our ability to simply prepare a meal when we're hungry," said Senator Bean. "However, many seniors in Northeast Florida are unable to perform these everyday tasks without assistance. This funding will allow ElderSource to deliver more meals to seniors in need, and ensure they live out their golden years in good health and with dignity."

"It was a pleasure to work with Senator Bean and ElderSource to support our seniors," said Representative Cummings. "I appreciate all ElderSource does for our community – their service, advocacy and support are invaluable."

According to the Department of Elder Affairs' 2015 Profile of Older Floridians, 40,135 adults age 60 and over face food insecurity every day in Northeast Florida. To combat this issue, ElderSource will use this state funding to deliver 60,000 meals to 1,000 elderly adults, all of whom are on the home-delivered meal waitlist. By providing this service, ElderSource will give vital, daily nutrition to homebound seniors, reduce isolation, provide a safety check and link them to additional services if needed.

"Home-delivered meals play a critical role in the health and independence of our seniors," said Levin. "We continue to be grateful for the support and attention both Senator Bean and Representative Cummings have given to the issues facing our elderly. Due to their consideration and kindness, many seniors will be fed in Northeast Florida."

Senator Bean represents Senate District 4, which includes parts of Nassau and Duval Counties. He can be contacted in Tallahassee at (850) 487-5004 or in his District Office at (904) 757-5039

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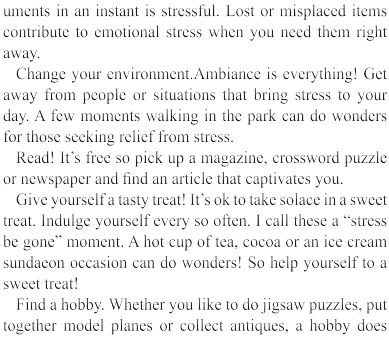

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Stay organized as often as possible. Try to maintain an organized work area. Trying to sift through mounds of documents in an instant is stressful. Lost or misplaced items contribute to emotional stress when you need them right away.

Change your environment.Ambiance is everything! Get away from people or situations that bring stress to your day. A few moments walking in the park can do wonders for those seeking relief from stress.

Read! It's free so pick up a magazine, crossword puzzle or newspaper and find an article that captivates you.

Give yourself a tasty treat! It's ok to take solace in a sweet treat. Indulge yourself every so often. I call these a "stress be gone" moment. A hot cup of tea, cocoa or an ice cream sundaeon occasion can do wonders! So help yourself to a sweet treat!

Find a hobby. Whether you like to do jigsaw puzzles, put together model planes or collect antiques, a hobby does wonders to combat stress. It's a great way to relax while learning more about the things that interest you.

Embrace Your Spirituality. A study published on WebMD.com revealed that people who engage in religious activity (such as prayer or scripture reading) had a positive effect on the participants by lowering their blood pressure. http://www.webmd.com/hypertension-high-blood-pressure/news/20060518/spirituality-may-help-blood-pressure

GET ENOUGH SLEEP! When you're exhausted you will not be able to combat stress… period. In addition, nobody wants to be around you if you're grumpy.

Eat right. If you starve your body of proper nutrients, over time your brain doesn't function efficiently and for those of you who are not aware of this coffee is NOT a major food group. Give yourself the chance to operate at one hundred percent capacity everyday.

Work out. Endorphins are released when you exercise. They create feelings of euphoria while lowering stress. It's like nature's natural high!

Turn off the electronics! You don't have to be on FaceBook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and Linkedin twenty-four hours a day. Amazing as this may seem, the social media machine can survive without you for awhile. Turn off your laptop, phone, tablet or desktop pc and embrace an atmosphere of tranquility. I usually do this after dinner and leave them off until the next morning.

You'll feel brand new and refreshed daily if you habitually implement the these rituals repeatedly and find your focus for all the things on your to-do list.

Denise Williams is a two time author and motivational speaker. Her titles, The Healing of a Broken Vessel and Chambers of the Believing Heart can be found on Amazon. In addition to The Florida Star newspaper, her articles of healing have been published in Called magazine.

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In honor of Sollie Mitchell's100th birthday, there will be a celebration of his life on June 30th. This great gentleman's incredible journey is an inspiration and should be commemorated. The celebration will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

. During his 35-year career with the railroad, Sollie Mitchell worked in numerous capacities which have included a Pullman Car Porter, Chair car attendant, white print operator clerk, accountant clerk and a driver for CSX Chairman of the Board Prime Osborne. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and he also served as secretary of the Jacksonville BSCP under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph. Sollie Mitchell was also the chair car attendant on the historic Freedom Train for the 1963 March on Washington which was directed by Mr. Randolph.

He is also the oldest and third highest ranking mason in the state of Florida has been an active member and officer of the J. S. Coppock Lodge #190 since 1956. In 2010 the Sollie Mitchell Lodge #377 was named in his honor. A philanthropist for many causes, Sollie Mitchell has received awards that triple his years of life and on December 9, 2017, in recognition of his life works Sollie Mitchell received the Florida NAACP's Anthony C. Hill Labor Award.

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Friends of Sollie Mitchell's 100th Birthday Committee

More information forthcoming on Sollie Mitchell's 100th Birthday Celebration. June 20 actual birthday, Special Events TBA. June 30 Birthday Celebration, Hilton-Doubletree Downtown 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Committee Chairman, Former Senator Anthony "Tony" Hill, labor and fraternal order committee members: Cynthia Appling, Jerome Ballard, Arthur Finley, James Gillard, Belinda Garmany, Brenda Kelly, James Kelly, Doris Orr-Richardson, Marsha Dean Phelts, Delaney Williams.

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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.

U.S. whites will soon be the minority in number, but not power

Whites are now the numerical minority in a half dozen states, and they will be the nation's numerical minority in a little more than 25 years. And now, for the first time ever, there are fewer white than nonwhite children under 10 years of age.

This is a significant change. The U.S. population has been predominantly white since the founding of Jamestown in 1607. As late as 1950, whites accounted for about 90 percent of the nation's population, according to U.S. Census figures. But in the past six decades, whites' share of the overall population has dropped to 61 percent. Demographic projections suggest that whites will become the numerical minority in 2044, when the nation will become a majority-minority country.

