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'Shop Talk' building a relationship between communities and those who protect them

By Breanne Holley
Contributing Writer

Police reform has been “the talk of town,” so to speak, in the news and around social media. Since the murder of George Floyd, and even long before that, there has been an ever-growing rift between law enforcement and people of color. Lack of trust, anger, and even a desire to defund the police in an attempt to stop police brutality has risen.

And yet, despite all of the hurt and turmoil, there is hope.

The Shop Talk program emerged as a way to help many communities build a better relationship with their law enforcement officers. Organizers of the program in The Colony include; Irving Officer Jon Plunkett, Demetrius Ennett (Owner of 5 Star Cutz in both Irving and The Colony), retired Dallas Sergeant Brad Deason, Chief of The Colony Police department David Coulon, The Colony Officer RJ Roberts, and retired Dallas police officer Sergeant Robert Munoz.

Plunkett said that after the Dallas shootings, he got with his assistant chief at the time saying more needs to be done in the African American community to build a relationship. Having a relationship with the NAACP was a good start, but Plunkett insisted that even more needs to be done. He suggested to start



Shop Talk organizers (from left to right) Officer RJ Roberts, Shop owner Demetrius Ennett, retired Sgt. Brad Deason, The Colony Police Chief David Coulon and Officer Jon Plunkett meet up at 5 Star Cutz to discuss their program. (Photo: Breanne Holley / NDG)

with the barber shops because in the African American community barber shops are a “communications channel” a place where people can talk and express themselves and not be judged.

And thus, it all began four years ago with Mitchell’s Barber Shop being the first barber shop to kick off the “Shop Talk” program. Plunkett mentions how, “they began to have block parties there and expand and even bring on the female beauticians.” At this point in time, in Irving alone, there are 23 shops that have expanded the Shop Talk program. He discusses how, through this program, they have been able to take certain programs

like “Coffee with a Cop” and bring it into the community through Shop Talk so people can get better acquainted and get to know their police department.

Plunkett described one the most successful events, Blue Christmas, with One Community USA, a nonprofit organization, who came on board with the Shop Talk program about three years ago. Officer Plunkett wanted to take Shop Talk outside of Irving and, with One Community USA, was able to do that. They took Shop Talk outside of Irving and with Blue Christmas were able to provide funding to

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People In The News ...



Rep. Val Demmings



Oprah Winfrey

NDG Quote of the Week: “We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of that tapestry are equal in value no matter their color.” – Maya Angelou

Chijioke Mgbahurike

Chijioke Mgbahurike, a senior at Martin High School has been named an Amazon Future Engineer scholarship recipient to continue studying computer science at a college of his choice. He is one of 100 students across the country who will receive the Amazon Future Engineer scholarship of \$40,000 over four years for his ongoing education at Stanford University, along with a guaranteed paid internship offer at Amazon after his freshman year of college to gain critical real-world work experience.



Recipients were chosen based on a variety of criteria, including their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, work experience,

future goals, and financial need.

An immigrant from Nigeria, Chijioke has made education his focus. "In order to extend my learning capabilities outside of the classroom, there is but one major thing that I have done: being involved with extracurricular activities. This allowed me to create projects and overcome obstacles in a unique way I'd never seen in school. I have been involved with RoboB oat, CyberPatriot, Technology Students of America (TSA), and UIL as means of educating myself in more nuanced and diverse top-

ics," Mgbahurike said.

Chijioke has studied computer science since his freshman year. AISD STEM Academy/Martin teacher James Hovey has been his advanced computer science instructor the past four years.

"Chiji has taken advantage of every extracurricular learning opportunity," Hovey said. "He has always loved technology and his skills have grown far beyond what is covered in basic high school classes through these challenges. He has focused mainly on artificial intelligence and cybersecurity since his ju-

nior year."

"Chijoke is a great representative of the Arlington ISD," Arlington ISD superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said. "He's worked hard throughout his time in the Arlington ISD and at our STEM Academy. This honor is a great reward for his diligence. I can't wait to see what the future holds for him."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that from 2019 to 2029, the market for computer science professionals will grow 11 percent faster than the average for all occupations and, in 2020, the median annual wage for

computer and information technology occupations was \$91,250, which is more than twice the median annual wage for all occupations in the U.S. Computer science is the fastest-growing profession within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) field, but only 8% of STEM graduates earn a computer science degree, with only a small percentage from underserved backgrounds. Students from underserved backgrounds are 8 to 10 times more likely to pursue college degrees in computer science if they have taken AP computer science in high school.

Rep. Val Demmings

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Congresswoman Val Demmings (D-FL) will run for the U.S. Senate seat out of Florida currently held by Republican Senator Marco Rubio, an advisor to the campaign has confirmed exclusively to the Black Press.

Stories had floated in mainstream media outlets this week that Congresswoman Demmings was considering a run against Rubio, but it was just speculation until now.

"She is planning a Sen-



ate bid with a more formal announcement coming in June," Mark Bergman, Congresswoman Demmings' advisor said on Tuesday, May 18.

Electing a Black woman

to the U.S. Senate this cycle is a top organizational priority, Quentin James and Stefanie Brown James, the co-founders of The Collective PAC, proclaimed on Tuesday, May 18.

"We are proud to stand with [Congresswoman] Val Demmings (D-Fla.)," the couple, who represent the PAC, stated.

"There has never been a more crucial time for us to elect leaders who are committed to criminal justice reform, safeguarding voting rights, and ensuring government officials are held accountable for unethical behavior," the couple stated. The Collective PAC is

an organization formed to boost Black participation in elected office.

CNN noted that such a bid would provide Democrats with a high-profile candidate in a key Senate race against a nationally known – and well-funded – opponent, Republican Rep. Marco Rubio.

The network cited a source close to the Congresswoman who said she had spent the last few months mulling over a statewide race and recently decided on a bid for the Senate over governor.

"Congresswoman Demmings will make for a great candidate and we are posi-

tive it will be a successful outcome," a source close to the Congresswoman told the Black Press.

"She is confident, and why shouldn't she be?"

Congresswoman Demmings has dedicated her life to public service, including a nearly three-decade-long career in the Orlando Police Department.

In 2007, she became the city's first female police chief.

On then-presidential hopeful Joe Biden's shortlist for vice president, Congresswoman Demmings became the first woman and one of the first African Americans to prosecute a

presidential impeachment before the U.S. Senate, where she serves on the House Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Intelligence Committees.

"You all know my history. I grew up the daughter of a maid and a janitor in Jacksonville, Florida," the Congresswoman offered.

"The youngest of seven children, I watched my father go to work every day, working odd jobs to keep a roof over our heads. I was the first in my family to graduate college. I worked as a social worker, law enforcement officer, and now a member of Congress."

Oprah Winfrey

NEW YORK — Oprah Winfrey will be the opening keynote speaker, and actor Keanu Reeves will be speaking about his new graphic novel, at the U.S. Book Show, the virtual book publishing trade show presented by Publishers Weekly. The news was announced yesterday in the New York Times.

Oprah Winfrey will give the opening keynote speech on May 25, 2021 at



10:45 a.m. EDT. She will discuss her newest book, What Happened to You?:

Conversations on Trauma, Resilience and Healing, co-written with Bruce D. Perry, a child psychiatrist and neuroscientist. The book, released by Flatiron on April 27, discusses how people's earliest personal experiences shape their entire lives. The book offers a new way to understand the way people behave. Winfrey, one of the biggest supporters of all members of the book industry, will also offer comments on her love for books and authors and offer her

appreciation and encouragement for all those who support them.

