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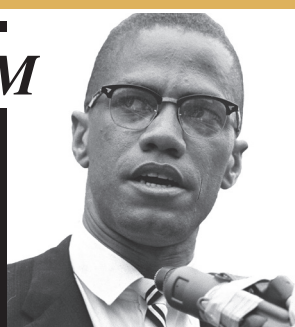
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MALCOLM

By Opio Sokoni | The Florida Star/The Georgia Star

This past May 19th was the 96th birthday of human rights and Black nationalist leader Al-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X). His life and words have been a driving force and inspiration to many. He was assassinated February 21, 1965 in Harlem. Movies, books and plays continue to honor him.



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New Law Allows Georgia College Athletes to Get Paid

The law includes a provision which gives universities wide discretion over funds, allowing them to take up to 75 percent of an athlete's endorsements.

By Dr. Beverly Kee

Over the years, there have been debates on whether college students should get paid for playing sports. The issue is no longer a debate. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a bill last Thursday that will allow student athletes in Georgia to make money off their images. The law, which takes effect in July, will protect student athletes from punishment.

There are a number of stipulations, however. Student athletes must submit to financial literacy and life skill workshops. The

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Indelible Business Solutions Inc. Hosted COVID-19 Health Fair In Jacksonville

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Bessie Coleman Flying the Blues:

The Life and Times of Pioneering
Aviatrix Bessie Coleman

Presented By Dr. Beverly Kee | Contributor
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Dedication, determination and commitment were all top priorities for Bessie. A black woman in the early

1900s wanting to tackle a career as such was just not heard of. However, she realized that her answer and training would happen if she was willing to take the risk and travel the world. How often are we willing not to take risks for what could eventually change into a monumental moment in our lives? As we study her path, there were twists and turns that had to be made for her to achieve greatness. How far are you willing to go to fulfill your purpose? Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman left a blueprint and formula for success. Commitment, determination, and risk-taking equaled success. Her acknowledgement is overdue.



Bessie Coleman

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Mary Elizabeth Young Celebrated 100th Birthday

on April 24, 2021

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Congresswoman Demings has dedicated her life to public service, including a nearly three-decade-long career in the Orlando Police Department.

Florida Rep. Val Demings Will Run For Senate

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior

Congresswoman Val Demings (D-FL) will run for the U.S. Senate seat out of Florida currently held by Republican Senator Marco Rubio, an advisor to the campaign has confirmed exclusively to the Black Press.

Stories had floated in mainstream media outlets this week that Congresswoman Demings was considering a run against Rubio, but it was just speculation until now.

"She is planning a Senate bid with a more formal announcement coming in June," Mark Bergman, Congresswoman Demings' advisor said on Tuesday, May 18.

Electing a Black woman to the U.S. Senate this cycle is a top organizational priority, Quentin James and Stefanie Brown James, the co-founders of The Collective PAC, proclaimed on Tuesday, May 18.

"We are proud to stand with [Congresswoman] Val Demings (D-Fla.)," the couple, who represent the PAC, stated.

"There has never been a more crucial time for us to elect leaders who are committed to criminal justice reform, safeguarding voting rights, and ensuring government officials

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Louise Madison Gaffney passed Away on May 10, 2021

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Savannah May Demolish Public Housing Complex Near Downtown

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Savannah officials say they will seek to demolish a longtime public housing complex of the western edge of downtown, saying it would cost too much to renovate.

Housing Authority of Savannah Executive Director Earline Davis told the City Council last week that the authority could seek federal permission this year to demolish the 315-unit Yamacraw Village. She said it could take up to a year for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to make a decision.

Yamacraw Village was built in 1941. Davis said residents were notified of the possible demolition last fall. If the complex is knocked down, people living there would get financial assistance to

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Florida Voting Rights Advocates File Lawsuit Blocking Voter Suppression Law Targeting Black Voters

A coalition of voting rights organizations filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida to block the implementation of Senate Bill 90, Florida's discriminatory voter suppression law. The new law creates major obstacles to vote-by-mail, curtails access to drop boxes, and criminalizes line

warming activities such as providing water to voters. The lawsuit, announced during a press conference, was filed by Advancement Project National Office, Demos, and LatinoJustice PRLDEF on behalf of Florida Rising, Faith in Florida, Equal Ground Education Fund, UnidosUS, the Hispanic Federation and Poder Latinx.

"Every voter, regardless of race, background or zip code, should be able to make themselves heard at the ballot box," said Judith Browne Dianis, Executive Director of Advancement Project National Office. "SB 90 aggressively and discriminately violates this principle by imposing barriers on voters of color and disproportionately

locking them out of democracy."

The legal complaint asserts that the new law violates the Voting Rights Act and unlawfully abridges

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