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Ayanna Pressley Will Become First Black Congresswoman In Massachusetts

Last week, a stunning political victory came out of Florida with Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum's unforeseen win in the Democratic gubernatorial primary. This week, a political surprise arrived out of Boston.



At-large Boston City Council member, Ayanna Pressley, 44, has stunned political prognosticators and defeated longtime Congressman Mike Capuano in the Democratic primary for Massachusetts' 7th congressional district. Congressman Capuano, who is well regarded by colleagues, has been in Congress for twenty years.

In less than sixty days, Pressley is to become the first Black U.S. Representative ever elected to Congress from Massachusetts. The seat she will be representing, Massachusetts' 7th district, was once held by John F. Kennedy.

Pressley's victory is one in a growing line of stunning upsets by progressive candidates this primary season. Many political observers are citing polls indicating Democrats will flip many House seats in their favor on November 6th.

Andrew Gillum Wants Opponent To Focus On Issues, Not Race



The man who could become Florida's first black governor on Sunday called on his opponent to refrain from name-calling and to focus on the issues.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, the Democratic nominee for governor, was asked about comments Republican U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis made after Tuesday's primary. DeSantis said voters aren't going to "monkey this up" by electing Gillum.

"He's gotten accustomed to calling names. He's a Harvard-educated man, surely he knows his way around the U.S. vocabulary," Gillum told MSNBC's Joy Reid. "But he chooses rather to embrace these kinds of dog whistles and bullhorns."

While saying he wouldn't engage in name-

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Statement from the Jacksonville Community Action Committee on Recent Shootings

By The Jacksonville Community Action Committee

The Jacksonville Community Action Committee sends its condolences to the families of the two people shot dead and many more hurt by a white male shooter at the Jacksonville Landing on Aug. 26. This senseless carnage has no place anywhere, and we wish a full and swift recovery to those injured.

This weekend was particularly bloody for Jacksonville, which saw another mass shooting just days before at the Raines v. Lee High School football game, which left one dead and two injured. The shooter at the Raines v. Lee High School football game wasn't caught or apprehended, even with over

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Florida Mom Charged With Murder In Case Of Missing 2-Year-Old Son

A Florida mother has been arrested for murdering her two-year-old son after his body was discovered more than two days after he was reported missing.

Charisse Stinson reported the boy missing early Sunday, according to police in Largo, Florida. A statewide Amber Alert was issued for little Jordan Belliveau after his mother Stinson told authorities a man named "Antwan," who had dreadlocks and gold teeth, kidnapped

Jordan after giving them a ride on Saturday night in the Tampa Bay area.

Jordan Belliveau's body was found in woodland in Largo, Florida. Stinson, told police that a man had attacked her, knocking her out. She later admitted injuring the boy and leaving him to die, police say.

Police believe Stinson, 21, lied about being attacked when she said initially that she and her son had been picked up by



Charisse Stinson allegedly struck the toddler unconscious and left him to die.

a man who offered them a lift in his car. The driver went on to hit her, she had said.

Stinson appeared in court Wednesday afternoon

in Clearwater, Florida. According to a video of her hearing, the judge charged Stinson with murder and a count of aggravated child abuse.

NATION JOIN IN FAREWELL TO QUEEN OF SOUL



Provided photo

Louis Farrakhan, from left, Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson and former President Bill Clinton attend the funeral service for Aretha Franklin at Greater Grace Temple, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, in Detroit. Franklin died Aug. 16, 2018 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76.

Former presidents and preachers joined a parade of singers Friday in a hip-swaying, piano-pounding farewell to Aretha Franklin, remembering the Queen of Soul as a powerful force for musical and political change and a steadfast friend and family member.

In a send-off both grand and personal, a celebrity lineup of

mourners filled the same Detroit church that hosted Rosa Parks' funeral and offered prayers, songs and dozens of tributes. Guests included former President Bill Clinton, former first lady Hillary Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson.

Robinson, the Motown great, remembered first hearing Franklin

play piano when he was just 8, and he remained close to her for the rest of his life. They talked for hours at a time.

Bill Clinton described himself as an Aretha Franklin "groupie," saying he had loved her since college. He traced her life's journey and praised her as someone who "lived with

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Obama and Bush Deliver Eulogies at John McCain Funeral

By Terrell Jermaine Starr

Former President Barack Obama remembered Sen. John McCain as an honorable man who made him a better president during his eulogy at the Arizona lawmaker's funeral Saturday.

Former President George W. Bush also delivered a eulogy, something that Obama joked about during his remarks. Obama said he was saddened and fairly surprised when McCain called him earlier this year and asked that he deliver his eulogy, according to video provided by CNN.

"But after our conversation ended, I realized how well (the phone conversation) captured some of John's essential qualities," Obama said. "To start, John liked being unpredictable, even contrarian. He had no interest



Former President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks at a memorial service for Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018. McCain died Aug. 25, from brain cancer at age 81.

in conforming to some pre-packaged version of what a senator should be and he didn't want a memorial that was going to be prepackaged, either. It also showed John's disdain for self-pity. He had been to hell and back.

"And yet, somehow, never lost his energy or his optimism or his zest for life. So cancer did not scare him. And he would maintain that buoyant spirit to the very end.

Too stubborn to sit still, opinionated as ever, fiercely devoted to his friends and, most of all, to his family," Obama continued. "It showed his irreverence, his sense of humor, a little bit of a mischievous streak. After all, what better way to get the last laugh than to get George and I to say nice things about him to a national audience."

Taking a swipe at Trump at Saturday's funeral was McCain's daughter, Meghan McCain, when she said during her remarks, "The America of John McCain doesn't need to be made great again because America was always great."

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Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun Appointed Vice President of Enrollment Management & Strategic Matriculant Services at Edward Waters College



Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun, VP of Enrollment Management & Strategic Matriculant Services at Edward Waters College

Having earned a distinguished reputation as an inimitable higher education leader and senior administrator, Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr. has accepted an appointment as the Vice President of Enrollment Management & Strategic Matriculant Services at Edward Waters College (EWC). Dr. Calhoun will begin his tenure, effective September 10, 2018 as the College's chief enrollment management strategist and architect. He will be responsible for providing greater coordination, and analytical rigor to every phase of the overall operational recruitment, enrollment, retention, and persistence of Edward Waters College students in support of the institution's aspirations to achieve both heightened student success and greater enrollment growth.

"We are delighted to welcome such a seasoned and demonstrably effective higher education leader of the caliber of Dr. Calhoun to our venerable collegiate community here at Edward Waters College," said EWC President & CEO, Dr. A. Zachary Faison, Jr.

As an accomplished administrator and academician with a higher education career spanning 20 plus years, Dr. Calhoun is the former President of Chicago State University and most recently served as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Engagement at Kentucky State University. He formerly held posts as Vice President for Enrollment Management, Interim Provost, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of North Alabama (UNA). Prior to his leadership service at UNA, Dr. Calhoun served as Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services at the University Of Washington College of Engineering.

"Dr. Calhoun's high acumen and expertise in leading this very critical area of expanded focus for EWC will serve to principally enhance the development and implementation of innovative and effective support models aimed at promoting our student's overall success leading to future enrollment growth for our institution," President Faison said.

As an academician and member of the faculty, Dr. Calhoun was a laboratory technician in the Biology Department at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, where he taught experimental laboratory methods in molecular biology. He subsequently directed a science and technology program at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY and later served as principal of North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School, principal at Hales Franciscan High School, and headmaster at St. Gregory Episcopal School.

"I am inspired by President Faison's tremendous and transformational vision for the future of Edward Waters College and am enthusiastic to join in support of his leadership," said Calhoun. "It is equally thrilling to have the opportunity to serve in partnership with the stellar community of administrators, faculty, staff, and alumni of Edward Waters in support of the outstanding students at EWC."

Dr. Calhoun holds Bachelor's degrees from Tuskegee University in Philosophy and Biology, the Master of Science degree in Biology from Clark Atlanta University, the Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from the University of Chicago, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Washington.

Dr. Calhoun is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has lectured and preached extensively around the country, and has served as an associate minister at Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, GA, Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC, Quinn Chapel AME Church in Chicago, IL, First AME Church in Seattle WA, Greater St. Paul AME Church in Florence, AL, and St. John AME Church in Frankfort, KY. He holds the Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA.

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Saturday, September 29, 2018
Time: 10:30 AM

OBITUARIES:

Priscilla Elaine Wards-Morrisson passed away peacefully on September 4, 2018.

Mildred Joy Mitchell passed away peacefully on September 1, 2018.