In a spotlight author/illustrator discussion, actor Keanu Reeves (creator, co-writer) and Matt Kindt (co-writer), with Ron Garney (illustrator), of BRZRKR, vol. 1 (Boom! Studios), will be interviewed by Calvin Reid, senior news editor of Publishers Weekly. The discussion is to be held on May 25, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT.

The latest celebrity speakers join a slate of lu-

minaries, including Elizabeth Warren, the senior Senator from Massachusetts and 2020 Presidential contender; New York Times bestselling author Ijeoma Oluo (So You Want to Talk About Race and Mediocore); Padma Lakshmi, host and executive producer of Bravo's Emmy® Award-winning Top Chef and host and executive producer of Hulu's Taste the Nation; Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Doerr (All the Light We Cannot See); musician

and actor Stevie Van Zandt; and Brian Selznick, Caldecott Medal-winning creator of The Invention of Hugo Cabret, which was adapted into the Oscar®-winning film Hugo.

The inaugural U.S. Book Show is a three-day virtual conference conceived and crafted by Publishers Weekly to build buzz about Fall 2021 books and to serve the bookselling, library, media and book publishing

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COVID 19: My personal battle from a positive to a negative result

By Jeffrey L. Boney,
NNPA Contributor

The journey for me started with a very slight cough. On March 17th, I started experiencing internal digestive symptoms that I initially assumed was a result of me not eating anything that day. It was a Tuesday, which meant it was Press Day at the *Houston Forward Times*, where I serve as the Associate Editor.

The next day, I not only had a continuous loss of appetite, I also had stomach pain and was experiencing heavy and unusual bouts of diarrhea. I even had an episode where I went to the bathroom and while on the way, I passed out and was disoriented. I woke up lying on the floor in a sweat, trying to figure out what happened to me. I drank lots of water, tried natural remedies and ceased all of my normal activities. None of that worked or changed my situation.

I self-quarantined and self-isolated for eight days – from Tuesday, March 17th to Wednesday, March 25th. During that time, I contacted my primary care physician, who informed me that continuing to self-quarantine was probably the best option at the time, considering the symptoms I was experiencing.

On Friday, March 27th, things took a drastic turn for the worse, as it relates to my health. I began to cough, and what I thought would be regular phlegm coming out, turned out to be a significant amount of bright red blood. As this continued to happen, I made the decision to call Dr. Varon and share my update. After hearing my status, Dr. Varon implored me to come to the UMMC Emergency Room (ER) immediately, which I prepared to do.

Before I got off the phone with him, however, he hit me with the update I was anxious to finally receive,

but with some news I was definitely hoping and praying not to hear. Dr. Varon informed me that I had tested "POSITIVE" for the Coronavirus.

It was decided that I needed to be admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) right away. It was then that I realized how serious things were, and it was the moment that I knew that I was going to have to rely on my faith in God.

Not only did I have a severe case of pneumonia when I entered ICU, my liver and kidneys also needed to be protected from the virus; my heart rate was through the roof; my heart condition worsened and I was headed to the point of potential heart failure; my blood pressure was high; I had a sharp pain in my right side; I continued to have heavy diarrhea episodes; and I still had a loss of appetite. Things were not looking good for me and I felt horrible. I began to wonder if I was ever going to get better.

From the very beginning, I had to rely on my faith in God, as I continued to deal with the mental anguish of being in this Coronavirus-specific ICU area, particularly knowing that there were people around with breathing issues and hearing machines go off all day and night, and as I regularly looked at the news and read reports showing the number of people dying on a daily basis as a result of the virus.

I needed a miracle.

Because I didn't have any respiratory issues, just digestive issues, it caused the doctors to develop a treatment plan for me that was different than other patients they had been treating prior to my arrival to the hospital. Dr. Varon and Dr. Joseph Gathe, Jr. oversaw my care. They created a whole Coronavirus cocktail, which included heavy doses of Vitamin C, which was specific to my treatment. Per Dr.

Varon, my case taught them that they must use high dose blood thinners on every Coronavirus patient admitted to the hospital.

After several days, my symptoms began to subside, and my appetite came back in a major way. I longed for my breakfast, lunch and dinner, and couldn't wait to eat it. Dr. Varon eventually informed me that all of my vital organs had returned to normal and that my blood work and vital signs were solid.

Finally, I felt like I was turning a corner and getting better. That was until a second CT Scan was performed, which revealed more shocking and devastating news regarding my health condition.

When the results of my second CT Scan came back, it revealed that I had been diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism in my right lung. A pulmonary embolism occurs when blood clots block the flow of blood to the lungs. A pulmonary embolism can be fatal and life-threatening, which is why Dr. Varon and his team promptly took the necessary steps to address the blood clot and reduce my risk of death. I was immediately placed on blood thinner medication.

I continued to follow the instructions of the doctors until I received that wonderful news that on Sunday, April 5th, I had made significant and miraculous improvement, and subsequently was being discharged to go home to my family. I was so thrilled, yet still deeply concerned because I still didn't know whether I was still "POSITIVE" with the Coronavirus. I was concerned about my family and praying they would be fine. Prior to being discharged, I had another COVID-19 test done and was awaiting the results. I self-isolated once again, until I got my second test results. After several days, I got the results and

tested "NEGATIVE" for the virus. Because I wanted to be completely sure before interacting with my family again, the doctors administered another COVID-19 test and those results came back "NEGATIVE" as well.

This was a long and faith-filled journey, to which I still am slated to have to deal with this blood clot in my right lung for the next six months or so. I will continue to fight and do what I am supposed to do. In the meantime, I am encouraging everyone, especially my African American brothers and sisters, to get tested. I believe everyone should be tested immediately, regardless of whether you have symptoms or not. This is NOT a drill. This virus is unrepentant and aggressive and can spread quickly to anyone who comes in contact with it. Listen to your local leaders and medical professionals to help stop the community spread. I am a living witness that you can contract this virus and how it impacts you. Don't ignore your symptoms and don't ignore the seriousness of this virus.

Giants can be intimidating. The fight can many times be tough. Sometimes we lose. Sometimes we win. The common thread in winning versus losing is giving it all you have when you are in the midst of a fight. In the Bible, David showed us that giants can indeed fall. This was my journey and this is my testimony. I am forever grateful to God and to everyone who uttered a prayer, shared an encouraging word, providing any resources or sent positive energy my way.

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Multicultural partners, teaming up to spring into the endzone and beat COVID-19

By Darryl Sellers

With spring in the air and summer breezes soon to follow, I know we're all anxious to get our pre-pandemic lives back and enjoy the rituals and routines we hold so dear. However, the United States isn't quite out of the woods before it conquers COVID-19. Vaccine hesitancy and variants are still hanging in the balance, which could hinder our path to herd immunity.

Staying diligent as communities of color work arduously to cross the finish line to beat COVID-19 was the key theme during a recent Facebook Live event. The Black Coalition Against COVID (BCAC) hosted a town hall which was a collaboration among and between Asian American and Pacific Islander, Hispanic, American Indian, and African American communities to fight the virus together.

Minority organizations and communities that partnered with the BCAC include:

- Ad Council
- American Public Health Association
- A.T. Still University
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
- Association of American Indian Physicians
- Association Asian Pacific Community Health Organization (APPCHO)
- CDC Foundation
- Health Alliance Network
- Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
- National Black Nurses Association
- National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
- National Hispanic Medical Association



- National Medical Association
- National Urban League
- Rual Health Service Provider Network
- Salud America! Program
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- White House COVID-19 Response Team

Dr. Reed Tuckson, a co-founder of the BCAC, kicked off late April's Making It Plain event by telling the more than 95,000 viewers that we're very close to reaching a historical moment to defeat this more-than-year-long pandemic. But he reminded viewers that it's crucial for communities of color to keep forging forward by doubling down, practicing preventative measures, and keeping our guards up.