In certain places this is already underway. Hawaii and the District of Columbia became majority-minority in 1980, California and New Mexico in 2000, Texas in 2004, and Nevada last year. The white share of Nevada's population plunged from 83.2 percent in 1980 to 49.9 percent in 2016. Eight other states where whites now account for under 60 percent of the population will likely become majority-minority states in the next 10 to 15 years. Of these, Maryland is expected to be the next majority-minority state with whites constituting 51.5 percent of its population in 2016.

Nonwhites are drivers of the demography of the national and state populations. For example, nonwhites accounted for nearly 96 percent of the 14.4 million people added to the U.S. population between 2010 and 2016. Latinos were responsible for close to half of the national growth. The white population rose by just over 650,000 during the six-year period, making up only about 4 percent of the increase. In Maryland, the white population declined by close to 67,000 between 2010 and 2016 while the nonwhite population rose by nearly 310,000.

The varying rates at which the white and nonwhite populations are growing reflect basic demography — births, deaths and immigration.

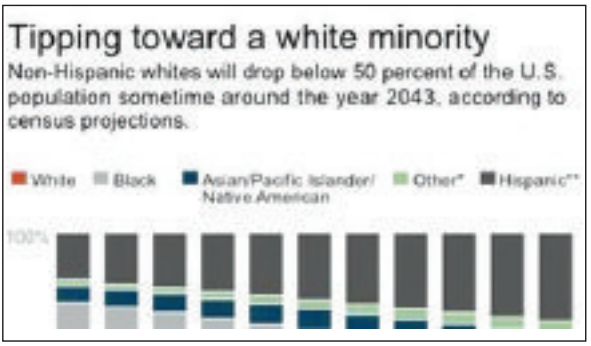
White women average 1.7 births over their lifetimes compared to Latina women, who average 2.2. Women from other racial groups have fertility rates in between. Thus, white women have fewer children than women from other groups.

The fertility gap is widened due to age differences. For example, the median age of whites is 43 compared to 29 for Latinos. Furthermore, 62 percent of Latina women 15 and older are in the ages in which females are the most likely to give birth (15-44) compared to slightly less than 42 percent of white women.

Mortality differences are also quite significant. Death rates enigmatically tend to be lower for Latinos compared to whites, what demographers call the "epidemiological paradox." Due to their older population, many more whites die than do nonwhites. Indeed, 78 percent of all deaths that occurred in the country in 2015 were white. In 2014, there were more white deaths than white births in 17 U.S. states including California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arizona and Massachusetts.

There are also significant differences between whites and nonwhites in the number of immigrants in the country. Of the 43.3 million foreign-born people residing in the United States in 2015, 82 percent originated from Latin America and Asia. Only 11 percent hailed from Europe.

The varying rates of births, deaths and immigration between whites and nonwhites will result in the United States becoming a majority-minority country in the coming decades. In less than a century, the share of whites in the nation's population is expected to fall from approximately 90 percent in 1950 to less than 50 percent in the mid-2040s.



Reflecting these trends, many whites claim that they are now or will soon become a minority group. This is only true in the numeric sense. Whites will continue to be the majority in terms of wealth, power and prestige. Whites have amassed large amounts of wealth and other resources that will not become depleted with their declining population counts. While increasing numbers will translate into some political gains among people of color, the white political machinery is already in motion deploying political tactics, such as gerrymandering and voter ID laws, to minimize the political power of groups of color. In South Africa, while whites are the numerical minority, they continue being the dominant group politically and economically.

Still, with increasing racial diversity and intermarriage in the United States, the meaning of race and the boundaries used to define who is white may be altered in the future.

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Embracing Diversity - Teaching at Kids Camp in Calgary Canada

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The importance of Kids Camp for youth, teens and young adults is growing. The integration of technology in business for young people has grown quickly and influencing the directions of young people being entrepreneurs and business owners.

The web is allowing kids from 7yrs and above to have businesses that are successful, growing and digital. Using Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, SnapChat, LinkedIn and other platforms to spread their Brands and assist with Marking.

Technology helps in building strong Brands. Calgary, Canada is growing in its influence with technology and the engagement of diverse cultures especially people of color that can be seen with the growth of Word Camp Calgary and even Word Camp Toronto and other areas of the great nation of Canada.

William Jackson, educator with Duval County Public Schools and past professor with Edward Waters College travels to speak and teach at Word Camp and Kids Camp respectively nationally and internationally. Building his business that helps to create learning opportunities that build skills and understanding. His developing Brand: My Quest To Teach that works to build collaboration not just competition on global levels of engagement.

Being an advocate for diversity in business and diversity in web development and technology to inspire youth, teens and young adults of color to enter into STEM, STEAM and STREAM careers.

Aida Correa of Latina heritage also advocates for Latina, and Hispanic people to consider entering into careers where technology is integrated, implements and to become producers of Apps, digital platforms, tools and programs.

Business owner of LoveBuilt Life #LoveBuiltLife, Adia has experience in web development, integration of the Arts in learning and a speaker, volunteer, and promoter of WordCamp and Kids Camp. The foundation for youth is to see people of color in technology careers and as entrepreneurs.

If youth of color see adults of color in tech careers they can dream further and in new directions.

William Jackson a teacher over 25 years has traveled to Calgary, Canada, Dayton, Ohio, Wilmington, North Carolina, Washington, DC and invited to WordCamp San Jose in Costa Rica to teach, mentor and collaborate. People of color and culture need to take advantage of all learning and entrepreneurial opportunities to strengthen each generations economic, political and soci-economic influences.

Resources:
WordCamp Central
https://central.wordcamp.org

Honor Student Camry Cross Nominated for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA — Camry Cross, a 11th grader at Terry Parker High School of Jacksonville will be a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Lowell, MA on June 25-27, 2018.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Camry Cross was nominated by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Terry Parker High School based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day Congress, Camry Cross will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cuttingedge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, Executive Director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. "Focused, bright and determined students like Camry Cross are our future and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her."

The Academy offers free services and programs to students who want to be physicians or go into medical science. Some of the services and programs the Academy offers are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career. Based in Washington, D.C. and with offices in Boston, MA, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists.

For more information visit www.FutureDocs.com or call 617-307-7425.

How to Build Better Relationships to Advance Your Career

Looking to get ahead in your career? Whether your goal is to raise your own level of performance, enhance customer engagement, or become a more effective leader, it all starts with bringing out the best in your co-workers, and in yourself, too.