Michelle Ann Jones passed away peacefully on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Clementine Shine passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2018. The funeral service for Clementine Shine will be held 1PM, Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at the Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church 2503 N. Myrtle Avenue. The visitation will be 5 - 7PM, Friday, at the mortuary. Interment in Restlawn Cemeteries South..

Essie Mae Roberts passed away Tuesday, August 28th, 2018. The funeral service for Essie Mae Roberts will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church 2619 W. 30th Street. Interment in Edgewood Cemetery.

Daisy Mae Wright passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Viewing at 6665 New Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32219 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on September 8, 2018.

Cornell Lewis passed away Thursday, August 30th, 2018.

Earlene Sims passed away Friday, August 31, 2018. Viewing at 6665 New Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32219 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on September 8, 2018..

Community Events:

New Bethelhem Missionary Baptist Church - present "Heels & Hard-bottoms" Fashion Show Luncheon September 15, 2018, 4:00 pm. For tickets call (904) 764-5727. Location: 2018 Prospect Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

The Book of Revelation Live: Unveiling of the 7 Seals - Sunday September 23, 2018, 7PM at 4300 Post Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209

New Bethelhem Missionary Baptist Church - host their annual 3 day Revival Tuesday, October 2nd, Wednesday October 3rd & Thursday, October 4th, at 7PM. Rev. Quan Glover, Senior Pastor of Young Zion Baptist Church, St. Mary's, GA will be speaking. Location: 1824 Prospect Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

New Bethelhem Missionary Baptist Church - 99th Church Anniversary Banquet Sunday, October 28th 4:00 p.m. For banquet tickets, call (904) 764-5727. Location: 1824 Prospect Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

New Bethelhem Missionary Baptist Church - celebrates their 99th Church Anniversary beginning Thursday, November 8th 7PM, Friday November, 9th 7PM & Sunday, November 11th, at 11AM. Everyone is invited. Location: 1824 Prospect Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208.

MAVD Tax Advisor Assists Veterans With Tax Refunds

Are you a military veteran who received a letter from the Department of Defense stating that you are eligible for a tax refund?

The Department of Defense recently notified numerous NE Florida Veterans (as well as 130,000 others nationwide) that they were eligible for a refund on taxes mistakenly taken out of their Disability Severance Payment.

The City of Jacksonville's Military and Veteran Affairs Department has tax advisors ready and able to assist veterans with filing the necessary refund form. Resident MAVD tax advisor John Games recently submitted the first refund form for an Army veteran who will receive nearly \$2,000 in taxes that should have never been withheld. The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department can assist you too!

Affected veterans can file a claim with the Internal Revenue Service to receive a refund by making an appointment with Jon Games at (904) 630-3405. Be sure to bring a copy of the Department of Defense notice to the appointment.

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MAYOR COMMITS RESOURCES TO COMMUNITY-LED ANTI-VIOLENCE EFFORTS

Continuing his commitment to investments that reflect and demonstrate significant support of public safety priorities, Mayor Lenny Curry has authorized the transfer of \$50,000 in executive branch funds to be allocated for community-led STOP THE VIOLENCE efforts. These funds, managed by the City's grants office, will be awarded to youth- and faith-based organizations that serve citizens and communities in areas most impacted by violence and crime.

"These past few days have been tough for our city. Yet, they have also ignited our intensity and passion for community-based solutions to address violence," said Mayor Lenny Curry. "I am heartbroken by these senseless acts of violence that are impacting children, both as victims and perpetrators. We must create a path that shows our youth a better way - one of hope and opportunity."

In addition to the executive funds, Mayor Curry supports City Council President Bowman and Council members' Gaffney and Newby's plans to appropriate available dollars from the Special Council Contingency fund. These dollars, along with funds committed to the mayor by members of the private sector community, are a catalyst for citywide support and collaboration of anti-violence efforts.

Introducing and strengthening efforts to ensure youth have a safe environment and access to positive role models and mentors, as well as engaging, recreational, and career readiness activities have been the impetus behind a number of reforms and initiatives established throughout the Curry administration. The Kids Hope Alliance was established in 2017 as part of comprehensive reforms that would position our community to meet the changing needs of children while improving services to Jacksonville's at-home youth.

Throughout the summer, the City offered JaxParks' Summer Night Lights, a free program hosted each weekend in parks throughout the city that provided teens with recreational and engaging activities in a safe environment.

In addition, the City has consistently provided supplemental funding to afterschool programs offering local youth access to personal development, academic support and positive character-building activities that minimize opportunities for them to engage in violent, criminal and other troubling behaviors.

"We must continue our work with young people," said Curry. "We must help them see there are possibilities that are larger than what they believe. We must break this cycle of violence and hopelessness. We must stop the violence."

New Employee Policy Offers Support For Parents, Families



Mayor Lenny Curry and his wife Molly joined City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) officials at a news conference to announce a new employee policy that offers parents employed by the City six weeks of paid leave following the birth or adoption of a child.

"I believe all families deserve an environment where parents and newborns get an opportunity to bond without the worry of work demands and stresses of a reduced income," said Mayor Lenny Curry. "This new employee benefit recognizes the importance of our employees' families, and the valuable bonding time after the birth or adoption of a child."

Statistics support that paid leave can have a positive impact on the health of children and families. In addition to health benefits, there are also long-term economic benefits for both families and employers who offer paid leave. The benefit is available to both the father and mother of the child if both are City employees.

The preexisting policy limited eligible employees to taking up to 12 weeks of leave, utilizing their available leave in conjunction with unpaid leave following a birth, in adherence with Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) guidelines.

Tentative agreements have been reached by the City and union bargaining agents. Following ratification by City Council, expected in early October, the City of Jacksonville would be among few city governments in the state to offer a paid parental leave policy.

Black Nurse Sues Major Hospital for Honoring a Patient's Racist Request



Nurse Teoka Williams is suing Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan

Teoka Williams, an African American nurse has filed a lawsuit against her employer, Beaumont Hospital, claiming that she was discriminated against when the hospital

Despite Having Multiple Chronic and Mental Illnesses, This Black Entrepreneur Was Just Voted to Develop the Curriculum For 400,000 National Members of the Freelancers Union

Just six months ago, Baltimore-based author, advocate and 12-year freelance entrepreneur, Melony Hill took over the role as leader of the Freelancers Union local meetup group, Baltimore SPARK. After watching leadership roles change constantly and missing the community feel she hoped to find from such an organization, Melony set her sights on making more of a difference in her local group in December of last year. As luck would have it, in February 2018, the opportunity arose, and Melony stepped in, immediately increasing membership and local awareness of this national organization with nearly 400,000 members nationwide.

Melony's hard work expanding, connecting and diversifying the Baltimore branch did not go unnoticed. Though one of the newest group leaders of the Freelancers Union's monthly meetup groups, found in 25 cities across the U.S., Melony was just elected as a member of a newly formed committee, National Curriculum Executive Committee. Melony is now the National Curriculum Lead and will be influencing and participating in the development of curriculum for the organization's 375,000 members.

In 2010, Melony was found to be legally 'emotionally disabled' after being diagnosed with a slew of emotional and chronic illnesses including PTSD, depression, socialized anxiety disorder, fibromyalgia and dissociative identity disorder (multiple personalities). A survivor of severe childhood abuse and trauma, Melony spent more than seven years in intense therapy up to three times a week as she attempted to regain control of her life. After losing her therapist and best friend, her only source of support, last year, Melony launched Stronger Than My Struggles, an organization focused on healing others as she heals herself, through the written and spoken word.

Since launching Stronger Than My Struggles, Melony has self-published eight books, including three anthologies and a collection of poetry, Writing for My Sanity. Writing for her sanity is exactly what Melony does, writing helps her fight and deal with her many illnesses. She helps others write for their sanity as well; in addition to leading the Freelancers Union meetings, Melony hosts a series of workshops in the Baltimore community focused around writing.

Being appointed to the Freelancers Union National Executive Committee is another feather in the cap for Melony who has had an amazing year so far. From being featured by iconic TIME Magazine in February of this year, and on Baltimore based television show, Bmore Lifestyle in March, to being booked to speak at colleges and universities such as University of MD School of Social Work, Melony is spreading her message wide. She knows that because of her illnesses, life could change in the blink of an eye, it has for her, literally, many times. Melony uses her story of seeking success despite her circumstance to inspire and encourage others to live their best life. She's looking forward to bringing that same philosophy to the expansive Freelancers Union network in her new position.