Echoing this sense of urgency and the ethnic community's need to be committed to push through the pandemic was Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. He used a football metaphor that set the tone for the 90-minute multicultural collaboration event to fight COVID-19.

"It's extremely important that we get into the endzone here," Dr. Benjamin said. If we don't do this right, we'll find ourselves on the 15-yard line bobbling the ball

and losing the game. So we have to really work hard to get there."

The arduous work to get into the endzone and beat the pandemic is facing President Joe Biden's Administration, which has a new goal of administering at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to 70 percent of American adults by July 4th and also have 160 million adults fully vaccinated by then in hopes of getting our country closer to herd immunity by this summer.

One of the important leaders who is working very hard to help President Biden's push to end the pandemic is Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League. He's a fearless advocate of community-based efforts that began one year ago in the battle against COVID-19. Morial, who recently received his second vaccine shot to fight COVID-19, said mobile sites, mass vaccination sites, and community-based sites are some of the important programs that must continue in our community's fight to beat the virus. He also spoke about another key initiative that will be vital in getting more shots into the arms of our communities of color.

"The National Urban League will soon initiate its own community-based

effort, working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control in 25 plus communities to encourage people and to provide information around the COVID vaccines as well as immunizations broadly defined," Morial said. "In the end, it's about healthy communities. It's about safe communities. And it's about getting past this pandemic."

Charysse Nunez, the insights lead for the Ad Council's COVID-19 campaign, said another key to beating the pandemic is to provide the best possible information to guide conversations in all minority communities. According to the Ad Council's hot-off-the-press data from early May, approximately 50-60 percent of Black Americans have been or intend to get vaccinated, which is on par with the general population. Nunez said overall, 25-30 percent of our communities of color are still waiting in the balance with a wait-and-see mindset.

Nunez said some people in our ethnic communities in the wait-and-see category, are still not convinced that vaccine safety and efficacy outweigh the risks of taking the vaccine. She told the audience about the importance of having trusted messengers to provide education with clear and digestible information that addresses the core questions from our communities of color. Nunez said these are some of the strong pillars that will help build vaccine confidence.

"Ultimately, empowering with information," Nunez said, "really inspire consideration by creating a surround sound of facts again that confirm safety, elevate testimonials and personal stories to help demonstrate

the protective benefits and the outcomes of getting vaccinated. Really building a cultural consensus and connection in partnership with Medical professionals, I mean they do have a great deal of weight in validating that the vaccines are effective."

Sharing some of the good springtime news about the pandemic was Dr. Cameron Webb of the White House COVID-19 Response Team. He said the United States is trending in the right direction, including a recent decrease of 19 percent in the number of COVID-19 related cases. Dr. Webb credits vaccination programs across the country for this progress. He also used a football analogy to remind all communities of color that they must continue to move forward during the pandemic's make-or-break moment and as we make gradual strides toward normalcy. It's a battle we will win if ALL communities continue to team up to defeat the virus.

"Just know, we're not

spiking the football," Dr. Webb said. "From our perspective we've got a long way to go. We've got a lot more people to protect, a lot more lives to save, and we're going to keep working."

To see a replay of this BCAC Facebook Live event in its entirety, go to Making It Plain: Minority Health Professionals and Community Organizations Fight COVID Together. For a list of upcoming events, COVID-19 health and wellness information, and other events, also go to BlackDoctor.org, the world's largest and most comprehensive online health resource specifically targeted to African Americans.

For more information about COVID-19, health, and wellness, see Black Coalition Against COVID-19, a key health resource for African Americans.

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Texas NAACP and LULAC blast GOP maneuvers over SB7

Texas is one of many states looking at its voting practices in the wake of a contentious election many on the right still call questionable.

SB 7 is the product of a GOP-led push in the State Senate to clamp down on voter fraud. Opponents of the legislation liken it to voter suppression. The bill passed in the Senate, and then the House. But the house version came back with changes that lawmakers on the senate side are not happy with.

One example of this is a ban on drive-through voting, which was removed in the House version. That,



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along with other actions which include limiting the available hours of polling locations, has some on the Democratic side of Austin feeling that the legislation will significantly impact minority voters.

In an effort to reach a

piece of legislation that can be acceptable to both sides of the Texas government, the measure will now move to a conference committee.

On Tuesday, Gary L. Bedsoe and Rudy Rosales, presidents of the state NAACP and LULAC re-

spectively, issued a joint statement in the form of a letter to Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Texas Senator Brian Hughes after discovering a lack of minority voices in the committee which will be crafting the amended legislation.

"We have just received word that the Conference Committee for SB7 has been announced and no African-American nor Latino members were appointed," the letter signed by both Bedsoe and Rosales read. "Since SB7 and HB6 will have a far greater and negative impact on the Black and Brown communities of this State, we are sorely

disappointed in this decision. In 2010 the Census recorded the Texas adult population as 49.4 percent Latino and African-American combined, and our State Demographer says of 4 million new Texans, 52 percent are Latino and 15 percent are African-American. This means that one of the primary purposes of the Voting Rights Act, to give meaningful and equitable voices to Latinos and African-Americans, is being transgressed upon once again. Our organizations have come together to express our outrage and disappointment of this seemingly intentional over-

sight."

Texas is not alone in addressing this issue. Similar legislation has been raised in Florida and Georgia, the latter of which raised enough ire to move a MLB baseball game out of the state. Democrats are also tackling this issue on the national stage by trying to pass the For the People Act, which aims to ease demands on voters access, combat gerrymandering and address "dark money" in political campaigns. The act passed the U.S. House, but has stalled in the Senate where it has met with fierce resistance from Republican senators.

Federal grand jury indicts Chauvin, other officers in George Floyd death

By Stacy M. Brown
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Civil Rights Attorney Ben Crump and members of his team who won a \$27 million civil judgment in favor of George Floyd's family and whose relentless work in the case helped lead to a rare conviction of a police officer in the death of a Black person, applauded new federal indictments in the case on Friday, May 7.

"Today's federal indictment for criminal, civil rights violations associated with the murder of George Floyd reinforces the strength and wisdom of the United States Constitution," Crump said in a combined statement with attorneys Antonio Romanucci and L. Chris Stewart.

A federal grand jury handed down indictments against four former Minneapolis police officers at the scene of Floyd's 2020 death.

The indictment charges the officers with violating Floyd's constitutional rights.

It alleges that Derek Chauvin, the former cop convicted in April on state murder charges, deprived Floyd of the right to be free from unreasonable seizure



Chauvin, Thao, Kueng, and the fourth officer, Thomas Lane, all face a charge for failing to give Floyd medical aid.

by a police officer.

Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng also were hit with federal indictments after failing to stop Chauvin from fatally wounding Floyd.

Chauvin pressed his knee into Floyd's neck and back for 9 minutes and 29 seconds, continuing even after EMT workers who arrived at the scene could not detect a pulse.

Chauvin, Thao, Kueng, and the fourth officer, Thomas Lane, all face a charge for failing to give Floyd medical aid.

"The defendants saw George Floyd lying on the ground in clear need of medical care and willfully failed to aid Floyd, thereby acting with deliberate indifference to a substantial risk of harm to Floyd," the grand jury charged.

Additional charges were lodged against Chauvin re-

lated to his use of "unreasonable force" on a 14-year-old in September 2017.

The indictment noted that Chauvin "held the teenager by the throat and struck the teenager multiple times in the head with a flashlight." Chauvin further "held his knee on the neck and the upper back of the teenager even after the teenager was lying prone, handcuffed, and unresisting, also resulting in bodily injury."

While Chauvin faces as much as 40 years in prison after his conviction on state charges, Thao, Kueng, and Lane are scheduled to stand trial in August on charges of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter.