One of the primary keys to success is learning to identify the fundamental characteristics of your co-workers, and developing strategies to work with each type of boss, co-worker or client you come across, says Kim Christfort, national managing director of Deloitte's US Greenhouse Experience and co-author of the new book, "Business Chemistry: Practical Magic for Crafting Powerful Work Relationships."

Co-written with Suzanne Vickberg, lead researcher of Business Chemistry at the Deloitte Greenhouse Experience, "Business Chemistry" identifies the four most common types of people you will work with in your career:

• "Pioneers" who value possibilities and spark energy and imagination. They're creative thinkers who believe big risks can bring great things.

• "Drivers" who value challenge and generate momentum. They're direct in their approach to people and problems.

• "Guardians" who value stability and bring rigor and order. They're deliberate decision makers apt to stick with status quo.

• "Integrators" who value connection and draw teams together. They're attuned to nuance, seeing shades of grey rather than black and white.

Once you identify the traits that make your co-workers and team tick, you can use this knowledge to become a more effective leader or team player, stress Deloitte's Christfort and Vickberg. It's all about learning how to best interact with each of the four major "Business Chemistry" types to help generate the best results and raise your level of performance -- and your value to your employer.

Here are several ways to apply that knowledge and become more effective at your job:

• Recognize the key differences in how people work, so you can build empathy and stronger relationships with them -- and flex your own style accordingly.

• Learn which kinds of working conditions and interactions can motivate your team, and which kinds may kill their potential. Then you can manage situations to help your team thrive.

• Tap into the diversity of your co-workers by determining whose needs are being met and whose aren't, and then revamp your team's normal processes so that everyone can perform at his or her best.

"Among members of a team, there will often be key differences in working styles and in what each individual needs to thrive," says Christfort. "An effective leader and co-worker can manage and motivate different types of people by learning what kinds of interactions and working conditions enhance everyone's performance."

For more tips and insights on how Business Chemistry can help you – and your team – perform at your best, visit deloitte.com/us/practicalmagic.

By spending some time learning what drives your co-workers, bosses and employees, you can discover how to create a more productive team atmosphere that allows everyone to thrive and succeed, including yourself. (StatePoint)

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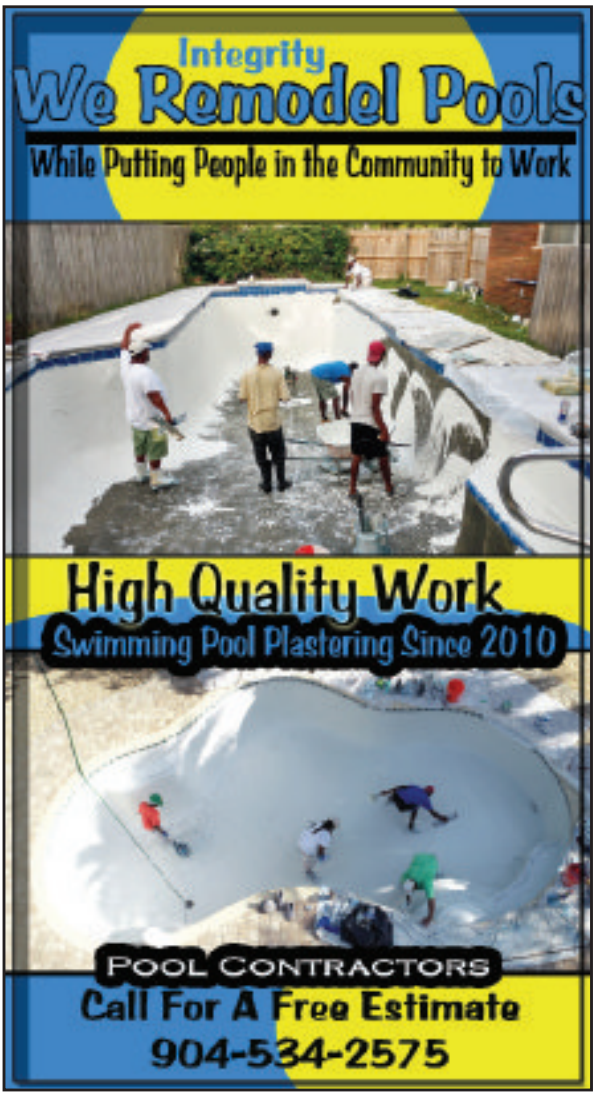

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tony New England suburbs to the farm country of California, from the beach towns of Florida to the Appalachian foothills." Children are being incarcerated at younger ages for severe crimes and the sentences are three times the amount of time they had even been on this earth. "Most of the approximately 2,100 individuals sentenced as juveniles to life without the possibility of parole now have a chance for release in the wake of recent Supreme Court decisions." State violence against black and brown communities with an increase of police shootings being on women and children, with statistics indicating that there has only been 10 days in the year of 2017 that no one has been killed by police. All of the aforementioned being systematic, well-structured, strategic plans by the conquerors who control wealth in a demographic of population, access to resources, all for the opportunity to exploit capitalism.

What happens when the tables turn, or as an old country girl like me would hear from my grandmother, and she would say, "The chickens are coming home to roost." No one should ever rejoice in anyone's tragedy. I would not advocate on the behalf of divisive language or fear tactics. I will attempt to share why, at this point, it is going to require a paradigm shift that pushes the consciousness of groups whose privilege has worked best in the blind. Far too long have the conquerors resorted to using racial, economic, social and sexual divides to create a system of oppression that has ended in marginalized communities bearing the brunt of the weight. On the rise and has been in the last decade is the shift of some of the same struggles and perils that the communities of colors have always been exposed to and overcame and adapt.

I have heard some say racism and misogynism and every other ism have been around before the current administration. That is true and what I believe is that that administration's ideology, what it represents, is just the pus oozing out of the infection that has been in every microfiber of this country since the conquering of Christopher Columbus and is now being displayed and is no longer ... It is now microaggression or hidden in the conquest of control, wrapped in a bow tie of semantics. It is upfront and bold and in our face and unapologetically so. What I see unfolding is those that were not affected directly because of privilege, whether it be skin color of financial, has now began to be severely impacted.

For example, education has, on some level, always been an uphill for communities of color. Now affordable education loans, or financial aid, is becoming a distant attainable resource. Jobs are also becoming scarce for those with little to advanced education and that's because technology's advancements. In communities of color, overcoming these barriers is nothing new. For the conquerors and the children of these conquerors, in their distant children, it is a hurdle that is a stumbling block. The opiate addiction is charting at an unimaginable rate, impacting the every working middle class privilege family and sadly its offspring whom are overdosing and being incarcerated at higher rates than ever in past history.

