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Condo search will take weeks

in collapse of tower

Death toll reaches 90

Freida Frisaro and Bobby Caina Calvan ASSOCIATED PRESS

SURFSIDE- Authorities searching for victims of a deadly collapse in Florida said Sunday they hope to conclude their painstaking work in the coming weeks as a team of first responders from Israel departed the site.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella

of the 12-story Champlain Towers South in Surfside, up from 86 a day before. Among them are 71 bodies that have been identified, and their families have been notified, she said. Some 31 people remain listed as missing. The Miami-Dade Police Department said three young children were among those recently identified. Crews continued to search the re-

Levine Cava said 90 deaths have now

been confirmed in last month's collapse

maining pile of rubble, peeling layer after layer of debris in search of bodies.

Miami-Dade Fire Chief Alan Cominsky said it was uncertain when recovery operations would be completed because body would be found.

it remains hard to know when the final When the recovery phase began Wednesday, officials were hoping it

The unrelenting search has resulted in

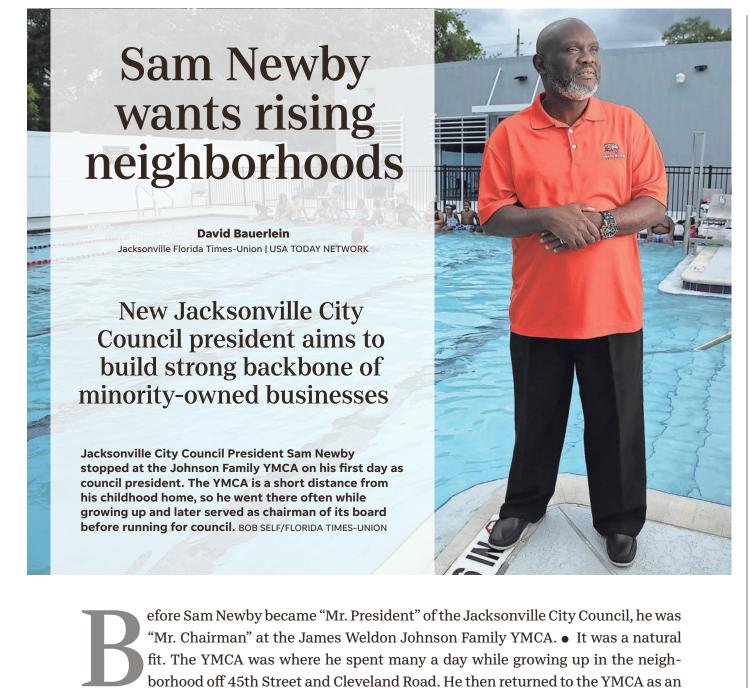
could be done within three weeks. In an interview Sunday morning near the site, Cominsky said it might now be as few as two weeks, based on the current pace of

the recovery of over 14 million pounds of "We were looking at a 14-day to 21concrete and debris, Levine Cava said. day time frame," he said, adding that the timeline remained "a sliding scale." Surfside Mayor Charles Burkett

stressed the care that rescue workers are taking in peeling back layers of rubble in hopes of recovering not only bodies but also possessions of the victims. He said the work is so delicate that crews have found unbroken wine bottles amid the rubble.

Branson's

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adult volunteer who coached youth teams and served as board chairman from 2010 to 2012. • He said those experiences — first as a young person seeking guidance and later as an adult mentor giving it — stick close to him as he begins his term as City Council president. "Without me being here at the Y, I would never the third Black council member in city history to be where I am today because the Y helped shape become president and the first Black Republican to and mold me and my life," he said during a stop at gain the gavel. But it factors into Newby's work on the Johnson YMCA on his first day as council He lives now in downtown with his wife in an "So when I make decisions, especially for our apartment building off Riverside Avenue, but New-

at-risk kids, I think of my days at the Y when I was an at-risk kid, and if it wasn't for the Y, I probably would have a different direction," he said. That connection to Northwest Jacksonville makes Newby, 58, a rarity among City Council presidents who have usually come from other

parts of the city. That background hasn't drawn as much attention as the historic nature of him being "So when I make decisions, especially for our at-risk kids, I think of my days at the Y when I was an at-risk kid, and if it wasn't for the Y, I probably would have a different direction."