Each has pleaded not guilty.

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Keeping watch...



Lt. Jonathan Gazaille, from Arlington, Texas, stands watch in the Helicopter Control Tower aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117) during exercise At-Sea Demo/Formidable Shield, May 15, 2021. Exercise At-Sea Demo/Formidable Shield, is a joint live-fire integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) exercise conducted by Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO on behalf of U.S. Sixth Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Nathan T. Beard/Released)

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District 6 Teachers and Principals Shine!



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
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I am proud to say we have outstanding teachers and principals in District 6, who deserve our thanks and praise for the work they do every day. I'd like to spread a little of that praise their way.

First, congratulations to Ms. Seneca Denman of Boude Storey Middle School, who was recently named Dallas ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year – one of three teachers chosen in their grade-level



Seneca Denman

categories for Teacher of the Year. A social studies teacher, Ms. Denman is department chair at Boude Storey and a campus role model for her peers. Her classes consistently earn

double-digit gains on local and state assessments. Ms. Denman is a distinguished teacher who is dedicated to the middle grades, and her greatest joy is seeing former students all grown

up and leading successful lives.

District 6 also boasts two nominees for Principal of the Year. They are Principal Stephanie McCloud of Umphrey Lee Elementary and Principal Kimberly Richardson of Marsalis STEAM Academy. Dallas ISD principals are now voting on who they think should win the award in each of three categories: elementary, secondary, and choice/magnet nominees. Good luck to you both!

Dallas ISD is excited to welcome students back to campus

With COVID-19 cases continuing to decline, district leaders are confident

every school can safely open to students when classes start again in August.

Safety will remain the top priority when students return next year, and every campus will continue following the CDC-recommended cleaning and safety protocols to keep everyone healthy.

Robotics championships, here we come!

Barbara Jordan Elementary in District 6 is one of 13 Dallas ISD schools advancing to the VEX Robotics World Championship taking place from May 24-29. The teams will compete virtually from their school and use video cameras to

capture the action as well as communicate with teams from all over the world. We wish them all the best!

Bond 2020 website highlights first round of projects

The first projects of the \$3.5B Bond 2020 package approved by voters in November are detailed on the new Bond 2020 website. The projects include 13 proposed replacement schools, new furniture for all district schools, wrought iron fencing for secondary schools and installation of turf on district football fields. Read all the details at <https://www.dallasisd.org/bond2020>.

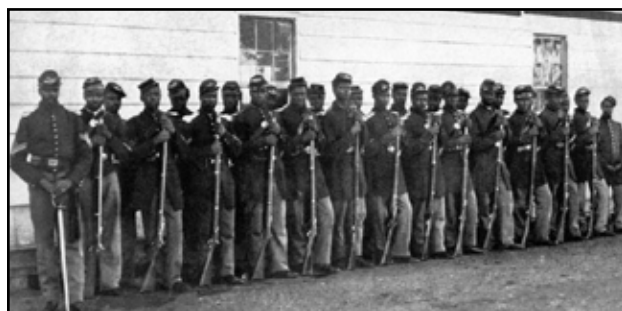
Black Civil War regiment honored in Detroit highway

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

Officials in Detroit have unveiled the 102nd United States Colored Troop Memorial Highway, honoring the heroic African American Infantry Regiment formed during the Civil War in 1863.

The dedication of a portion of I-375 took place at the same spot where the regiment was first organized.

"You will never overcome anything that you are



"You will never overcome anything that you are not willing to confront. And I think that what these men did when they confronted racism, they confronted white supremacy head-on. They won," said Senator Coleman Young II. (Photo: Detroit Historical Society Facebook Page)

not willing to confront. And I think that what these men did when they confronted racism, they confronted white supremacy head-on.

They won," said former city lawmaker Senator Coleman Young II during the ceremony.

According to the De-

troit Historical Society, the 1,400-person troop – which included 845 escaped slaves, were initially called the Corps d'Afrique by the Detroit Free Press.

After forming, they became the 102nd United States Colored Infantry.

"The regiment was made entirely of volunteers from Canada and Detroit that were formed through Detroit's Black leaders' efforts," historians noted.

"In all, about 1,400 Black soldiers enlisted, and of these, 1,000 had been born in slave states. Raised at

Camp Ward, the troops were commanded by White officers, paid no bounty, and allotted ten dollars per month with one ration per day, while three dollars of their monthly pay was deducted for clothing."

The regiment saw service in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida during several civil war engagements.

They fought Confederate forces throughout November 1864, engaging at Honey Hill, Tillifany, and Deveau Neck.

"Their bravery was shown on multiple occa-

sions, such as Gorhamsville, when they repulsed an enemy charge and countercharged, for which they received official commendations from their officers," Detroit Historical Society officials noted.

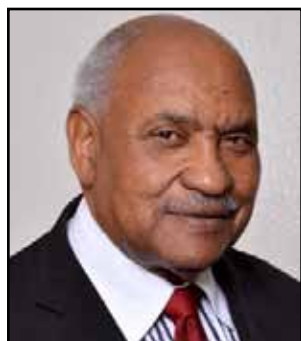
These officers said that "The artillery from the expedition suffered severely from the enemy's fire, so many horses being killed that two guns had to be abandoned, but the men of the First hauled them off by hand, and they were saved."

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What must be done with White Reconstruction

By Dr. John E. Warren
Publisher, *The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint*

While many are watching 47 out of the 50 States propose and enact Voter Suppression Laws, the question becomes one of what can we as individuals do to counter such attacks against us? First we must acknowledge the real agenda of those hiding behind the Republican Party's control of state legislatures, embracing Donald Trump's lie that the election was stolen. The reality is that conservative white republicans are engaged in attempts to



recreate the conditions that existed by 1901 when all Black elected officials were removed from office at both the national and state level. This was the result of the deal made with the South to have no national interference with State's Rights. The result was there were

no Blacks elected to Congress between 1901 (John Roy Lynch from Mississippi) and 1928 (Oscar De Priest from Chicago).

Today in 2021, it is the Republican Party (GOP), under the out-of-office leadership of Donald Trump, that is using voter suppression laws in 47 states and the soon-to-be redistricting of congressional districts under the 2020 Census, as required by the U.S. Constitution every ten years, that will seek to usher in a modern day "Reconstruction". This modern day reconstruction will once again have lim-

ited voting by people of color and election officials in state offices that can change voting results and select Electoral College delegates when they don't like voter's choices.

With state courts and the U.S. Supreme Court stacked with judges appointed by a Republican Senate, clearly the stage has been set for court decisions that will further solidify the suppression of civil rights decisions at all levels.

Unlike one hundred years ago, we know what's coming and what we can do to stop such actions. We know that from the in-

crease in hate crimes and racism, much of it fueled by the actions of our former President, that racism on the part of conservative and right wing whites is fear of the "browning" of America. This "browning" exists in an America in which Whites are a minority among other ethnic groups such as Blacks, Latinos and Asians.

Blacks, Whites and all people of color who believe in our democratic form of government for what it does mean under a Constitution that guarantees human and civil rights, must come together to help

each other. We can do this by registering to vote, selecting and funding people to run for office against the Republican "Reconstruction" program described here. We must replicate the state of Georgia's experience in both voter turnout and election of the right people

at all levels of government. We must not lose sight of the real plan behind voter suppression and the Republican Party.

Let's call the Republican Party's agenda for what it is, The New Reconstruction 2021, and let's get busy dealing with it at all levels.

