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New Report: The 2010 Census omitted 3.7 million Blacks

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - A special report released by the National Urban League reveals that the U. S. Census Bureau omitted at least 3.7 million African-Americans from its 2010 count, nearly five times the 800,000 "undercount" that the bureau has long reported.

Largely due to the Coronavirus, the sluggish response to the 2020 Census count now underway is on track for the same or even worse results, NUL predicts. The organization says the Black community stands to lose billions of dollars and significant political power if something is not done quickly to speed up and establish a more accurate count.

"As a gauge, last decade, 9 percent of Black people in the U.S. (approximately 3.7 million people), were missed in the 2010 Census - an "omission" rate higher than any other racial or ethnic group," says NUL's 12-page "State of the 2020 Census" report released June 17. "Preliminary assessments of 2020 Census household response rates to date, portend the potential loss of billions of dollars in federal funding allocations, power and political representation for the Black population, if nothing is done to stop this trend."

Using the mapping tool of the City University of New York (CUNY), the NUL reports that "cur-



2020 is a Census year, and it is imperative for minorities to make sure they are not missed in the count. The results of the Census drive many budget issues for the federal and local governments. (Photos: Adrianna Van Groningen and Enayet Raheem / Unsplash)

rently, approximately 25 percent of households residing in predominantly Black areas are in the bottom 20 percent of response rates (below 50 percent)," so far.

Among the report's key findings:

- Young Black Children are poised to experience historic undercounts in the 2020 Census...Seven out of 10 black and brown children 0-5 years old were not counted in the 2010 Census.

- Several large cities and jurisdictions with predominate or large Black populations trail their state response rates by 10 or more percentage points (i.e., St. Louis, Mo., Los Angeles, Calif., Miami, Fla., and Detroit, Mich.

- The U.S. Census Bureau's enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness has not occurred.

- The U.S. Census Bureau's difficulty in rescheduling the enumeration of college and university students and conducting outreach targeting these communities with clear and concise guidance, will impact local communities and the black count overall, if not corrected.

- An undercount of the Black population in southern states will impact the overall Black count in America. One U.S. Census Regional Census Center is responsible for enumerating seven states (Florida,

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— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rep. John Lewis

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NNPA Culture and
Entertainment Editor

Congressman John Lewis is known and revered worldwide for his social justice activism as a young man during the modern Civil Rights movement which sparked large scale civic and social change in America. Many have seen the horrible 1965 footage and photos of Lewis being clubbed in the head while attempting to march from Selma, AL to Montgomery, AL arriving at the Edmund Pettus Bridge to 150 police officers



waiting to deliver violence and intimidation to the protesters marching for voting rights for Black Americans.

Then Alabama Governor George Wallace had outlawed protests and

marchers, who were raising awareness about the plight of Black Americans, who had been made to pay poll taxes, take literacy tests or flatly denied their right to vote by intimidation and the threat of violence at the ballot box. At that particular time, Black Americans made up 57 percent of the population of Dallas County, which is where Selma is located, yet and still only 2 percent of Black Americans were registered to vote.

On what would be called Bloody Sunday, Lewis, who at the time was Chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) along with

other civil rights lions like Reverend Hosea Williams (SCLC) continued on their march despite then Governor Wallace's threats and were attacked by the police, sending 58 people to the hospital.

Lewis, who suffered a skull fracture during the attack, left the hospital the following week to testify before Congress about what had happened to the protesters, resulting in the passage of the Voting Rights Act by Congress which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, giving Black Americans the right to vote and offering protections (National Guard) to

marchers in pursuit of justice at the ballot box.

In Good Trouble, award-winning documentary filmmaker Dawn Porter (Gideon's Army, Trapped, Spies of Mississippi) captures the many sides of John Lewis which are all connected to his quest for freedom. Porter shows his early desire to become a preacher eventually leading to a career in social justice and politics.

In the documentary, we see a young John Lewis from Troy, AL who aspires to be a preacher to such an extent, he preaches to chickens. His desires shift when at 15-years-old, the actions of Rosa Parks and Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King change his path, leading the civil rights lion to "Good trouble; necessary trouble to save our country, to save our democracy," he says.

Lewis, who has been arrested 40 times, five of those times since being a member of Congress, allows viewers into the world beyond politics. Viewers learn how he met and fell in love with his wife, Lillian Miles Lewis, who died in 2012 and that he is still as heartbroken over the loss today as he was the day she passed.

Viewers see the fun side of Lewis, who loves to

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Stephanie Mills

By Stacy M. Brown,
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Iconic Grammy and American Music Award winner Stephanie Mills is unapologetically pro-Black. On her social media pages, she often sends shoutouts to "talented Black men" and "Black Queens." She observed Black Out Day and Juneteenth.

With one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary music, the Grammy and American Music Award-winning recording artist has five best-selling albums and ten Billboard #1 singles.

With a career that spans



more than 35 years, Mills has distinguished herself as an actress and performer whom her manager says is just as much at home on the Broadway stage as in the recording studio.

Her endless string of hit

records include, "What-cha Gonna Do with My Lovin,'" "Never Knew Love Like This Before," "If I Were Your Woman," "I Feel Good All Over," "You Putting a Rush on Me," "I Have Learned to Respect the Power of Love," "Something in the Way You Make Me Feel," and "Home."

She's also known for her stirring duets with Teddy Pendergrass on "Two Hearts," and "Feel the Fire."

"You know, when I was recording with Teddy, he was like a brother to me, but I look back, and he was so phine... He could have been my husband!" Mills laughed.

When BlackPressUSA

reached out to her manager, Amp Harris, to invite the "Home" singer for an interview, her response was priceless: "BlackPressUSA, oh heck yeah, I'm doing it!" Mills declared.

Unfortunately, technology challenges prevented her from keeping our originally scheduled date. However, that didn't stop Mills from tweeting, "I was scheduled to interview with BlackPressUSA and Stacy Brown. I had technical issues. However, I am a woman of my word. Plus, it's a Black organization, so I had to make it right."

Two days later, Mills more than made it right. She sat for an hour-long inter-

view in which "The Wiz" star talked about her disgust over the police killing of George Floyd, her son's new book, and her celebrated career.

"I'm crying now just thinking about that man who had his knee on George Floyd's neck," Mills stated, insisting on talking about police brutality and "that man in the White House."

"I think there should be a federal law that has to be adhered to in Chicago, New York, and across the country when police do these things," she proclaimed, adding that she's working to help make that happen.

Mills is also promoting the 2020 Census. "Count-

ing everyone helps ensure communities receive federal resources to support health-care, education, accessibility services, and more," Mills noted.

Her 19-year-old son, Farad J Mills, was also a fascinating topic of conversation. "He's my greatest gift. He's smart, intelligent, funny, charming, charismatic, handsome, and a wonderful young man," Mills declared. Farad J, who has Down Syndrome, works with Mills and her manager, and he's also written a book, "The Adventures of Farad J."

"He doesn't know how much he has fulfilled my life," Mills said of her son.

Steve Babick

The Carrollton City Council appointed Councilmembers Steve Babick and Pat Cochran as Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, respectively, during the July 7 meeting.

Babick, who was elected to Place 1 in 2018, previously served as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem for the 2016-2017 year at the end of his initial term. He will complete his second term in 2021.

"It is always humbling to have the unanimous support of Council and I am appreciative of their confidence in selecting me as Mayor Pro Tem," Babick said. "Being growth-oriented, I plan to utilize this



position's voice to foster buy-ins supporting policies important to the families and businesses that call Carrollton home -- public safety, economic development, a strong neighborhood network, and alliances with our school districts -- to continue to drive property value appreciation."

Babick said, now more than ever, the focus on public safety and maintaining the wonderful relationship between the Carrollton Police Department and the community has proven to be a key element of why Carrolltonian's call this City home. He said he will do his part to ensure inclusion of all and embrace their differences as assets of what makes this City home and such a special place to live.

Cochran was elected to Place 3 in 2018 and will complete her term in 2021.

"From my first day on the job as Councilmember for Carrollton, I have been honored to serve the citizens of our City," Cochran said. "At this point in my

service, I am humbled by the support shown me by my fellow Councilmembers in nominating and selecting me to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem."

Cochran said she plans to continue emphasizing the value of the remarkable diversity embraced in Carrollton; promoting the inclusiveness of all people who call the City home; working with Council on the shared priorities of improving infrastructure, bringing new businesses, and developing stronger relationships with schools; making it possible for citizens to feel safe and respected; and always being fiscally responsible with the stewardship of City finances.

