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## Louise Hill McGregor Dies at Age 96

Louise Hill McGregor arrived in this world on January 1, 1922 and made many contributions from that day forward. Actually, she made contributions until her last breath on Sunday, July 8, 2018 when she advised her family that she was going home and then took her last breath.

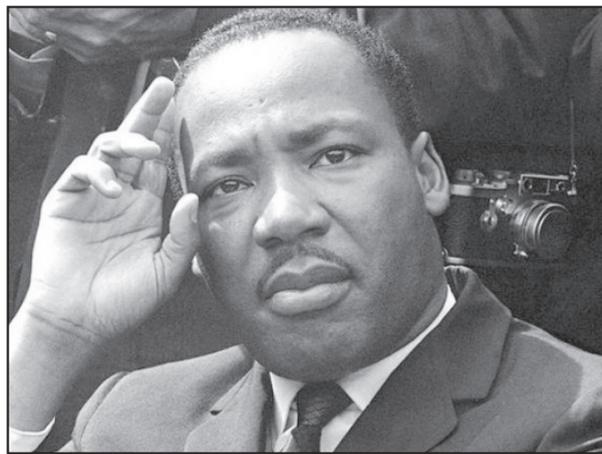
Mrs. McGregor is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Gainesville, Florida. She was a musician at Friendship Baptist Church before graduating and continuing her studies at Hampton (Institute) University in Hampton, Virginia. Prior to her marriage to Robert D. McGregor, Jr., she went back to Gainesville and taught Home Economics at the school. She became the Godmother of Clara Frances Jackson where she made sure Clara took piano and voice lessons and also learned to sew. In other words, Ms. Hill was not just a teacher, she was



Louise Hill McGregor

a motivator. Her husband, Robert D. McGregor, Jr. became president of Virginia's branch of the NAACP. They had two children, Robyn, their daughter and Franklin, their son.

Mrs. McGregor received many honors as a student, teacher and motivator. She will be truly missed and long remembered.



## Martin Luther King Jr. Monument Plans take Shape in Savannah, Ga.

A developer is planning to install a monument honoring Martin Luther King Jr. as the centerpiece of a public waterfront park in Savannah, Georgia.

City officials say it will be the first monument to honor the civil rights leader in Savannah or Chatham County.

The 8-foot-tall monument will feature a larger-than-life bust of King facing north toward the river.

The site is near the \$270 million Plant Riverside hotel complex being built on West River Street.

## The Most Cowardly Phrase Black People Use

*Federal prosecutors and judges may need to go to prison to truly change the racist criminal justice system that targets black officials.*

By Opio Sokoni

Recently Reggie Brown and Katrina Brown were suspended. Their replacements were chosen by Republican Governor Rick Scott. The two Browns were indicted during an election season for what looks more like creative financing than a crime. Before that, Corrine Brown was indicted during an election season and replaced by Al Lawson who received support from Republicans. In Corrine's case, a judge removed a sitting juror who openly declared, after hearing the evidence during trial, that she was innocent. The juror's abrupt removal placed yet another juror in fear who claimed she would have voted against convicting Corrine Brown as well. Without the removal of the juror, Corrine would not have been convicted in that trial. These cases involve federal prosecutors and judges. Black elected officials are treated differently by the criminal justice system than others similarly situated. But more than that, there is a pattern of duly elected black officials being removed from office with the use of indictments. Each of those cases could have been treated in other ways by the government. The prosecutor could have settled those cases without the use of criminal charges.

White federal prosecutors and judges who find themselves in close relationships with other local powerful whites and sellout blacks are using the criminal justice system unconstitutionally as a tool. They remove elected leaders that speak out for the northside of Jacksonville – the heavily black side of town. Removing these types of black leaders allow enemies of black progress, that was promised since consolidation in 1968, to rubber stamp projects. That often means directing millions of dollars away from infrastructure of the northside and into private business hands. Pay attention to the big projects that Reggie Brown and Katrina Brown opposed and see who would have benefitted privately and/or politically from the outcomes. The culprits are standing in the way of true progress for the city of Jacksonville.

Local, federal prosecutors and judges actions are part of a racialized pattern. The federal government via the Justice Department also spends money harassing family members and friends of their targets. A just system would take away all immunity and place judges and prosecutors in handcuffs. Some use their office to settle political

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## Papa John's Schnatter Used Racial Slur On Conference Call

The founder and public face of Papa John's pizza admitted to the media on Wednesday that he used the "n-word" during a conference call with a marketing company in May, and apologized for his actions. Forbes reports that the slur came, during a call designed to teach John Schnatter how to better handle public-relations scandals after he drew criticism last November for claiming that the NFL's handling of the kneeling players "debacle" was hurting his pizza sales. Schnatter reportedly tried to



John Schnatter

minimize the significance of last year's comments during the call by arguing that "Colonel Sanders called blacks n-----s" without reproach. After multiple employees on the call complained, Forbes reports, the company moved to sever its ties with Papa John's.

## Brett Kavanaugh Nomination Should Be Withdrawn

President Trump announced Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy during a televised prime-time event at the White House Monday night.

Former Jacksonville Mayor and candidate for U.S. Congress Alvin Brown released the following statement on Brett Kavanaugh.

"Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick Brett Kavanaugh will be a rubber-stamp for this Administration's extreme, right-wing agenda. With Kavanaugh on the bench, our values and the fundamental rights of generations to come are on the line. From access to affordable health care and reproductive health, to labor unions, gun safety and civil rights, Brett Kavanaugh cannot be trusted. He has a long, troubling record on issues that impact everyday Americans' lives, and the Senate must reject Brett Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh has no business anywhere near the highest court in the land."



Brett Kavanaugh

## Black Press is Facing Deadly Assault from Trump's Tariffs on Newsprint

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.  
(President and CEO, NNPA)

Amid the rush to comprehend the ramifications of a full-scale international trade war initiated by the errant and backward tariff policies of the Trump Administration, there are results of the tariffs that need to be challenged by Black America. The financial sustainability of the Black

Press of America is now facing a catastrophic and a possible deadly impact, because of these new tariffs.

The current dispute over the rising costs of the paper product termed "newsprint," because of tariffs on Canadian newsprint threatens the future of member publishers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and could further isolate and disenfranchise

African American businesses and communities in cities and towns across the United States.

Import duties the U.S. Commerce Department is now applying to Canadian-made newsprint is already increasing costs enough to prompt layoffs and scaled-back news coverage by some of the nation's major dailies and weekly publications. If these tariffs remain in place, scores of

newspapers with smaller circulations, notably those that serve African American communities, could be forced to cease publishing a print edition or close altogether.

During the past 191 years, the Black Press has survived, endured and overcome past firebombing and improvised explosive attacks, as well as other deadly manifestations of racial violence. The newsprint tariffs

appear to have been put in place by the Trump Administration after being encouraged by the interests of a single paper mill in Washington State called NORPAC.

NORPAC argues that Canadian government policies give Canadian paper producers an unfair advantage in the U.S. market. NORPAC says

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule of Events and Services

**El-Beth-El Community Come Together Day Celebration**  
**Theme: We Can Do Better Together**

To: All Our Friends, Concern citizens and the Masonic Family (Everyone Welcome to Attend)

The officers and members of The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church / El-Beth-El Development Center invite you to worship with us and be our special guest Sunday July 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 pm in our Community Come Together Day Celebration. We are asking 50 Men dressed in Black and white, and 50 Women dressed in White to join us to show unity.

Crime is everywhere, in our homes, jobs, community, churches etc. We must work together as one. Crime has no color or age.

Our morning speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Emanuel C. Quinones, pastor of House Of Hope Fellowship Church at 11:00 a.m. and our evening speaker will be Mr. Gary Thomas, president of Martin Luther King Foundation. The church is located at 723 W. 4th Street Jacksonville, Fla. 32209. Several of our civic and political leaders will be present.

If you need further information, please contact Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. at 904-710-1586 or email me at [gospell75@aol.com](mailto:gospell75@aol.com). Come out network and support.

Food will be served after each program.

Sincerely,  
 Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr.

Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. invites you to worship with him this morning at 11:00 AM at The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church 723 W. 4th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209 "The Church Where Everybody is Somebody"



### All Aboard "The Glory Train"!

New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their annual anniversary on Sunday, July 15, 2018. They will present a gospel play entitled, "The Glory Train" presented by the Missionary Ministry.

This play will keep you rolling in laughter while presenting a powerful and meaningful message. We promise you will not be disappointed. Make plans to join us!

Date: July 15, 2018  
 Time: 4 PM

Location: New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
 1824 Prospect Street  
 Jacksonville, FL 32208

If you need additional information regarding this event, call (904) 764-5727 or (904) 764-9879.

## OBITUARY

### Florida & Georgia

Kimberly Marshall passed away on Saturday July 7, 2018. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 13, 2018 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Bethel Baptist Institutional Church located 215 Bethel Baptist Street Jacksonville, FL 32202. Alphonso West Mortuary located 4409 Soutel Drive Jacksonville, FL 32208 will render services to the family.