Two council seats in runoff races in Carrollton

Carrollton Residents can vote early in the City of Carrollton's Runoff Election beginning Monday, May 24 through Tuesday, June 1. There will be no early voting on Monday, May 31, in observance of the Memorial

Day holiday. Election Day is Saturday, June 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Carrollton City Council Place 5 and Place 7 will be on the ballot. Names on the ballot for the June 5 Runoff Election include:

Councilmember Place 5

- Nancy Cline
- Annette W. Reese

Councilmember Place 7

- H.A. "Rusty" Pendleton
- D. Michelle Ocker

All registered voters may vote at any voting loca-

tion within their respective County during early voting. Denton County voters will need to report to their assigned precinct if voting on Election Day. Precinct information is available on voters' registration card or can

be found at votedenton.gov. Dallas and Collin County voters can vote at any vote center within their respective county on Election Day.

Photo ID is required to vote in Texas. Find out more information at votetexas.gov.

Irving plans to honor veterans at May 30 event

Honor Irving veterans at a Memorial Day Service May 30 hosted by the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. The guest speaker will be Irving Councilman Mark Zeske and the moment of reflection will be by retired United States Air Force Master Sergeant Damon L. Southard. The Silvertones - under the direction of Woody Schober and accompanied by Matthew Newsom, Joshua Ellis (trumpet) and Dylan Newsom (saxophone) - will perform.



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The ceremony will take place 2:30 p.m. May 30 at the Jack D. Huffman Community Building Auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd.

A ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park Wall of Commemora-

tion, 644 Rock Island Road, following the program. The city will continue to follow all county and state regulations in place at the time of the event.

For more information, call (972) 721-2501.

For those planning to move about on public transit on Memorial Day, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) rail and buses will follow a Sunday schedule for the Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 31. In addition, the South Irving GoLink Zone and the Trin-

ity Railway Express (TRE) rail line will not operate.

DART's Paratransit Services will run a Saturday schedule, and the Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed. Customers may call Thursday, May 27, to book trips through Monday, May 31, and Friday, May 28, to book their trips through Tuesday, June 1. Customers can also schedule, view and cancel trips 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at DART.org/Paratransit.

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industry. The event is live-streaming and available on-demand through August 31, 2021.

Publishers Weekly will donate a portion of the proceeds of the U.S. Book

Show to Boys & Girls Clubs of America in support of its literacy programming, including Summer Brain Gain.

The show runs May 25 - 27, 2021, and features

a wide array of editor, book and author panels; livestreaming Q&A sessions with editors; topical library panels; programming geared to publishing professionals; networking opportunities and awards celebrations; and robust ex-

hibit halls featuring 200+ publishers.

To view the show sched-

ule and registration information, go to <https://www.usbookshow.com>.

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to be committed to life, liberty, and justice, and we are seeing this realized in the justice George Floyd continues to receive," Crump stated.

"This comes after hundreds of years of American history in which Black Americans, unfortunately, did not receive equal justice. The constitutional violations that George suffered are clear and were also detailed by our civil litigation team last July."

Crump continued:

"Further, the additional indictment of Derek Chauvin shows a pattern and practice of behavior. We are encouraged by these charges and eager to see continued justice in this historic case that will impact Black citizens and all Americans for generations to come."

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Environmental racism is real, destructive and deadly

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

For many, Earth Day stands as a reminder of everyone's role as stewards of the planet.

It's a time to reflect and to plan ahead for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Still, for many others, it's also a stark reminder about how African Americans and other minorities are often forgotten when it comes to the protection of their communities.

A March 2019 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) found that Whites experience 17 percent less pollution caused by their consumption of goods and services.

On the other hand, Blacks and Hispanics experience 56 percent and 63 percent, respectively, more pollution than their consumption would generate.

Whites experience a "pollution advantage" while Blacks and Hispanics experience a "pollution burden."

On his global issues blog, Dr. Robert Bullard said the study builds on a growing body of environmental justice literature showing racial and ethnic disparities in air pollution exposure.

It shows that particulate matter exposure in the U.S. is disproportionately caused by consumption patterns of Whites and inhaled by people of color minority, said Bullard, the former dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University and the founding director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University.

Known as the father of Environmental Justice, Dr. Bullard currently serves as a Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University.

"Our Environmental Justice movement has been trying to change this and



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related environmental inequities for the past four decades," Bullard said.

While the study takes a somewhat different approach in examining disparities in air pollution exposure by examining consumption of goods and services, "its findings once again reveal blacks and Hispanics bear a disproportionate 'pollution burden' or costs, while Whites experience 'pollution advantage' or benefits," Dr. Bullard said.

"There is a clear disparity between the pollution White people cause and the pollution to which they are exposed," he said.

The study concludes that "pollution inequity is driven by differences among racial-ethnic groups in both exposure and the consumption that leads to the exposure."

There's a name for this inequity, Dr. Bullard said. "It's called environmental racism," he said, noting a term coined by NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Chavis, who is also known as the "Godfather of the Environmental Justice Movement," first coined and defined the term environmental racism in his 1983 work, "Toxic Wastes

and Race in the United States."

Chavis said environmental racism is racial discrimination in the deliberate targeting of communities of color for toxic waste facilities, the official sanctioning of the presence of life-threatening poisons and pollutants near com-

munities of color and the history of excluding people of color from leadership of the environmental movement.

The civil rights leader also noted that there are different forms of racism, "yet environmental racism is a particularly insidious and intentional form of racism that negatively affects millions of Black, Native Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans, as well as people of color around the world."

"Environmental justice is the corrective antidote to the reality and prevalence of environmental racism," Chavis said.

While studies like the one performed by PNAS continue to reveal that race is a major predictor of exposure to goods and services to air pollution, conditions aren't helped when politics come into play.

Particularly, the NEPA Act has come into the cross hairs of the president.

The NEPA ACT requires review of federal projects before they proceed

— among other things to assess environmental, human health and socioeconomic impacts on communities.

Properly implemented, it gives every person a voice in decisions affecting the wellbeing of their local community, from providing comments on project design to pointing out how a project could harm clean air and water, according to Earth Justice.

It's far more than an obscure environmental statute: The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe made use of the law to fight back against the Dakota Access Pipeline project in 2017.

Advocates are charging that the Trump administration violated core NEPA protections in its quest to build its border wall.

Simply put, NEPA is one of the most effective tools in the fight against environmental racism.

It is essential to ensuring that communities of color, who so often bear a disproportionate pollution burden, get a say in the decision-making processes

that are most likely to affect their health, resiliency, and vitality, environmental experts said.

And without robust NEPA requirements, policymakers are left to make decisions that will have real impacts without a full understanding of the consequences.

"The underlying message of environmentally racist tactics and strategies is that certain neighborhoods and certain people matter less than others, and that geographical vulnerability is inevitable when in fact it is socially constructed to be this way," said Dr. Deborah J. Cohan, an associate professor of Sociology in the Department of Social Sciences at the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

"The problem with racism and society's response to it is that we have failed to see this most basic thing: that in order to do that much damage to a community, one must so thoroughly objectify and dehu-

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Film Review: 'The Underground Railroad' is a well-crafted tale

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

For anyone who tunes into The Underground Railroad on Amazon Prime Video, it's important to understand the genius of what you're watching. It's equally important to understand that you may not like what you see—to the point of revulsion.

The award-winning novel by Colson Whitehead has been adapted for the screen by screenwriter Jihan Crowther with an assist by director Barry Jenkins, Jacqueline Hoyt, Nathan Parker Allison Davis and Adrienne Rush. On the earth, there is constant drama and strife centered around the institution of slavery. Cora (Thuso Mbedu) is a runaway slave in a perpetual state of escape. She's hunted by an evil white slave tracker Ridgeway (Joel Edgerton, Loving) and his diminutive, 11-year-old Black sidekick Homer (Chase Dillon). The three are involved in a violent cat-and-mouse game that plays out through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana in the 1800s. During this chase, Cora's psyche resides in an inner netherworld filled with PTSD and her incessant



Thuso Mbedu in *The Underground Railroad*. (Photo: Kyle Kaplan)

trauma is charted in 10 episodes.