For communities of color who so desperately suffered from the war on the drugs during the crack epidemic, during that time no compassion, barely any treatment or caring rehab commercials aired on TV. The opiate crisis has been met with compassion, stories of the addicted families being destroyed, opposite of such communities of color who received from the government indifference. It was instead met with countless coverage of demonization and egregious sentencing. Unfortunately individuals, exempt in the skin absence of color and lifestyle in terms of sexual orientation, are again having the same hatred and homophobic rage geared towards them, even so me whose intersection narrowly crosses with a privileged conqueror.

In communities of color, we could not quiet our skin color and not be subjected to hatred and racism as a despicable and disturbing reality. In other words, I'm unable to conceal my skin color. I am born with it. I am born with my dark hue. The gay privilege conqueror may choose or not choose to conceal one's sexual orientation. In the end, my point is to recognize that in the universe, as it shifts occurring in the atmosphere, grieves me and I'm sure most of all of our humanity as pain, suffering, loss and love is a universal language. The conquering privilege will need to address my sets, evaluate beliefs, remove hate filled doctrines, in order to exemplify the compassion and become overcomers as communities of color have always had to do from the entire existence in the United States.

31 Blacks Get Drug Charges Dropped in Minneapolis After Police Dept Exposed For Racially Profiling

Minneapolis, MN — 31 African Americans who were arrested and charged for small-scale marijuana sales have been discharged and 16 more are awaiting dismissal. It happened following the decision of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo to discontinue the low-level marijuana stings that have allegedly seemed to be racial profiling.

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, the city's first Black police chief, announced last week that the authorities would no longer conduct sting operations targeting low-level marijuana sales after discovering that almost everyone arrested was Black.

Hennepin County Public Defender's office determined that 46 out of 47 who were arrested selling marijuana on Hennepin were Black.

All the arrests "have resulted in felony convictions for numerous black defendants who had been targeted, and all the devastating collateral consequences that go along with such convictions: jail time, prison time, and even deportation proceedings," Assistant County Public Defender Jess Braverman stated in a court document.

Hennepin County Chief Public Defender Mary Moriarty thought it was blatant racial profiling. She contacted Mayor Jacob Frey who pledged he would do something about the issue. Mayor Frey eventually directed Police Chief Arradondo to stop the stings.

"I believe strongly that marijuana should be a lowest-level enforcement priority and that it should be fully legalized at the state level," Frey said in a statement. "The fact that racial disparities are so common nationwide in the enforcement of marijuana laws is one of the reasons I support full legalization."

Now that the charges are dropped, they would not stay in jail anymore and they could go home. But Moriarty said it is not yet the end. She hopes that the long-term effects would be fixed and that prosecutors join motions to expunge the arrest and charges.

Federal judge approves AT&T-Time Warner merger

A federal judge approved the $85 billion mega-merger of AT&T and Time Warner on Tuesday, potentially ushering in a wave of media consolidation while shaping how much consumers pay for streaming TV and movies.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon green-lit the merger without imposing major conditions as some experts had expected. The Trump Justice Department had sued to block the $85 billion merger, arguing that it would hurt competition in cable and satellite TV and jack up costs to consumers for streaming TV and movies.

Now, the phone and pay-TV giant AT&T will be allowed to absorb the owner of CNN, HBO, the Warner Bros. movie studio, "Game of Thrones," coveted sports programming and other "must-see" shows. The Justice Department could appeal the ruling, although it said only that it is considering its options.

The ruling could open the floodgates to deal making in the fast-changing worlds of entertainment production and distribution. Major cable, satellite and phone companies are bulking up with purchases of entertainment conglomerates to compete against rivals born on the internet such as Amazon and Google.

A combined AT&T-Time Warner could also get a boost from Monday's official end of net neutrality —the Obama-era rules that barred broadband and wireless companies from favoring their own services to the detriment of rivals like Netflix. AT&T and Verizon now can give priority on their networks to their own movies and TV shows, while hurting rivals such as Amazon, YouTube and future startups.

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Thursday, June 21, 2018

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7:00 pm Presentation

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Information, 904 665-0064.

"The Melting Pot" oral histories can be found at www.jaxhistory.org

This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida.

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News You Can Use from

State Senator Audrey Gibson

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Information for Hurricane Season

Dear Constituent and Friend,

Last week I sent an email with helpful tips for hurricane season. I wanted to follow up with nursing homes and assisted living facilities information as it relates to generators.

In conjunction with the 2018 disaster preparedness sales tax holiday, June 1st was also the start date requiring nursing homes and assisted living facilities to acquire an alternative power source to ensure that temperatures are maintained at 81 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler in a sufficient portion of the facility to accommodate all of the facility's residents in the event of a power outage caused by a disaster. Each facility must implement policies and procedures to ensure that resident's do not suffer complications from heat exposure. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities will be required to have backup power capability and adequate fuel supplies to maintain safety systems and equipment needed to maintain indoor air temperatures for 96 hours after a loss of electricity. Conversely, there is a sales tax exemption on necessary equipment purchases for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, which began July 1, 2017 and continues through December 31, 2018.

In the aftermath of last year's hurricane season, these policies and procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of our most vulnerable during and after an emergency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 904-359-2553.

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

Audrey Gibson
State Senator,District 6

INNOCENT or GUILTY

By Dan Evans,
The Florida Star Reporter

Guilty or Innocent, the U.S. Government has indicted Councilwoman Katrina Brown and Councilman Reggie Brown on wire and mail fraud charges. During the explanation of the indicted charges the prosecution indicated they would prove phony invoices were used to draw money from a loan backed by the Small Business Administration.

A press release was given to reporters by the attorneys representing the defendants that stated…. {Katrina Brown and Reginal Brown, both of whom are respected elected public officials, have fully cooperated with the Federal investigation, for the last two years, and provided key evidence to the government that no fraud was committed….. City Councilwoman Katrina Brown and Councilman Reginal Brown are presumed innocent and will remain so throughout the course of these proceedings.}

Judge James R. Klindt entered Court Room 5D and began reviewing the initial swearing in appearance by reviewing the background information of both defendants, making sure they had received copies of the indictment and that they understood the charges. 38 counts of mail and wire fraud and failure to file 1040 tax forms. Ms. Brown was charged with counts 1 – 37. Mr. Brown was charged with counts 1-33 and count 38. Count 38 referred to Mr. Brown not filing tax form 1040.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury Charges:

Count One; Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud. The general allegations stated, 1. The defendant Katrina Brown in and about May 2011 to the present was a partner in Cowealth, LLC and Basic Products LLC. Both corporations were registered and incorporated with the Florida Division of Corporations on May 13, 2011. She served on the Finance Committee and the Land Use and Zoning Committee.