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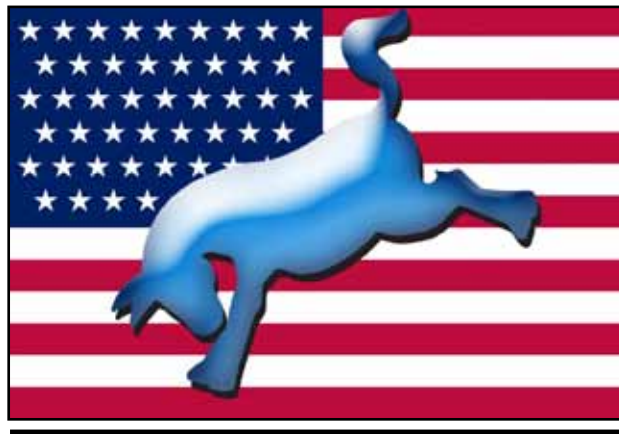
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The more things change, the more they stay the same



“It’s time for African Americans to know our worth and to truly understand the power of our vote. We can no longer give our vote away because we hate the Republicans. We have been disrespected too long.”

Every election the Black vote is more than required for whatever Democratic candidate, it is expected. There is no real work put behind the expectation outside of a few town hall meetings that discuss everything but empowering the Black community and a couple of Sunday service visits from candidates who want to fool Black voters into believing that they have our best interest at heart.

Unfortunately, many Black voters, typically die-hard Democrats, bleed blue and support the Democratic party regardless of the candidate and regardless if they are truly making a difference in the community. They only see the colors of red and blue and not the truth behind the candidate or the party as a whole.

Well it’s high time we STOP being the go-to voting pool for the Democratic party and it’s time that they earned our votes and made us partners at the table versus us being cattle led to the slaughter.

Democrats have a long history of segregated voting practices within its own party. Just recently longtime political front-runner Royce West was overlooked for Democratic support for newcomer MJ Hegar. According to the Dallas Morning News, the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee (DSCC), Senate Democrats’ political arm that is backing Hegar, had come to her aid with a coordinated \$605,000 TV ad buy to run.

West received little to no financial support and no backing.

How can a party that receives so much support from a specific group of

people ignore candidates that look like their primary voting pool?

Many believe that the Democrats have gotten lazy and just plain disrespectful when it comes to working to earn the Black vote. They are happy to get the vote because they believe that Blacks will conservatively vote blue, just to avoid voting red. The Democratic party as a whole does little to nothing but offer up lip service to the Black community about change, but we saw how that change worked when we had one of us in the highest office.

Let’s look at what has happened systematically over the years as Blacks have continually supported the Democratic Party without real results.

Our candidates have not and do not receive orientation from the party or any large amounts of financial resources for advertising and campaigning.

The Black Press is not included in any media buys or opportunities that will

enable us to fully support the candidates, yet we are expected to give our full support through articles and town hall coverage.

Our people are left to gather information regarding candidates of color from White media outlets that often harp on outdated information and profiles that align with less than reputable past acts.

Only a select few “golden boys or girls” are given the opportunity to go all the way to the top offices such as governor, senator or congressman.

We are tired of the same song and dance that happens during each election season. It’s time for African Americans to know our worth and to truly understand the power of our vote. We can no longer give our vote away because we hate the Republicans. We have been disrespected too long.

Now there is meaning behind P. Diddy’s move to withhold the Black vote because he understands that it’s a continual “step-and-

fetch” with our political power. They play the song and we give the vote. Now Kanye is threatening to disenfranchise our voting power because he knows that another Democrat is not truly for the Black vote. Joe Biden worked tirelessly early in his career to place Blacks in jail. Now he wants to be our president.

We will have another Obama/Clinton instance. Either the Black voters will show up in droves as they did with former President Obama or they will not show up at all as they did with Hillary Clinton.

Either way we must be included from the beginning and on all sides. We must fund our Black Press with advertising opportunities so that we can get the RIGHT messages to our people.

Black Press is not dead, our people rely on it now more than ever. We must be involved with the proper funding of our candidates and select candidates that have the best interest of the people at heart. Not those individuals who only want photo ops because the talk of the town is Black Lives Matters.

It’s time to stop being naïve to a party that does not have our best interest at heart. We must stop giving our vote away just because we have a family history of voting blue. We must become involved with getting to know these candidates. We must ask the questions that are not asked and do the research that is not being done. We must take control of our VOTES! NOW is the time. We can’t afford another four years of terror.

The time is now!

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Benchmark Research now conducting trials in Fort Worth; Seeks participants to test COVID-19 vaccine

This month, Benchmark Research will launch clinical research trials to test vaccines aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Fort Worth.

Participants, 18 and older—particularly front-line workers, individuals likely to be exposed to the virus, individuals over 65 and high-risk individuals with chronic health conditions—are needed for the upcoming trials. All participants will receive financial compensation.

“The global effort to develop a vaccine has resulted in the need for thousands of study participants to join this historic fight,”



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Mark Lacy, chief executive officer at Benchmark Research, said. “We know that the people of Fort Worth feel like the problem is bigger than themselves, and this is an ideal way to be a part of the solution.”

Since 1997, Austin-based Benchmark Research has developed a track record of safety and expertise, having conducted more than 380 trials with 28,000 participants in partnership with the private and public

sectors at clinics located in California, Louisiana and Texas. Past Benchmark Research studies investigated vaccines for H1N1 influenza during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic and Ebola virus during the 2014 Ebola virus epidemic. Now, the company aims to play a role in finding a vaccine for COVID-19, which continues to spread throughout the United States and several parts of the world.

Ideal study participants are those who are highly likely to be and have been exposed to COVID-19 and those at risk for severe illness. This includes individuals who work in

occupations that put them in regular contact with the public, including nurses, doctors, construction workers, teachers, retail staff, delivery drivers and other essential workers. High-risk individuals including those above the age of 65 and those who suffer from health conditions such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes and asthma are also eligible to participate.

Over the course of the trial, participants will receive compensation for their participation, which

will include a specified number of visits to the facility and answering periodic phone calls regarding the study. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and all lab work is complimentary. Insurance is not required to take part in the trial.

“I have worked to develop therapies and treatments for many years, and this is one of the most important of our time,” William Seger, M.D., principal investigator at Benchmark

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HeroZona Foundation establishes nation's largest COVID-19 testing site

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Like most of Arizona, Phoenix has suffered a tremendous spike in COVID-19 cases, and coronavirus testing has been limited.

In response to the rapidly expanding numbers of the virus in Arizona and the need for additional testing, Alan “A.P.” the HeroZona Foundation has partnered with the American Legion’s Travis L. Williams Post 65. HeroZona and the American Legion are hosting free drive-through COVID-19 screening in the parking lot of South Mountain Community College.

Florida-based genetics testing laboratory, Lab 24, has agreed to perform the testing at what’s now considered the largest testing site in the country.

According to reports, Arizona now has the highest per capita new case rate in the nation. HeroZona and the American Legion specifically selected the South Mountain Community College site to ensure that African Americans and other minorities could have access to quality testing. They

hope to mitigate the virus’s impact in a state with more than 120,000 cases and over 2,100 deaths.

Hospitals throughout the state are reporting overflows in their intensive care units, creating a shortage in available hospital beds.

HeroZona is a non-profit organization that empowers heroes in the community through entrepreneurship, employment, and education. HeroZona works with veterans, first responders and those that bring social good to or future generations and under-served communities.

A.P. Powell, the founder and CEO of HeroZona, calls the recently established free drive-thru testing site “COVID City.” Funding for the site came via the CARES Act established earlier this year. “We saw high demand, so we acted,” said Powell. “While the [South Mountain] site was established because of the increase in local cases, others from outside the area are also welcome.”

According to Powell, 1,700 people are being tested each day. COVID City is open Tuesday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4

p.m. “We are testing everyone in the car,” Powell declared, referring to a policy which ensures testing for every passenger in arriving vehicles. “You just need a valid I.D. and we’ll get you tested. We want to make sure that if you have to go out and work, you can get tested first.”

“We had a lady who wanted to see her daughter. She didn’t have health insurance and couldn’t see her doctor, but we gave her the test, and without it, she wouldn’t have been able to see her daughter,” Powell stated.