For more details about Melony Hill and her organization, visit www.StrongerThanMyStruggles.com



12-year freelance entrepreneur, Melony Hill, voted one of four on newly formed National Executive Committee of the Freelancers Union

10 Times When a White Police Officer Was Actually Found Guilty For Shooting an Unarmed Black Person



With the increasing number of Black people being shot and killed by white police officers, the issues surrounding the way police officers use force and treat also African-Americans continue. To add more insult to the injury, white police officers get away with it most of the time. There have been times when they were actually charged, but then later got acquitted. However, there are at least 10 times when the officer was convicted:

- #1 - Roy Oliver, a former Balch Springs police officer in Dallas, Texas, was convicted of murder last Tuesday in connection with the death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. In 2017, Oliver fired a car full of Black teenagers where Edwards was killed. He said he did it because he thought his partner was in danger as the car drove by but his partner told the jury otherwise.
- #2 - In East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Officer Michael Rosfeld was charged for the death of 17-year-old Black teen Antwon Rose Jr. Rosfeld shot the teen after he fled from a traffic stop. The pretrial hearing for the case is scheduled for September 11.
- #3 - A North Miami police officer, Jonathan Aledda, was charged with four felonies and misdemeanors including attempted manslaughter after the death of unarmed behavioral therapist Charles Kinsey. Aledda shot Kinsey while he was trying to protect his severely autistic patient who was holding a silver toy gun, whom a bystander thought was a gun.
- #4 - A judge sentenced former Chicago police officer Marco Proano to five years in federal prison for using excessive force and shooting at a stolen car packed with teenagers in 2013. He fired 16 shots to the car and injured 2 Black teenagers. He was considered the first police officer in Chicago to be sentenced to federal prison for an on-duty shooting.
- #5 - In another incident in Chicago, Jason Van Dyke was charged with six counts of first-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery for the death of 17-year-old Black teen Laquan McDonald in 2014. McDonald was allegedly walking with a folding knife in his hand and did not obey police commands to drop it when Van Dyke shot him 16 times. A dashcam video showed McDonald was already walking away when Van Dyke fired the shots.
- #6 - Former officer Michael Slager was charged for the murder of 50-year-old Walter Scott, whom he shot following a daytime traffic stop in North Charleston, South Carolina for a non-functioning brake light. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison and the City of North Charleston agreed to pay \$6.5 million to Scott's family.
- #7 - Dominique Haeggan-Brown, a former Milwaukee police officer who fatally shot a 23-year old Black man, Sylville Smith, during an August 2016 foot chase, was charged with first-degree reckless homicide. Haeggan-Brown, who is also Black, faced 60 years in prison but was found not guilty for the crime. He was fired and is still facing charges, however, for an unrelated sexual assault case.
- #8 - Former officer Jeronimo Yanez, a Latino, was charged with second-degree manslaughter after firing several shots to 32-year-old Philando Castile, whom he pulled over while driving in Falcon Heights, Minnesota for a broken taillight. He said he feared for his life because he apparently saw Castile reaching for his gun, in which he had a permit for. He was acquitted of all charges and even received \$48,500 as part of a voluntary buyout.
- #9 - After killing Samuel DuBose for driving without a front license plate during a July 2015 traffic stop, former officer Raymond Tensing of the University of Cincinnati was charged with murder. He went through trial twice but the jury was hung both times and the charges were later on dismissed. He even received \$350,000 from UC when he agreed to resign.
- #10 - Officer Betty Shelby of Tulsa Police Department in Oklahoma was charged with manslaughter after shooting 40-year old unarmed Black man, Terence Crutcher. However, in the 2017 trial, the jury acquitted Shelby of all charges. She is now a deputy with the nearby Roger County Sheriff's Department and is even certified to teach other cops a course on how to deal with the aftermath of police shootings.

decided to honor a white patient's request to remove her from their care just because she is Black. She believes her civil rights were violated by the incident.

Williams, who worked as a nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn for 10 years, was very humiliated, embarrassed, and disappointed after an incident in October 2017 where the hospital accommodated a patient's request to forbid her from taking care of the patient.

According to the lawsuit, Williams has finished checking up on the two patients on her assigned room when she overheard one of the patients saying she didn't want a "black b--" taking care of her.

Williams told the clinical manager about what she heard and expected that the decision would be that they won't accommodate requests based on race. However, Williams was eventually forbidden to enter the room while still being required to give reports when her shift was over.

There were also times during her shifts that patients in

that room needed care but she couldn't provide nor enter just because of her race.

Williams added that she also informed human resources but she was just told that patient requests are honored all the time and the next time it happens, she would simply be taken off the assignment altogether.

Beaumont Hospital hasn't particularly commented on the lawsuit yet but issued a statement saying that its "highest priority is providing a safe environment that is free from discrimination for both our patients and staff, and delivering care with compassion, dignity and respect."

In the lawsuit filed last Monday, Williams claims her federal and state civil rights were violated. Her attorney Julie Galkay said the lawsuit "is about being denied the opportunity to do your job duties based on your race, and being segregated from your job duties based on your race." Williams is seeking compensatory and punitive damages.

OPINIONS

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NAACP Jacksonville Branch Presents

THINGS BLACK PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW

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



The White House Was, in Fact, Built by Slaves Along with the Capitol and other iconic buildings in Washington, D.C.



Earliest known photograph of the White House. The image was taken in 1846 by John Plumbe during the administration of James K. Polk. (Library of Congress/John Plumbe)

By Danny Lewis
SMITHSONIAN.COM

When First Lady Michelle Obama took the stage during the first night of the Democratic National Convention, she talked about how it felt to be a black woman waking up in the White House every morning—a building constructed with slave labor. It was a powerful moment in her speech, hearkening back to the generations of African-Americans forced into bondage in this country. Up until a few decades ago, little attention was paid to looking into who actually laid the foundations and put up the walls of the White House. But what documentation exists today shows that many of Washington, D.C.'s most iconic government buildings, including the White House, were built by slaves.

In 2005, Congress put together a task force to shed light on the subject. After months of research, the commission announced that while it would never be able to tell the full story of the slaves who built these buildings, there was no doubt that they were intricately involved in the work, Alexander Lane reported for *PolitiFact*.

"Indifference by earlier historians, poor record keeping, and the silence of the voiceless classes have impeded our ability in the twenty-first century to understand fully the contributions and privations of those who toiled over the seven decades from the first cornerstone laying to the day of emancipation in the District of Columbia," Senate Historian Richard Baker and Chief of the House of Representatives Office of History and Preservation Kenneth Kato wrote in a foreword to the report.

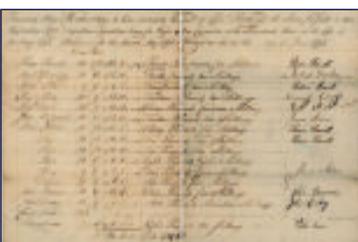
From a geographical standpoint alone, it should come as no surprise that slave laborers were used to build the nation's capital. Washington, D.C., was built on landed ceded to the federal government by Virginia and Maryland, and at the time the Potomac region was home to almost half of the country's 750,000 slaves, Lane reports.

While the White House Historical Association reports that the D.C. commissioners originally tried to bring cheap workers over from Europe to build the new capital, their recruitment efforts fell short. As a result, they forced local slaves to provide the labor, often renting workers from their masters for year-long periods of time.

"Slaves were likely involved in all aspects of construction, including carpentry, masonry, carting, rafting, plastering, glazing and painting, the task force reported," Lane writes. "And slaves appear to have shouldered alone the grueling work of sawing logs and stones."

In addition to constructing the buildings, slaves also worked the quarries where the stones for the government buildings came from. Ironically, the Statue of Freedom that sits atop the Capitol dome was made with the help of Philip Reid, a man enslaved by sculptor Thomas Crawford, who was commissioned to build the statue. According to the Architect of the Capitol, Reid was paid \$1.25 a day by the federal government for his contributions.

"There is no telling how many stories that have been lost because, as a country, we didn't value these stories," historian and reporter Jesse J. Holland tells *Smithsonian.com*. "We're always learning more about the presidents as we go forward and we'll also learn more about the people who cooked their meals and dressed them."



The payroll to slaveowners shows that the government did not own slaves, but that it did hire them from their masters. Slave carpenters Ben, Daniel, and Peter were noted as owned by James Hoban. (National Archives and Records Administration)

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"FEELING LUCKY?" The House Always Wins

By Miles Jaye

My first trip to Las Vegas was in the 80's. I was headlining the Riviera with the Village People. Most of what I knew about Las Vegas, at the time, I learned from television and movies. James Bond's perfect martinis— "shaken, not stirred," Elvis, Wayne Newton and the Rat Pack— Sammy, Sinatra, Dean, Lawford and Bishop.