Dianne E. Parker passed away peacefully on July 6, 2018 in a local hospital. \*Funeral services are currently pending. Alphonso West Mortuary located 4409 Soutel Drive Jacksonville, FL 32208 will render services to the family.

Ellis Bernard Rowe passed away on Monday July 2, 2018. Viewing to be held Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 9:00 am at St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church 485 West 1st Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Funeral service to be held Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church. Alphonso West Mortuary located 4409 Soutel Drive Jacksonville, FL 32208 will render services to the family

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 MEDICAID (904) 353-2100  
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## OPINION

### "One Prayer vs. One Vote"

By Miles Jaye

In "The Accountant," a 2016 Ben Affleck film, Ben's dad offers his boys this advice regarding bullies, "You think if you don't fight back, then maybe they'll like you... stop picking on you, calling you freak? Now, here's what it is... they don't like you, they don't dislike you—they're afraid of you... you're different. Sooner or later, different scares people." He goes on to challenge them, "Victim or not, make a decision."

My previous entry, "For Whom Shall I Pray?" generated a bit of controversy surrounding the notion of praying for such a divisive President. In this post-Obama, post-racial, climate, race continues to be a hotbed issue in America, and to say the current President has done more than his part to exacerbate the issue of race, would be a gross understatement. The core issue-- we're different. "It's not that we're not liked or disliked, they (whoever "they" are) fear us because we're different."

The question is, will we allow ourselves to be victims of tyranny? (cruel and oppressive government, power or policy). We must make a decision. If we choose to fight back, what is our strategy and what's in our arsenal? David used a slingshot and a stone in his stand against Goliath.

Long before the Emancipation Proclamation, prayer was the weapon of choice of the Black community and long before the Voting Rights Act of 1965, prayer was the weapon of choice. Throughout the Civil Rights movement, the weapon of choice-- prayer. Without prayer, a protest march would have just been a walk down the road. Without prayer, a Sit-in would have just been sitting in. The transformational power was not in the act of Civil Disobedience, but in the power of prayer. Martin and Malcolm both prayed.

Today, I hear rumblings of, "get off your knees and vote, as though prayer is a passive gesture of the weak and powerless-- a waste of time. Nothing could be further from the truth. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." A mother knows the importance of instructing her young son on proper street etiquette to avoid harm at the hands of law enforcement officials, but don't

think for a moment that she's not praying for his safety. A mother knows it's not one or the other.

The Democratic process is corrupted by voter fraud, registration fraud, election fraud and now by cyberattacks from foreign governments. The current President won the 2016 election with a



deficit of 3 million popular votes. George W's second term victory relied on questionable Supreme Court intervention, yet I've never heard of Prayer Fraud and a prayer can't be hacked. Prayer does not require registration, Prayer Rights laws or party affiliation. Prayer does not require a Concealed Weapon Permit.

Kneeling has power! Kneeling power may be why the sight of NFL players on their knees was so frightening to some. Prayer is intimidating! In a nation where spirituality has always played a role, it's ironic that we've moved to end school prayer and remove all signs and symbols of religion, including holidays such as Christmas and Hanukkah, from government buildings, yet we still use the Bible for oaths and inaugurations. "One nation under God" remains in the Pledge of Allegiance, "In God We Trust" remains on our currency, and our Justice System is still predicated on Mosaic Law.

God, religion, spirituality and prayer have always played a major role in America culture and tradition. Thomas Jefferson and the framers of the Constitution made no mention of Separation of Church and State in the original draft of the Constitution, that didn't come until the First Amendment which stated, "Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Freedom from religious persecution was a major factor in founding of America.

The spirituality of the African in America took quite a different course than that of the European as Africans did not immigrate to America to escape religious persecution. African spirituality was ripped apart from its native languages and traditional practices, but it survived in new contexts and settings. Over centuries it adapted and transformed into what we recognize as modern religion and its various denominations, flawed and imperfect, as they may be, but still potent and relevant. All faiths agree "Prayer changes things."

So, by all means, and by any means necessary, vote, and not just in Presidential elections, but School Board and City Council and Judges and Sheriffs. Take your children with you when you vote so they can witness the process of government. Your vote in the upcoming mid-term elections is crucial. Just remember, if we don't stay on our knees, we don't have a prayer!

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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday.....Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday.....Joy Night, 7:00 p.m.

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Come join Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall, Sr. every Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

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## SUMMER FUN AT FLORIDA THEATRE'S ANNUAL BLUES, BREWS AND BBQ



The historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre will host its annual summer party, Blues, Brews and BBQ on August 23, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The annual event, presented by Publix Supermarket Charities, pairs some of Jacksonville's favorite local craft beers with some of our city's best locally-owned BBQ restaurants.

Throughout the evening, patrons can enjoy live continuous blues music by The Snacks Blues Band and Beale Street.

VIP tickets are \$100.00, and include early access at 4:30 p.m. to the Friends Lounge where ticketholders can sample unlimited BBQ and craft beer. VIP ticket holders can also enjoy a private cash bar and easy restroom access. General admission tickets are \$50.00 and include BBQ and craft beer sampling from 5:30 - 7:30p.m. All ticket sales benefit the nonprofit Florida Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com).

A robust silent auction, valued at more than \$11,000, includes theme park tickets, hotel stays, dining packages and one-a-kind, signed Florida Theatre memorabilia.

"There is a natural alliance between the Florida Theatre, one of our city's premier arts institutions, and the best crafts professionals working in our city's culinary arts' community," said Florida Theatre President Numa Saisselin. "For \$50.00 you get all the local craft beer you can drink and all the local BBQ you can eat, plus four hours of continuous live Blues music by two of our city's best Blues bands... and it all benefits the historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre."

BBQ samples, sponsored by KPMG, will be located throughout the Theatre in both the main and mezzanine lobby areas. BBQ providers are Gilbert's Social, Mojo Urban BBQ & Whiskey Kitchen No.4, Monroe's Smokehouse, Wicked Barley Brewing Company, Atlantic Beach BBQ and BONO's BBQ.

Guests will enjoy unlimited craft beer provided by Wicked Barley Brewery, Bold City Brewery, Veterans United Brewery, 7 Bridges Grille & Brewery, Intuition Ale Works, and River City Brewing Company. Brown & Brown Insurance and CK Direct are this year's brew sponsors.

New this year, Nothing Bundt Cakes, will provide sweet treats for patrons to enjoy. For more information and to purchase tickets to Blues, Brew and BBQ visit [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com) or call 904-355-ARTS (2787).

The Florida Theatre's 2018 season is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming season events, visit [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com).

### About Florida Theatre:

*Florida Theatre : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center; The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River; The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.*

## HEMMING PARK ANNOUNCES EVENTS FOR JULY 2018

Friends of Hemming Park is proud to host the following programs and events in Hemming Park located at 135 W. Monroe Street in the heart of Downtown Jacksonville. All activities listed below are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:  
Live Music, 11:30 am - 2 pm, Wednesday Live Music sponsored by Jax Vision Care  
Monday - Friday:  
Food Trucks at Charlie's Café, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Monday - Sunday:  
Hemming Park Kids Zone, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Bluegrass Beer & Barbecue Festival  
Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Celebrate the best of summer with Bluegrass, Beer and Barbecue in the heart of the City! Enjoy a free concert by performers including The Wetland Stringband, Rusty Shine, The Firewater Tent Revival, and Cain't Never Could, along with delicious food truck fare and tasty beverages. For more information email: [events@hemmingpark.org](mailto:events@hemmingpark.org) for more information about vending or performing at this event.

### FRIDAYS IN JULY

TGIF Music Series, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hemming Park is a great place to enjoy lunch throughout the work week, with food trucks and music every day. On Fridays we feature performances by some of Jacksonville's favorite local bands. Bring a bag lunch, grab a bite from one of our food trucks or your favorite downtown restaurant and enjoy a free concert to get your weekend started. Here's the full lineup for July:

July 13: Bacu and the Burners  
July 20: Swing Bone

Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting (2nd Quarter of 2018)  
Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar to join Friends of Hemming Park for the second Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting of 2018. We will provide updates on upcoming park plans, performance standards, financials, and scheduled events for the remainder of the year. Community involvement and partnerships are key to our mission, so we welcome your attendance and input. As a Friend of Hemming Park, neighboring business owner, or stakeholder, you are invited to attend this important stakeholders meeting.

*About Friends of Hemming Park (FOHP) Friends of Hemming Park is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming Jacksonville's oldest public park into a modern, urban space.*

## Sheriff's Watch Neighborhood Crime Prevention Walks



Mike Williams  
Sheriff JSO

Sheriff Williams is continuing the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office tradition of Crime Prevention Walks throughout the city to meet with citizens "one-on-one" discussing crime and crime prevention in their respective neighborhoods. As the 2018 walk schedule and maps become available, the information for each Sheriff's Walk will be posted on [www.jaxsheriff.org](http://www.jaxsheriff.org) website.

The 2018 Walk Schedule: Thursday, July 12, 2018, 6 p.m., Hollybrook Community, Zone 5, Sector M\*\* Starts and Ends at: Hollybrook Park, 319 Cherokee Street, Jacksonville, FL 32254 Valley and the Inland Empire.