“We wanted to do something for this community to ensure that they have the same resources that every community in the state has. We wanted to give them something they can feel good about it, and keep their families safe,” Powell added.

Once tests are administered, Powell said it would take seven to 10 days before results come back. “If the test is positive, you will get a call from a doctor,” said Powell, who recovered from COVID-19 earlier this year but has recently lost five

friends.

“If it’s negative, you will get an email. We’re trying to make it more efficient, but the demand is high. However, we know it’s at least good to know you can get something back and that there’s some solution.”

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Hegar defeats West in Democratic runoff; Valenzuela tops Olson

MJ Hegar will be the candidate who goes up against U.S. Sen. John Cornyn when the general election rolls around in November.

Hegar defeated longtime Texas Sen. Royce West in the Democratic primary runoff on Tuesday, ultimately garnering 52.1 percent of the vote.

The vote-counting went on until yesterday morning. West told supporters via Twitter that 37,000 votes remained uncounted at the end of election night, but

conceded the race early Wednesday morning. In the end, 40,625 votes separated the two candidates, with Hegar claiming 498,180 for the win.

Hegar enjoyed a significant advantage in fundraising over West, who received the endorsements of most of the previous candidates from the first round of voting.

U.S. House Dist. 24

In the race for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 24, Candace

Valenzuela decidedly beat Kim Olson by a margin of 60.4 to 39.6 percent. Valenzuela received a total of 19,950 votes to Olson's 13,079.

The race garnered some national attention after Olson made what some deemed to be incendiary remarks during the protests over the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer.

Valenzuela received some heavyweight endorsements during the run-

off, including legendary civil rights activist Rep. John Lewis.

U.S. House Dist. 3

Lulu Seikaly defeated Sean McCaffity by a similar margin (60.7 to 39.3 percent) in the race for U.S. House of Representatives District 3, which covers Collin County.

Seikaly is a first-generation American of Lebanese descent and an attorney. She also received the highest vote totals in the first round of voting.

Texas Rep. Dist. 100

There will definitely be a changeover in the Texas House of Representatives for District 100 as challenger Jasmine Felicia Crockett defeated the incumbent, Lorraine Birabi to move into the general election.

Crockett took 50.4 percent of the vote, winning the race by only 92 votes.

Birabi's tenure in the state house was short, as this election was held for the seat recently vacated by Eric Johnson, who resigned

to assume the role of Dallas City Mayor.

Criminal District Court No. 3

Audra Dawn Riley won the runoff race for Criminal District Court No. 3. With 75,819 votes, she claimed 61.79 percent for the win over Teresa Jan Hawthorne.

Texas Railroad Commissioner

Chrysta Castaneda beat Roberto Alonzo by a margin of 62 to 38 percent to run for the office of Texas Railroad Commissioner in November.

Review sought in spread of COVID-19 in Denton County Jail

Delia Parker-Mims, a Denton County attorney, activist and candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 3, is calling for an investigation into the conditions in the Denton County Jail.

Parker-Mims is requesting immediate action due to revelations from recently released inmate Brenda Jesus about how she says jailers are not providing sanitary conditions and social-distancing measures that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a result, she claims inmates are contracting the dreaded disease at a high rate.

According to Sabrina Cancino, her mother Brenda Jesus who came to the Denton County Jail from Eagle's Pass was in the women's



Delia Parker-Mims, an attorney and candidate for the Denton County Commissioners Court, is sounding the alarm on conditions surrounding a COVID-19 outbreak in the Denton County Jail. (Courtesy photo)

pod (an area with beds and bathroom) for a month.

"She was supposed to be put in quarantine when she arrived but wasn't," said Cancino.

Stated Cancino, "There are ladies in the jail who think they are going to die because they can't get help. My mother said that when a young woman was placed in her pod, she told the jailers

that she had COVID, but the jailers said she was just going through withdrawal. As a result, all of the 10 women in that pod got COVID, including my mother who was just released. Even when people tested negative, they kept them in there with those who tested positive.

"Luckily for my mother, her lawyer Sarah Morris obtained her release as my mother may have an underlying health issue and she didn't want my mother to be harmed by COVID."

Parker-Mims responded saying, "The Denton County Commissioners need to ensure that any individuals incarcerated in the Denton County Jail have conditions that prevent them from getting this horrible disease. Complaints from citizens

who are in the jail must be taken seriously."

The conditions are worrisome for more than just the inmates themselves.

"There's a pregnant 20-year-old girl in there who is positive, and they couldn't care less about her and her baby's health," Cancino said. "The ladies had no way of cleaning the area, so they made their own mop water out of bars of soap they all had. There is mold in the walls — it's unsanitary. The COVID-negative ladies are still in the same pod as the COVID-positive ladies. This is freaking outrageous. They aren't animals, they are humans!"

Angie Padilla knows a young man who is serving time in the Denton County

Jail, and says COVID is also in the area where men are kept. Her friend told her that COVID is also present in the men's area.

"If a man has COVID symptoms, the staff is charging them like \$30 to visit the medical room and some don't have that money," Padilla said. "The trustees don't want to work in the kitchen since someone who did tested positive. The men are worried since no one on the staff is telling them what is going on."

"Apparently, the Denton County Jail, under the direction of Sheriff Murphree, is not ensuring COVID does not spread among the inmates," said Parker-Mims. "Many haven't been convicted of anything — they're awaiting trial in jail

because they don't have money. So, the county is endangering the health of the impoverished. How we care for our most vulnerable speaks to our character. It is also an aspect of criminal justice reform and an example of the impact our county commissioners could make for a deteriorating system and a vulnerable population. Caring for the general welfare of our county includes all members — no exceptions."

Parker-Mims said that on July 4, the Denton County Jail reported 11 new cases of COVID-19, while the county had a total of 95, meaning a huge 12 percent of the new cases were detected in a very small percentage of the county's population.

Rep. Sherman supports the renaming of Lamar St. to Botham Jean Blvd.

In a show of remembrance, State Representative Carl Sherman (District 109) released a statement this week saying that he supports the renaming of Lamar Street in Dallas to Botham Jean Blvd.

"After almost two years since the death of Botham Jean, the renaming of La-

mar St. is still in progress," Rep Sherman said. "I encourage everyone to support the renaming of this street in memory of Botham Jean, a man known to so many for his beautiful spirit, and great singing voice that should never be forgotten."

Sherman said more than

just the name, the location of the change is also of importance..

"This will also be a significant reminder to the Dallas Police Department that is located on Lamar Street," Sherman said. When DPD gives out their physical address they will have a reminder of Botham

Jean and the need for police reform."

Rep Sherman is asking the community to show their support for this street name change by either writing a letter to Adam Medrano at the email address adam.medrano@dallascityhall.com with the subject line "Botham Jean

Blvd" or send a letter by mail to:

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla Street
Room 5FN
Dallas, TX 75201

Representative Sherman represents House District 109 on the southern side

of Dallas, which includes DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Glenn Heights, Hutchins, Lancaster, Wilmer, as well as parts of Ovilla, Ferris, Seagoville.

He sits on the House Appropriations Committee, House Corrections Committee, and the House Administration Committee.

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(NNPA) emphasized, "The (NNPA) salutes the leadership of AP Powell and the HeroZona Foundation for effectively responding with a much-needed testing solution for Arizona's CO-

VID-19 crisis. HeroZona's successful model for COVID-19 testing in Phoenix, should be urgently replicated across the nation."

John Leon, a barber in the Phoenix area, recently got

in line at 4:30 for a test after experiencing an itchy throat and other symptoms.

He told a local television station that he followed precautions during the pandemic. "I keep [the barbershop] sprayed down. I wipe everything down. I wear a mask

and make everybody else wear a mask who comes into the shop," Leon said.

Despite waiting more than two hours, Leon appreciated the organizers' efforts. "I like the way they have this setup," he said. "They set it up real nice so

that they can take a lot of people."

Powell again emphasized the importance of bringing testing to the South Phoenix community, which includes ZIP codes with some of the highest numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases in

Arizona.

"We wanted to make sure we do our part to keep veterans and citizens of this community safe and make sure that they feel like they're going to get the same resources anybody else can get," Powell said.

Voter suppression goes to college

By Cash Michaels
and Peter Gear,
Greater Diversity News

If preliminary data estimates on the recent 2020 primaries in North Carolina are accurate, student voters on HBCU campuses must raise their turnout game come the general election this November.