For many viewers, especially during the first five chapters, determining how long they will stick with the streaming series depends on their threshold for sadistic images, killings, child abuse, beatings, attempted rape, extremely racist language, lead characters unable to see what's coming next and forced slave breeding. Says Cora to her mate: "We better have sex or master gonna be mad." So, beware. Grit your teeth. Take the gut punches. Or don't.

Experiencing this sadistic slave/master dynamic is like watching *The Birth of a Nation* on an endless loop. Not the tragic but inspiring one made by Nate Parker in 2016 that eventually displayed enough valor to leave behind a spirit of

empowerment. Closer to the hopelessly cruel silent movie made by D.W. Griffith in 1915 that marveled at white supremacy and blacks suffering like it was predestined.

Seemingly the images of corpses standing in cotton fields, people floating down holes and slaves gathered to watch other slaves lashed and burned to death may have an ulterior motive. As if dragging viewers' emotions through a living hell will lead to epiphanies. That may be a social, psychological goal of the book and the film, but it will be curious to see if viewers feel that the emotional debt they're ringing up ever has a justifiable payoff. There are scenes and plot devices where Blacks have created sanctuaries for runaways and opportunities for the maligned to tell their sto-

ries. But still is the crass humiliation on view ever equally balanced enough by human payback or divine retribution?

Bullwhips cracking on black skin start the movie. Bullwhips cracking on black skin practically end the movie. Yes, there are incidents in this film that were probably routine in the slave era and the filmmakers may be trying to make an honest attempt at exposing that harsh past. But don't be surprised if some skeptical viewers may feel like they're watching over-the-top slavery porn. The storyline is fiction, the characters too and the railroad train barreling through an underground tunnel is a metaphor. What is done for realism and done purely for effect is a creative decision. Nothing more.

Regardless of anyone's trepidation, a great reason to at least peek in on this series is the incredible work of the gifted artists who give this allegory their best effort. Chief among them is director/writer Barry Jenkins (*Moonlight*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*). He keeps a consistent tone and pulls the finest performances from his entire cast. His style, eye and sensibility are less like a filmmaker, more like a painter.

Every frame of this film is astonishingly beautiful, eerie or dreamy. Cinematographer James Laxton (*If Beale Street...*) is Jenkins' brush. Art director Richard L. Johnson is the paint. Production designer Mark Friedberg (*If Beale Street...*) provides the canvas. Set decorator Lisa Scoppa arranges the objects. While costume designer Caroline Eselin (*If Beale Street...*) adds clothes to the subjects and Nicholas Britell's score haunts every crevice.

The cast exhibits impeccable ensemble acting, shedding light on the sympathetic and/or despicable characters. With special accolades to the three leads. Equal praise to Aaron Pierre and William Jackson Harper as Cora's lovers. Peter Mullan for playing Ridgeway's father and Fred Hechlinger for portraying the young Ridgeway. Sheila Atim makes Cora's mom bright but enigmatic. While Amber Gray and Peter De Jersey embody the ultimate

power couple lording over a Black utopian homestead. Says De Jersey interpreting the role of John Valentine in Episode 8 in one of the few instances of fiery rhetoric: "I would rather burn it (the farm) to the ground than give it away. If you give a white man a piece, he's coming for all of it."

The *Underground Railroad* is not like *Harriet* or *Twelve Years A Slave*, where there is a clear reward for watching misery. It's not shallowly exploitative or shamelessly titillating like Tarantino's *Django*. This ingeniously crafted ode to the enslaved is meant to share pain and enlighten. How successful it is at doing either will spark a lot of conversations. As will the debate about whether the crass humiliation on view is ever fairly balanced by any human payback or divine retribution.

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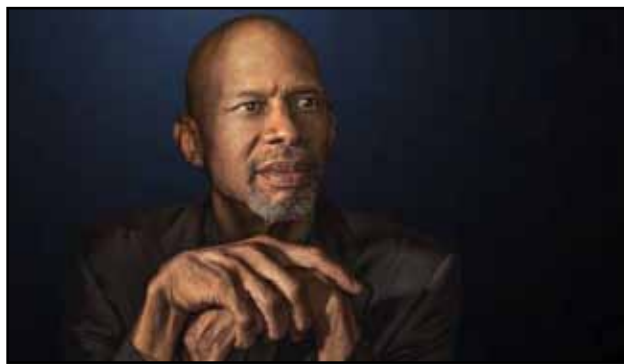


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NBA creates annual Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion Award to honor player activism

NEW YORK — The NBA today announced the creation of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion award, a new annual honor that will recognize a current NBA player for pursuing social justice and upholding the league's decades-long values of equality, diversity and inclusion.

The award is named after six-time NBA champion and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who has dedicated his life to the fight for equality. The recipient will have advanced Abdul-Jabbar's mission to drive change and inspired others to reflect on injustice and take collective action in their communities over the previous year.



All 30 NBA teams will be eligible to nominate one player from their roster to be the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion. The finalists and winner will be selected by a seven-member committee composed of NBA legends, league executives and social justice leaders. (Photo via NNPA)

The winner of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion honor will select an organization to receive a \$100,000 contribution on his behalf. The other four finalists will each select an organization to receive a \$25,000 contribution.

"I'm honored and grate-

ful to be associated with this award that will recognize the dedicated and selfless people fighting to promote social justice for all marginalized people," said NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. "To me, it's another giant step in the right direction for the country and all people who

value equality."

"Kareem Abdul-Jabbar exemplifies the values of the NBA and the long history of social activism in our league," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver. "With this new award, we are proud to recognize and celebrate NBA players who are following Kareem's lead by using their influence to make a profound impact around important issues of equality and social justice."

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Abdul-Jabbar has been a champion of inclusivity dating to his youth. At 17, he met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Abdul-Jabbar's hometown of Harlem, N.Y. Inspired by King's message, Abdul-Jabbar committed to using his influence as a visible athlete to be an activist during the Civil Rights Movement. He attended the 1967 Cleveland Summit where Bill Russell, Jim Brown and other prominent Black athletes gathered to discuss Muhammad Ali's refusal to serve in the Vietnam War, one of several important moments in the history of Black athlete activism. Abdul-Jabbar has continued to promote equality and combat discrimination in the decades since his retirement from basketball.

In 2016, former President Barack Obama awarded him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. In 2009, Abdul-Jabbar created the Skyhook Foundation, aimed at providing educational STEM opportunities to underserved communities.

One of the most accomplished players in NBA history, Abdul-Jabbar holds league records for regular-season MVP awards (six), All-Star Game selections (19) and career points (38,387). He played 20 seasons in the NBA after leading UCLA to three consecutive national championships.

Additional details regarding the inaugural award will be announced at a later date.

Moody Fund For The Arts awards a record \$400,000 to small Dallas arts groups

The Moody Fund for the Arts (MFA) is awarding a record \$400,000 in grants to 54 small Dallas arts organizations. The applications approved this year include funding for new works and commissions, general program and operating costs, capacity building, and community performances/artist in residency categories. The

groups represent a broad cross section of small, emerging and ethnic arts organizations and numerous art forms.

"This has been a challenging time for our arts community, and it is so important these smaller arts organizations are not overlooked when it comes to support," said Francie

Moody-Dahlberg, executive director and chairman of The Moody Foundation which in 2017 endowed MFA with a \$10M grant.

This is the fourth year of grants for the MFA, bringing the total amount to \$1,080,000. MFA is one of the few endowments nationwide devoted solely to funding a city's small arts

organizations.