## Helping Veterans Start Businesses

During the week of June 28th, Jacksonville's Military Affairs and Veterans Department held its second annual Vetpreneur Summit.

Over 100 area veterans attended to network, hear from panels of subject matter experts, and meet with other successful entrepreneurs. It is inspiring to see so many veterans motivated and committed to investing in themselves and our city with business ownership.

I know there is tremendous value that a resource like this provides, especially to those who have served our country. My father was a Vetpreneur. After the Navy brought our family to Jacksonville, he and mom opened a television repair shop upon his retirement. I remember fondly the summers I worked in the shop.

His example inspired me to start my own business, which prior to my election as your mayor was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. This event, and many other programs, partnerships, and services offered by our Military Affairs & Veterans Department demonstrate our strong commitment to veterans of our city.



## IS JUSTICE BLIND IN JACKSONVILLE?

by Dr. Juan P. Gray, Very Concerned Citizen

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

The clearest example of prosecutorial discretion occurred when a Whistle Blower made a complaint through the JAA Ethnic Hotline December 5, 2015. This complaint "alleges that Mr. Cugno received currency from a former JAA Board Member Ernie Isaac to bypass the screening and reporting while traveling to Las Vegas an about four occasions during 2015", as recorded on Jacksonville Office of Inspector General Correspondence Number: 2016 - 12 - 0003. This is a violation of CFR 1544.201. Jim Piggot of News 4 Jax reported April 27, 2018 "second in command Jacksonville International Airport... COO Tony Cugno admitted to bypassing security to allow board member Ernie Isaac to carry unscreened bag onto a flight was investigated by the Inspector General's Office and Homeland Security, but the U.S. attorney's office declined to prosecute. While Isaac was replaced as a board member shortly after Mayor Curry took office in 2015 ... Cugno is still COO. Among his responsibilities is security at Jax ... Don Green, the union representative for airport police said ... there has to be some accountability".

Kerri Stewart Mayor Curry's past Chief of Staff was conveniently moved to JEA this year with a salary increase, did not make the front pages of newspapers and she also escaped the web of the Justice System. Despite the fact of a Council Audit Report discovered Stewart improperly lobbying for \$ 98,000 which grew to \$953,000 over a few years. Stewart's actions for some strange reasons missed an Inspector General Investigation and legal prosecution. Congresswoman Brown, State Rep Reggie Fullwood, Council Persons Katrina Brown and Reginald Brown were not so lucky. Justice should be inclusive and equitable comparing past and future actions.

A few years back William Sweet a Black city official "helped himself to taxpayer's money, creating dummy businesses and forged 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. Impartiality 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 trial was covering case after case involving river front scandals. Why is it persons who look like Kerri Stewart and Tony Cugno continuously escape the web of the Justice System? Why is it tax payers always absorb the cost of shady and questionable business practices without ever facing any criminal prosecution? Why do they escape the bright glare of media coverage?

The dollar amounts involved in these questionable business practices classify some as whales in the sea of White Collar Crime, who swim away escaping criminal prosecution. William Sweet was a minnow in the sea of White Collar Crime compared to Stewart and Cugno. Crime is crime, but it appears that Lady Justice sometimes moves her blindfold to take a look to see who is committing crimes in Jacksonville. The Judge in Sweet's case must have agreed with these legal disparities, because Sweet sentence was probation instead jail.

Folio's Editor in her March 16 - 22, 2016 article "Down and Dirty Contracts" cited the immediate need for a comprehensive review of business practices to ensure impartiality. Justice is not blind in Jacksonville, but prosecutorial discretion is the key factor that tilt the scales of justice toward some and ignore others

### 5 historic buildings opened in Mandarin Saturday, July 7

On July 7, the Mandarin Museum and the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children will be open as usual from 9-4. However, you may also visit the Losco Winery, the 1876 barn, and the 1875 Webb/Jones farmhouse within the Walter Jones Historical Park (11964 Mandarin Rd.) as well as the historic Mandarin Store and Post Office (12471 Mandarin Rd.). These buildings will be open from 10 am to 2 pm. See [www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net) for a complete look at the programs of the Mandarin Museum.

# Deep in the Mountain



(AP: Royal Thai Navy)

(EPA: Trapped football team and coach being rescued)

## My Day By Dr. J. Ester Davis

The world held on to hope as the remarkable rescue at the Tham Luang Cave, in Thailand unfolded. The lead story on the planet this week was the successful rescue of twelve soccer players on the other side of the oceans. We would not spell the names of these children, pronounce the mountain they were trapped in or understand the language without transcription. Somehow that all did not matter. The world followed every minute detail, held their breath at every treacherous word, watched history and “world peace” unfold without script, Teleprompters, lobbyist, politicians or immigration order of confusion.

There were over 1,000 people involved in the rescue at today's count. (Tuesday, July 10, 2018). The countries strapping on their boots of expertise were the United States, China, Myanmar, Laos, Australia, United Kingdom, Japan, Russia, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Israel, engineers from

SpaceX and an invitation from FIFA. You have to ask yourself who needs a United Nations? What did the world wide elected officials learn?

The invitation from FIFA was awe inspiring to the waiting congregation. It eased the deep anxiety and the thought of children navigating through a three (3) mile maze of chocolate muddy water. This invitation was “hands-across-the-globe” without gloves. It genuinely united all for one cause. The invitation instilled hope, faithful vision, and encouragement for the 94 divers. The day-to-day fight and the calm professional manner of the duty leaders eradicated the fear in everyone's heart and quieted world tension to an almost restful night's sleep. People actually set their clock to the time zone of the divers. Prayer groups knelt when they pic

My final thought is of the “practice drills” etched in the minds of the divers. The other “practice drill” is taking place now. That of “practicing” hugs from parents and loved ones when it comes my turn.

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## Event Held to Promote National PTSD Awareness Day for 20th Ward Community

Special Guest Lamman Rucker; of the T.V. show “Greenleaf” delivered keynote speech to residents



Todd Belcore + Lamman Rucker on Red Carpet - Photo Credit: Melanie L. Brown

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Chicago, IL –

On June 27, 2018, Honorable Committeeman Kevin Bailey and Social Change hosted a national Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) awareness day for the 20th ward Veterans and community residents.

During this event, 150 residents had the opportunity to learn about PTSD and interact with victims of PTSD within their local community. Residents had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions with facilitators, enjoy food and drinks and receive gifts for their participation.

Special guest, community activist and actor Lamman Rucker also greeted the residents with a profound keynote speech on PTSD and bringing awareness of the disorder along with tools and resources for the veterans and community members of Chicago.

PTSD is a disorder that develops in some people who have experienced a shocking, scary, or dangerous event. This event was developed to bring awareness and provide tools and resources for all Veterans, community members, youth, and children.

Todd Belcore, Executive Director of Social Change, said “Trauma is an unseen wound that impairs millions of people across the

world each and every day. That's why Social Change was honored to sponsor this PTSD Awareness Day event and cannot be more grateful for mental health advocate, activist and actor Lamman Rucker and other special guests for discussing both how to identify trauma and how to do something about it.”

To learn more about the event, please contact Taroue Brooks 202.431.1119.

### KEVIN BAILEY

At an early age, Bailey learned the value of community and public service. He was active in his church home as a member of the choir and also tutored students in math. Bailey found joy in this community engagement and quickly learned core leadership values. Today, he spends time volunteering with Mother's House: a nonprofit organization providing housing, case management and supportive services for individuals addressing homelessness, substance abuse and in transition from incarceration. Bailey currently resides in the Washington Park neighborhood in Chicago, IL. Learn more at <http://www.20thwarddemocrats.com/about-committeeman-kevin-bailey/>

### SOCIAL CHANGE

Social Change is a national non-profit committed to liberation and disrupting systems via coalition and capacity building, tech and legal resources, advocacy and film. Social Change is an organization committed to the radical transformation of protest into progress by working together with a network of organizers, lawyers, legislators, and artists seeking to improve the social reality of communities of color to support and defend impoverished and divested households, and to uplift institutions committed to transforming lives and communities through strategic partnerships, community capacity building and technical assistance. Learn more at <https://socialchange.site/>

## Public Statement on Federal Policy to Limit Migration by Separating Families

The recent federal policy to limit migration to the United States by separating families has led to a legal and humanitarian crisis resulting in more than 2,300 children being removed from their parents in a little less than two months. The crisis has been made worse by the lack of access to counsel, which is a longstanding issue in immigration and detention proceedings. Civil legal aid, public defense and pro bono advocates have been on the frontlines for years representing unaccompanied children

to ensure their welfare. The scale of this current crisis has made the availability of representation even more critical to ensuring that families are reunited.

NLADA is proud to be part of the equal justice community that has stepped up to provide access to justice for these families. Civil legal aid and public defense attorneys not only serve as counsel in complex immigration and criminal legal proceedings, but also serve as emissaries of their clients working to identify separated family members and negotiate even brief family phone calls. Despite facing roadblocks seemingly at every turn – public defenders are denied access to their clients and disadvantaged by the lack of resources to respond to the increase in resources granted to prosecutors, and civil legal aid attorneys' pleas for information on children's whereabouts are ignored – these advocates persevere.