Vegas was all about the *Strip*, the bright lights, show girls, big stars and of course, gambling. Vegas is gambling, the rest are just trappings— *allure, excitement and enticement*. This weekend I was back in Vegas performing over the holiday weekend and I realized not much has changed. It's bigger and flashier, but it's still Vegas. Now that I'm older and wiser, I realize that Vegas is the epitome of distraction and misdirection—it's *pure seduction*.

Misdirection and manipulation are essential tools of *card sharks, magicians and politicians*. Veteran magicians will attest to the power of misdirection. Without it, they could not perform their magic, neither could politicians. Benjamin Disraeli, a 19th Century British Prime Minister said, "There is no gambling like politics." and smart gamblers will tell you, *the house always wins*.

So, what exactly is meant by the *house always wins*? Each year, millions of gamblers fail to heed that warning and leave their shirts, jewelry, and mortgage money in Vegas. It means, although you may have a good weekend at Black Jack, Roulette or Craps, if you play every weekend, over a period of time, the odds are against your long-term success, the house will come out on top. The system is designed that way to keep the casinos in business and, more importantly, to generate huge profits.

America is Vegas, and Americans love the seduction, in spite of knowing the *house always wins*. In spite of knowing the odds are against our long-term success, Americans cannot resist the tug, pull and draw of the gamble. We're all victims. The American Dream is pure seduction. Pick a college, pick a career, then bet on it. The promise of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is a lure. The statement, *Donald Trump is a con man*, means he is a master of distraction and misdirection. He "entertains" his base into believing the promise of a better life and they truly believe Trump will "Make America Great Again," so they bet on him, but most

Trump voters, if asked, would have no idea exactly what that means— *It's the con!*

Pick a team, pick a horse, pick a player, pick a party, pick a candidate. America is Vegas and we're all still looking the wrong way. Your vote is a bet! Black people are disproportionately Democrats, suggesting the Dems have been a good bet for Black folks like my mother and father and their mothers and fathers. Bet on Dems, they represent our interests better than the other guys. If so, then why do Black lives still not matter? Why do Black businesses not matter? Why are we just now making history with Mayor Gillum, Florida's first major-party candidate for governor?

Throughout American history there have been only seven Black governors. There is a governor for each of 50 states, (not including Territories and D.C.), so at any given time there are 50 governors serving and there have only been seven in all of U.S. history. Since Andrew Jackson was appointed Florida's first Territorial Governor by President Monroe, followed by William DuVal, then William Moseley when Florida gained statehood in 1845. Florida has had 43 governors, and not one of them African American. If each of 28 states, (the number of states in the Union in 1845) had an average of 40 governors, we've had 1,120 governors throughout U.S. history and only seven Blacks— *That's the significance of the Gillum and Abrams elections!*

Keep betting! Pick a neighborhood, pick a church, pick a spouse— all safe bets for a happy life, but it's time to make our own luck! Remember, the hustle is to make you feel like you're ahead. We had one Black President, then Trump! There hasn't been another Black Virginia Governor since Wilder and Louisiana hasn't had another Black Governor since Pinchback. So, when we elect Gillum for governor, have your next candidate in line— *ready to succeed him*. How do we make our own luck? How do we improve the odds? Scour our HBCU's, state universities and schools of law for gifted scholars and prepare them for service. Pluck some sharp young attorneys out of their comfortable one-office firms and challenge them to service. It's about accountability— *SERVICE*. Align your Black mayoral candidates, state senators, and build your voting block for sustained success!!! *I don't know about you, but I'm feeling lucky!*

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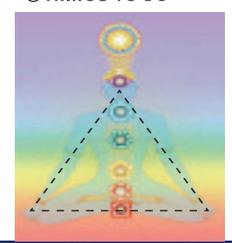
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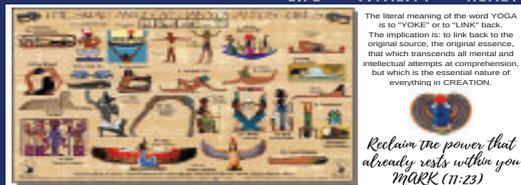
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Jacksonville Therapist Receives Nursing Home Company's Divisional Customer Service Award

RJ Jones, a physical therapist assistant at Life Care Center of Jacksonville, received Life Care Centers of America's Southeast Division Whatever It Takes And Then Some Award on Aug. 29 for his dedication to customer service.

Executives from Life Care awarded Jones a cash prize during an awards ceremony at the company's headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee. He was chosen from among hundreds of associates in the Southeast Division and was one of only eight associates from Life Care's more than 200 facilities nationwide to receive the award.

While Jones does his work well daily, he was honored for a special act of caring in 2017.

An associate at the facility rides her bicycle to work every day, and when the bike broke and Jones found out she was walking to work in the dark every morning, he bought her a brand-new bike.

When he was asked why he did that, Jones shared that at one point in his life he had to walk to work too, until someone showed kindness to him. He wanted to pass that kindness on.

"I believe that when you've been given something, you have to give," said Jones. "It truly is more blessed to give than to receive."

Life Care Centers of America's Whatever It



Takes And Then Some program rewards associates for extraordinary acts of kindness. Monthly awards are presented in Life Care facilities nationwide based on nominations from fellow associates, family members, residents and guests. Each facility then chooses an annual winner, from which the divisional winners are selected.

"Dedicated caregivers routinely go far above and beyond their job descriptions, and RJ Jones certainly demonstrates by his example their professionalism and

compassion for the residents they serve," said Beecher Hunter, Life Care president. "We are proud of RJ and the thousands he represents in their selfless approach to the needs of others."

Life Care Center of Jacksonville, located at 4813 Lenoir Ave., is one of 21 skilled nursing and rehab facilities in Florida managed by Life Care Centers of America.

Founded in 1976, Life Care is a nationwide health care company. For more information about Life Care, visit lcca.com.

SOCIAL SECURITY Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



By Todd Price
Social Security District Manager in Jacksonville

Social Security touches the lives of every American. Hispanics make up our nation's largest ethnic minority group with a population of 57.5 million, according to 2016 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. In fact, Hispanic Americans form 17.8 percent of the nation's total population.

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Alice Dunnigan

Newseum Honors Black Woman to Cover White House

By Stacy M. Brown

On Friday, Sept. 21, a new sculpture of Alice Allison Dunnigan, the first African American woman to receive press credentials to cover the White House and Congress, is scheduled to go on display at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

At the unveiling of the sculpture, featured guests are expected to tell the story of this pioneering journalist who rose to the top of her profession despite racist policies that segregated Black journalists and sexist attitudes that severely limited opportunities for women in the industry.

"Alice Dunnigan endured poverty, segregation and sexism and she fought to fulfill her dream of becoming a journalist," designer Lauren Bohn wrote on Twitter.

"Alice's story should give hope to anyone who has ever doubted his or her ability to make it through tough times or, much more painfully, his or her own worth," said political analyst Jordyn Holman.

Denver, Colo., Mayor Michael B. Hancock said the tribute is long overdue.

"Alice Dunnigan was a barrier breaker for women and people of color to reach higher heights in journalism," Hancock said.

The announcement by the Newseum comes as current CNN White House Correspondent April Ryan — who's also African-American — revealed she has hired a bodyguard because of the intimidation and threats she's received covering the president and his administration.

Ryan, who has earned recognition for her fearless reporting on the White House, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Dunnigan, who began her journalism career in Kentucky before moving to Washington, D.C., was a pioneering journalist who rose to the top of her profession despite racist policies that segregated black journalists and sexist attitudes that severely limited opportunities for women in a male-dominated workplace.

The life-sized bronze sculpture was created by Kentucky sculptor Amanda Matthews and is being cast at the Prometheus Foundry in Lexington, Ky. Newseum officials said in a press release.

During World War II, Dunnigan moved to Washington, D. C. to work at the War Labor Board. After the war ended, Dunnigan went to work for the Associated Negro Press and became the head of that organization's Washington Bureau on Jan. 1, 1947, a job she held for 14 years supplying stories to 112 African American newspapers across the United States.

Dunnigan was the first African American woman accredited to report on the White House, covering presidential press conferences.



(Provided photo)

A mourner holds a program during the funeral service for Aretha Franklin at Greater Grace Temple, Friday in Detroit.

Franklin

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courage, not without fear, but overcoming her fears."

Actress Cicely Tyson reworked the Paul Laurence Dunbar poem "When Malindy Sings" to "When Aretha Sings." Music mogul Clive Davis, who helped revive Franklin's career in the 1980s, described her as a loving friend and a dedicated and unpredictable artist, whose passions ranged from soul to ballet. He remembered her turning up at a tribute to him in a tutu.