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will be a difficult undertaking. The Economic Innovation Group, a nonprofit that focused on finding ways to help struggling See NEWBY, Page 8A

by said he wants to make headway in improving

neighborhoods like the one where he grew up. It

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President of the Jacksonville City Council

Let go of mom guilt More women are encouraging others

to normalize the feelings. 1D

Sam Newby

plane reaches edge of space, returns safely Billionaire and crew experienced about four minutes of weightlessness

Algernon D'Ammassa and John Bacon

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. - Billionaire entrepreneur and adventurer Richard Branson's dream of

space travel was realized and celestial tourism took a leap forward Sunday as Virgin Galactic's rocket ship reached the edge of space during a historic flight from Spaceport America. Branson and his crew experienced about four minutes of weightlessness before their space plane smoothly

glided to a runway landing. The entire trip, delayed 90 minutes because of bad weather the previous night, lasted about an hour. An ecstatic Branson hugged family and friends who greeted him after landing. "It was just magical," Branson said. "It's 17 years of painstaking work, the occasional horrible down and large ups with it. And today was definitely

sion specialists were carried to an altitude of more than 8 miles by the aircraft VMS Eve, named after Branson's mother. Live video then showed the

Branson, who turns 71 this week,

and a crew of two pilots and three mis-

the biggest up."

space plane VSS Unity release from between the mother ship's twin fuselages, using rocket power to fly to the boundary of space, more than 50 miles above Earth. Tributes - and criticism - rolled in on social media. "Congrats to @richardbranson & the entire team @virgingalactic!" tweeted Gen. Jay Raymond, chief of

space operations for the U.S. Space

Force. "Your years of hard work & dedi-

cation paid off today with a flawless

less impressed: "Here on Earth, in the

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders was

flight to the edge of Space."

richest country on the planet, half our people live paycheck to paycheck, people are struggling to feed themselves, struggling to see a doctor – but hey, the richest guys in the world are off in outer space! Yes. It's time to tax the bil-See BRANSON, Page 8A

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California wildfire advances as heat wave

blankets the Western United States. 9A



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Inmates sent into quarantine

COVID-19 resurgence custody defendants coincides with a resumption of in-person court. After a year and a half of Zoom court, the Duval **Anne Schindler** County Courthouse ended virtual court First Coast News just in the past few weeks. Misdemeanor court resumed in-person proceedings A resurgence of COVID-19 at the Du-

test positive, the trial will be postponed. The rise in COVID cases among in-

on June 28, and felony court resumed

COVID cases are also rising in the wider community. Duval County has a

on June 21.

val County Jail is causing the cancellation of some criminal court proceedings and forcing officials to create a new rap-

Duval County Jail has

id testing process for defendants. According to 4th Circuit Chief Judge

forward, one step back."

complicating efforts to get criminal court calendars moving again. "It's very disappointing," he told First Coast News. "We thought we were going to be back to full operations." Instead, he said, "it's kind of back to two steps

Mark Mahon, two-thirds of jail inmates

are currently on COVID quarantine,

from Circuit Judge Adrian Soud, defendants must now be rapid tested before their final pre-trial appearance, and again right before jury selection. If they

According to a Friday morning memo

12 percent positive test rate — the highest since January 2021, before most vaccinations began. Mahon said that corresponds to the COVID outbreak at the jail. "The jail is the first indicator of what's going on in the community from our experience," he said. The timing of the outbreak so soon

after in-person criminal court resumed is unfortunate. Mahon insisted the

courthouse will not return to a fully

Zoom criminal court, but said a hybrid

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Mural Olympics



domestic victims



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Beth Reese Cravey Jacksonville Florida Times-Union USA TODAY NETWORK

> Lipstick has magical powers. Sheryl Kurland, a certified domestic

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more information, go to

(800) 500-1119.

Kurland, Find Your Fabulosity, P.O. Box

FIND YOUR FABULOSITY

HOMICIDE TRACKER 2021: 70 2020: 105 CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS This is the unofficial number

of Jacksonville homicides

vary from official figures due

stone. They also contain a

The gift bags were inspired by a hairstylist

Kurland met in Pennsyl-

vania. The stylist was

limping and, while styling Kurland's hair, con-

fided that her boyfriend

had beaten her after she

went out with a girl-

exchange, Kurland went to a drugstore, bought

some cosmetics and took

them to the stylist. She

After their emotional

today and at this time

last year. Data may

to reporting delays.

card with words of encouragement and a domestic-violence hotline number. Kurland started sending out the gift bags during the pandemic after her workshops and speaking engagements were halted. The bags were designed for women

who are victims of domestic violence but have never gone to a shelter, she said. "It's to help these women get started," she

friend.

