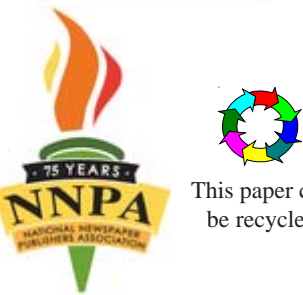




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**AAUL Board of Directors Accepts Resignation of President/CEO McDaniel, III**



Teddy McDaniel, III

**AUSTIN, TX** - The Austin Area Urban League (AAUL) announces today that effective July 7, 2017, Teddy McDaniel will leave his position as President and CEO.

In his statement, McDaniel explained "I leave the AAUL with mixed emotions. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve in this role. I can't thank the Board of Directors, our outstanding staff, volunteers and the

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**FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN CHIEF PILOT RETIRES**



Captain Lou Freeman  
 By Linda Connor

Captain Lou Freeman recently ended a journey that began at Sims Elementary School in Austin, Texas. He retired from Southwest Airlines after flying passengers on Boeing 737 jets for more than 36 years.

He has been celebrated nationally as America's first African American Chief Pilot of a commercial airline. He was responsible for opening the Southwest Airline crew base at Midway Airport in Chicago. "We began with 150 pilots and had over 1,000 when I left

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**Durant Named MVP as Golden State Wins Second NBA Title in Three Years**



**Oracle Arena-** Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant gestures as he holds the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June 12, 2017. The Warriors won 129-120 to win the NBA championship. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

by: **Perry Green** | AFRO Sports Editor

**Oakland, CA** - Kevin Durant scored a team-high 39 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to their second NBA title in three years with a 129-120 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game Five of the NBA Finals on June 12 in Oakland, Calif.

The win capped off the best-of-seven championship series for the Warriors, 4-1.

Durant added seven rebounds and five assists to his 39-point effort. The Seat Pleasant, Md. native scored at least 30 points in each game of the series,

earning him the Finals MVP award. He averaged 35 points with eight rebounds in the series.

Cleveland managed to put up a fight before being eliminated. The Cavs led 37-33 at the end of the

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**Juneteenth Jamboree!**



**AUSTIN, TX** - The 2017 episode of JUNETEENTH JAMBOREE: Spotlight on Unsung Heroes indeed will look at several African American heroes in Texas history.

Mary E. Branch was an innovative educator who was responsible for bringing Tillotson College out of the Great Depression and into a flourishing future.

In spite of spending most of his life in slavery, Jacob Fontaine spent his years of freedom as a productive religious and community leader, who some consider to be a key organizer of the effort to locate the University of Texas at Austin.

The Yellow Rose of Texas is a song and a historical myth. How those two exploits have come



Mary E. Branch, late president of Tillotson College, Austin, Texas

together as legend is a story for the ages.

This program will air on KLRU 18.1, as well as several other PBS stations in Texas and across the nation. And it will

stream in perpetuity on both the PBS and KLRU websites. I hope you get the opportunity to watch. Please let me know what you think, and Happy Juneteenth!

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**JUNETEENTH**



JUNETEENTH  
 CELEBRATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY  
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Major General Gordon Granger (Author/Brady Handy)

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

Be sure to celebrate this historic celebration across the metroplex.

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