2. Defendant Reginal Brown, served on the Finance Committee and Rules Committee. On or about December 10,2013, Ms. Brown incorporated A Plus Training and Consultants and listed Mr. Brown as a. partner. A Plus Training was used solely to perpetrate the scheme to defraud.

THE CONSPIRACY

From line 32 of the Indictment { Between in or about late 2013 and in or about 2015, in the Middle District of Florida , and elsewhere, KATRINA BROWN and REGINALD BROWN, the defendants herein ,did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and others known and unknown to the grand jury, to devise and intend to device a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promised, and for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute scheme to defraud. To deposit or sent or delivered by the United Parcel Service}

Jacksonville City Council members Katrina Brown and Reggie Brown (Photo by Frank M. Powell, III)

COUNTS 2 – 14

UPS packages sent to Mr. Brown, referring to aiding and abetting.

COUNTS 15 -27

Wire communications / deposits of checks between banks.

COUNTS 28 – 33

Aiding and abetting money laundering. Interstate moving of money obtained fraudulently amounting to $10,000.00

COUNT 34 – 35

Pertaining to charges against Councilwoman Brown for attempted bank fraud.

COUNTS 36 – 37

Presenting false statements to financial institutions

COUNT 38

Exclusively for Councilman Reginal Brown for failing to file Tax Form 1040

In the initial indictment court appearance, the prosecution presented to the court there is not a minimum sentence.

Maximum Sentences

Councilwoman Brown, 750 years in prison and over 10 million dollars in fines.

Councilman Reginal Brown, 601 years in prison and over 8 million dollars in fees.

Since the first court appearance both Katrina Brown and Reginald Brown has been removed from the committees they were assigned to and Gov Rick Scott has suspended them both for office. Gov. Scott's office is requesting a list of qualified candidates to serve out the terms of both Council members. Florida State law gives the Governor the authority to suspend public officials accused, indicted and waiting trial for the remainder of their terms. The state laws also state any appointments must be approved by the Florida Senate and Florida State Representatives. The next court date is set for June 14th. The Florida Star will be there. Any questions you may want to ask or have investigated contact the Florida Star Newspaper 904 -766-8834.

* mentioned excerpts are taken from the original indictment filed courts

NEWS: PROGRAM TRAINS OPERATIVES AND CANDIDATES OF COLOR TO RUN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS IN BRUNSWICK

Brunswick BLUE Institute participants County Commission candidate, Barbara Baisden and college student, Cekayla King share ideas during a campaign activity. Photo by Reuben King

This past weekend, BLUE (Building Leaders and Uplifting the Electorate) Institute trained a dozen community leaders and political candidates. In an effort to fill the gap of progressive professional campaign talent of color, the two-day boot camp style training offered participants an engaging perspective into effective campaign management. Trained participants are now equipped with useful tools to support and manage their own strategic, data-driven electoral campaigns. During the training, BLUE Institute welcomed presentations by The Democracy Labs and Roosevelt Institute.

James Johnson, who returned to his hometown to participate in the program, said "I received much more knowledge and training than I could have imagined. The inclusion of hands-on exercises helped me to understand how to actually apply the plethora of information given."

"This is about bench-benching. There is a talented pool of people of color who do not have the access or appropriate training to be successful in electoral politics. Candidates of color and their staff are increasing in areas much like Brunswick across the South" said Ashley Robinson, Principal of BLUE Institute. "We are committed to traveling across the South and Southwest to provide an interactive and engaging training for our diverse communities in response to this growing need," added Genny Castillo, Chief Operations Officer of BLUE Institute.

Cedric King, candidate for State House District 167, attended the event. "BLUE Institute was far better than any other political training I have participated in," said King. "With an in-depth approach to campaign management including innovative digital tools and resources, I am more equipped to run and win my campaign," King continued.

"I am proud to be a student of BLUE Institute," said Johnson upon completing the program.

Piloted in 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia, BLUE Institute is designed to recruit and train young people of color seeking to become leaders, strategists and key staff members of progressive electoral campaigns. To learn more about this exciting training program or to book BLUE Institute for your area, please visit www.theblue.institute.

Man Arrested, Charged For Bomb Threat On Event For Black Harvard Graduates

By Ryan Velez

Graduating from Harvard should be one of the great accomplishments of one's life, but a group of black students had their accomplishment overshadowed when a man threatened to bomb an event honoring black graduate students last year. Now, The Independent reports that the man who did this has been arrested and charged.

Nicholas Zuckerman, a 24-year-old from Arizona, stands accused of making a set of threatening posts on Harvard's official Instagram account in May 2017. He has been charged with two counts of transmitting in interstate and foreign commerce a threat to injure the person of another, Massachusetts prosecutors said. He will appear in a federal court in Boston at a later date.

The event in question was the first-ever commencement ceremony specifically recognizing the achievements of black graduate students, and was in the preparation stages when Zuckerman made his posts ten days before it was to happen. Over 300 students and 500 guests registered to attend the event, which was optional. Harvard has held similar events for black undergraduates as well as for Latino students. Other universities, including Columbia and Stanford, have done the same for black, LGBT, Asian, Latinx and Native American students, according to CNN.

"If the blacks only ceremony happens, then I encourage violence and death at it. I'm thinking two automatics with extendo clips. Just so no n***** gets away," the post read. He also is accused of making several bomb threats. writing "#bombharvard and and their pro-black agenda", before responding "#bombharvard", to other users' posts 11 times in the space of four minutes.

A concerned citizen reported the posts to the Harvard University police, who then referred the case to federal authorities, the US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts said. Under the current law, Zuckerman could get a maximum of five years and a fine of $250,000 for transmitting threats to injure a person.

At the moment, we don't have any clear motivation for Zuckerman's actions beyond what is said in the posts. With the current climate regarding gun violence and racial tension, it's clear that any threats should be taken seriously, and punished to the full extent of the law. Chances are we will hear more details in the coming days.