So says Dr. William Busa, founder of EQV Analytics, a 'North Carolina-focused campaign consulting firm serving Democratic candidates with advanced campaign analytics.

Dr. Busa served as digital director to NC Associate Justice Anita Earls 2018 campaign to the state's high court.

Cautioning that his numbers right now are "95 percent accurate" because all of the 2020 primary data has not been released yet by the NC Board of Elections, Dr. Busa says they are close enough to being conclusive for him to draw worthy conclusions.

Busa analyzed student voter turnout from ten North Carolina campuses, three of them HBCUs – N.C. A&T University, in Greensboro, Winston-Salem State Uni-



If preliminary data estimates on the recent 2020 primaries in North Carolina are accurate, student voters on HBCU campuses must raise their turnout game come the general election this November. (Photo: NNPA)

versity and North Carolina Central University in Durham. All of the campuses analyzed were in precincts dominated by undergraduate students, generally 18 to 22.

Dr. Busa broke his analysis of college voting into early voting (February 13-29th) and voting on Primary Day (March 3rd). Traditionally, the bulk of college student voting occurs during the two-week early voting period.

According to the data, statewide early voting was at 11.4 percent. At least seven of the ten NC universities tracked for student early voting did much better, with six of the top

schools coming in with two to three times the state's overall voter turnout (Duke was at 34 percent, for instance).

Winston-Salem State University yielded only an 11.7 student voter turnout, .3 percent more than the state turnout.

North Carolina Central University, however, could only muster 7.9 percent student voter turnout.

When the numbers are crunched for Primary Day, Dr. Busa noted that student voting dramatically drops because college students generally find it more difficult to vote then and prefer the more flexible 15-day early voting period.

As a result, because 66 percent of North Carolina voters vote on Primary day, and college students don't, they effectively caught up percentage-wise with the high college voting, leaving only Duke University (34.3 percent) to exceed both groups (NC was at 30.6 percent) in total voter turnout percentages, Busa says.

NCCU came in at the end of the university list at just 8 percent. NC A&T came in fourth overall at 20.6 percent. WSSU was at 13.4 percent.

Busa says his analysis proves several things – college students are early voters. Either they vote early, or not at all.

Second, the analysis also shows why Republican lawmakers try to keep polling places off university campuses, hoping that by making getting to a polling place more difficult, it would dissuade students from voting.

"It's a very potent voter suppression tool," Dr. Busa says. All ten of the campuses analyzed had a campus polling place.

Busa says ultimately, college and university administrations must put

more resources behind their campus GOTV (get out the vote) efforts, like Duke University, to get the same stellar results that Duke is getting.

However, students are not sitting still. They're fighting back against the agents of voter suppression and they are being helped by the NC NAACP, offering guidance and resources and Greater Diversity News, offering publicity.

The results of Busa's analysis reveals a failure to effectively mobilize Black students to educate, organize and mobilize as voters. However, blame for this failure must be borne by Black leaders and leadership organizations. The leaders and organizations include HBCU Alumni Associations, elected officials, Divine Nine and the always present Black church community. Also, to be included, are Black civil rights leaders and organizations of the past and present.

Also, we must recognize leaders and organizations that are stepping up and trying to make a difference. There are many that recognize that the failed status quo cannot and must not be

accepted.

One response that is in the works, is a series of conference calls with student leaders on HBCU and Primarily White campuses (SGAs and BSUs). This call is being coordinated by the NC NAACP and Greater Diversity News. Its purpose is to give the student leaders an opportunity to discuss voting rights and their efforts to resist voter suppression.

The students at NCCU have developed a voter mobilization model and are offering it as a guide to other campuses, while at the same time seeking feedback and ideas on strategies that other students are using. It is important to note that the efforts of the NCCU students are fully supported by the NCCU National Alumni Association. A student/alumni collaborative is being urged as a consideration for all HBCUs.

Follow the growing activism of student leaders and ACTC developments by signing-up for GDN's free eNews publication at GreaterDiversity.com. For additional information email – colors@greaterdiversity.com.

Dallas Nursing Institute acquired by CONAHP to meet national need

Understanding the increasing need for nurses, the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (CONAHP) launched July 10. Formerly the Dallas Nursing Institute, the college represents a shared vision of the future of healthcare – the integration of mental and physical health.

The acquisition of Dallas Nursing Institute by The

Chicago School supports a broader mission of preparing graduates to bring health and wellness to underserved communities through guidance, compassion, and excellence. The College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions will provide future professionals in the healthcare sector an innovative and integrated education that connects multiple facets of health.

"At The Chicago School,

we know that true wellness cannot be achieved without integrating mental and physical health. It's time to critically rethink current approaches to training the next generation of healthcare professionals," said The Chicago School President Michele Nealon, Psy.D. "CONAHP will lead the way in preparing nurses to practice holistically, to adopt a wellness-orientation, and truly embrace the leadership

imperative to influence practices and systems necessary for true integrated healthcare. It will prepare them for the ever-evolving field of healthcare."

"Although our name has changed, our dedication to training compassionate and professional nurses has not," said CONAHP Dean of Nursing Gwen Gaston, M.S.N., R.N. "The Chicago School's national presence, regional WASC accredita-

tion status, and professional network will provide our students greater resources and enhance the overall value of their education. Integrated care, the collaboration across health professions, is the future of healthcare and our students will get the foundation for that here."

The academic programs and curriculum at CONAHP will focus on nursing, health services administration,

and public health. Students will be prepared to work in a modern and integrative health care environment, improve patient outcomes, enhance administrative functions, and advance effective public policies in health care. In addition to classroom learning, they will be provided with dynamic, hands-on training from an interdisciplinary perspective that can give them a competitive edge in their field.

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Research, said. "A number of diseases that were once prevalent and often deadly, such as Polio, have been all but forgotten with the

development of a vaccine. I can't overstate the importance of having willing participants to further research needed to develop a viable

vaccine for COVID-19."

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Dawoodi Bohras of Dallas help in mitigating the impacts of COVID-19

By Fatema Biviji
Special Contributor to NDG

The Dawoodi Bohra community of Dallas is engaging in a number of volunteer initiatives to provide relief to those members of society that have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and to support local medical professionals and emergency services personnel. The Dawoodi Bohras of Dallas aspire to live up to the teachings of their spiritual leader, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, who states that patriotism to the country in which one resides is essential to the faith.

In these trying times, the Bohra community has acted according to this principle with the following efforts:

- donating food to their neighbors in the Yemeni and Somali refugee community,



Courtesy photo

- designing and sewing cloth face-masks with filter inserts for healthcare professionals,

- tying white ribbons to trees surrounding their community complex in a show of solidarity for healthcare professionals, first responders, and other essential personnel,

- and partnering with the Irving Schools Foundation's Food for Thought program to provide 2 weeks of dinner meals to over 400

Irving ISD students in need.

Ms. Ashley Edwards of the Irving Schools Foundation kindly expressed gratitude for their contributions, noting, "We are so grateful for the generosity of the Dawoodi Bohra Community for their support and partnership. They came together as a community to support the Irving Schools Foundation's Food for Thought program during our greatest time of need. As a result of their support, we were

able to ensure that our children continued to receive the meals that they needed during these unprecedented times." The Foundation continues to collect funds to provide meals to students in need at their website: <https://irvingschoolsfoundation.org/>.

In addition, the Bohra community has repeatedly given importance to its members' maintenance of social distancing, including the suspension of public spiritual gatherings in the holy month of Ramadan, according to the guidelines and rules disseminated by local, state, and national governments and health authorities, to protect both themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19. In all of its efforts, the Bohra community has followed all advisories from government and health authorities regarding social distancing

and the safe handling of food and other items.

The Bohra community of Dallas acts in conjunction with the worldwide effort of the global Dawoodi Bohra community. The global community has engaged in activities such as making philanthropic contributions in Mississauga, Canada; packaging meals for healthcare workers in Leicester, UK; donating food rations in Australia; and providing meals in Dubai. Along with their brethren around the world, the Dawoodi Bohra community of Dallas intends to continue its efforts until the ongoing crisis is over and its neighbors are safe.

These acts of appreciating the medical and emergency services personnel and of aiding others in the spirit of good citizenship conform to the principles of the Dawoodi Bohra faith,

which urges its followers to engage in good deeds that range from avoiding food wastage and picking up trash, to planting trees and being peaceful, law-abiding citizens.

