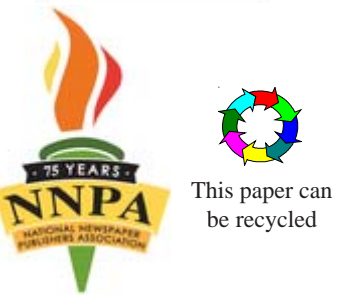




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The Untimely Death of Austin's Own Bakari Jaward Henderson

Killed During Greek Island Vacation

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER



RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

A parent's worst nightmare!

One of the hardest decisions that a parent can make is to let their child leave home for the first time. Although they know that this day will ultimately come, we try to delay it as long as possible. Most of our children leave home to go to college, join the military or for their first job. But, for whatever reason, that day ultimately comes.

Parents, especially Black parents, never stop praying for the safety of their children. And the farther they are away from home, the greater the worry. I experienced that fear when my son went off to college, although it was just in Houston. My fears grew greater when he joined the military. I was somewhat relieved when he returned.

Unfortunately, for many of us, our worst fears do come true. And it is during that time we all feel we have suffered a great loss. Whether it is locally or nationally, we all feel the pain of that loss.

When news reached Austin this week that BakariJawardHenderson had been killed in Greece, the entire community felt the loss. Bakari, like many of the youth that we have lost in recent years, was doing everything right. He made his parents, friends and community proud.

As the community wraps its arms around the grieving family, we pray that the people involved in this tragedy are brought to justice. We will all hold our children a little tighter for the next few days and count our blessings.

RIP Bakari Jaward Henderson.



Bakari Henderson senior class portrait. Photo by Naomi Richard.

Austin native, Bakari Jaward Henderson (22), a 2017 graduate from the University of Arizona with a bright future ahead, was beaten to death in Greece on Friday, July 7, 2017.

Bakari was beaten by 10 people at a bar on the island of Zakynthos. He was in the town of Laganas with his Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers when the incident occurred.

According to the Associated Press, eight people have been arrested for the beating, including a security guard and a bar employee. Serbia's foreign ministry says six of the men arrested are Serbian citizens.

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'True Blood' Actor Nelsan Ellis Dead at 39



In this Monday, July 21, 2014 file photo, actor Nelsan Ellis attends the world premiere of "Get On Up" at the Apollo Theater in New York. Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File.

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Nelsan Ellis, best known for his memorable portrayal of Lafayette Reynolds on HBO's "True Blood," has died at the age of 39.

Ellis' manager, Emily Gerson Saines, confirmed the actor's death in an email Saturday. The Hollywood Reporter, which was first to report Ellis' death, quoted her as saying the actor died from complications of heart failure.

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LEGENDARY SINGER DIANA ROSS ROCKS ACL-LIVE AT MOODY

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER



Diana Ross performs on stage at Austin's ACL Live at The Moody Theater (2013). Photo by Naomi Richard.

AUSTIN, TX - The beautiful and extremely talented DIVA that is Diana Ross hit ACL Live at The Moody Theater by storm on July 6, 2017. She came out struttin' her stuff on the stage in a lavish emerald green gown with a fluffy sequined-lace full-length shawl singing "Lady Marmalade" to a packed audience. In a remarkable career spanning over 40 years, Diana Ross has proven herself the consummate music artist as well as one of the most iconic female singers of all time.

For sure, she came full of energy and ready to entertain the audience that barely sat down the entire evening. Ross delivered a stellar performance, singing crowd favorites like "All I Want", "You're All I Need", "Grown-Folk Party" and "I'm Coming Out".

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Round Rock native serves US abroad in Spain

By Navy Office of Community Outreach

ROTA, Spain — A Cedar Ridge High School graduate and Round Rock, Texas native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, USS Donald Cook.

Fireman Vanessa Arnold is a damage controlman aboard the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer operating out of Rota, Spain. Donald Cook is one of four destroyers homeported in Rota.

A Navy damage controlman is responsible for being a shipboard firefighter and teaching people the proper techniques to fight a fire.

"We ensure the ship is able to defend itself in the event of a fire or casualty," said Arnold.

Commissioned in 1998, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, Donald Cook, is 509 feet long; the length of more than 3 football fields. The ship is named after Donald Cook, a Viet-



Fireman Vanessa Arnold

nam War prisoner of war who died in captivity.

Donald Cook is a tactical multi-mission surface combatant capable of conducting anti-air submarine surface warfare in conjunction with being outfitted with aegis ballistic missile defense capabilities. BMD enables the ship to conduct long-range surveillance, tracking, and engagement of short and medium-range ballistic missiles.

"The thing I like most about serving at this command is the people I work with," said Arnold.

"I like serving in the Navy because I get to help people," said Arnold. "It makes me feel great to do what I do."

INSIDE



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Fox Business Host Suspended During Investigation

by: Lynn Elber AP Television Writer



Charles Payne

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Fox Business Network host has been suspended after a contributor reportedly accused him of sexual harassment.

The network said Thursday it suspended "Making Money" host Charles Payne pending an investigation, but didn't provide any details.

The Los Angeles Times, citing two anonymous sources, reported that Payne had been accused of harassment by a female political analyst who appeared on Fox Business.

"We take issues of this nature extremely seriously and have a zero-tolerance policy for any professional misconduct," a Fox Business Network representative said in a statement.

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