NLADA stands together in the fight to ensure access to counsel regardless of how much money someone has or where they come from. Legal representation for these families by civil legal aid, public defenders and pro bono attorneys is critical. The trauma these parents and children face and the impossible situation in which they find themselves is unimaginable. The only thing worse than having to face such dire circumstances would be to face them alone.

Unfortunately, attorneys at the border cannot promise reunification of children with their parents, but they are showing that there will be someone fighting for these families at every turn – as ardent advocates for both legal rights and basic human welfare. As more and more Americans join the call to ensure access to counsel, we know there is hope for these families. This country promises justice for all. NLADA stands ready to support our members and partners on the ground to ensure this truly means everyone.



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City Councilwoman District 8, Ju'Coby Pittman Democrat and City Councilman Terrance Freeman the first Republican. Photo: City Council President Aaron Bowman, Chief Judge Mark Mahon, David Bishop father, new installed City Councilwoman District 8 Ju'Coby Pittman Democratic, Coby Bishop mother, and son Winston Peele.

# Gov. Scott Appointed Pittman, Freeman to Replace Suspended City Council Staff

By Dan Evans  
The Florida/Georgia Star

Ju'Coby Pittman has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve City Council District 8 during the suspension of Councilwoman Katrina Brown and Terrance Freeman to serve City Council District 10 during the suspension of Councilman Reginald Brown.

By the time you read this article the interim council members swearing-in ceremony scheduled for Thursday, July 12, will have taken place. The new members will serve the remainder of the terms through the 2019 election. That is unless the Browns are found not guilty and Gov. Scott has to lift their suspension and allow them to serve the remainder of their terms. Governor Scott suspended Katrina and Reggie Brown without pay. A lifting of the suspensions may raise the question of back pay and the city charter guidelines may be revised. The term is July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

Republican running District 10

The appointment of Terrance Freeman may prove to be part of a plan to put the first Republican in the heavy Democratic District 10 of Northwest Jacksonville in decades. District 10 is reported to be only 19 percent Republican and with a heavy or light voter turnout, the election of a Republican to represent District 10 is not logical without this appointment. Terrance Freeman has not lived in the District. Mr. Freeman worked for the Jax Chamber of Commerce between 2014 and 2015 and served as a council assistant for Councilman Aaron Bowman, District 3. At the time of this writing, Freeman lives at an address in Mandarin near Julington Creek. According to City law municipal code Section 5.04,...{ "Every member of the council shall be continuously throughout his or her term of office, a resident and qualified elector of Duval County, and of his or her district or resident area"}.... Even

if fixed, this problem will be discussed in the days to come and maybe weeks into the future. It is hard for this reporter to report the facts as they are stated and they make sense. The city's general council, in a statement reported in The Times-Union, said in Freeman's case... everyone has been well counseled on what the law is"...Jason Gabriel also said in Freeman's case, he interprets that to mean he must be living in the district by the time he's sworn into office on Thursday.

A statement released by the Duval County Democratic Party states ... [ "it flies in the face of the reason why Scott would appoint a Mandarin Republican who lives 20 miles away in District 6, to Democratic Council District 10 on the City's Northside. It's hard to find the connection between the needs of the constituents of District 10 with this appointment"... Reports are that Mr. Freeman has leased a place of residents in District 10 to qualify for the swearing-in ceremony.

Ju'Coby Pittman  
District 8

Mrs. Pittman lives in District 8 and has served her city and community for many years. As president and CEO of the Clara White Mission, she has been able to provide housing for veterans, transitional housing and city services for homeless residents, skilled training for the unemployed. Councilwoman-elect Pittman lets us know ..." there are certain districts that are in our community that need intensive care. My number one priority is economic development as well as jobs."

BROWN and BROWN

City Council Districts 8 and 10 have been without representation since Gov. Scott suspended Reginald Brown and Katrina Brown following a 38 count indictment that included accusations of money laundering, fraudulently obtaining loans, wire and mail fraud. A trial date has been set for the August court calendar.



City Council President Aaron Bowman, Rachel (Wife), Evelyn, Lyndee, Patricia, Teryn Freeman, New install City Councilman Terrance Freeman the first Republican to service in district 10, and Chief Judge Mark Mahon

## City Council Swearing In Ceremony

July 12, 2018, City Hall ---- Photos by Frank M. Powell III

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# Tariffs

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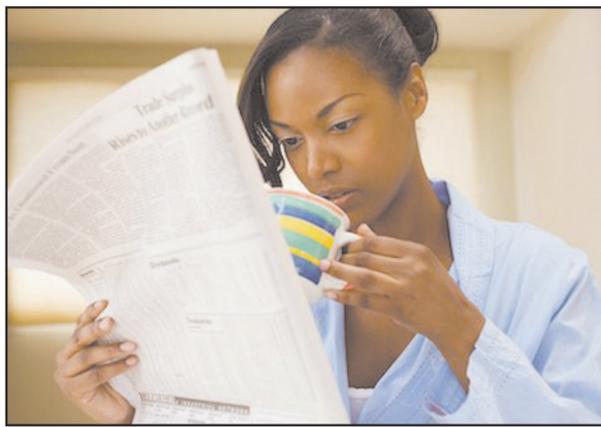
the added duties, or tariffs, at the border are protecting it. NORPAC can fight for its self-interest but the U.S. government has an obligation to consider the impact the tariffs are having on the nation as a whole, and in particular the impact on African American owned newspapers and businesses.

We forthrightly oppose the Trump tariffs on newsprint and demand an end to the disastrous trade policies that are hurting our businesses and communities.

Given that newsprint and labor account for most of the cost of running a newspaper, it is easy to see how jacking up the price of newsprint by more than 30 percent could spell the difference between these publications eking out a modest profit or going out of business. Around 2,000 newspapers have closed or morphed into something else in the last 15 years.

The NNPA is proud that its 215 member-publications are moving forward even in the face of these new contrived dangers and obstacles in the marketplace. Our newspapers enliven and inform the debate within African American and other communities that we serve and help to empower with news, information, and the reaffirmation of the vitality of Black cultural genius and excellence in all fields of endeavor.

Our printed editions are



especially important in communities where people are less likely to be able to afford or take full advantage of broadband Internet access. However useful today's technological innovations are in sharing information, for many people, there is no substitute or affordable alternative to the local weekly newspaper of, by, and for the African-American community. Our newspapers are the lifeblood for our communities.

The tariffs threaten more than local newspapers. Newsprint is used for promotional materials by retailers and civic groups. It is used by book publishers and printers. Often these are small businesses serving local communities. If newsprint goes up in price, printers will get fewer contracts and have fewer customers. Ironically, the tariffs NORPAC wants in place will actually threaten paper producers and a range of related business. A coalition of these businesses, the STOPP Alliance, estimates some 650,000 jobs could be at risk—all to help one company that has no allies or supporters

within the U.S. paper industry.

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is reviewing the facts in this case and is expected to announce its recommendations on what to do with the tariffs later the summer. In the meantime, members of Congress from both parties have introduced legislation to suspend the tariffs immediately.

The STOPP Alliance has also created an online petition to urge the ITC to end the tariffs. Consider adding your voice to this effort by clicking on this link. After all, the threat the duties on newsprint pose to daily and weekly print publications serving communities in urban and rural areas is especially acute.

If there was ever a time when the country needed a range of authentic and "trusted" outlets to share news and perspectives, it is today. In today's world, the newspapers that serve African American communities will continue to play a crucial role. Errant trade policies and duties championed by a single company must not be allowed to diminish the meaningful

# Phrase

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scores, remove sitting jurors they disagree with or place criminal charges on citizens when settlements would have created a more just outcome for the community at large.

For instance, the company Liberty Ambulance, a Jacksonville-based ambulance provider, recently agreed to pay \$1.2 million to settle allegations by the U.S. Department of Justice that the company overcharged the federal government for ambulance service. It knowingly upgraded claims for life support services from "basic" to "advanced" without cause. It also transported patients who didn't need the service. Here, false claims provided to Medicare,

TRICARE, Medicaid and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program did not cause anyone to be charged criminally. As a matter of fact, the company was allowed to admit no wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

Another Jacksonville-based company that operates nearly 700 wound care clinics across the country has to pay up to \$22.5 million on allegations that the company violated the False Claims Act. The company Healogics knowingly billed Medicare for "medically unnecessary or unreasonable" therapy provided to patients from 2010 through 2015. No one was dragged across the media or charged criminally. There are quite a few other cases where local, high profile whites have received no criminal charges for doing major criminal acts. On top of

it all, federal prosecutors and judges prey on people without financial means and they take advantage of citizens who are without high priced attorneys. This is why you have seen wealthy whites plead the 5th and go home while black elected officials are ripped away from their families and constituents.