The Dawoodi Bohra community is formed of hundreds of local communities across the world. Following the guidance of their spiritual leader His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the Dawoodi Bohras believe that peaceful engagement with other faiths, the empowerment of women, good citizenship, and the thoughtful pursuit of education are important aspects of living a good life. The global Dawoodi Bohra community engages in a number of volunteer efforts which are encapsulated by the Project Rise initiative. For more information, please visit www.USA.TheDawoodiBohras.com.

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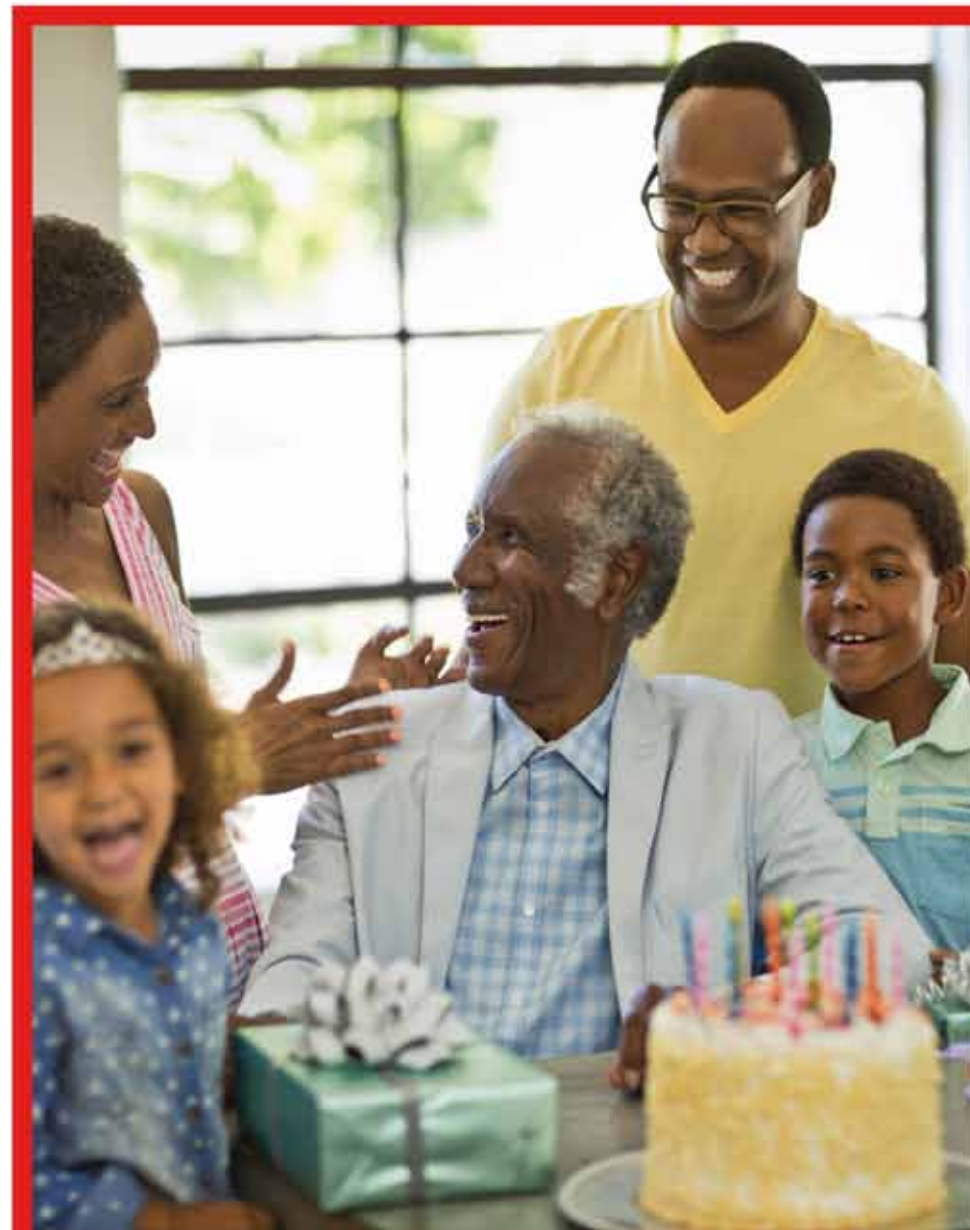
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Dallas

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is making back-to-school shopping stress-free this year with its **Back-to-School Drive-Thru Festival**. This free event offers registered attendees a backpack filled with school supplies for the upcoming academic year in a "drive-thru" procedure in the community center's parking lot. Students may

also receive other necessary items such as school uniforms, socks and underwear while supplies last.

Registration ends on July 30.

The MLK Back-to-School Drive-Thru Festival is also looking for donations and volunteers. Those who want to lend a helping hand can call (214) 670-8418 to register as a volunteer. For more information,

visit www.dallasmkcenter.com.

McKinney

ACCE, the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, has awarded D'Andre Allegra of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce with its bronze level **Dana Ketterling Lifetime Sales Achievement Award and Circle of Champions Sales Contest**

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professional and champion of chambers of commerce and the communities they serve.

Richardson

The City of Richardson announced on July 13 that the fall celebration of its semiannual Cottonwood Art Festival, scheduled for Oct. 3-4, and Huffhines Art Trails and Pawtoberfest, scheduled for Oct. 17-18, have been

canceled due to COVID-19.

With the unknowns regarding whether large gatherings will be allowed this fall, the City of Richardson determined the events could not be safely held in 2020.

All updates related to the coronavirus and its impact on City services and events can be found on the City of Richardson's COVID-19 news page at www.cor.net/coronavirus.

A Winning Strategy: Protest and political action

By Norman Hill
President Emeritus
A. Philip Randolph Institute

In the wake of global protests following the recent police murder of George Floyd, I am moved by the stunning use of direct action. I am especially gratified to see so many Americans of many shapes, shades, ages and orientations flexing their First Amendment rights to condemn the killing of yet another unarmed, black man while demanding meaningful reforms.

Yet, I am troubled.

I am a longtime veteran of the civil rights and labor movements. In fact, I met my wife, Velma, in 1960 on a picket line. Together, we began as young, committed activists and, eventually, became leaders in our own right. Early in our relationship, we led a demonstration to desegregate a public beach in Chicago that ended in white, vigilante violence. As a result, Velma sustained a head injury that, during the following year, led to a miscarriage that cost us our son.

Along the way, we were guided by mentors like A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. Congressman John Lewis is a friend. By the mid-1960s, we joined Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rustin at the home of former U.S. ambassador and Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, then one of King's closest confidants, to plan and discuss civil rights strategies and tactics.

Earlier that decade, Velma and I were part of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; I worked closely with Rustin, who Randolph

had placed in charge of what, almost 60 years later, stands as an iconic, high water mark of the protest era.

And while no demonstration of the civil rights era has ever drawn the vast numbers of protesters that the current manifestations of movement methods have, I, nevertheless, fear that an essential element is missing: Central leadership.

That troubles me.

Of course, I have been dismayed by the violence and vandalism that had bedeviled some of these demonstrations early on. King was similarly disappointed in the last days of his life in 1968 when a youth gang joined his march in Memphis, Tenn. in support of that city's striking sanitation workers. The gang used the demonstration as a cover to loot and destroy property. I was there.

If King, and other civil rights leaders of his day, taught us anything, it was that effective protest is peaceful and nonviolent. They, however, also taught us the enormous advantages of a fully engaged central leadership.

A hallmark of the civil rights movement was its meticulous planning. Even the placards displayed by participants during the March on Washington, for instance, were overseen and approved by the march's central leadership. And it should not be overlooked that the march, and its demands, led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Major decisions like whether King should carry his message of racial equal-

ity and economic justice to the North were hotly debated and considered, before he ventured to Chicago in 1966 to lead the Chicago Freedom Movement.

There was no message drift, or ambiguity.

While I applaud the logistical mastery of today's protests — its leaders expertly marshalling, for instance, the wheels of social media — I am disturbed by frequent fracturing of the message, means and methods of what the protesters are attempting to accomplish.

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Minority-focused theaters form 'BIPOC Arts Coalition'

Four Black and Latino theater organizations are joining forces in a bid to continue their part in Dallas' arts scene. The Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Arts Coalition was formed this month to support BIPOC communities that have been historically underserved and under-resourced – the very communities that today are disproportionately affected by COVID-19, in terms of both community health and economic impact.