Music was in abundance, of course. Jennifer Hudson, whom Franklin said she wanted to play her in a movie about her life, brought the crowd to its feet with a rousing "Amazing Grace." Ariana Grande sang one of the Queen's biggest hits, "You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman," and Faith Hill performed "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

The Aretha Franklin Orchestra opened the funeral with a medley featuring "I Say a Little Prayer," "Angel" and other songs she was known for, along with such gospel numbers as "I Love the Lord" and "Walk in the Light."

Glady Knight segued from "You'll Never Walk Alone" to "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Near the end, Stevie Wonder brought the dwindling audience to their feet, swaying to his classic tribute to love, "As." Jennifer Holliday ended the funeral with "Climbing Higher Mountains," an uptempo gospel original by Franklin herself.

A statement from former President George W. Bush that was read to the crowd said Franklin would "continue to bring joy to millions for generations to come." The Rev. Al Sharpton read a statement from former President Barack Obama, who wrote that Franklin's "work reflected the very best of the American story."

Sharpton received loud cheers when he denounced President Donald Trump for saying that the singer "worked for" him as he responded to her death. "She performed for you," Sharpton said of Franklin, who had sung at Trump-owned venues. "She worked for us."

"She gave us pride. She gave us a regal bar to reach. She represented the best in our community," Sharpton said.

Many noted her longtime commitment to civil rights and lasting concern for the poor. The Rev. Jesse Jackson recalled Franklin raising money for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and urged attendees to honor her memory by registering to vote. Her friend Greg Mathis, the reality show host and retired Michigan judge, recalled his last conversation with her. They talked about the tainted water supply in Flint. "You go up there and sock it to 'em," she urged Mathis, paraphrasing the "sock it to me" refrain from "Respect."

Franklin died Aug. 16 at age 76. Her body arrived in a 1940 Cadillac LaSalle hearse. She wore a shimmering gold dress, with sequined heels — the fourth outfit Franklin was clothed in during a week of events leading up to her funeral.

The casket was carried to the church that also sent Franklin's father, the renowned minister C.L. Franklin, to his and Parks' final resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery, where the singer will join them. Pink Cadillacs filled the street outside the church, a reference to a Franklin hit from the 1980s, "Freeway of Love."

Shooting

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50 uniformed police officers present at the game.

Raines High School is on the city's majority black northwest side, which is criminally neglected by the city and over-policed. It's in an area that experiences higher poverty, fewer living wage jobs, and worse infrastructure from decades of mistreatment.

Mayor Lenny Curry and Sheriff Mike Williams quickly called the Raines-Lee shooting "gang-related," despite offering no evidence or even identifying the shooter. As with previous shootings in the black community, they hoped to exploit this tragedy to pass their excessive and unnecessary \$24 million increase in funding to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO). Their budget proposal would make \$0.33 of every \$1 in taxpayers' money go towards policing.

However, we haven't seen the same rhetoric from the Mayor or the Sheriff about Sunday's mass shooting at the Landing. Other politicians, like Governor Rick Scott and Councilman Reggie Gaffney — whose district includes the Landing — have talked about

the need for more prayer and faith, insinuating that people can somehow prevent mass shootings by just being more religious. These aren't real solutions. This is absurd political posturing in the face of real tragedy.

There's a lot of understandable confusion, fear and outrage in the wake of these two shootings. But while we heal as a city and look for solutions, we need to guard against having our fears manipulated by the powers that be.

For weeks the Jacksonville Community Action Committee has called on the City Council to oppose any funding increase for the JSO and instead allocate more money towards mental health services, jobs and education. More police officers, heightened surveillance or the further criminalization of Jacksonville residents did not and will not stop these crimes.

Crime has social roots, like poverty, joblessness, poor infrastructure, neglected schools, discrimination and low access to health care and mental health services — and you can't police your way out of these problems.

We cannot allow Mayor Curry and the elected officials

of City Council to irresponsibly throw hundreds of millions in funds to JSO and think it will make us safer. The lesson of this heartbreaking past weekend — and the past year — is that more cops does not mean less crime or safer communities. 50 officers didn't stop the Raines-Lee shooting, nor did they neutralize the shooter at the Landing, who committed suicide after the attacks. Despite approving 100 new cops in the 2017-2018 budget, violent crime increased in Jacksonville last year and JSO left 70% of homicides unsolved.

We have to get to the root of the problem, and that requires the City Council, the Mayor and those in power to invest in our communities, in young people and in the long-term future of this city. We can't afford to keep pouring money into the bloated budget of JSO.

The Jacksonville Community Action Committee is a black led, grassroots community organization organizing our communities for self determination and freedom. They meet every 3rd Thursday at the Springfield Learning Center at 6:30 p.m. and can be found on social media at Jac Takes Action my email at jaxcommunityaction@gmail.com.

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calling. Gillum also said he wasn't going to compete in a "pig fight" with DeSantis and President Donald Trump, who endorsed DeSantis and has used Twitter to criticize Gillum.

"I'm not going to follow him and Donald Trump down into the swamp of politics.

My grandmother used to say, "When you wrestle with pigs, you both get dirty, but the pig likes it," Gillum said. "I'm not going to be able to compete and win in a pig fight with these guys."

Also Sunday, DeSantis said in an interview with John Catsimatidis of 970 AM radio in New York that Gillum "will turn Florida into Venezuela."

"Florida's a great place to be, to live, to do business, to

retire. We need to build off the success that Florida's enjoyed, and if you have a guy like this — and that being a socialist-style agenda — that's going to absolutely destroy all the progress that Florida's made."

DeSantis and Gillum are competing for the seat held by Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who can't seek re-election due to term limits and is instead challenging Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

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Mayor: Atlanta to stop Holding Federal Detainees in its jail

Atlanta's city jail will no longer accept immigrants detained by federal officials, the mayor announced Thursday, saying it was the best way to demonstrate her administration's opposition to current "inhumane" national immigration policies.

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms signed an executive order directing the Atlanta City Detention Center to stop accepting detainees of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The jail had been receiving the detainees under an agreement with the U.S. Marshals Service.

This evening with Florida's favorite sons/writers, Miami Herald columnists Dave Barry and Carl Haasen, promises a hilarious but insightful look into today's political landscape and its impact on the writers' beloved state. Introduced by the Sun Sentinel's Rosemary O'Hara and moderated by WLRN's Tom Hudson; the entertaining discussion will touch on the dangers that lurk when citizens don't have access to government records and information.

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Opinion

SCHOOLS NEED RESOURCES, NOT 'SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS'

Turning schools into prisons means sending kids to real-life prisons. There are better ways to keep students safe.

By Lidwina Bell



After a school year marred by shootings, districts across the country have responded this year with calls for more “school resource officers” in classrooms. As a result, many students are returning to schools that feel more like prisons — and in fact form a quick pipeline to real prisons.

School resource officers, or SROs, are armed law enforcement officers who police hallways and classrooms. They often arrest students for minor disciplinary issues, as a new Institute for Policy Studies report called Students Under Siege explains. These officers are part of the larger school-to-prison pipeline that pushes students out of school and behind bars.

The very students SROs are supposed to protect are often the ones most harmed by them. In addition to referring kids to the juvenile justice system, SROs have been repeatedly filmed violently mistreating black and brown girls in particular.

That’s why many students say SROs aren’t the answer to school shootings.

At the March for Our Lives, Edna Chavez, a student from Los Angeles, spoke out against adding more SROs: “Instead of making black and brown students feel safe,” she complained, “they continue to profile and criminalize us.”

Chavez called for a different approach. “We should have a department specializing in restorative justice,” she said. “We need to tackle the root causes of the issues we face, and come to an understanding on how to resolve them.”

Restorative justice (or RJ) treats incidents in which people are harmed (like, say, school fights)

as requiring healing rather than punishment. It focuses on the actual harm that occurred and the need for healing, rather than on the breaking of a rule.

When an incident arises, the parties come together for a restorative circle that includes students, staff, community members, and a restorative justice practitioner. They address the harms together and try to arrive at a solution.

A growing number of school districts nationwide, from Oakland, California to Washington, D.C., are implementing these practices.

When there’s a conflict, participants meet to discuss the circumstances, identify the support they need, and consent to a healing process. They talk until they arrive at a mutual understanding of why the harm occurred and agree on steps toward addressing it to everyone’s satisfaction.

Ta-Biti Gibson, a restorative justice coordinator in Oakland, told NPR how restorative justice

changes the way students approach conflict in his school: “Instead of throwing a punch, they’re asking for a circle, they’re backing off and asking to mediate it peacefully with words.”

When two students got into a fight at Gibson’s school, the students “circled up” and agreed to write and put up anti-bullying posters, participate in after-school service, and do joint morning announcements with tips on how students can get along better.

At the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., this restorative process is led by the students themselves.

