

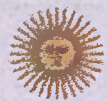
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentina

BUENOS AIRES



Unidentified DNA has been found in the apartment of Alberto Nisman, a special investigator found shot last month in his Buenos Aires apartment, according to the BBC. It is unclear whether he committed suicide or was murdered, but the fact that he died hours before testifying against President Cristina Fernandez, leaving no note, has raised suspicion in Argentina. At the time of his death, Nisman was investigating the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center, which killed 85 people. The report he had written accused president Fernandez of negotiating with Iran to cover up their role in the attack.

France

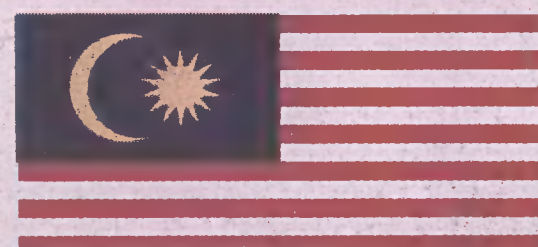
LILLE



Ex-head of the International Monetary Fund Dominique Strauss-Kahn has denied charges that he was involved in pimping, according to the BBC. He is being charged with obtaining prostitutes for several sex parties in multiple countries. Strauss-Kahn claims that he did not know the women were prostitutes. He also claims prosecution exaggerated the frequency of these parties, claiming there were only 12 parties during three years. "What I liked in swingers' parties was the element of sport, or play," said Strauss-Kahn, according to the Independent. "Having prostitutes there wouldn't fit my sense of fun."

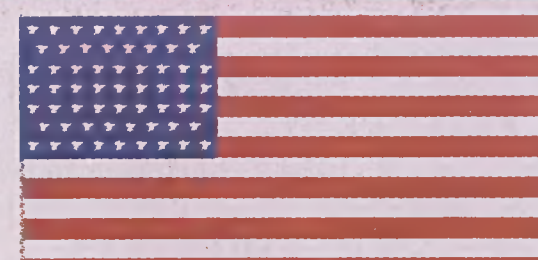
Malaysia

PUTRAJAYA



Anwar Ibrahim, a prominent leader of the Malaysian opposition, has been sentenced to five years in prison for sodomy, according to the Guardian. First charged with sodomizing an aide in 2008, Anwar was acquitted in 2012 — only to have the acquittal overturned. This latest appeal was heard by the Federal Court, the highest court in Malaysia, and so Anwar does not have any hope of appeal. The verdict was condemned by members of Anwar's party, as well as international organizations — including the U.N. human rights office.

United States



The U.S. is considering charges against the bank HSBC after revelations that their Swiss branch helped clients illegally avoid paying taxes and may have manipulated currency rates, according to Reuters. Britain is also investigating the bank and its own former minister for trade an investment, Stephen Green. Before serving as minister and MP, Green was the executive chairman of HSBC. The information on tax evasion was leaked by a former IT employee of HSBC's Swiss branch, Herve Falciani. Switzerland has charged him with violating national secrecy laws.

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Black History Month: a time of honor, education in Greensboro

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"Black History Month is the time to celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans all over the diaspora," said James Shields, director of the Bonner Center for Community Service & Learning.

BHM was started in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, originally as Negro Week. The negro life and history was to be celebrated on the second week of February.

"It is important for individuals from a non-African descent to learn more about African-American history," said Shields.

The Multicultural Education Department at Guilford College, as well as various other campus organizations such as the Bonner Center, student clubs and classes are collaborating throughout this month to host events on campus. The MED has primarily focused on Brothers and Sisters in Blackness, a student organization on campus, The Queries of Diversity conclave and the latest Understanding Racism Workshop — held Feb. 6 in the Community Center.

Sophomore Ayellor Karbah mentioned the Understanding Racism workshop specifically.

"It is a great regulated program because people of all shapes and colors can come (share) thoughts to better understand racism and the stereotypical issues we all face today," said Karbah.

Junior Tawanna Maryland spoke about BHM and the beauty of blackness, as well as the history that African-Americans have undergone and overcome for centuries.

"I celebrated all year long, but I appreciated acknowledgment of Black History Month being an official holiday and recognition of black accomplishments," said Maryland. "BHM is a tribute."