also enclosed a note of encouragement and information if she wanted to seek help. Kurland "took that little nugget" and created the gift bag distribution. Many of the gift bags go to women referred to her by survivor Facebook The lipstick has been donated or purchased with monetary dona-

tions. She has about 50

volunteers who help with

packing and shipping,

some are friends she en-

listed, others heard about

the cause and joined up. "I tell my volunteers ... to think of the thousands of women who have been impacted," Kurland said. "Nobody gets paid. It's just for the love of wombcravey@jacksonville.com, (904) 359-4109

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"They asked, 'Have you got red? Purple?' Those women still have it After interviewing 75 going on," she said. couples, she wrote a cof-**Shelters marvel at the**

their value went far beyond their minimal cost. "Survivors often leave their abuser with nothing but their lives, their children and beloved pets," Hubbard House CEO Gail Patin said. "Feel-good donations like lipstick provide a much-needed boost at a difficult time." Lori Slaven, executive

director of the Lee Conlee

come to us at their lowest

point, they are in an unfa-

miliar environment and

are afraid," she said.

"When they are gifted

with items such as the

lipsticks, it provides a

"Many of our women

House, agreed.

Fernandina Beach.

A tube of lipstick is

small, Kurland said, but for women who may have

lost everything, including

their self-esteem, that burst of color reminds

them who they used to be

pizzazz, a little bump in

their step," she said.

colors with pizzazz.

transformation

"It gives them a little

Many of them wanted

Leaders at area shel-

ters that have received

donated lipsticks from Kurland's nonprofit said

to "the first time I've felt beautiful in 20 years," Ott "A young mother preparing for a job interview

and just enjoy the act of choosing a lipstick." The women, she said, "come together and bond, not in their shared trauma, but in their shared joy at the simple task of choosing a lipstick. This is truly something to see and those who donate have no idea how healing choosing a lipstick can At Micah's Place, survivors' reactions to the free lipstick "has been nothing but joy and excitement," said outreach

measure of comfort to them and gives them an opportunity to briefly step out of their situation

director Cassie Ott. A woman who had escaped an abusive marriage said using her free lipstick led

Griffin Center CEO Joyce "Often survivors say their abusive partner wouldn't let them wear any makeup, so the lipstick represents a small step toward feeling free to make their own decisions," she said. "It may seem like a small thing, but it's a gift that sends

said, 'I can finally feel confident in how people see me. I have done so much work on the inside. I am so grateful to actually be able to make the first impression I know I deserve," she said.

The lipstick also repre-

sents freedom, said Betty

the message to survivors that people care about Where it all began Founding "Find Your Fabulosity" is the latest of many life chapters for

She began as a writer.

Kurland, 64.

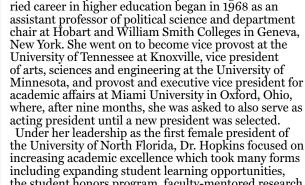


Dejane Anderson, a Navy corpsman at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, takes a

minute to evaluate her artwork Saturday during a Mural Olympics at The



also available in Genuine Italian Leather from 1999 to 2002, and as a polit-(and new Chestnut color) ical science professor at UNF for many additional years. Born in New York, New York to William Em-



ly/AnneHopkinsMemorial

Obituaries HOPKINS Dr. Anne H. Hopkins, 79, of Jacksonville, Florida passed away peacefully on July 4, 2021. Dr. Hopkins served as the fourth president of the University of North Florida met Houghton and Marian Cadle Houghton, Dr. Hopkins earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Syracuse University. Her long and storied career in higher education began in 1968 as an assistant professor of political science and department chair at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. She went on to become vice provost at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, vice president

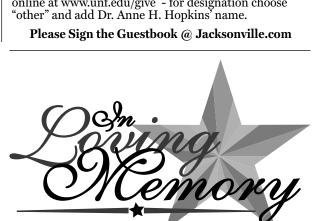
Under her leadership as the first female president of the University of North Florida, Dr. Hopkins focused on increasing academic excellence which took many forms including expanding student learning opportunities, the student honors program, faculty-mentored research projects and professional development, and adding new academic offerings on campus. She also worked to strengthen the relationship between UNF and the other public and private higher education institutions in Northeast Florida. Outside of UNF, her passions included supporting the Jacksonville Symphony and WJCT. She also served on the Jacksonville Super Bowl Host Committee, as president of the Peach Belt Athletic Conference, and on the board of the American Council on Education (ACE). Dr. Hopkins is survived by her niece, Mylene Houghton (Jeffrey) Greenwood, and two nephews, William Houghton and Peter Houghton. Her brother, William (Barbara) Houghton predeceased her. A Celebration of Life will be held at Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach at 10:00 am on July 16th. To register for attendance please go to: https://bit.

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