By using a restorative approach, the students aren’t only held accountable for their actions — they get an opportunity to contribute to a safer and more inclusive school community. This opportunity is missed when SROs get involved.

Resource officers are a resource only by name. What would it look like if our schools were actually resourced?

In a well-resourced school, students are safe because staff can invest in their well-being. “Accountability” isn’t separated from a student’s ability to heal, thrive, and uplift the whole community. And students don’t wind up in jail or with a record for routine school incidents.

One SRO can cost up to \$97,000. Instead of hiring officers that see students as criminals, schools can use that money for real school resources — mental health workers and restorative justice practitioners, to name a few — who build students up rather than push them out.

Lidwina Bell is a Next Leader at the Institute for Policy Studies. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

New Chief Justice Of Georgia Supreme Court

Harold D. Melton was sworn in Tuesday morning, Sept. 4, as the 32nd Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. His wife, Kim, was at his side as he took the oath from former Chief Justice P. Harris Hines in the House Chamber of the State Capitol.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue introduced Chief Justice Melton prior to the swearing-in. Also sworn in the Chief Justice when necessary. As governor, Secretary Perdue appointed both justices to the state’s highest court.

A number of dignitaries attended Tuesday’s investiture, including seven of the nine living Chief Justices and four current or former Attorneys General.



New Florida Majority Prepares to Elect Florida’s Unapologetic Progressive for Governor With Lieutenant Governor Picked, Florida Voters Ready to Defeat Trumpism in the State

In the Democratic Primary, New Florida Majority knocked on 50,000 doors and sent 200,000 text messages to usually ignored voters to get out to vote for Andrew Gillum. Now that the Mayor of Tallahassee is the gubernatorial candidate and Chris King is chosen to be the Lieutenant Governor, the organization is prepared to redouble its efforts leading up to the general election on November 6th.

In response to Gillum’s Lieutenant Governor running mate announcement, New Florida Majority shared the following:

“Andrew Gillum energized Florida’s voters with a platform that offered real and transformative solutions to our lives,” explains New Florida Majority Executive Director, Andrea Cristina Mercado. “The choice is clear. Florida can’t afford any

more of what Republicans have done to this state. While the GOP is running on politics of division, Gillum and his lieutenant governor offer a future where every Floridian -- Black, Latino, and white -- can succeed.”

Former State Senator, Dwight Bullard, New Florida Majority political director, adds, “Gillum’s primary victory taught everyone a lesson. When you speak to the people who are usually left out and you give them a reason to get involved, you win. Gillum’s unapologetic policies of a higher minimum wage, accessible health care for everyone, protections for the environment, and an end to stand your ground are what defied the polls in the primary and what will bring it home in November. We’re excited and ready to continue talking to voters to make history in Florida.”



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Jaguars Beat the Buccaneers 25-10 in Preseason Finale



Jackville Jaguars wide receiver Shane Wynn (14) during an NFL preseason game against the Thursday, Aug. 30th, 2018 in Tampa, Fla.

By Darrell Baker
For The Florida/Georgia Star

Tampa, FL – As expected, regulars for both teams sat for the preseason finale Thursday night in Tampa's Raymond James Stadium. None of the Jaguars starter on offense and defense played, in the game. All of Tampa Bay's starters sat out as well.

Players that were deep on the Jaguars roster got a chance to give coaches a final look ahead of the roster cuts that will be made early next week in an effort to prepare for their season opener against the New York Giants Met Life Stadium on September 9th.

Down 3-10 at halftime, the Jaguars would find their spark in the third quarter.

Tim Cook, who is fighting for the last running back spot had two scores on 1 and 3 yard runs. Defensive end Carroll Phillips was able to scoop up a fumble by Buccaneers rookie quarterback Austin Allen and dash 26 yards for a touchdown that put the Jaguars up 22-10 as the third quarter was ending. Allen would also throw an interception that was made



DeAndre Smelter during an NFL preseason game against the Thursday, Aug. 30th, 2018 in Tampa, Fla.

by Jaguars cornerback Dee Delaney on a pass intended for running back Shaun Wilson.

Tampa Bay's wide receiver, Justin Watson would make the team's sole touchdown on a 2 yard pass from Ryan Griffin, a fifth-year pro, that has not played in a regular-season game. Griffin completed 17 of 27 passes for 151 yards and one TD in the opening half for Tampa Bay. Running back Shaun Wilson would lead the team in rushing with 44 yards on 7 carries on the night. Jaguars quarterback Cody Kessler completed 4 of 6 passes

for 32 yards for the Jaguars. Quarterback Tanner Lee went 11 of 22 for 164 yards and no interceptions. Jacksonville would rush for 151 yards, with Brandon Wilds as the leader netting 88 yards on 17 carries.

Next up, with final cuts looming next week for both teams, tough decisions will have to be made in preparations for season openers. The Jaguars start out on the road September 9, against New York Giants at 1 p.m., and the Buccaneers play away as well in New Orleans against the Saints at 1 p.m.

Vikings Defense Scuttles Buccaneers

By W. Earl Kitchings

Saturday morning's game at First Coast High seemed more like a college Saturday "game day" event. With the 10 o'clock kickoff, and the early morning heat and humidity, putting temperatures in the mid-80's, both teams would be tested attritionally, to see who would withstand the heat, with the survivor becoming the winner.

For the 22nd time since 1992, these two teams have matched up, with Raines (1-1) having a 15-6-0 advantage. Looking to be in mid-season form, the Vikings defense led by Janorris Robertson and Javon Bonsell, kept the First Coast (1-1) in check throughout the first half.

Limiting the rushing attack to only five yards and the passing game to only 10 yards, it was clear that Raines wanted to send a message early. After putting the Buccaneers in a punting situation, the Vikings would turn the ball over on a bobbed punt, and set First Coast up inside the Raines 30 yard line. Unable to take advantage of good field position, the Bucs would give the ball back to the Vikings. Keeping the Raines offense

off balance, the Bucs defense poised their own assertion, until a 32 yard Barron Coates to Matt Drayton gave Raines their only score of the first half at the 5:13 mark of the first quarter. From that point, miscues and turnovers, along with stellar defensive performances kept the score 7-0 until halftime.

With the opening kickoff of the second half, it only took senior running back Brandon Marshall 14 seconds to return the kickoff 67 yards for the Raines score, making it a 14-0 game.

It would be the fourth quarter what the bulk of the scoring would occur as 28 total points were tallied, with 20 points belonging to Raines.

Marshall's (154 all-purpose yards) second score of the game came on a 15 yards pass from Coates, extending the score to 20-0, which kept the momentum of the game in the hands of the visitors. Unable to move the ball via the air or the "wildcat" formation, Coach Marty Lee inserted freshman quarterback Larry Edwards into the game. It wouldn't take Edwards long to make something happen as he found Tyree Saunders in stride across the middle, and Saunders

out ran the defense for a 71 yard score.

Raines Coach Deran Wiley also made a change at the quarterback position in the quarter and inserted Andre Williams into the Vikings offense. In his lone series, Williams went 1-3, but his third pass was good to Keto Burke for 23 yards and another Vikings score, making it 27-8.

Hoping to get another score in the waning minutes, the Buccaneers re-inserted QB Jalen Evans, however, his pass was picked off by cornerback Preston Jackson at the Raines 14 yard line, and with some help from a few teammates, Jackson returned the ball 86 yards for the final score of the game. This capped off a day when the Vikings defense allowed only minus 20 yards rushing. Although the outcome of the game favored the Vikings, Wiley and his staff will look to place emphasis this week on penalties (10-105 yards against First Coast) and turnovers (10 in two games).

Raines will play the second of five straight road games on Thursday, when it visits Ed White, at 5:30 pm.



SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
HOME REVOLVING LOAN FUND (HRLF) PROGRAM APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The City of Jacksonville's Neighborhoods Department, Housing and Community Development Division, announces that the 2018 - 2019 HOME Revolving Loan Fund (HRLF) application will be available beginning Thursday, September 13, 2018 for the City of Jacksonville Annual Action Plan federal grant program HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME).

Applications for the HOME Revolving Loan Fund (HRLF) will be available online at www.cajnet.net and search words "universal application". Online proposals for related activities will be accepted from for-profit, public and private nonprofit 501(c)(3) agencies until Friday, October 26, 2018 at 4:00PM.

MANDATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

All developers, for-profit, public and non-profit 501(c)(3) agencies applying for HOME Revolving Loan Funds (HRLF) are required to attend at least one of the technical assistance workshops. At the workshops, Housing and Community Development Division staff will review the RLF application process, project eligibility and provide information to assist with application preparation. All attendees must register to attend a workshop at HCCDD office (904) 255-6200.