The first two years of MFA granting was \$150,000 in 2018, and \$175,000 in 2019. In re-

sponse to the economic devastation caused to the arts by the pandemic, last year MFA stepped in with \$355,000 in grants, more

than double the previous two years combined. This year exceeds adds another \$45,000 bring it to \$400,000.

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May (mayo) 29	Saturday (<i>sábado</i>)	8a.m. to 5p.m.	
May (mayo) 30	Sunday (<i>domingo</i>)	1p.m. to 6p.m.	
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ConocoPhillips heads diversity and inclusion efforts in the oil and gas industry

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

With projections that half of its workforce will consist of minorities by 2040, the oil and gas industry has continued to recruit individuals of color, women, veterans, and groups that have been mainly underrepresented.

At ConocoPhillips, Shawn Green and Maalika Moore-Thomas each take an optimistic approach to recruiting some of the best minority talent and minds.

Green, the manager of global services and technology, and Moore-Thomas, the senior supplier diversity coordinator, also keep a steady eye on diversity and inclusion with ConocoPhillips' contractors and suppliers.

"My day-to-day is basically working with our diverse suppliers from various backgrounds – minorities,



Shawn Green

LGBTQ community, and veterans – to ensure that our supplier base is well-rounded and to make sure that we have those diverse suppliers that we contract within our oil and gas specific jobs, as well as our professional services jobs," Moore-Thomas asserted.

Green's role is "to set the supply chain approach and strategy for automation, data analytics, and merchant technology," he stated.

"I'm ultimately accountable for the development approach for those programs that are under my



Maalika Moore-Thomas

purview."

Moore-Thomas added that ConocoPhillips and the industry continue to work toward a more inclusive environment that reflects different backgrounds, interests, and perspectives.

Green concurred.

"One of our major initiatives is ensuring we have suppliers for the variety of categories and sourcing opportunities we have," Green remarked.

"It's really about making sure that we have a line of sight to those opportunities and a pipeline to diverse

suppliers."

Added Moore-Thomas, "The importance of diversity is not just talking points or conversation. We believe each person is accountable for creating and sustaining an inclusive work environment. It's important to have diversity in backgrounds, but it's important to have diversity in thought and perspective at each table where decision making takes place."

Raised in a single-family home in Tampa, Florida, Moore-Thomas later attended The Ohio State University and earned two degrees in psychology and criminology.

While working as a buyer for a small company, Moore-Thomas received a message from a ConocoPhillips manager that intrigued her enough to relocate to Houston eventually.

"I became very interested in oil and gas through learn-

ing about how much this industry truly influences the way we work and live," Moore-Thomas said.

"I applied for the position and never looked back."

Green grew up in Houston, where he lived with his grandparents.

He said his primary focus was acquiring an education.

Green attended a magnet high school where engineers from Exxon often mentored him and other students.

Green attended Tulane University, where he majored in chemical engineering, and he later received an MBA with finance and management concentrations.

Both Green and Moore-Thomas have pitched the industry to students at historically Black colleges and universities, and they continue to encourage all minorities about oil and gas.

"I have worked in this in-

dustry for 24 years, but my first exposure was in high school," Green recalled.

"Over the years, I think we've made steady strides in energizing folks to understand the industry more. I know we have more work to do in having that awareness and outreach (regarding diversity and inclusion)."

Moore-Thomas said "all hands are on deck" in creating a more diverse and inclusive industry.

"[We are] figuring out how we can better task force, or diversify, the space," she added.

Green concluded that the industry is keen on developing programs and strategies to increase diversity in the workforce.

"It's a great time to be in the industry," he exclaimed.

"It's a great time to be at the forefront of change. There will be a lot of opportunities."

Philadelphia small business owners are making a way through the pandemic

By David Miree
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Wells Fargo

Music professor Randy Gibson has helped generations of students find and polish their talent at his Gibson School of Music & Arts in Philadelphia, including singer Jazmine Sullivan and The Roots' keyboardist Kamal Gray. This past year hasn't been easy, but like countless other small businesses across Philadelphia and the U.S., Gibson has found a way to keep the school going, day after day, and the business is now celebrating its 26th year.

celebrating its 26th year.

Owning a small business has never been for the faint of heart, and the pandemic coupled the typical stressors of business ownership with additional layers of financial risk and uncertainty. Yet somehow, in 2020 more than 130,000 Pennsylvanians found a way to open new businesses, up 26% from the previous year, according to the U.S. Census.

Bravery, resilience, and sheer grit are all words that come to mind. If small business owners like Gibson are willing to put it all on the line, while simultaneously employing nearly 2.5 million Pennsylvanians and

60 million Americans nationwide, how can we help them recover and rebuild even stronger?

The federal government took a momentous step in creating the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and later reconfiguring the program to ensure that Community Financial Development Institutions (CDFIs), sole proprietors, and diverse entrepreneurs have more opportunities to apply for the funding. This has allowed us at Wells Fargo to help thousands of small businesses across the state keep more than 44,000 Pennsylvanians at work through the program. A significant portion of this population has been comprised of smaller and diverse-owned businesses, with more than 85% of Wells Fargo's PPP applications coming from companies with fewer than 10 employees, and 40% of our PPP lending going to small businesses located in either LMI or Majority-Minority census tracts.

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As part of the Open for

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vided roughly \$10 million in grants to organizations in Pennsylvania, with the majority of funding going to the City of Philadelphia to help businesses remain resilient and rebuild.

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manize the people in it that they become things that can be discarded and forgotten about," Cohan said.

"People's ability to thrive under these hostile condi-

tions is greatly compromised," she said.

Extensive data show that low-income communities of color still breathe the worst air and have exces-

sive rates of pollution-related illnesses like asthma and other respiratory problems, Bruce Mirken a spokesman for The Greenlining Institute, said in an earlier interview.

"As we move away from

oil, coal and gas to fight climate change, we must consciously bring clean energy resources and investment into communities that were for too long used as toxic dumping grounds," Mirken said.

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What would the world be without apple fritters?

Dr. James L. Snyder

Stress is not something new in my life or anybody else's, for that matter. The thing about stress is that you never get used to it, or at least I don't.

I don't know what I would do if one week I had no stress at all. When that happens, I'll let you know.

This past week has not been one of those stress-free weeks. Starting on the very first day of the week, stress poked its nose into my business.

On Monday, as I sat at my office to begin the week's work, I opened up my laptop, and I could not turn it on. It

would not accept my password. I've used that password for as long as I've had the computer. However, today it would not work.

I tried everything, but nothing worked except it worked up my stress level.

Finally, I had to take it to a computer store to fix it. It took them a little over an hour, but they finally fixed it. The tech also set it up so that I did not have to use a password to open up my computer. That eliminated a lot of stress.

I took it home, had lunch, and then went back to the office to begin my work for the

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barber shops and those in need in multiple communities. Plunkett said that "this is 100% change... we are going down the right road."

Deason, a retired sergeant of the Dallas Police Department came onto One Community USA back in June of 2020. He wanted to give back to his community after 31 years as a police officer and repair the fractured relationships between the African American community and first responders. He understood that it was greatly needed. He is the director of the Shop Talk Program within One Community USA. He says that they have added the Euless Police Department, Carrollton Police Department, Desoto, Duncanville, and The Colony Police Departments to their cause.

"Shop talk is more than just going into barber and beauty shops," says Deason, "it is also about being able to provide funds and resources as well to those in need with the first responders."

They have gone so far as to offer five different scholarships to both barber shop and beauty salon owners.

"The have quarterly meetings with the Chief of Police in these areas as

well with the barber shop and beauty shop owners with the recruits and have the Chief speak with them formally for 35 to 45 minutes at a time so they can know first-hand what is going on," Deason said.

