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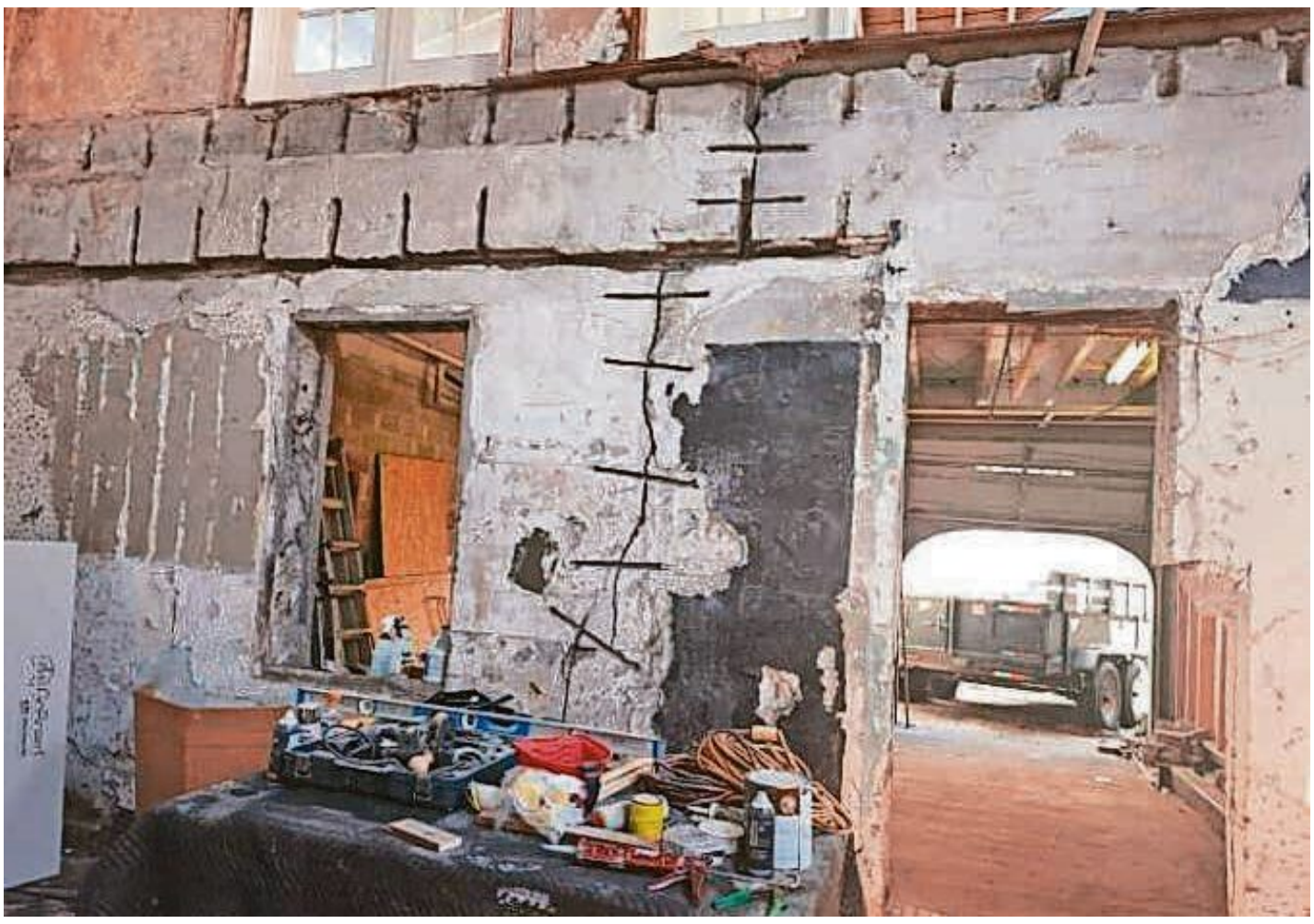

The first-floor coquina walls of 7 Aviles Street as noted in a report from Atlantic Engineering Services are unreinforced, cracked, and have several modifications. The walls have visible settlement. It is likely these walls do not have foundations. TAKEN FROM A REPORT FROM ATLANTIC ENGINEERING SERVICES

Historic Aviles St. building is facing partial demolition

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The owners of a historic building on St. Augustine’s oldest street downtown have been given permission to demolish part of the structure.

St. Augustine’s Historic Architectural Review Board has approved the partial demolition of 7 Aviles St., a two-story historic structure in the heart of historic downtown. The building’s second story is crumbling.

Built in 1888 as a one-story masonry jail, a two-story brick storefront and one-story garage were added in 1899. The second-story cantilevered balcony does not appear in research documentation until the 1953 update of the Sandborn Map.

The first-floor walls are made of coquina, a porous material filled with microscopic air structures that make it particularlly strong. The second story was constructed with wood-framed walls, wood-framed floors, and a wood-framed roof on the west side of

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Teens can learn life saving driving skills

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The St. Johns County Sheriff ’s Office is working in cooperation with the Institute of Public Safety, the School Board of St. Johns County and the Florida Sheriffs Association to keep youth safe on the road.

The Florida Sheriffs Association is hosting the Teen Driver Challenge, a free, one-day, eight-hour advanced driving class designed to help high school students become safer and more confident drivers.

Classes will run June 4 through July 17 from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. at the Emergency Communications and Training Center, 911 Law Enforcement Way.

Taught by certified law enforcement driving instructors, teens will be exposed to a myriad of scenarios they may encounter while driving on the open roads.

The two-hour classroom lecture includes course materials covering the following:

- Teen crash facts.
- Knowing your vehicle.
- Using common “senses.”
- When driving, belt yourself. It won’t hurt.
- Vehicle dynamics.
- Safe driving can be habit forming.
- Alcohol, the $10,000 drink.
- Aggressive driving.

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Artemis II splashdown and crew recovery: here’s what to expect

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After a 10-day mission of flying around the moon and venturing deeper into space than any humans in history, the Artemis II crew are set to return to Earth on April 10 — triggering a full-scale recovery operation that involves a U.S. Navy ship and four helicopters.

The Orion spacecraft is expected to descend under parachutes before a splashdown off the California coast near San Diego at approximately 8:07 p.m. eastern time, within a geographic area spanning nearly 550 miles.

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Artemis II crew members Jeremy Hansen, Reid Wiseman, Christina Koch, and Victor Glover answer questions from reporters during the first downlink event of their mission. PROVIDED BY NASA

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