Some would say that you can't do what whites do. That is the most cowardly phrase black people use. It provides a resolve not to fight injustice. Reggie and Katrina Brown (no relation) are going through the process. Corrine Brown is in prison awaiting an appeal to address the removal of a juror. But, if you know like most of us know, Corrine Brown will spend all of her time helping to free inmates from what has to be the worse criminal justice system in the world.

# Outrage At The Appointment Of Terrance Freeman

By Jeri Covington

Governor Rick Scott appointed with the recommendation of Lenny Curry - Terrance Freeman July 10, 2018 to replace suspended Councilman Reggie Brown to District 10.

We the residents of District 10 elected a Democrat to represent us. Governor Scott and Mayor Curry both violated the Constitutional Rights of the constituents of District 10 by this action and selection. This flagrant disregard is a continuation of racist behavior that benefit only Scott and

Curry politically.

Mayor Lenny Curry has a history of manipulation for political control:

- Upon his election he demanded resignations of previously appointed members to City boards and agencies.

- He directed the appointment of Aaron Zahn as CEO of JEA.

- He directed the appointment of Joe Peppers to The Kids Hope Alliance.

- Now he directed a Black Republican to our Black Democratic District.

We are tired of being ignored

and disrespected. We have paid taxes which have not been returned to our Community. We have infrastructure which have not been upgraded since Consolidation. Crime and murder is running rampant in our Community. We have poor and dilapidated housing. We have no economic development and jobs to sustain families in our community. We have been ignored as a Community too long and will not lay down and play dead.

Jeri Covington District 10 - 5115 Locksey Avenue, Jacksonville 32208

# Military Flags Will Soon Fly in Front of Jacksonville City Hall

By Mayor Lenny Curry

"A week ago, as I sat on the south bank of the St. Johns, my family and I enjoyed the fireworks and celebrations with our downtown as a backdrop. As the fun of the evening faded and we returned home, I spent some time reflecting about our city and our nation. My grandfathers and my father came to mind as I thought of the many men, women and families who have sacrificed by serving in our military to defend our way of life.

With these reflections in mind, I have decided that in addition to flying the United States flag, we should add the five military branch flags in an array around the National



Colors in front of City Hall.

Jacksonville is a town with a long and rich history of service. We are home to military bases with active and reserve units. Thousands upon thousands of our city's citizens have for decades agreed to put their lives on the line for our country and our freedoms.

To honor that long tradition,

I want everyone who works in or visits City Hall to be reminded of the dedication of our Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Therefore, today I have asked my staff to install the necessary hardware next to the National Colors in Hemming Park to let our military flags fly."



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July 12

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC NOTICE OF HOME REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

The City of Jacksonville's Neighborhoods Department, Housing and Community Development Division, will have public hearings concerning the 2018 - 2019 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) part of the Jacksonville's Annual Action Plan.

Developers and citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings to receive information about the HOME RLF program application process, eligible projects, available funding eligible applicants and the application submission timeline (Fall 2018). Proposals will be accepted from public and private entities and the projects must meet HOME regulations.

### Hearings will be held on:

August 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Lynnwood Roberts Room, City Hall

117 W Duval St

Jacksonville, FL 32202

August 2, 2018

6 p.m.

Legends Center

5054 Soutel Dr.

Jacksonville, FL 32208

All applicants for the HOME RLF program funds will be required to attend a mandatory technical assistance workshop. Locations, dates and times of workshops will be advertised at a later date. Visit our website at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) and search word "timeline" for more information.

Comments from citizens regarding HOME RLF are welcome and should be submitted in writing to Diana Seydlorsky, Chief, Housing and Community Development Division at [dianams@coj.net](mailto:dianams@coj.net) no later than **August 10, 2018**.

If any non-English speaking persons or persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments wish to attend the public hearing and have special needs, please notify the Housing and Community Development Division at 904-255-8200 in advance so that accommodations may be made.

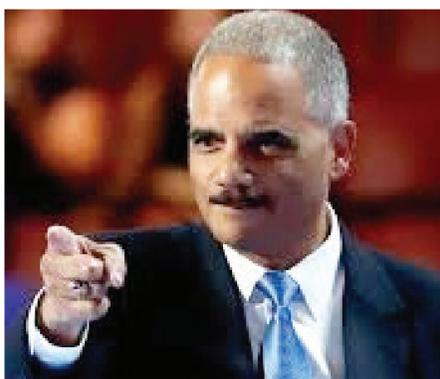
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# LOCAL

## Florida Empowerment Group Hosted Meeting with Former Attorney General Eric Holder



independent organization working to increase the voting and political power of marginalized and excluded constituencies toward an inclusive, equitable, and just Florida.

The New Florida Majority (NewFM) hosted a meeting of community and voting rights leaders with former U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. and his National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC) this week in Miami.

Participants discussed the concerns and conditions on the ground in Florida around making democracy work for everyone in Florida. Leaders were briefed on what NDRC has discovered in other parts of the country and how the group is helping to address local community concerns. Eric Holder made news when he called people cowards when it comes to the issue of race. Many consider Holder as the most aggressive attorney general in the area of criminal justice reform. He served under former president Barack Obama.

The New Florida Majority says it is an

## Are You Registered?

By Devin Heflin, Times Staff Writer

CENTRAL FLORIDA -

Did you vote? Are you registered to vote? Who are you voting for?

“Vote” is a term that’s controversial, conventional and consequential at once. The term speaks to an empowered populace and potentially empowers a disempowered populace. It’s what our ancestors sacrificed themselves for and simultaneously has retained the power of those who sacrificed our ancestors.

Thousands marched across the Selma Bridge in 1965, facing tanks, water hoses, cattle prods and police batons in the process.

Today, our people are confronted with a similar bridge, yet instead of its’ physicality, the bridge has manifested systematically.

Instead of batons, there are voter rolls. In place of water hoses, there’s one sided political correctness and instead of tanks, there are domestic terrorists, which don’t wear berets or fatigues, but three piece suits, robes and gavels.

July Perry lost his life in Ocoee for registering people of color to vote. Our ancestors were betitled by poll taxes, voting exams which often asked them humiliating questions such as, “how many bubbles are there on a bar of soap?”

Thirty-one years after July Perry’s demise, Harry T. Moore and Harriet V. Moore, husband and wife Crusaders for voter’s rights within Florida, were killed when a bomb exploded beneath their home in Mims, Florida.

2018 marks a year of midterm elections, as eleven seats, including Governor are up for election. Florida, like many states, witnesses a drop off of voter participation in the off years that there are no votes for the President of the United States.

Florida’s Primary election is scheduled for August 28, 2018, followed by the General election on November 6, 2018.

The deadline for a new Florida voter registration is 29 days before the upcoming election. The 29-day deadline also applies to a person already registered to vote in Florida who wishes to change party affiliation.

Although there is no deadline for making an address change within the State of Florida or within the county, it is best to change your address well in advance of the election so that you will receive your sample ballot in the mail.

There are two weeks left in July to register to vote before the Florida primary, which is itself one month away.

Registration Requirements: Must be a U.S. Citizen, Must be 18 years old (may pre-register at 16 years of age), Must be a Florida resident, Must have your civil rights (If convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent by the courts, your civil rights must be restored before registering.)

According to statistics compiled from the Florida Supervisor of Elections office, 2014 only produced forty-one percent voter turnout in Florida, in comparison with the 2012 Presidential contest, which brought out seventy-two percent of voters within Florida.

“When we vote that is the only time we are equal, one person, one vote! You get to voice your opinion. It is a birthright that was fought for by people who sacrificed their lives. Cherish the sacrifice and vote.” Said Beverly Colson Neal, President of the Orange County Branch NAACP

This year’s midterms may offer the first nationwide referendum on Donald Trump’s

presidency. The House of Representatives, a third of the Senate, and governorships are at stake, along with hundreds of state legislative seats and local offices around the country. The better Democratic candidates perform, the more strength they’ll have to block legislation or nominees they don’t like in Trump’s third and fourth years.

Furthermore, the results of the 2018 midterms will have an enormous impact on the course of US politics for the next decade — because the once-a-decade redistricting process is coming up. In most states, the governors and state senators who win in 2018 will serve four-year terms and still be in office when the redistricting process takes place in 2021 and 2022. The maps they draw for US House and state legislative districts will be in place through 2030.

“Voters can always expect a fair and verified process, no matter which party they represent or which platforms they claim.” Said Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections.

“We owe it to voters to offer the best technology representative of twenty-first century standards.” He said.

Louis Ward, writer for The Orlando Times newspaper and active participant of the Lake County political structure, emphasizes voting.

“The vote is the only tool which makes our elected officials responsible to the people. When we vote, we are hoping that individual we vote for will have our best interest in mind and that they will focus on the best possible policies to improve our quality of life.” He said.

“When we don’t vote, we don’t exercise our rights and we don’t have a voice.”

One such organization that is committed to assisting with both voter education and registration is the Orange County Democratic Black Caucus.

The Democratic Black Caucus of Florida was formed to give form to these underrepresented Black voters and their underestimated voices. Black delegates who attended the 1981 Florida State Democratic Party Convention in Hollywood, Florida were in attendance, but were concerned with a need for increasing the power and influence of Black Democrats within the party.