The goals of the BIPOC Arts Coalition are to provide a vision and advocacy platform for antiracism, equitable funding and structural support for culturally-specific artists and performance groups in Dallas.



The Bishop Arts Theatre Center (above) is one of four theaters where minority artists have traditionally been able to reach out to an audience. With COVID-19 decimating both performances and funding, these theaters are banding together to weather the storm. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

Although the entire arts ecosystem has experienced losses during COVID-19, BIPOC arts groups and

artists have historically suffered from underfunding, like the communities we represent. Our BIPOC

arts organizations and artists therefore run the risk of continued underfunding at this time. Nevertheless,

BIPOC arts organizations and artists are the most prepared to support communities most affected by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

The BIPOC Arts Coalition is asking the City of Dallas and the philanthropic community to support the work of BIPOC artists and arts organizations.

For the City of Dallas's Fiscal Year (FY) 20-21, the BIPOC Arts Coalition recommends fully funding the neighborhood City of Dallas Cultural Centers serving BIPOC communities. They are also asking the City to maintain FY 19-20 funding levels of BIPOC arts organizations into FY 20-21 in the Cultural Organization's Program (COP)

"Due to the overwhelm-

ing response to a recent City of Dallas grant program for ALAANA or BIPOC artists, (we ask the city to) increase FY 20-21 funding levels for neighborhood arts programs from FY 19-20 in order to increase service to BIPOC communities in need and support the growing number of BIPOC working artists seeking City support," BIPOC said in its release. "These programs include Pop-up cultural centers, CAP and ArtsActivate among other new initiatives. Funding and contracts should go primarily to BIPOC-led organizations and artists."

Finally, BIPOC is asking the City of Dallas to offer funding support for facili-

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NDG Book Review: 'One Year of Ugly' is a fun read you can bank on

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The officer at the bank said “yes.”

And there you were: the proud owner of something big, something you’d wanted your entire life. That’s thrilling, on one hand, and scary on the other: you’ve achieved your dream, but you’ll be contributing toward that loan for many years. And as in the new novel “One Year of Ugly” by Caroline Mackenzie, payback is no fun.

Wasn’t it bad enough that Aunt Celia died?

That, alone, was a shocker: her ex-husband, Mauricio, found her on the floor



of his house, as dead as his dream of ever getting back with her again. But then, the first weekend the Palacio family gathered without Celia, a greasy man showed up in Mauricio’s back yard with

a gun, saying his name was “Ugly,” claiming that Celia had borrowed money from him for things like private school enrollment and fraudulent papers that allowed her and her family to stay in Trinidad and not be deported back to Venezuela. And now that she was dead, Ugly said, Aunt Celia’s debt was Palacio debt.

Twenty-four-year-old Yola could hardly believe it. She held her Aunt Celia in the highest regard. She wanted to be like Celia. How could her father’s sister, her beloved mentor, do such a thing?

The clues were in Celia’s

hand-written memories and, feeling as though the words kept her aunt alive a little longer, Yola resisted finishing the manuscript in one sitting – a resistance that wasn’t hard because Ugly had decided that the Palacios would pay off Celia’s debt by temporarily sheltering other Venezuelans that he’d sneaked in-country. Yola’s parents home suddenly had a constantly revolving door, strangers in and strangers out, brought there by Román, Ugly’s henchman who made Yola drool.

She couldn’t explain it, but yes, she’d fallen in love with her family’s captor and

she trusted Román with their lives. Right in the middle of everything else, somehow, she knew that if Ugly didn’t kill someone Yola loved, the stress of his payback plan surely would.

Believe it or not, “One Year of Ugly” is a somewhat of a comedy. It’s also a ludicrous romp with a hairbrained plot that can get too outrageous. It’s also a romance. It’s also a dark look at the assumptions we incorrectly attribute to family members. Really, this novel is somewhat like the kind of stew you make when everyone in your friends’ circle is broke: everybody brings

something and it’s all put in the same pot, boiled until one thing or other bubbles over, and then it’s ready to serve.

It’s pretty tasty, too, come to think: author Caroline Mackenzie tells this tale enough, but not so much that the mystery of key characters is destroyed. We know them – but we don’t, which adds to what is also a thriller-aspect of this novel.

Beware that there is a high abundance of profanity in this book, and a couple of righteously silly scenes that fit. If you can get around that, “One Year of Ugly” is fun you can bank on.

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dance and crack jokes with his mentees and staff. John Lewis lights up any room her enters. Lewis is a man revered for his commitment to Civil Rights and viewers learn that all aspects of his life are tied to that pursuit. Lewis’ values as a human being are always at the forefront of every decision he makes in his personal and professional life.

Lewis’ major value is freedom. “When you lose all sense of fear, you’re free,” offers the activist who literally continues to traverse the country in pursuit of justice. Lewis, 80, who is battling pancreatic cancer

stomps for Beto O’Rourke and Stacey Abrams during their high-profile bids for political change.

Colleagues and friends like Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim Clyburn, civil rights icon Diane Nash and the late Congressman Elijah Cummings discuss Lewis’ legacy and impact today.

Described repeatedly as courageous, Lewis’ energy now is not very different from the energy on full display in the footage of the marches and Freedom Rides. Lewis lives

and breathes the pursuit of freedom and all around him know it. To be in his orbit, one must hold that value if you are to be a part of his universe.

Underscored by a soulful and haunting soundtrack, the documentary also shows the difficult times and sacrifices that sometimes have to be made while in pursuit of justice for all, like Lewis’ damaged friendship with the late civil rights icon and politician Julian Bond. Their 1986 battle over a Congressional seat led to Lewis’ harsh words about one of his closest friends – painful words that Lewis could not take back.

Lewis won the seat and

is now in his 17th term as a Congressperson but at what cost? Many of the people in the civil rights movement are passing on and Porter’s documentary begs the question of who will replace these pillars of democracy who are willing to sacrifice so much of themselves for a far greater cause?

Lewis lights up the room wherever he goes. Like Moses, seas of people part to make a clear path for Lewis, who strides to the podium with personal stories and political messages that

people need to hear. Lewis clearly understands there are more years behind him than in front of him. He is pained by the strategic and dubious attempts by Congress and the Supreme Court to undo

the work of he and his ilk in a supposedly post-racial society.

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Cloud marketplace enables financing for Texas disaster resilience

AUSTIN (EINPresswire.com) -- ResilientH2O Partners and AqaiX, Inc today announced the launch of the first cloud marketplace to enable billions in public and private financing for infrastructure projects aimed at making Texas more resilient to catastrophic flooding, water scarcity, and other natural disasters.

Employing highly innovative software, the Texas P3 Resilience Marketplace provides a single cloud platform that will allow resilience project proposals to be collected, evaluated according to standardized criteria and technical models, and matched with funding sources. The marketplace also facilitates public-private partnerships (P3s), blended finance, conditional and performance finance, and other innovative finance models.

"Texas is providing global leadership on innovations in resilience planning and mitigation," said Richard Seline, CEO of



ResilientH2O Partners, an advisory investment firm on financing resiliency. "Texas P3 Resilience Marketplace seeks to support and strengthen those innovations by bringing together all of the public, private and nonprofit stakeholders necessary for success."

"Resilience is hugely complex and requires planning for flooding, water scarcity, fire prevention, leaks, and other disasters," Seline continued. "There will never be enough public money for all of the resilience planning and project development that communities and industries need. The current economic downturn only tightens up funding. The Texas P3 Resilience

Marketplace unleashes alternative financing and new investment that can make up shortfalls in resiliency funding challenges. Since every project may not be funded by a public source, we need a mechanism to get great opportunities delivered."

The marketplace, which runs on the AqaiX infrastructure finance platform, eventually will support and, where applicable, spark additional resources for thousands of project proposals and enable collaboration by more than 300 federal, state, and local agencies, nonprofits, foundations, and private businesses across Texas.

Phase 1 of the marketplace will focus on selecting projects to receive approxi-

mately \$20 billion in federal, state, and local flood resilience funding from 12 sources. Subsequent phases will tap into other government funds, as well as commercial and nonprofit capital.