Eagles Captain Sends Message Saying – "You Aren't Listening"

By Victor Ochieng

After the President cancelled Eagles's White House visit, the news has been making headlines. This was especially after the President accused the NFL players of not being patriotic and that they were anti-military. Nonetheless, most of the Eagles' players have been very outspoken on why they intended not to honor the White House invite. Despite this, people have continued to air different opinions on the matter and this has not gone down well with the team's captain, Malcolm Jenkins, who insists that no one is listening to the true message the players have been trying to send.

After their practice on Wednesday, some reporters followed the captain to his locker, in an effort to get him to talk about the feud between the team and the president. However, Jenkins chose to send his message by remaining silent. Instead of answering the reporters' queries, the NFL safety star decided to use a white poster board and a black magic marker to send his message.

Jenkins wanted to get the conversation back to where it began – social and racial injustice. His first card drew the cameras' attention to the rest of his cards, it said, "You aren't listening."

Jenkins did not speak a word; instead he let his cards speak for him. The second card showed the number of Americans killed by police, and at the bottom, a sign pointed at the statistical difference of African-American men in the whole of US. It also pointed at the glaring number of black males killed by police. His other cards also included information that showed the number of juveniles arrested annually, the African Americans in prison population and another that talked of the $1 million from Colin Kaepernick, the former San Frascisco 49ers quarterback that went to charity. He did not fail to mention that last season Long donated all his salary to education.

This message comes after Trump blasted the NFL players as unpatriotic, despite none of the players having knelt during the national anthem.

Later information surfaced from the White House, press secretary, Sarah Sanders; claiming that the Eagles had attempted to renegotiate another visit. She said there was no agreement because the team did not care about their fans. In response to this, Chris Long, who is the Eagles' defensive end, said, "We love our fans. We have the best fans in the world."

Long pointed out that he was proud of his Pro Bowl teammate for doing "a tremendous job of advocating for issues like social justice and criminal justice reform." He said that Jenkins was speaking out about matters that many people do not want to accept, though they know the effects. The winner of the NFL Players Association community MVP, added that people are shying away from talking about subjects such as social injustice and criminal justice reform. He said, "I think that's what Malcolm might be getting at, there is a lack of listening when it comes to that."

Eagles coach, Doug Pederson, during a morning news conference seemed try to move away from answering questions related to Eagles trip to the White House. And when asked about the allegations that the Eagles were taking part in politics, he said, "It's over."

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Update

At its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges placed Bethune-Cookman University on probation as a result of negative media exposure and pending litigation that must be corrected toward compliance with the Principles of Accreditation. While on probation, the University remains accredited and the probation will have no impact on federal aid or extramural funding. The probation period may last up to two years, during which time, the University will submit monitoring reports to ensure that all outstanding deficiencies are corrected.

"We fully understand our roles and responsibilities in this process. Anticipating the possibility of this outcome, we met in person with the staff of SACSCOC, and submitted a follow up report. I am confident that we have assembled a team of senior staff, some of whom are trained SACSCOC reviewers with the expertise and experience to successfully guide the University through this process," says Interim President Hubert Grimes.

The Board of Trustees and administration have been proactive in addressing issues related to institutional integrity, board governance and financial stability and are working to insure satisfactory progress toward compliance. Since June 2017, the Board appointed new University leadership with a commitment to continuous improvement to streamline and reorganize operations. The administration has already started updating and implementing policies and procedures designed to strengthen controls, increase revenues, and reduce cost.

We will use this as a sound management tool and are confident that Bethune-Cookman University will emerge better and stronger from this process.

JACKSONVILLE JUMBO **Shrimp**

2018 SCHEDULE

JUNE

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					1 PNS 7:05	2 PNS 6:35
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"Incredibles 2" is the Latest Film in Samuel L. Jackson's Hollywood Journey

By Ronda Racha Penrice, Urban News Service

Samuel L. Jackson is, without a doubt, the hardest working man in Hollywood. To date, he's appeared in well over 100 films with a box office take of $7 billion and counting. That's a Guinness World Record that Jackson, who appears in about four films each year, isn't relinquishing anytime soon. In his latest, he reprises his role as Lucius Best, close friend to the Parr family who also doubles as the superhero Frozone, for Disney's long-awaited animated sequel "Incredibles 2." The 2004 original, "The Incredibles," grossed over $631 million worldwide.

Playing an animated character who can "shoot ice out of his hands" is very apt for Jackson who is generally considered the coolest cat in Hollywood. But it's a long way from his childhood in Chattanooga, Tenn. His Raised during Jim Crow, Jackson, who turns 70 later this year, was very familiar with the color line, spending much of his early life in almost exclusively black environments. His father was very absent while his mother was a sporadic presence for many years. So Jackson's maternal grandparents and aunt had a huge impact on his early life. From his grandfather, who worked as a janitor, Jackson learned the value of hard work and that still shows in his work ethic today. His Aunt Edna, a performing arts teacher, actually set him on the path to becoming an actor.

"I was in the house with her and she was generally in charge of the pageant shows or whatever the happenings. She never had enough boys. Boys never volunteered. I lived in the house with her so she made me," he said, reclining comfortably at the other end of a sofa. "She takes all the credit for this," he laughed, outstretching his hands to highlight the luxuriousness of his The London West Hollywood room.

As a student at the iconic men's college Morehouse in Atlanta that also counts Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Spike Lee among its alumni, Jackson became ferocious about acting. There he even met his wife of nearly 40 years, LaTanya Richardson, a serious actress attending Spelman. He also appeared in his very first film, the long-forgotten 1972 Blaxploitation era film about interracial romance titled "Together for Days," later renamed "Black Cream." In 1976, Jackson and Richardson moved to New York.

"I never had a time when acting wasn't going well," said Jackson of those days. "I had times when acting didn't pay as much as something else could have. But I've only had like one real job other than actor. I was a security guard . . . But other than that I've supported myself acting since 1978."

Jackson's strategy was to keep everything he did in the theater. "I did things I'd learned to do in college that wouldn't take me out of the theater situation," he said. "It was easier for me to say I have an audition to people who are in the theater and they go 'good luck' than if I had to go to my auditions and be like 'who's going to wait my tables?'