Technical Assistance Workshops will be held on:

Thursday, September 13, 2018 - 9:00 AM Ed Ball building 1 st Floor training room 214 N. Hogan St. Jacksonville, FL 32202	Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - 9:00AM Ed Ball building 1 st Floor training room 214 N. Hogan St. Jacksonville, FL 32202
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**THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 WORKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
A NEW WORKSHOP HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 AT 9 AM.**

No applications will be accepted from developers or agencies that have not attended a mandatory technical assistance workshop. If, after attending a workshop, applicants need additional assistance, HCCDD staff will be available by appointment only, at 214 N. Hogan Street 7th floor. Please call (904)255-6200 beginning September 13, 2018 to schedule an appointment.

If any non-English speaking persons or persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments wish to attend the workshops and have special needs, please notify the Housing and Community Development Division at (904) 255-6200 in advance as accommodations may be made.

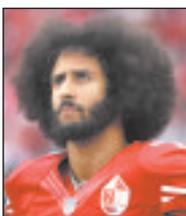
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Colin Kaepernick To Be The Face Of Nike's Anniversary Campaign

Colin Kaepernick may not be currently signed to an NFL team, but he definitely scored a big coup with Nike.

On Monday Nike announced that it has chosen Kaepernick to be the face of its 30th anniversary "Just do it" campaign.

Kaepernick, a former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers who is now a free agent and pursuing a collusion case against the NFL, rose to political prominence in 2016 after he began kneeling during the playing of the national anthem at his games to protest racial inequality and police killings of black people. Critics have accused him of disrespecting the anthem and, by extension, the military and



Colin Kaepernick

the American flag.

"I stand for anybody that believes in change. I stand for anybody that believes in a positive attitude," LeBron James said Tuesday night at a Nike fashion show and awards ceremony in New York. "I stand with Nike, every day, all day."

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Feature

Friends Use Various Strengths To Create Emperors Cut, A High-Quality But Affordable African-American Cigar Line



Emperors Cut: Partners Greg Hurt, Darryl Redmond (friend), Greg Willis, Darnell Streat and Maurice Holland worked together to create a quality cigar line. (Not picture: Robert Howard)

By Curtis Bunn
Urban News Service

As a young man, Greg Willis bonded with his father by sitting on the front porch with him and smoking a cigar. He cherished that time, and, over the years, gained an affinity for robustos.

Those intimate father-son moments have come full circle for Willis, a Cox Automotive Media Solutions expert in Atlanta. He, and his four business partners, spent the past year developing a new high-quality cigar which they predict will turn heads.

The result is the company Emperors Cut, which produces a medium-to-full-bodied cigar that the group plans unveil in July. They have test marketed their product to cigar smokers of various tastes to resounding praise that has fortified their efforts to push forward. For Willis, it is an ode to his dad, Robert, who died in 1996.

“For sure, my dad would be proud of what we have created—and he would enjoy it,” Willis, 54, said.

Each of his four partners, also professional men in their 50s, took different paths to become cigar aficionados. Maurice Holland, who lives in Suffolk, Virginia, enjoyed his first cigar on vacation in Jamaica 20 years ago, he said. Since then, he has traveled extensively, always enjoying a variety of sticks along the way.

Darnell Streat met Willis while they were students at Norfolk State University. He started smoking cigars about 15 years ago.

Greg Hurt said he has been into cigars since the 1990s and enjoys them as an opportunity to escape the rigors of everyday life.

Robert Howard, a Washington, D.C. lawyer, discovered cigars last year, believed in the product and joined the group as an investor.

Streat, who connected the partners, had contemplated developing a line for years. Finally, he called Willis. “He believed we could make it happen.”

And so, they have. They spent considerable time researching the industry and domestic and international markets - the U.S. is responsible for little than half of the \$20 billion global cigar market. They also learned about the handful of African-American-produced cigars in the market - including El Primer Mundo, Trilogy and Tres Lindas Cuban. But the friends are confident their product can find its place, among African-Americans and cigar lovers in general.

They hired a veteran cigar roller in Miami and went through several incarnations of the product.

“The beauty of having so many experienced palates is that we could articulate clearly what we wanted to accomplish in a stick and got it right with a few iterations,” Holland said.

Their first release is called Natural Pleasure, a puro, meaning the wrapper, binder and filler—the three leaves that make up a

premium cigar - are all made from the same country of origin, in this case, Nicaragua. “It starts with pepper notes and evolves into a very smooth smoke with hints of coffee, cocoa and pepper,” Holland said. “It will appeal to the most experienced cigar smokers while its flavor profile appeals to less experienced and new smokers (and) women smokers.”

The \$10 price was intentional; they wanted a high-quality but affordable cigar—well, affordable by cigar standards.

But getting where they are has been a journey that tried their patience and resilience, particularly as African American proprietors.

“Imagine the skepticism of Westerners teaching kung fu! Given the art was created by Asians, the perception is they are best suited to advance the art,” Holland said. “Apply that (thinking) to cigars and Latin America. We know our product has to be on point to get over the frame of reference hurdle.”

Then there were the endless machinations to get licensed. Holland: “The U.S. government does not make it easy for new players in the tobacco space. (It also was challenging) getting a seat at the table with smokers. You have smokers who . . . are not open to cigars outside their knowledge zone. We want mind share (to influence experienced, knowledgeable smokers) and that remains our challenge in a mature market.”

They were surprised to find that one of the most significant barriers was erected by the Food & Drug Administration. Starting this August, it will begin applying a regulation designed to make sure drugs are safe - called “substantial equivalence,” to new tobacco products. This means they cannot market their stogies until the FDA issues an order permitting their sale. Given the backlog in applications, the FDA’s permission is not likely to come soon. This process pushed the partners to the brink of giving up, it was so arduous, Willis said.

“The cigar industry is extremely insular; they keep proprietary information close to their vest and are hesitant to new entrants,” he added. “We experienced this but found a strategic partner that helped us navigate the complexity of Substantial Equivalence and other nuanced matters.

“We understood substantial equivalence was a major hurdle but not insurmountable short-term. We did the due diligence by way of research to stay within the scope of Substantial Equivalence. Our blend does not fall outside the scope of the existing blends of our strategic partner. Yet, our blend remains true to what we intended it to be.”

Howard, the lawyer, oversees “compliance with the myriad of laws governing the marketing and sales of cigars.”

Willis and Streat are hybrids, serving in various capacities of the business.

The friends invested “significant” funds to launch the company, Willis said, and will invest more capital into their marketing campaign, which includes distinctive packaging and

distribution through their Nicaraguan partner. They plan to produce 10,000 cigars to start and will market them through their website emperors-cut.com.

“Emperors Cut is a lifestyle brand,” Holland said, “synonymous with good times. The smoker defines the good time; we just want to be their stick they know augments their fun.”

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OPINIONS

The African American Business Project

Newsletter # 81

By Melvin Lorenzo Kelly

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

In every newsletter I like to talk about a nonviolent economic war between African Americans and every other race of people that live here in America, and across the world. In favor of African Americans without throwing one punch or shooting one bullet. African Americans collectively earn approximately 1.3 trillion dollars yearly in America and over 80% of what we earn and spend goes into the hands, pockets, and bank accounts of another race of people. It is time for a change.

In short, I would like to share some information with you in this newsletter related to urban revitalization, drugs, and violence in music. If I don't get to share every subject mentioned, I will follow up in my next newsletter, which will be newsletter number 82 (ASAP).

Most recently after writing many members of the Congressional Black Caucus pertaining to a nationwide urban revitalization project, I received a response indicating that it is of Legislative Courtesy to give my district Congress member who is, the Hon. Rick Allen (R) the first opportunity to represent this situation.

I am a firm believer that in order for African Americans to obtain our economic independence here in the United States of America it is a twofold project; a nationwide urban revitalization project, and a nationwide economic empowerment project. So I wrote the Hon. U.S. Congressman Rick Allen on July 25, 2018 and I will give him two more weeks to respond or I will take it to the next level (ASAP).

After reading the following information related to the global illegal drug trade, I pray to God that every African American who read this information will obtain a clear view on why it is necessary that we become economically independent and self-sufficient here in the United States of America. Along with a collective goal to stop making other races of people rich from across the world who can care less about our survival here in the United States of America by polluting our cities with drugs.