"Houston and the surrounding region have an enormous burden to mobilize resources quickly to achieve flood-resilience before the next major storm," said Auggie Campbell, Executive Director for the Association of Water Board Directors of Texas. "Protecting our region requires government and private entities to cooperate and bring capital. Texas P3 Resilience Marketplace offers a way to help collaborate and manage all aspects of the complex projects we need. Bringing advanced software and marketplace models to help organize, fund, execute, govern, and monitor these projects will allow project partners and the public to realize the

promised benefits."

Following the catastrophic flooding brought about by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Texas stakeholders analyzed resilience projects and financing needs, coming up with a daunting price tag of \$60 billion. Various business, chamber of commerce, and economic development leadership organizations worked together to launch a strategic, decade-long campaign to secure that funding. In the process, stakeholders realized that mobilizing sufficient capital will require software and a marketplace allowing many different types of financing to partner with traditional and innovative funding solutions.

AqaiX CEO Michael Gardner says AqaiX software defines a new category of software for infrastructure project finance just as Salesforce.com defined a new category for business software 20 years ago.

"Our software enables

and drives this type of complex financing," Gardner said. "Nowadays, organizations of all types must be able to efficiently collaborate using data and information to make evidence-based investment decisions based on multi-benefit models across portfolios of projects and enabling new financial instruments. The old way of doing that is a morass of spreadsheets and email. Our software makes it much easier, faster, cheaper, and safer."

"Once you start adding more organizations and accommodating accounting for investors interested in social and environmental ROI (return on investment), the communications and paper costs become astronomical," Gardner continued. "Our platform allows the scaling of finance for the 21st century's many infrastructure funding challenges. It can handle virtually any type of infrastructure project or program."

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For example, it is hardly unusual to see in a single gathering of demonstrators a clash of conflicting ideas -- groups calling for reform, others for revolution, and others still for anarchy.

The civil rights movement was anchored in coalition politics, not simply collections of political factions. It is a serious mistake to put forth slogans that split coalitions. The chief preventative is strong, central leadership.

I realize that Black Lives Matter, founded online in 2013, has animated much of the foundational work of these protests. It also prides itself on not exerting strong, central leadership, but instead, favors deferring to community-based leadership, what its founders have called "participatory democracy."

While this is laudable in some ways, the costs of not having clear organizational structure and hierarchical leadership comes at a high price.

The rising confusion over the call to "defund" po-

lice departments across the country is one such example. This demand has been a highly visible product of the demonstrations, held high on signs and articulated by a range of protesters, some identifying themselves as leaders.

Unfortunately, the term is open to a range of interpretations, from shifting some funds away from classic police departments in favor of greater spending on social problems and agencies to the wholesale shutting down of police departments.

President Trump has quickly crawled into the confusion, making it an anti-protest talking point.

Additionally, Trump has focused on a group of protesters who have taken over an abandoned police precinct building in the Capitol Hill district of Seattle, an area city officials decided to temporarily cede. This is local choice Trump says he also cannot abide, setting up yet another showdown of rocks and tears between

protesters and the national government.

I am left wondering if this is a deliberate tactic of protesters, or simply a consequence of splintered leadership. I'm convinced that neither consequence is the surest road to sustained, substantive progress while a Congressional debate over national legislation regarding police behavior goes forward.

In the meantime, the movement could greatly benefit from a leadership with developed strategies for protests and political action, complete with short-term goals and long range objectives.

We need to boldly move from protest to politics. We need to redouble immediate demands for police reform and reorganization.

As November's national elections approach, we also must disinfect the White House of Trumpism, maintain the House of Representatives, and transform the Senate to a majority that is responsive to this reemerging movement.

We must vote.

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Kathy Green named Manager of Outreach & Advocacy at AARP Texas

AUSTIN, TX — Kathy Green, an accomplished leader with extensive public policy, nonprofit, and media experience in Texas, has been named the new Manager of Outreach & Advocacy for AARP Texas.

“Kathy has an exceptional demonstrated history of working to better the lives of people in our state, and a skillset fit to further our mission of advocating for and

defending the rights of age 50+ Texans,” AARP Texas State Director Tina Tran said. “Her experience working in the public policy arena, championing the rights of the most vulnerable, and spearheading nonprofit programmatic work makes her a perfect match to build upon the impactful legacy of Rob Schneider, who helped lead AARP to some remarkable legislative and advocacy vic-

tories.”

Throughout a 25-year comprehensive policy and advocacy career, which began as a legislative and policy analyst under former Comptroller John Sharp, Green has worked in and around the state capitol as a lobbyist for nonprofits, as a legislative director in the House and the Senate and as a policy advisor in the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Green joins AARP from the No Kid Hungry campaign, a national nonprofit devoted to ending childhood hunger, where she served as the Texas state director and oversaw the management, development and implementation of a multi-year strategic plan.

From 2011 to 2018, as the senior director of advocacy and public policy for Central Texas Food Bank, she devel-

oped and implemented their advocacy program through a marriage of public policy and hunger awareness efforts.

Green holds a B.A. in Government and English from the University of Texas at Austin and is a member of the Austin Public Library Foundation Board and the Women’s Symphony League. Her involvement in local government also extends to chairing and serving

on many council and working groups for both the Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, including nearly 2.3 million members in Texas,

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ties for BIPOC Arts Organizations that own or manage buildings.

From the philanthropic community, the BIPOC Arts Coalition recommends

to rectify historic underfunding of BIPOC artists and arts organizations, and provide multi-year funding and investment into endowments of BIPOC arts

organizations

As with the city, BIPOC is asking the community to provide funding support for BIPOC Arts Organizations that own or manage buildings, as well as support for health insurance

for BIPOC individual artists and staff at BIPOC arts organization

BIPOC cited the study “In it for the Long Haul,” by Zannie Voss (Director of SMU DataArts) and Jill Robinson (CEO of TRG

Arts) as indicative of the struggles minority arts organizations face.

“Research has shown that national distribution of arts funding flows disproportionately to large institutions, which puts

culturally specific organizations at a disadvantage. Culturally specific organizations are affected by the same structural racism and inequities that affect the people and communities they serve.”

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Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana), with significant Black populations in the 2020 Census.

The Census count started April 1. People can respond by phone, mail or online. Through July, August, September, and October, Census workers will escalate their attempts to count college students; plus anyone who has not responded by going to homes until the end of October.

Civil rights organizations have gone into high gear with an educational campaign pushing the importance of an accurate Census count to the Black community and other communities of color. Yet, it appears that the extent of the Census omissions in 2010 is now being widely reported for the first time.

“The U.S. Census Bureau and the current Administration must do all that it can to ensure an accurate count of the Black population by reallocating media resources and outreach to address these circumstances,” says NUL President/CEO Marc H. Morial in a release accompanying the report. “Historically, African Americans have been undercounted each decade. Approximately 3.7 million

African Americans were entirely uncounted in the 2010 Census. The 2020 Census raises new risks and uncertainties that put an already vulnerable Black count at extreme risk.”

The 3.7 million omission appears even more extreme when compared to numbers used by other civil rights groups. A simple Google search turned up a March 2019 “Fact Sheet” led by the Leadership Conference Education Fund (a subsidiary of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights) which was also signed by the Georgetown Law School’s Center on Poverty and Inequality and by the Economic Security and Opportunity Initiative.

The Fact Sheet states, “The 2010 Census undercounted the African-American population by more than 800,000.” The “800,000” number is footnoted and attributed to a 2012 U.S. Census Bureau press release announcing estimates of undercounts.

Yet another number has been used by the NAACP for the 2010 Census undercount. Page 7 of a federal lawsuit filed two years ago by the NAACP against the U. S. Census Bureau, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and President Donald

Trump states, “The 2010 Census did not account for 1.5 million black and Hispanic residents, which would be enough people to fill two Congressional districts.”

NUL’s omission number of “3.7 million”; the Leadership Conference’s undercount of “more than 800,000” and the NAACP’s combined “undercount of 1.5 million Black and Hispanic” residents. This scenario raises the question. Which one is correct?

In response to questions from the Trice Edney News Wire, the Census Bureau and the civil rights organizations sought to explain the conflicting numbers. For the most part, the explanations remain fuzzy at best, opening yet more questions than providing answers. The confusion apparently comes down to the vague difference between the terms “net undercount” and “omissions.”

Census consultant, Terri Ann Lowenthal, said she is the source of the NUL’s 3.7 million omission number. She emailed a one paged document in which she listed the “net undercount” of Black people as 827,152 (2.06 percent) and “Omissions” as 3,734,229 (9.3 percent).

