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A Mother's Cry turns into a March for Justice.



[Despite the thunder, lightning and pouring down rain, more than a dozen committed freedom fighters marched in the spirit of Dr. King to demand the release of Tomayo McDuffy.](#)

The Unintended Consequences of Integration

[In an interview conducted after retired teachers Barbara Blackburn and Harry Klugel spoke to a room full of attentive youngster at the Black Youth Vote Summit held at the NEA Headquarters, two activists who marched with Dr. King say that despite the good intentions of the Brown vs Board of Education ruling, that "blacks lost their identity through integration."](#)

Looking towards 2063, Hip-Hop Entrepreneur says "We Cant Move Forward as Segregated Movements"

[The President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that empowers young people to participate in elections, policymaking and service projects, Rev. Yearwood believes that 50 years after the March on Washington we're not fighting for civil rights; instead, he says, "we're fighting to exist."](#)

Black In The Day

[One Philadelphia man who lost his son to gun violence 17 years ago says he's excited to see young black men and women sit down and discuss strategies, "real strategies," on how to move the city forward.](#)

B-Ballers "Point & Shoot for Tomayo McDuffy."

[The mother of Tomayo McDuffy and the private investigators on the case spoke to the larger Philadelphia community at the "Our Brother, Our Ball Vigil" about the upcoming trial of the 18 year-old African-American basketball player accused of attempting to blow up the three-story rowhome of his next door neighbor Maria Colon.](#)



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Florida Man Seeks To Restore Returning Citizens Right To Vote.



President of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, Activist Desmond Meade – who was sentenced to 15 years in prison but only served three after working on his own appeal and now has a master’s degree – is currently working to restore the rights of more than 500,000 returning citizens in the state of Florida.

Chicago Educator Speaks to the Disconnect in America’s Public Schools System.

10 years ago the goal of the Black Star Project was to improve the quality of life in Black and Latino communities nationwide by eliminating the racial academic achievement gap. The Founder – Phillip Jackson – found out soon enough however that the racial achievement gap is a myth. There is, however, other real gaps, like “an opportunity gap, an information gap and most importantly a parent engagement gap.”

Trayvon Martin & Tomayo McDuffy: Broken Hearts caused by a Broken System.

The not so colorblind Lady Liberty is going for a new world record as she attempts to prosecute the second African-American teenager profiled by a paranoid Hispanic-American in the last 90 days.

The Black Church: Slain the Spirit or Out for the Count?



Many in the black community have lost faith in churches ability to provide meaningful services and community engagement. All hope is not lost however as Philly has some standout churches and faith-based individuals who are stepping up and stepping out.



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Detroit Man Rings Alarm on the Silent Killer of Black Males.



Despite the headlines that blare “black on black” crime as the largest contributor of deaths among African-American men, one lifelong Detroit resident is on a mission to ring the alarm on the disease that kills 33,000 men a year – 82% of which are African-American.

Cuts to National Scholar Program Affect Philly Genius.

The only Black Male in Philadelphia to receive two of Temple’s most prestigious awards responds to the \$10 million cut to the Ronald E. McNair Scholar program.

The Racial Inequalities of Stop-and-Frisk.

White on White Crime Does Exist, Will it Be Included in Stop-And-Frisk?

Philly Drummers Play “DrumPhil” to Inspire Youth.



12 Philadelphia students – who were selected though an open application process – had the exclusive opportunity to participate in group workshops, private lessons and expert lectures, all geared towards building confidence, community and proficiency on and around the drums.



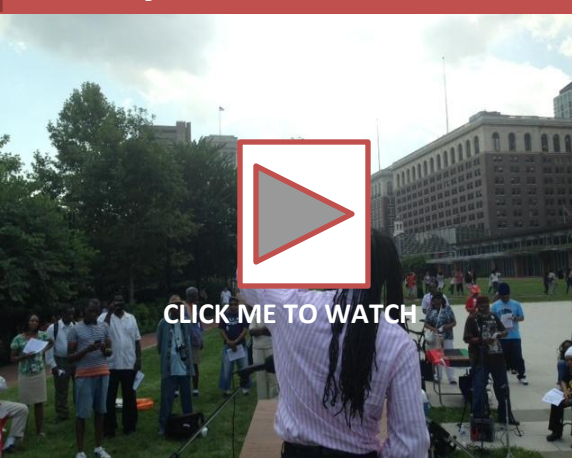
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VIDEO: Blacks Call for Therapy as Reparations for Slavery.



The Philadelphia Negroes: A Triple Threat to Philly Schools.

In a city where schools are closing and six-figure townhomes are opening at record numbers, three elected officials stand committed to doing absolutely everything they can, separately! This ripped-from-the-headlines nail biting thriller will have you on the edge of your seat as we attempt to answer the new age question: *How many adults does it take to open the School District of Philadelphia?*

Stop, Frisk, Repeat?

Award-Winning Scholar Juwan Z. Bennett says: "Cities interested in crime reduction should consider Focused Deterrence, not Stop-and-Frisk."

Discarded 194 year-old Discovered at Former All-Black Cemetery.



"2 ½ ft underneath a playground in the Queen Village section of Philadelphia lies the remains of up to 3,000 former slaves. Upon prepping to renovate the playground with more trees and Green spaces, archaeologists discovered a discarded 194 year-old headstone.

VIDEO: Philly Storytellers Remember Trayvon Martin.





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Detroit Entrepreneurs
Cash in on Crisis.



While the recent announcement of Detroit filing for bankruptcy has sent the majority of its residents into a panic, many entrepreneurs are seeing this as an entry-level opportunity to get into the real estate business, as the city plans to retail up to 100,000 vacant lots for pennies on the dollar.

From Korea, Meet the Robot that Will One Day Save Your Life.



Thanks to a \$6 million dollar, multi-year grant from the National Science Foundation, six (6) humanoid robots – purchased from the Korean Advance Institute of Science and Technology for \$400,000 a piece – are currently being studied, researched and prepared for national distribution at Drexel University's Autonomous Systems Lab in Philadelphia.

Philly's Fastest-Growing
Tech Firm Opens New
HQ.



In one year, after outgrowing three Philadelphia offices and going from three full time employees to twenty-one, Curalate® opens new headquarters in University City.



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WWE “Splashes” Technology with first-ever Hack-a-Thon.



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The Stamford headquartered global juggernaut held its first ever Hack-a-thon at Full Sail University, whose state-of-the-art Live Studios in Winter Park, near Orlando, is also the site of WWE NXT tapings.

Knight Foundation pledges \$345,000 in new funding for Project Liberty, an initiative to bring innovation to the heart of the traditional newsroom and create a community of startups in Philadelphia.

People do business with those they like and trust. Very little business deals are made because your Facebook page touts 300,000 likes; instead the most significant and profitable business deals start with great relationships, which starts with networking beyond the net.



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BME Leadership Award Winner Christopher “Flood the Drummer®” Norris is an award-winning journalist, online content producer and professional drummer playing TRX Cymbals. *(Photo Credit: TBO Stock – ©2013)*



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