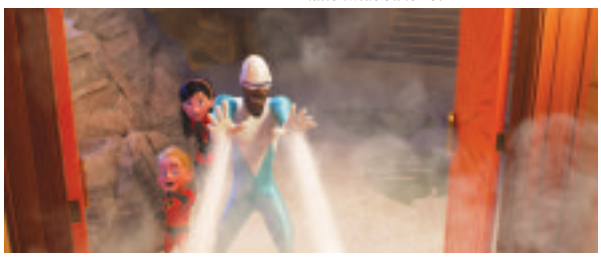
"I just didn't put myself in that situation so I built sets, I hung lights. I did whatever was necessary to make money in the business I wanted to be in. I knew how to do it. It kept me close to the theater. I could watch people rehearse, read lines with them or do whatever. So I was always ready to go."

Jackson, who came through the theater ranks with Denzel Washington, Laurence Fishburne, Morgan Freeman and Wesley Snipes, was so good at being on stage that it seemed that not even drugs and alcohol could knock him off. But that was not true. When Richardson found her husband passed out, she sent him to rehab. As Jackson left rehab, Hollywood finally did call in the form of Spike Lee. Playing drug-addicted Gator Purify in Lee's 1991 film, "Jungle Fever," starring Wesley Snipes, got Jackson recognized. His role as Jules Winnfield, the Jheri curled hitman with a penchant for quoting Bible verses and a flair for dropping a profane word or two in Quentin Tarantino's 1994 film "Pulp Fiction," made him a star. And he hasn't stopped working since.

Over the years, Jackson's appeal has broadened to point that he has literally gone from last year's "The Hitman's Bodyguard" to an appearance as Nick Fury in Marvel's recent superhero mash-up "Avengers: Infinity War." But "The Incredibles" franchise, which counts Jackson's daughter Zoe among its many fans, is one of the few Jackson has done suitable for all ages.

"I watched cartoons my whole life so being a voice of a cartoon character is kind of great," he said. "And he's a superhero. He's got a superpower."

"Incredibles 2" is in theaters nationwide June 15.



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An Open Letter to National Football League (NFL) Players: It's Time to Find Your Courage

By Kaia Wright

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear NFL Players:

It's time to find your courage.

National Football League owners have thrown down the gauntlet in their decision to compel standing for the national anthem, and left you with two options: embrace your power as nearly 70% of the sports league that is the world's most profitable as a direct result of your talent and labor; or bow to a provocative display of authoritarianism intended to crush peaceful, powerful opposition to centuries of systemic racism.

The NFL's new national anthem policy reflects not only a complete disregard for the humanity and autonomy of Black people, but the apparent belief the title "owner" conveys literal ownership of your Black bodies. It is also the latest in a long list of similarly abhorrent actions by the NFL in service to racism and white supremacy. From overtly excluding Black players from its ranks; to restricting access to positions based upon presumed intellectual inferiority; to maintaining a system of inequity where the overwhelming majority of leadership positions are held by whites while you comprise most of the labor pool. Like our ancestors, your primary value to NFL ownership appears to be the degree to which they may continue to use your body, with little to no regard for the effects on your physical and personal well-being, to make exorbitant profits.

Based upon the NFL's adoption of this dishonorable policy and the associated deliberate exclusion from the league of your brothers Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid, I respectfully recommend you consider engaging in one or more of the following methods of protest during the 2018 season:

1) Refuse to play football, akin to a holdout (#NationalAnthemHoldout);

2) Refuse to stand for the national anthem (#MyNameIsNotToby); or

3) Raise a "power to the people" fist clad in a black glove during the national anthem (#TooBlackTooStrong)

It's time to find your courage.

The core basis for the NFL's national anthem policy is the contention that failing to stand for the national anthem is disrespectful to veterans and the flag. This argument is illogical. A nation's anthem and flag's primary purpose is to represent the *entirety* of its citizenry; and participation in the anthem ceremony is a private decision every American is entitled to make. Any other symbology attached to the anthem or flag related to subgroups such as veterans, police, and civil servants must be subordinate or secondary to its *primary* representation. Further, as veterans take an oath to support and defend the constitution, it is nonsensical to then declare that the actual exercise of those rights is disrespectful to this very group. The military is not a monolith, and our varied opinions on this issue should not be given any more weight than that of any other citizen. Additionally, the statute which delineates actions disrespectful to the flag does not include kneeling or remaining seated during the anthem. Finally, as eloquently stated by the Supreme Court in *West Virginia v. Barnette*,

To believe that patriotism will not flourish if patriotic ceremonies are voluntary and spontaneous, instead of a compulsory routine, is to make an unflattering estimate of the appeal of our institutions to free minds.

And while the NFL is a private organization to which the first amendment does not directly apply—its use of taxpayer funds and receipt of tax benefits to build stadiums aside—the Court's message is a relevant and poignant one.

It's time to find your courage.

The NFL's anthem policy was enacted without the consultation of any players or the NFL Players Association. Further, the admonition that you either stand during the anthem or remain out of sight so as not to offend the sensibilities of the NFL's white fan base harkens back to a time when we were required to remain out of sight by being forced to enter establishments through the back door or sit in separate areas of buses, trains, restaurants, etc. lest white patrons feel uncomfortable. The NFL's policy is clearly designed to impose upon you owners' personal political views, as well as those of white fans who believe *they* are the arbiters of the time, place, and manner Black people should object to racism.

You are men descended from an extraordinary, resilient, and courageous people. Those before us endured the most treacherous and inhumane treatment at the hands of people whom history has sanitized as mere patriots seeking better life in a new land, but who in truth were barbarians who perpetuated the genocide of one group of people, and the enslavement, murder, and complete dehumanization of another. Yet our ancestors persevered, rebelled, and survived so that we would have the opportunity to become their wildest dreams. Taking up their mantle, our elders exposed themselves to and suffered enormous physical, economic, and psychological harm marching, demonstrating, sitting in, freedom riding, and committing sundry acts of resistance to challenge the same systemic racism faced by those before them. They did so not while making comfortable salaries or with influential platforms, but with everything to lose and only their dignity and a better tomorrow for us to gain. The mantle has now been passed to us.

It's time to find your courage.

During the 2016 and 2017 seasons, many of you peacefully protested centuries of racism and the continued deprivation of the rights, liberties, and privileges symbolized by the national anthem and the flag. This is evident in everything from housing to the justice system and the unlawful extrajudicial killing of unarmed Black men and women while white mass murderers are brought in peacefully; to whites summoning law enforcement like a personal gang to intimidate and threaten us for [insert doing innocuous activity] While Black. And our socio-economic status, education, sex, or age will not shield us from racism's pernicious, destructive effects.