This meeting birthed the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida, which has the goal of unifying Black political power in the sunshine state.

“Essentially as the president, my goal is to lead and set the precedent for the Caucus. I place the goals and uplift efforts for the Black community.” said Russell Drake, the Orange County Democratic Black Caucus President.

Drake was re-elected as the branches’ President in March of last year for another two year term, and has reported remarkable organizational growth.

“In 2015, we had fifteen members, but have now grown to one hundred and fifty members.” Drake said.

They convene their meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month.

The Caucus members stood with Ayala as opponents lambasted her husbands’ previous convictions. They also were among the principal organizers of the Ride to Tallahassee, which brought together organizations to advocate for Ayala’s death penalty position.

Over the past year, voters decided the fate of Orlando’s District 5 council seat, three seats in Apopka, two seats in Eatonville and will decide how, who and what will be the outcome of this mid-year election.

## Former Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold Endorses Alvin Brown for Congress

JACKSONVILLE – On July 12, 2018, former Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold announced his endorsement of Alvin Brown’s campaign for U.S. Congress. Mayor Godbold proudly served Jacksonville from 1978-1987 and continues to be a ‘champion of the little man,’ a moniker earned as a result of his steadfast commitment to the community and its people.

Statement from Mayor Godbold: “We need somebody from North Florida here, from Jacksonville, representing us... I like Alvin – Alvin is a good man and he’ll make a great man in Congress.”

Statement from Mayor Brown: “Mayor Godbold boldly led our fine city with vision and effectiveness, and I am humbled to earn his support in this race. Throughout his career, the Mayor has always put people first, fighting for smart investments in our neighborhoods. I admire his record of service



and unwavering belief in the people of North Florida and look forward to taking those same values to Congress on behalf of the 5th District.”

### The Women's Day Committee of First (A.M.E.) Church – in a spirit of versatility - will light up the runway in an “African Fashion Show.”

It will feature the alluring BB's Boutique from Tanger Outlets in Daytona Beach. Step into the world of African fashion. That's Aug. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a \$10 donation that will include refreshments for the palate. First (A.M.E.) Church, at 91 Old Kings Road North, Palm Coast – pastored by the Rev. Gillard S. Glover – can be reached at 386-446-5759.

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## \$1.1M Awarded to Preserve African-American Historic Sites

By Rebecca Santana

Grants totaling \$1.1 million will help support important African-American heritage sites including the homes of jazz musician John Coltrane and playwright August Wilson, a Virginia location central to the slave trade and civil rights locations in Birmingham, a preservation group announced Friday.

The money from the African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund is part of an effort by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve and promote African-American historic places.

Brent Leggs, who directs the fund, says African-American historic places have traditionally been undervalued and underfunded.

“Through the action fund we have the opportunity to raise the visibility and the full contributions of African-Americans to our nation. We have the opportunity to highlight stories and places of activism achievement and community, to rewrite history and tell a new story about a black America,” he said.

He says the group and outside advisers narrowed down the 830 applicants from 42 states to 16 awardees. The grants are given in four categories: capacity building; project planning;

capital; and programming and interpretation.

The trust plans to raise a total of \$25 million over five years to preserve and highlight African-American historical contributions.

The recipients constitute a range of sites and needs across America. Some like Shockoe Bottom in Richmond, Virginia, are connected with the slave trade while others, like the John and Alice Coltrane Home, in Huntington, New York, are connected with African-American artistic contributions.

Historic Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, is part of a consortium of civil rights sites in the city that received a grant. Martha Bouyer of Bethel Baptist says the church, home to famous civil rights activist pastor Fred Shuttlesworth, will use the money for a historic structures report — a detailed accounting of the building which can guide future preservation efforts.

“I’ve been trying for years to get this done,” Bouyer said of the grant.

Paul A. Ellis Jr. is executive director of the August Wilson House in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which pays homage to the African-American playwright who wrote such works as “Fences.”

Ellis, who’s also Wilson’s nephew, said the organization will match the \$50,000 grant from the trust and use it to create a series of interpretive exhibits and interactive techniques that “tell the story of August Wilson and the community that served as the inspiration for his plays.”

“That’s why it means so much to get this grant, to keep moving forward with this project,” he said. “We’re here in August Wilson’s hometown and we want the world to know his story.”

Leggs said the fund was created in “the aftermath of Charlottesville last summer where heritage, culture and public spaces collided” as a way to “tell the whole history of our nation and to foster understanding, healing and reconciliation.”

In Charlottesville, Virginia, last year, a “Unite the Right” rally drew hundreds of white nationalists to the college town, where officials planned to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

After vicious brawling broke out between white nationalists and counter demonstrators, a driver ran his car into a crowd of counter demonstrators, killing one and injuring many. He currently faces federal hate crime charges.

## New Lilly Diabetes Helpline to Assist People Seeking Solutions to Insulin Affordability

Starting August 1, a new dedicated helpline called the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center will assist people who need help paying for their insulin — such as those with lower incomes, the uninsured, and people in the deductible phase of their high-deductible insurance plans, Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) announced today. A customized suite of solutions for all Lilly insulins, including for Humalog® (insulin lispro), will be used by helpline operators to find answers that best fit the personal circumstances of patients.

Among the multiple solutions being made available through the helpline are short-term and long-term options for people with immediate needs for insulin and how people with lower incomes can access Lilly insulin through free clinics. Lilly is donating Humalog and Humulin® (insulin human injection) to three relief agencies — AmeriCares, Direct Relief, and Dispensary of Hope — to supply nearly 150 free clinics across the U.S.

“We want to hear from people who have trouble paying for their insulin so that we can try to find a solution for them,” said Enrique Conterno, president of Lilly Diabetes and Lilly USA. “People with diabetes face numerous costs for their treatment including medicines, supplies and doctor visits. Our solution center can help relieve the cost burden for many people and better ensure they receive

comprehensive treatment for diabetes. Our solution center will take a targeted approach to the problem by finding customized solutions for people.”

David A. Ricks, Chairman and CEO of Lilly, added: “While the current system works for many people, there are still gaps. That’s why Lilly is working with PBMs, insurance companies, advocacy groups and others to bring solutions to patients, and why we are advancing additional solutions today. Lilly and our partners share a commitment to reduce the cost of insulin at the pharmacy counter so that everyone who needs our medicines to manage their diabetes is able to get them.”

Based on estimates from market research data, more than 400,000 people living with diabetes in the U.S. and Puerto Rico could benefit from the new solution center. Conterno said Lilly will continue to build upon these solutions with additional answers for people who need relief from high out-of-pocket costs. Following are the solutions that will be made available starting August 1: Lilly Diabetes Solution Center helpline

The helpline will be a dedicated service that identifies solutions for people who have trouble affording their insulin. The solution center helpline will be staffed with people who find options based upon the personal circumstances of the

person in need — including their location, type of insurance, and income level. The goal of the helpline is to ensure each person who uses Lilly insulin is matched with the best cost solution available. The phone number will be made available on August 1.

### Free clinics

Lilly is donating insulin to three relief agencies — AmeriCares, Direct Relief, and Dispensary of Hope — to eventually supply nearly 150 free clinics across the U.S. with Lilly insulin. Helpline operators will point people toward clinics that are most convenient to them and explain how to access them. Lilly is working now with the relief agencies to identify as many clinics as possible that can adequately store and distribute insulin to people who need it. (Qualifications will differ clinic-to-clinic).

### Point of sale savings

We are increasing our financial assistance for people who may need help paying for insulin. The helpline will use a suite of solutions to find answers for people who face the highest out-of-pocket costs such as people who are uninsured and people who pay significant costs when they are in the deductible phase of their high-deductible commercial insurance plans.

The solutions will be customizable based upon personal circumstances and will include options for all Lilly insulins.

## NFL Player Pacman Jones Attacked by Employee at Atlanta Airport

Police say former Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Adam “Pacman” Jones was attacked during a run-in with a facility-service employee at the airport in Atlanta.

Atlanta Police spokesman Jarius Daugherty says Jones confronted ABM Industries employee Frank Ragin after Ragin made a “gesture” toward the football player Tuesday night at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Police say words were exchanged before Ragin struck Jones with a closed fist, causing a cut to Jones’ face.

Cellphone video footage shows that Jones and Ragin traded several punches with

each other. Jones ultimately knocked Ragin down to the ground with a punch to the face then hit the employee one more time before a man broke up the fight.

Daugherty says that at some point during the fight, Ragin ended up hitting a woman who was with Jones, injuring her hand. He says Ragin was the aggressor and Jones defended himself.

Jones and his friend declined medical treatment.

Ragin was arrested on two counts of battery and taken to a nearby hospital to be treated for injuries.

Jones, a one-time Pro Bowler, spent eight seasons

with the Bengals. He’s also played for the Tennessee Titans and Dallas Cowboys.

Even though police determined Jones wasn’t at fault, the NFL veteran has had other off-the-field issues. He pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charge after his confrontation last year with hotel security personnel and an obscenity-filled tirade against arresting police officers.