The illegal drug market in the United States is one of the most profitable in the world. As such, it attracts the most ruthless, sophisticated, and aggressive drug traffickers. Drug law enforcement agencies face an enormous challenge in protecting the country's borders. Each year, according to the U.S. Customs Service, 60 million people enter the United States on more than 675,000 commercial and private flights. Another 6 million come by sea and 370 million by land. In addition, 116 million vehicles cross the land borders with Canada and Mexico. More than 90,000 merchants and passenger ships dock at U.S. ports. These ships carry more than 9 trillion shipping containers and 400 million tons of cargo. Another 157,000 smaller vessels visit our many coastal towns. Amid this voluminous trade, drug traffickers conceal cocaine, heroin, marijuana, MDMA, and methamphetamine shipments for distribution in the U.S. neighborhoods.

Diverse groups traffic and distribute illegal drugs. Criminal groups operating from South America smuggle cocaine and heroin into the United States via a variety of routes, including land routes through Mexico, maritime routes along Mexico's east and west coast, sea routes through the Caribbean, and international air corridors. Furthermore, criminal groups operating from neighboring Mexico smuggle cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, amphetamine, and marijuana into the United States. These criminal groups have smuggled heroin and marijuana across the Southwest Border and distributed them throughout the United States since the 1970s. In addition to distributing cocaine and methamphetamine in the West and Midwest, these Mexico-based groups now are attempting to expand the distribution of those drugs into eastern U.S. markets.

If you will allow me to divest from my informative information related to the global illegal drug trade just for a moment, and share some information with you from the Bible related to "My people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge" written by the prophet Hosea 4:6. In this sector of scripture Hosea is

reminding the children of Israel that because they rejected God's laws and have knowledge of His will and His ways, the future of their children is at stake. Hopefully within this short three page letter, I will be able to share some information with you to sustain the future of African American generations and friends in America today.

Likewise, the use of the drug methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), also known on the streets as "Ecstasy" has increased at an alarming rate in the United States over the last several years. Israeli and Russian drug trafficking syndicates and Western European drug traffickers are the primary traffickers of MDMA worldwide. MDMA, primarily manufactured clandestinely in Western Europe, is smuggled into the United States by via commercial airlines, as well as through the use of express package carriers. Finally, criminal groups based in Southeast and Southwest Asia smuggle heroin into the United States. Using New York City as a major distribution hub, these criminal groups move heroin up and down the eastern seaboard and into the Midwest.

Besides these criminal groups based abroad, domestic organizations cultivate, produce, manufacture, or distribute illegal drugs such as marijuana, methamphetamine, phencyclidine (PCP), and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). By growing high-potency sinsemilla, domestic cannabis growers produce marijuana that easily competes with other illegal drugs. With demand for methamphetamine remaining high, especially in the West and Midwest, so, too, does the number of illicit laboratories that supply methamphetamine to a growing number of addicts. Additionally, a small number of chemist manufacture LSD that is subsequently distributed primarily to high school and college students throughout the United States.

Every hour approximately 13 Americans die from drug and alcohol overdose in America, and as of the year 2018 there are over 26 million registered addicts in America. Drug use and selling drugs promotes nothing but crime, period. Some of the most common crimes in America are; murder, drugs, burglary/ theft, prostitution, fraud and racketeering, rape, aggravated assault, underage drinking, domestic violence, motor theft/ carjacking, hate crimes, white collar crimes and sociological crimes, etc.....

Crime has been in the world since Cain killed his brother Adam. But, when music being is used as a tool to promote and advocate crime, violence, and selling drugs, as Americans, it is time to put a lid on that type of activity. Fortunately, here in America today we live in a system of democracy and freedoms. We don't live within a government of communism or dictatorship, but when legally do we draw the line within the laws of our country related to the freedom of speech and the singing of lyrics when human lives are at stake and the advocating of sell illegal drugs is being highlighted. It is time for a change.

Even though America has been losing the war on drugs for the past 40 years, it still should be forbidden to advocate its usage and distribution through music. We are living in a day and time where young children are dropping out of school and joining gangs because of the music they listen too.

We are living in a day and time that if you are sitting in church on Sunday morning you might be killed in the church Sunday afternoon because of gun violence. We are living in a day in time that if you send your children to school Monday morning they might get killed before noonday because of gun violence.

We don't need any form of gun violence or drug usage promoted in America especially through music.

I encourage you to write your local legislatures in regard to creating laws that will prohibit the advocating of violence in music.

Today's scripture reading; Psalm number 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of the sinner, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

BOYCOTT TRUMP

By Oscar H. Blayton



The public shaming of White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Saunders, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and other Trump minions has had an impact upon members of 45's administration. The ironic claims by his lieutenants that they are the victims of an uncivil society ring hollow along with the tongue-clucking and head-shaking of the conservative pundits who are astounded by how "rude" the public can be. Fortunately, these anguished cries of bigots, homophobes and fascists claiming to be victims have not deterred right-thinking Americans from shaming these heartless ghouls and calling them out for who they are. This is a tactic that should continue.

But shaming his subordinates has little effect on Trump himself. He is a man without loyalty, empathy or shame. Being shameless, he does not understand how his flunkies could be shamed. Even if he did understand, he would have no empathy for them in their discomfort. And having not an ounce of loyalty, he would not be inclined to help them in any case.

So, while the tactic of shaming is working on Trump's lackeys, it would not work on him.

The only thing that motivates him, besides his deep desire to protect his fragile ego, is money. If we want to hit him where it hurts, we must hit him in his wallet.

Just before the 2016 election, #grabyourwallet launched a boycott against

companies that carried Trump branded products. Partly because of this, two years later Ivanka Trump announced that she was shutting down her fashion brand. Ivanka publicly blamed frustration with conflict of interest rules attached to her position in her father's administration for her decision, but a spokesperson for #grabyourwallet told Elle.com there is a spike in the use of the hashtag encouraging people to boycott Trump-branded products every time Donald Trump says something racist or xenophobic.

Sears, Kmart, Nordstrom, QVC, Shoes.com, Neiman Marcus and Macy's have stopped selling one or all the Trump brands. Reportedly, Wegmans, Marshalls and T.J. Maxx, TJX Cos. Belk, Dillard's, Lord & Taylor, and Bon-Ton are being pressured to do likewise. Few of these retailers admit to discontinuing the Trump brands because of public pressure, but their denials are not convincing.

Donald Trump may prove to be more stubborn than his daughter, but it is not unreasonable to assume that the retail outlets will continue to drop his brands,

thus hurting his bottom line. Individuals with high visibility also can send a message to Trump, by way of his wallet. After the 2016 presidential election LeBron James and some of his team members with the Cleveland Cavaliers refused to stay at the Trump Soho hotel when they travelled to New York for a game, and the team's management had to make other arrangements for them.

Congressman Keith Ellison of Minnesota has suggested that European nations place sanctions on the Trump brand, thereby effectively boycotting his enterprises. This idea also has been floated by news commentators abroad.

While Donald Trump is a problem for the entire globe, he is America's responsibility because we elevated him into his position of power. And right-thinking Americans with an ounce of dignity should take him head-on by refusing to patronize any of the Trump-branded hotels, resorts or other properties and refusing to purchase any Trump-branded products, including clothing, home furnishings, wines, fragrances or any other consumable this huckster tries to foist off on the public.

Donald Trump loves being the boss, but he loves his wallet more. America must let him know that he is not "The Boss" of the United States, and we can do that by rejecting anything that bears his name.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

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Rev. McGeathey-Lockley, a graduate of Turner Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, earned a Master's of Divinity degree.

She is pastor of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Lawtey, FL. She is professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville, and the

daughter of conference speaker, the Rev. Patricia McGeathey. Rev. McGeathey-Lockley will preach on the Women's Day theme, "Glorious Women Working for God."

A color theme of "white" has been chosen for the Women's Day attire, and the women of the community are invited to hear this powerful preacher, in addition to the Women's Day Choir.

First Church, pastored by the Rev. Gillard S. Glover - at 91 Old Kings Road North in Palm Coast - can be reached at 386-446-5759.

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Saturday, October 27, 2018 (8 a.m.-noon)

The Bethel Church
215 Bethel Baptist Street
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This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in conjunction with The Bethel Church's BEST Academy. This free community event is open to all local 8th thru 12th-grade students and their parents.

The opening session will feature a panel of local college students who will share their insight on the college experience. Guest panel moderators will be two of Jacksonville's City Council Representatives, **The Honorable Joyce Morgan Danford** and **The Honorable Garrett Dennis**. The Seminar will also include information sessions on topics such as: Completing college applications; Financial Management; Financial Aid Acquisition; Mental Health Awareness; Healthy Relationships; and the Military Option.

At the end of the seminar, students will receive a certificate of attendance and, as an extra bonus, there will be free give-a-ways and door prizes.

For additional information & registration visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-pro-beyond-high-school-seminar-tickets-49450859853?aff=ebdssbdstsearch>



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