Greensboro is a hotbed for diversity. Community organizing encompasses an array of groups such as the International Civil Rights Center & Museum and historically black colleges and universities, as Greensboro played a significant role during the Civil Rights Movements.

Junior Teresa Bedzigui articulated that BHM is a great month and great reminder to the African-American people. BHM is all about love and should be — in her opinion — a BHM year rather than month.

"BHM is a moment to stop talking and listen," said Bedzigui. "It is a celebration of excellence and achievement."

Senior De'Shauna Ottley remarked on BHM being a time when we can celebrate all the accomplishments of African-Americans over the years.

"All African-Americans are influential in their own way," said Ottley.

Today, BHM all over the diaspora is a celebration of the independence of an ethnicity.

"Through the struggles and the hardship, it is a month to recognize all individuals who fought for our freedom," said Karbah.

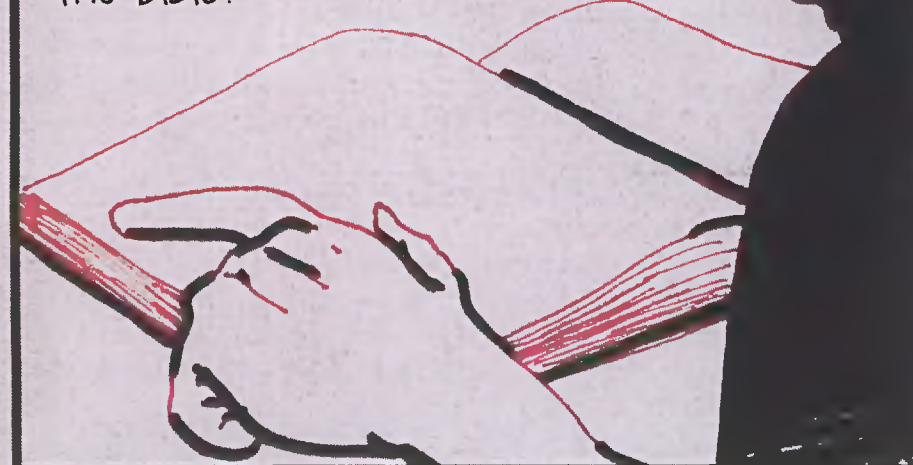
"BHM honors the contributions of African-Americans throughout United States history," said Junior Ben Evans. "BHM should not be (confined) to a period of a month because it is something that we should always be talking about."

When Does Black History Begin at Guilford College?

Is it in 1781, before the College was founded, when black men fought for American AND British armies at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse?

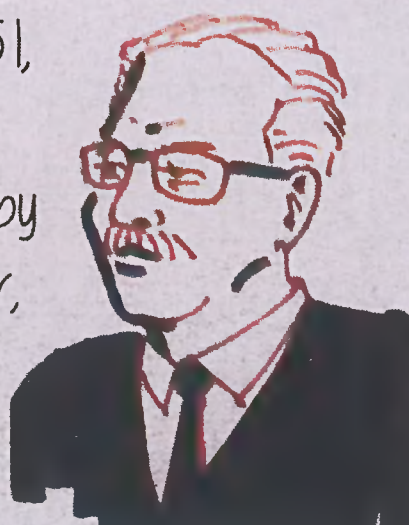


Or is it 1821, also before the College was founded, when Levi Coffin began a doomed school to teach slaves how to read the Bible?

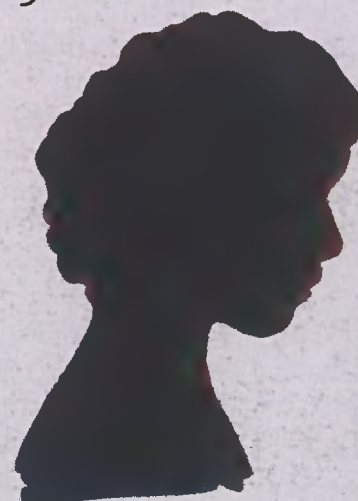


The recorded history of Guilford's first century includes at least two on-campus minstrel shows, and the published lampoonery of African-American staff members

Does Guilford's Black History begin in 1951, when the College, led by Clyde Milner, refused admittance to 3 black students?



Or ten years later, when "a Negro woman" enrolled in a non-credit religion class?



Or in 1963, when James McCorkle was admitted as Guilford's first African American traditional student?

Black History is OUR History.