Police said Jones kicked and used head-butting as he was arrested for allegedly assaulting a hotel employee. The NFL suspended Jones for one game for a violation of its personal conduct policy.

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## 100 BLACK MEN OF ATLANTA, INC. NAMES ANTHONY FLYNN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

ATLANTA (July 5, 2018) - Anthony Flynn is the newly appointed Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the 100 Black Men Of Atlanta, Inc. (The 100), one of the city's most influential African-American organizations focused on leadership development, educational support, economic empowerment, and health and wellness. In his role as Executive Director and COO, Flynn will oversee the day to day operations, strategic planning, external relations, and fundraising initiatives for The 100.

As a successful leader in the business world with numerous Fortune 100 giants (e.g. Kraft Foods, RJ Reynolds and 3M) and a pioneering executive in numerous, multi-million-dollar non-profit ventures, Flynn has a proven track record for converting ideas and theories to actionable achievements. He is the founder of The Gifted Education Foundation ([www.iamgifted.org](http://www.iamgifted.org)) which produces marketplace leaders from low-income communities across America. In its first three years of existence, the organization supported just over 100 students earning more than \$18 million in scholarship. Its students have received full scholarships to Stanford, Dartmouth, Princeton, Emory, and more.

Mr. Flynn graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program in 2017 where he won the business pitch competition for his cohort. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Sales from The University of Memphis where he graduated as the top student in his major and he also holds a Master of Arts in Religion degree from Memphis Theological Seminary where he also graduated with honors.

He is also the author of two books: "The Execution Pipeline: A Step-by-Step Guide to Moving Your Business Idea From Dream to Reality" and "The Happiness Map: Finding Fulfillment in Work and Life" and has been a featured keynote speaker at Harvard University, Emory University, Georgia Tech, The University of Memphis, Biz1190 (Wall Street Journal syndicated radio show), Q Conference. He also serves as a coach and consultant to a number of high net-worth individuals, companies, professional athletes, small businesses, non-profit organizations and churches.

Originally from Memphis, TN, Flynn moved to Atlanta from Southern California 9 years ago with his wife of 17 years, son (15), and daughter (12). In his TEDx talk "The Intangibles," Flynn shares his personal story of poverty and addresses the criteria needed for students and families to escape the grip of detrimental generational cycles. Mr. Flynn's unique perspective is one that Larry Johnson, Chairman Of The Board says will help expand the reach of the organization, "The 100 Black Men of Atlanta is fortunate to have found someone who has such a perfect combination of corporate and non-profit executive experience to lead our organization. Anthony Flynn is the right leader at the right



time and we are confident that his innovative ideas, diverse management, and personal triumph will help to connect the organization with the people who we serve and expand the solid foundation we have achieved over the past thirty plus years." Flynn will add value to The 100 by bringing his professional and personal experience to 100's Project Success program which include: 100 Robotic Scholars Alliance (a S.T.E.M. program), B.E.S.T. Academy Pathways of Developmental Success (a leadership development program), and Project Success (a college preparatory and tuition assistance program). The program provides mentorship to at-risk youth living in vulnerable communities in the Atlanta metro area. In fact, 100% of the students who complete Project Success have graduated from high school and 80% have graduated from college in four years, far outpacing the national averages.

Beyond their impact to the community, Flynn is committed to expanding the reach of 100's members. "Our members are some incredibly talented men, of high capacity, high stature, and high standard. It's important that we leverage their capacity, skillset, and business acumen for the good of the organization and the communities we serve throughout the Atlanta Metro area," shares Flynn. "Atlanta is a global city. There are a lot of people who have moved into the city and with that comes diversity of experiences, diversity of race, diversity of ideas and more. I've never seen so many high-powered and prominent African-Americans in roles of leadership making a tremendous impact in business, nonprofit, government, community. I'm very impressed with the levels of talent and business acumen in people of color in Atlanta," shares Flynn. "I see my appointment as having an opportunity to leverage greatness in our city and also within the membership. There's a lot of awesome things happening with the members themselves both individually and collectively and progressive initiatives happening on the ground in the trenches of the communities we serve. I look forward to tapping into our potential and taking 100 Black Men of Atlanta to the next level."

Visit [www.100blackmen-atlanta.org](http://www.100blackmen-atlanta.org) for information and to make charitable contributions to Project Success.

## Clay Teachers Receive 'Back to School' Support from Clay Chamber Foundation and Local Businesses

Fleming Island, FL, July 10, 2018 – The Clay County Chamber Foundation is holding its Annual Teacher Appreciation Expo August 6, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The Clay County Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The purpose of the Annual Teacher Appreciation Expo is to recognize teachers, provide items for their classrooms, and build stronger relationships with the business community. The expo is open to all Clay County teachers with proof of employment in Clay County (public, private, and charter).

The Clay County Chamber Foundation has been building excitement online at its Clay County Teacher Appreciation Expo Facebook page, which has a reach

of 1.8K (up from 1.4K in 2017), with various activities that can result in a lucky follower winning a case of paper (with proof of employment in Clay County Schools).

In a grass roots poll of Clay County teachers, they listed their most critical classroom supplies. These supplies in order of need are copy paper (white and colored), hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, dry erase markers, Kleenex tissues, pocket Kleenex tissues, sticky notes, #2 pencils and pens (branded ok), loose leaf notebook paper wide rule, Sharpie markers, glue sticks, highlighters, Crayola Crayons 24-count, washable markers, red ink pens, blue ink pens, pink oblong erasers, staple removers, mechanical pencils, pencil boxes,



## FAMU College of Law Launches Post-Admit Program to Prepare Students for Success

ORLANDO, Fla. - Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law has kicked off its Summer Comprehensive Academic Legal Enhancement (SCALE) Program, an initiative designed to assist entering students with their transition to law school by helping them to reach their full potential and achieve success. The voluntary two-week program – which includes housing, meals, course materials and faculty instruction – runs from Monday, July 9, 2018 to Friday, July 20, 2018 and is being provided FREE of charge to a select number of students.

What makes SCALE unique is that the post-admit program is focused primarily on enhancing participants' problem solving, legal reasoning and critical reading and thinking skills in a law school classroom setting, said LeRoy Pernell, interim dean and professor of law.

"Deficiencies in these skill areas are directly related to why students who may have otherwise performed well academically prior to law school, may not perform well on the LSAT exam and in-turn not succeed in law school," Pernell said. "SCALE is designed to bridge the gap in developing these core skills, as well as provide a strong foundation by which SCALE participants can excel in their first year of law school."

SCALE offers students already admitted to law school several key experiences, including enrichment activities, mentoring and the opportunity to jump start their law school careers by acquiring, through practice, the legal study skills necessary for success – i.e. case reading and briefing, legal analysis, self-regulated learning, Socratic method, etc. – in advance of the rest of the admitted class. Finally, because SCALE is limited to a small number of participants, each will receive individualized feedback and in-depth support throughout SCALE from faculty teaching in the program.

Sixteen students are participating in the 2018 SCALE program, which was previously offered to entering students in Summer 2016. Of the 16 students who took part in the previous SCALE program, several have excelled in law school, including many who now hold leadership positions in student organizations, some who were invited to participate on Law Review, others who

took part in high-profile internships and Study Abroad programs; and two who serve as student assistants for the 2018 SCALE program.

"My experience with SCALE was very beneficial, including the classes on organization and how to brief a case," said Brittany Bennett, a rising third-year law student who assists the 2018 participants in the daily Review and Study Lab. "My biggest takeaway was learning how I learn. That was a new concept to me and it's something I've continued to be aware of throughout law school."

Having recently completed a Study Abroad program in South Africa, former SCALE and rising third-year student Ashanti Breeden is also serving as a student assistant for the 2018 SCALE program. "The SCALE program truly aided me in my transition to law school because it provided me a safe place to practice certain skills without the typical pressures of law school," Breeden said.

SCALE marks the latest phase of FAMU College of Law's Project PASS (Performance Assessment and Strategic Support) initiative, which was launched last fall to take a comprehensive approach to enhancing student learning, beginning with an assessment of students' prior academic experiences, continuing through law school, and culminating during bar exam preparation.

Project PASS utilizes proven methods to target first-year and upper-level students with uniquely designed teaching tools that complement existing course work or are integrated into the current curriculum.

Project PASS activities previously implemented include a two-week extended orientation entitled, "Foundations for Law School Success: Boot Camp 2017" for entering students; a mandatory diagnostic exam that focused on knowledge, comprehension, analysis and application of the law for upper-level students; complimentary course materials for the Multistate Bar, Law and Skills and the Florida Bar, Law and Skills courses for third-year students; and several externally-administered simulated exams for graduates studying for the Bar Exam.

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pocket folders, composition notebooks, pencil cases, wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks, Fiskars's blunt end scissors, Elmer's glue bottles, index cards, colored pencils, subject dividers, 1-inch binders, rulers, and white erasers. One teacher commented that it costs \$150 per student for supplies for the school year.

More than 40 businesses are expected to participate in the Teacher Appreciation Expo this year. Each business donates supplies the teachers can use in their classrooms. In addition, they have the opportunity to show their appreciation for all our teachers with door prizes,

free screenings, giveaways, food and beverages and more.