It's time to find your courage.

Refusing to play, especially if executed by multiple teams, is by far the most powerful action you could take, and the stance likely to yield results most quickly. It is analogous to a hold-out, except with a far more noble foundation. Your brothers on the University of Missouri football team—young men who had not yet entered the work force and thus had precious little to fall back on should their scholarships be revoked—demonstrated how effective such a protest could be. The decision may be a difficult one; but our ancestors and elders made difficult decisions as well. There hasn't been a single substantive shift regarding racism in this country that did not involve acts of enormous courage, bravery, and willingness to sacrifice for a greater cause.

Refusing to stand for the national anthem is also a very strong response. Participation in the national anthem ceremony is essentially a personal invitation extended to every United States citizen. It is comparable to attending a non-religious event in which attendees are invited to pray. The decision not to participate is an individual one that is not anyone's prerogative to even question, let alone either demand an explanation, or, worse, attempt to compel participation.

Raising a fist during the national anthem is yet another strong symbol of resistance, the most vivid example being the iconic image of John Carlos and Tommie Smith with their black glove clad fists held high in a "power to the people" salute during the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, Mexico. Though one is generally standing for the anthem while doing so, it is imbued with the powerful statement that you will not be compelled into subordinated obedience.

It's time to find your courage.

There will be consequences regardless of the stance you take or which method you and your brothers, individually or collectively, settle upon. Even doing nothing opens the door to further abuses by the owners as this anthem policy inescapably probes what level of racist maltreatment you are willing to accept, and presents you with your Toby moment. Additionally, what's to stop the NFL from making you recite a loyalty oath or perform some other gesture such as saluting to show your "respect for the flag?"

And here is a hard truth. As with any group of oppressed people, there will be those among you for whom lack of intestinal fortitude, fear of not being liked or adverse consequences, and resigned subservience are guiding life principles. This is so despite their status as professional football players and, as such, among the strongest, most talented, intelligent, hard-working, and gifted men on Earth.

But there will also be those of you who are willing to accept our ancestors' and elders' mantle of fortitude, resilience, and bravery; face and conquer the natural fear associated with doing what is difficult but right; and reject this draconian attempt to suppress Black dissent regarding our racist mistreatment in this country.

Those of you who choose to step up to this line of scrimmage will not be without protection and support. There are various legal theories and analyses which representatives and counsel may explore to support your refusal to play or stand during the anthem, or to raise a fist during the anthem. Also, the NFLPA has demonstrated a willingness to stand by you, and protect the exercise of your rights. Further, know that we the people are with you. We the people who are football fans that unflinchingly support your decision to protest; we the people who are not football fans, but who detest the existence of systemic racism; and we the people, your fellow Black brothers and sisters, who too are intimately familiar with the scourge of racism, and thus understand that we are you and you are us. We are one.

It's time to find your courage.

This abuse of authority by the NFL as reflected in the promulgation of this policy is simultaneously an act of dominance and an act of cowardice. Dominance in its intent to impose the will of 32 owners, nearly all of whom are white, onto Black men challenging sustained, persistent racism. Cowardice in its spineless capitulation to Donald Trump's vacuous criticisms, and the racist sensibilities of white fans who object to players straying from their designated role as entertainers who should "shut up and play football." This policy, coupled with the ongoing exclusion of Kaepernick and Reid, while not violent like Bull Connor's attack dogs and fire hoses, are no less racist and repugnant in their intention—to punish Black people who dare to stand against this country's unabated refusal to extend to its Black citizens the full panoply of freedoms guaranteed by our founding documents here in the purported land of the free and home of the brave. It's time to find your courage. Because if not now, when?

More info at courage-under-fire.com

Is Justice Blind In Jacksonville

If Justice is blind in Jacksonville, why is the media always highlighting U S Congresswoman Brown, Council Persons Reggie Gaffney, Katrina Brown and Reginald Brown? Lady Justice wears a blindfold representing objectivity, with no concern for favor, regardless of money, fame, power, or identity and imparity. However, it is Prosecutorary discretion that cast African American elected officials deep into the web of the Justice System.

Kerri Stewart Mayor Curry`s past Chief of Staff, who was conveniently moved to JEA this year, did not make the front page of the local newspaper and escaped the web of justice. Despite the fact the Council Audit discovered that Stewart improperly lobbying for $98, 000 that grew to $317, 000 over a few years. Stewart`s actions for some strange reasons missed front page coverage and legal persecution, but U S Congress Woman Corrine Brown, Councilman Persons Reggie Gaffney, Katrina Brown and Reginald Brown were not be so lucky. Our Mayor said he had "complete confidence in the team that I`ve built around me and will hold them accountable for the work performed under my leadership" in a written statement by a spokeswoman. Justice should be inclusive of past and present actions. The Mayor was not impartial when it came to the past CFO apparent actions of Mayor Brown`s administration, concerning the unaccountability of $27, 000 in prepaid gift cards. Where is the imparity in these two situations in City Hall?

A few years back William Sweet a Black city official "helped himself to taxpayer's money, creating dummy businesses and forging documents to steal at least $95,000". He was charged with "12 counts of grand theft, who pleaded guilty to two and – over the objections of prosecutors – never spent a day in prison". Sweet is now serving 10 years of Probation. Imparity was the central issue in Sweet`s situation and it speaks volumes about "White Collar Crime" in Jacksonville. The media during the time of Sweet`s situation was covering case after case involving river front projects. Why is it that persons who looked like Kerri Stewart continuously walk away with millions of tax payer's dollars? Tax payers always absorb their shady and questionable business practices without ever seeing any criminal prosecution. Why do they also escape the bright glare of media coverage? The dollar amounts involved in these business practices classify them as "Whales in the sea of white collar crimes who swim away escaping criminal prosecution". William Sweet was a "minnow in the sea of white collar crime", comparing dollar amounts. Crime is crime, but it appears that Lady Justice sometimes moves her blindfold to take a look to see who is committing the crime. The Judge in Sweet`s case must have agreed with these legal disparities given his sentence of probation instead of jail.

The Editor of Folio in her March 16 -22, 2016 article "Down & Dirty City Contracts"

Cited the immediate need for a comprehensive review of business practices involving Contracts in our City to ensure imparity. Justice is not blind in Jacksonville, but prosecutorary discretion is the key factor that tilt the scales of justice toward some and ignore others.

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