As for the NAACP’s lawsuit, which says the “2010

Census did not account for 1.5 million black and Hispanic residents”, Lowenthal’s document appears to dispute that number.

“Many news articles and even some fact sheets have incorrectly cited a figure of ‘1.5 million minorities missed in the 2010 Census,’” Lowenthal says in a footnote. “From what I can tell, that number is loosely derived from the national net undercount of Blacks (~827,000) and Hispanics (of any race) (~764,000) in the 2010 Census.”

In another email, Beth Lynk, Census campaign director for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which reported the “more than 800,000” undercount in its fact sheet, recommended a book, titled “Differential Undercounts in the U. S. Census. Who is Missed?”

Lynk described the book as a “great resource on omissions.” But the “Terminology” chapter of that book, by social demographer William P. O’Hare, clearly implies that the Census use of the term “net undercount” to describe people who were not counted is erroneous.

O’Hare’s book states, “It is important to recognize that the net undercount does not reflect the number of people missed even though the term undercount is often used to suggest this. As stat-

ed earlier, net undercounts reflect a balance of people missed and people counted more than once or otherwise included erroneously,” O’Hare writes.

Jeri Green, consultant and senior advisor to the NUL on Census matters, said in an interview that its cited 3.7 million Black “omissions” from the 2010 Census is accurate without question.

Green is a former senior advisor for civic engagement in the office of the Census Bureau director. She is also a specialist on engagement with civil rights organizations and historically undercounted populations as they relate to critical 2020 Census issues.

“The cold-blooded straight up number of Black people that were missed in the 2010 Census is that number, 3.7 million,” Green says. “It’s a number that you won’t see out there. But I can give you reference after reference of 3.7 million Black people who were missed in the Census - using the Census Bureau’s own figures.”

Meanwhile, the NUL’s State of the 2020 Census” report has sounded an alarm, apparently using the words “undercount” and “omissions” interchangeably.

“A census undercount of

any population in the U.S. would have far-reaching implications. For Black populations, the consequences would be devastating, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19 which has exposed deep systemic and underlying economic, wealth and health disparities within African American communities. Similarly, as racially-motivated police brutality in the Black community continues with deadly effect, an accurate census count helps ensure fair political representation and federal funding to address these concerns,” Morial says in the Executive Summary of the report. “The purpose of this State of the 2020 Census report is to ‘sound the alarm’ about the current status of the Black census count. Over the past three months of 2020 Census operations (starting last March 12th for most of the United States), the National Urban League has observed low response rates across heavily populated Black localities - both urban and rural. As a contributing factor, COVID-19 has disrupted Census operations off and on, for the entire nation. A full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census count remains imperative as we rebuild our communities in a post COVID-19 environment.”

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July 17, 7 pm

All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

July 19, 10 a.m.

Join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget

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July 20, 7 p.m.

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It's not always what it seems

By Dr. James L. Snyder

There are times when my bad hearing is a blessing. I'm not sure if I'm not listening or not hearing.

For example, the other night, right after midnight, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were pretty much sound asleep. There was more sound on the other side of the bed than on mine, but that's a different story.

There was this tremendous boom, several flashes of lightning, and the rooftop was bombarded with rain.

I didn't hear it when it happened, but my wife shook me radically and asked, "What's that noise?"

Being in a groggier frame of mind more than usual, I asked, "What did you say?"

Then my wife went into this long explanation of the noise and the lightning and the rain that woke her up. "What in the world is that?"

Correcting your wife or explaining something to your wife is hazardous territory.

"Oh, that's nothing," I said as I was yawning. "Just go back to sleep."

And with that, I went back to sleep. Or I tried to.

"No, no," she said. "Something's going on outside, and I'm not quite sure what it is."

About that time, the boom and the lightning and the rain exploded again in our backyard.

"See," she said rather excitedly, "something's going on outside in the backyard. I wonder if it's our neighbors with their firecrackers?"

I knew the sound we just heard was not associated with any firecrackers. And the lightning was not related to firecrackers either.

A very naughty thought danced in my mind at that point—some things I just can't refuse.

I sat up in bed, listened very intently and then said, "I wonder if it's a riot in our neighborhood."

Somebody's eyes, and they weren't on my face, widened as I've never seen before.

"Remember, we were watching that on the news before we went to bed last night? They may have come to our neighborhood without us knowing it."

She leaned over and

whispered, "Do you think we ought to call the police?"

Nothing I wanted more than for her to call the police. That would have not only made my day but the rest of my life. Whenever there would be a silent moment, I could always bring up the question, "Do you remember when you called the police because you thought there was a riot in our backyard?"

It was hard for me to hold back my infamous snicker.

Looking at me, she said, "Why are you snickering?"

"I'm not."

"Look at me. Yes, you are snickering. Why are you snickering?"

I guess it was time for me to come clean about the whole situation. I would have loved for it to go just a little longer. After all, such things only come once in a lifetime.

I cleared my throat and finally told her that what she was hearing was a severe thunderstorm with lightning. That's all it was, just mother nature clearing her throat.

She stared at me, one of her stares, then turned over and went back to sleep.

The next morning I got up, went to the kitchen and turned on the coffee pot. In a few moments, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into the kitchen.

"Well," I chirped, "how was your night?"

I got a stare still burning in my brain now.

Throughout the day a verse of Scripture came to my mind. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2).

What we may think something is may not be exactly what it is. I need to rest my thoughts on God.

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Jesus wept for the city



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"As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes'"

(Luke 19:41-43).

Jesus was making His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. The Pharisees were complaining about the exuberance of His disciples as He made His way into the city.

They were celebrating a life that had blessed them and countless others: "When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of

the Lord!'" (Luke 19:37-38).

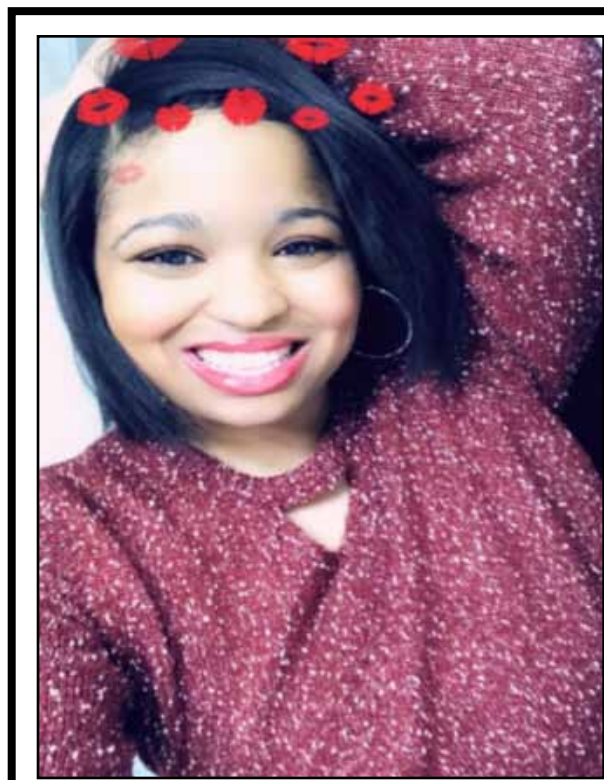
Jesus was saddened by the response of the Pharisees. He knew what His presence could do for the city. But He also knew they would not change. The city would reject His presence and crucify Him.

His presence would bring peace to the city if they embraced who He was - the author of peace. Now it would be hidden from their eyes because of unbelief.

Every city can be blessed by the presence of Jesus in their midst. However, it requires city leaders to invite the presence of Jesus into their city in order for that city to experience peace.

Jesus comes to bring peace in any situation. However, He also realizes He will divide city leaders because of unbelief and political correctness.

Does your city need the presence of Jesus? Do you desire to see peace in your city? Begin to pray for city leaders to understand how the presence of Jesus can impact your city in dramat-



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ic and positive ways.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. And your own city. So many things just look impossible. Sometimes Christians might wonder how they will make it through this trial or how they will survive or where is this problem leading?

But, when they stop concentrating on the problem

and look to God and His promises, they will be relieved. For they can know that all things are possible through God. God is in control and will make all things work to the good for those who love Him.

Thank God for His promises and for the "breath of fresh air" you can feel in knowing He is with you, for you, and in you through The Holy Spirit, in Jesus' precious Name.

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