St. Vincent's HealthCare is the title sponsor of the 2018 event. Additional sponsors include The YMCA, Bankers Life, Community First Credit Union and others. The Bailey Group will host additional support through their program Tools for Schools which will provide additional supplies. The food sponsor is Texas Road House and the venue sponsor is Thrasher-Horne Center. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Annie Grogan at (904) 264-2651 ext. 214 or [agrogan@claychamber.com](mailto:agrogan@claychamber.com).

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The purpose of the African American Business Project is to promote African American Economic Independence here in the United States of America, for present and future African American generations.

In every newsletter I like to remind our race of people, that collectively we earn approximately 1.3 trillion dollars per year, and over 80% of what we earn and spend goes into the hands, pockets, and bank accounts of another race of people. Economic empowerment have always been a serious challenge within our race, but, there is always hope within our deepest moments and darkest hours.

In this short two page newsletters, I would like to share with you some information with you related to the African Continental Free Trade Union. But, before I do so, I would like to remind you when you get some free time listen and study and learn from the Hon. Late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. last speech in Memphis, TN, on April 3, 1968, entitled "I Have Been to the Mountaintop," in today's time that sermon would be known as what we call today a "reality check."

Now, I am not trying to dismantle the economical efforts of the Late Hon. Rev. Dr. Vernon Johns, or The Hon. Late Hon. Elijah Muhammad, but as for right now we need a current reality check. Meaning, let's examine our current economic and spiritual relationship with one another and God Almighty, to ensure that we are doing the best we can earthly in favor of the next generation of African Americans.

I encourage you to write the Louisiana's Hon. United States Congressman Cedric Richmond (Chairman) and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus, pertaining to social injustices, poverty, and the revitalization of Urban America nationwide.

Most recently forty-four African nations have signed an agreement to establish the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) a deal that could eventually unite all 55 countries in the biggest free trade accords since the formulation of the World Trade Organization in 1995.

My question to you is, how come 44 countries in Africa can economically unite under one umbrella, but here in America those who identify themselves as having African roots have a hard time working together collectively all across America?

The Late Hon. Elijah Muhammad stated that, as a race of people, if we don't have any solidarity among ourselves it is going to be very hard to get along with the rest of the world sociably and economically.

The Late Hon. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whole-heartedly expressed the power of unity among African Americans and the need to unite because there is going to be some difficult days ahead.

Africa is the world's second largest and second most populous continent. It covers 6% of the Earth's total surface area and 20% of its land area, with approximately 1.2 billion people. There are over 2,100 different languages spoken in Africa, with over 6,800 languages spoken across our entire

planet. The 10 most common languages spoken in Africa are: Arabic, English, French, Swahili, Hausa, Twi, Yoruba, Igbo, Amharic and Somali.

African traditional religion refers to the indigenous or autochthonous religions of African people. It deals with their cosmology, ritual practices, symbols, arts, society, and so on. Because religion is a way of life, it relates to culture and society as they affect the worldview of the African people.

The original religion of the African people, however, was animism (the worship of spirits), and there is no doubt that most of the slaves were animist. The Islamic religion has been growing in Africa, but so has Christianity.

It was the religiosity of African American pastors in the South that propelled the movements of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in which Dr. King was the leader. In Dr. King's last speech in support of the sanitation workers in Memphis, he injected some economic strategy calling for African Americans to stop buying Wonder Bread and Coca Cola Soda because these companies refuse to hire African Americans.

In today's time hundredths of companies have left America and moved to South America and overseas, panoramically speaking, former United States companies still aren't hiring African Americans and just about every product we purchase today in America is made in China, Mexico, Japan or Canada. In due time we are going to see a very large influx of products on the store shelves in America which will say made in Africa.

But, right now I am not concerned about the African Chamber of Commerce, the Latino Chamber of Commerce, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the G20 Economies or the European Unions. My main concern is how long as African Americans are we going to sit back in all 50 states in America and allow the rest of the world to get rich off us and get nothing in return but a hard way to go. It is time for a change.

I don't want to make this newsletter very long so I will share some more ingredients with you from Dr. King's last speech entitled "I Have Been to the Mountain Top" in my next newsletter. Hoping it will inspire African Americans to unify themselves all across America spiritually and economically. As it was said by one of the best that ever did it, the late Hon. Vernon Johns, sometimes you have to rock the boat in order for a change to happen. Where there is unity there is strength. It is boat rocking time.

In every newsletter I like to share some information with you pertaining to a famous person or event that happen in African American history. In this newsletter I would like to share some foot notes about Nat Turner.

Nat Turner (October 2, 1800 – November 11, 1831) was an American slave who led a rebellion of slaves and free blacks in Southhampton County, Virginia on August 21, 1831. The rebels went from plantation to plantation, gathering horses and guns, freeing other slaves along the way, and recruiting other blacks who wanted to join them.

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter!  
Melvin Lorenzo Kelly

## This IS America

The practice of separating children from parents is not new and did not begin with Trump's flawed, zero tolerance, immigration policy. America has a long, ugly history of separating children from their parents, including Native Americans sent to "civilizing" schools and barbarous slave auctions where babies were torn from their mother's arms, fathers were ripped from the sides of their children, and children were sold miles away from their parents, in most cases never reunited. The practice of dehumanizing and devaluing non-white lives is as American as apple pie.

The day after Antwon Rose II, an unarmed Black teen who was shot in the back three times by a police officer, was unjustly killed, his story was relegated to the bottom of CNN's coverage next to a story about a Chinese restaurant's all-you-can-eat deals and not covered at all by many of the major networks. Antwon Rose was permanently removed from his parents. There was no judge or jury, just an executioner clothed in a uniform, armed with a gun, and now hiding behind a badge. Where is the collective outrage at the continued practice of police brutality and state sanctioned murder against Black communities across this nation? Where is the righteous indignation of lawmakers? Where are the tears of pundits shed for this injustice?

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Voters calls for one million race-conscious Black voters to join forces with us as we work to place the interests of our people collectively in "first-position." In doing so, we put into practice what all other racial and ethnic groups do routinely and automatically. How many Black men, women and children must die at the hands of police officers before congressional leaders work around the clock to provide and legislate solutions to address this and the media's attention is not quickly diverted to stories about Chinese food?

THE One Million is calling upon Congress to legislate Misconduct Insurance for all Law Enforcement Officers which would be required at the expense of the officer and would operate similarly to malpractice insurance. Further, THE One Million is calling for Community Control of Police by the establishment of mandated civilian review boards which would monitor misconduct by police officers and police departments. Lastly, The One Million is calling upon Congress to enact the Uniform Reporting Law Enforcement Improvement Act (URLEIA) which is groundbreaking legislation to help stop police killings of American citizens, particularly unarmed Black men, women and children.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice of Assumed name(s):

Comes Now, vereen, daniel-jermaine and vereen, cameron-jeremiah who are created in the image and likeness of the Most High God our Creator are doing business as DANIEL JERMAINE VEREEN and CAMERON JEREMIAH VEREEN to include all others listed

herein:

- DANIEL J VEREEN
- DANIEL VEREEN
- VEREEN, DANIEL JERMAINE
- VEREEN, DANIEL J
- Daniel J. Vereen
- CAMERON J VEREEN
- CAMERON VEREEN
- VEREEN, CAMERON JEREMIAH
- VEREEN, CAMERON J
- Cameron J. Vereen

YOU are hereby NOTIFIED jointly and severally prior to any unlawful arrest and detention of the above Indigenous Inhabitants vereen, daniel-jermaine and vereen, cameron-jeremiah having Aboriginal Status, bound to no contract with the 'State' or City for commercial obligations; Pursuant to the Aborigine Proclamation/ Charter and Fee Schedule of 2017 – Library of Congress filing number No. 1-4986084321.

More information by written request only to:

The Office of BERTIE YOUNG VEREEN, Estate  
By email: bertievereen@gmail.com

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Legal Notice: To all parties attempting to make a claim vereen, daniel-jermaine and vereen, cameron-jeremiah are doing business as DANIEL JERMAINE VEREEN and CAMERON JEREMIAH VEREEN and ALL derivatives. Notice of fee schedule(s): Every unauthorized use requires \$10,000,000.00 USD fine payable to the estate of DANIEL JERMAINE VEREEN and CAMERON JEREMIAH VEREEN for each violation within 30 days of notice, the fines must be settled in full. For authorization, you must contact the Name Holder to request a CONTRACT. Failure to notify the name holder timely, will be an agreement the user's contract is invalid. This notice is retroactive. All parties prior to this notice may contact the Name Holder within 180 days of this notice to request an update for the CONTRACT. This notice applies to the use of all accounts associated with DANIEL JERMAINE VEREEN and CAMERON JEREMIAH VEREEN and all derivatives. A request must be in writing, signed under penalty of perjury, sent to the Name Holder at Care of: 1100 Kings Road 40749 Jacksonville, Florida near: [32203-9998], all other variations will be returned to sender as invalid.

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