For the first time and going forward One Community is going renovate Mitchell's Barber Shop since it was the staple in starting the program.

Coulon, chief of the Irving Police department, said he was excited to jump in on the Shop Talk program and help to build relationships.

"It's about getting to know the community and being friends with them so that if someone does mess up or act up on either side they can recover more quickly and there is an understanding when it is a mistake and not a bad heart". Coulon said, adding "It is also so that you can approach them and be comfortable asking them anything like 'What are the policies' and 'Are you for us?' or how they feel about stuff."

He often responds, "We are your police department. You pay us. We are your employees."

He says they have a good

relationship with the minority churches in The Colony and he does speaking there and sometimes they even do training.

Plunkett calls Ennett one of their most instrumental shop owners. Ennett joined the program in 2018 and said that at the first meeting he had with Plunkett he was nervous because a lot of times, "It's a bad encounter when it's us and the police."

But Plunkett helped to dispel some of that nervousness by telling him that he just wanted to talk to him about the program and Ennett was happy to be on board, a little skeptical at first, but on board. After the first meeting he says he realized it was authentic and he continued to be a part of the program with a successful back to school event where all of the first responders showed up and brought food to the community and did giveaways for back to school supplies for the kids. Ennett said even the residents were impressed with how much both the first responders and One Community USA helped out.

He was so pleased with the outcome of the program that he wanted to do it again with an opening of 5 Star Cutz Barber Shop in

The Colony. He is happy to be able to have someone like Plunkett and the police chief of the Colony to be able to call on even if it isn't for something major but just having that relationship there.

Participants believe having a better relationship with first responders and law enforcement helps to eliminate some of that nervousness when interacting with those who are there to take care of them and their community. Ennett said it is being able to have those hard conversations with law enforcement like getting pulled over or having something happen and having them there to help that proves that the Shop Talk program is having a huge positive impact on the community.

Ennett even had the opportunity to participate in a police simulation where he was the police officer and got to experience what it was like from the other side and how often you have to make split second decisions as a police officer. He said it helped to provide another perspective from the other side.

Plunkett says that, since its inception, the program has been recognized numerous times by the NAACP, the Department of Justice,

and he personally met with the United States Attorney General. Through this program Plunkett has not only been able to build a relationship with shop owners but civilians as well. He made mention of how a "customer had spoken to a shop owner regarding a sex trafficking incident and Officer Plunkett was notified and able to get ahold of the feds based on a tip from one of the customers."

Roberts, who is a retired Marine Veteran, mentioned as well that there are all kinds of officers, black, white Hispanic, and "being a black person himself being able to go to not only a black officer but a white or Hispanic officer as well and receive the same respect is important."

Roberts does consider himself a segway in the barber shop between law enforcement and people of all walks of life because he has seen and lived around many different people, "from people living on food stamps to people who live in million dollar mansions," so he can relate to all aspects of life. He says that many of the officers in department who are Caucasian are on board with the program and have started coming into the barber shops and getting great re-

views.

Plunkett wanted to ask retired police sergeant of 29 years, Munoz what he thought as well of the Shop Talk program. Before Munoz retired he was the Latino Community Liaison, he ran the Hispanic outreach program. Bringing his experience to the civilian side he understands the concerns that the Hispanic community has.

"Police legitimacy and trust is what is needed in 21st century policing," Munoz says, most importantly genuinely listening to their concerns. "We are going to learn from each other when we sit down and listen. The foundation is there we are just expanding from One Community to The Colony Police Department."

He said Toni Brinker, the founder and CEO of One Community has a "heart of gold" and is appreciated her leadership. He's also thankful to Plunkett for "being the founding father of this program and starting this, as it has expanded."

Shop Talk continues to expand with plans to go nationwide, with the goal of being an ever-expanding ray of hope to a better future with better relationships between civilians, people of color, and those there to protect them.

Who is the King of Glory?



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"Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle."

- Psalm 24:8

Look to the Lord Mighty in Battle to give you victory in life. Battles are not easy; they're tough, threaten-

ing and tiring. Jesus went through many sufferings on Earth.

His disciples left Him, Peter denied Him, and the Roman soldiers beat Him and then crucified Him on a cross.

Though the enemy thought they won the battle by killing Jesus, it was in His death that the victory was won.

Since the world hated Him, the world will oppose you. You will always have to fight the world, the flesh

and Satan.

Your enemies will be too strong for you, so you must look to the Lord Mighty in Battle. He will come to your rescue when you call on Him.

Lord, help me see my enemies through Your eyes. You defeated them on the cross; give me faith to claim victory today.

When you think that sin will defeat you, remember that victory begins in your mind. You must want to win

and look to His strength for victory.

When you plan to win, remember that victory comes when you stand by the Lord. He will help you defeat the Enemy.

When you're near Him, you can be victorious in His strength. Lord, I'll not look at the strength of the Enemy; I'll look to Your might.

I know You defeated the Enemy on the cross, so I'll trust You to win the victory today.



Picture of the Week, Sister Tarpley with her daughter and grandchildren: backrow (L to R) David, Tyanna, Sister Tarpley and Philip Lott Front row, Sheila Lott.

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day. Already half the day is shot. When I opened up my computer, everything worked except the passwords on all of my programs. Even Facebook would not work; it did not recognize my password.

For the rest of the day, I spent changing one password after another. Whoever invented the password phenomenon needs to be sued.

Finally, I got everything working, and all the passwords were in place, and I could commit the rest of the week to some kind of work.

I had an appointment with my eye doctor this week, having to do with my cataract surgeries. This was supposed to be the last one to make sure everything went fine. I was excited to go and get this done. Then, I could have my glasses ordered and be able to see and read simultaneously.

The appointment was at 9:45, and I wanted to make sure I would not be late. I could not drive because of eye drops I was supposed to put in preparing for this exam. So, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was to be my chauffeur for the day.

It was around 9 o'clock, I was dressed and ready to go, so I asked her, "Are we ready to go now? My appointment is at 9:45."

She looked at me with one of her "looks" and said, "Are you sure it is at 9:45?" "Of course, I'm sure."

Again she looked at me

and said, "What day is your appointment for?"

"It's for Thursday at 9:45 in the morning." I then looked at her and smiled one of my greasy smiles.

"Are you sure it is for Thursday?"

She always tries to trick me, assuming this was one of her tricks, I just looked at her, smiled, and nodded very dramatically.

"So," she said rather hesitatingly, "what is today?"

I didn't say anything; I just looked at her and then looked at my watch.

"Oh, you silly boy, today is Wednesday."

I hate it when she is right! This only increased my stress level because now I had to wait a day for my eye appointment.

Part of my stress this week was all the phone calls I got to renew my car warranty, each one was the last call for my renewal.

By Friday morning, as I was going to my office, my stress level was the highest it's been for a very long time. I'm not very good at dealing with stress, especially when I'm the cause of it.

I usually stop at McDonald's in the morning to get a cup of coffee to take to the office. As I was going through the drive-through, I happened to think a very delightful thought. Not only do they sell coffee here, but also Apple Fritters.

Oh boy, when my brain starts thinking, it's hard to figure out where it's going.

Leaving McDonald's with my coffee and Apple Fritter, I was very happy. There is no comfort food quite as comforting as a fresh Apple Fritter.

Sitting down at my desk, I took a sip of coffee and then opened up the bag with the delicious Apple Fritter. I laid it on my desk and, just for a few moments, stared at it taking in the delightful aroma of this wonderful comfort food.

I took the first bite, and a great weight began to lift off my head. It was a wonderful experience and helped me get rid of all of that stress I had.

In finishing, I thought a few moments about that situation. If it were not for all the stress I experienced this past week, I wouldn't be having this wonderful ex-

perience of eating my comfort food. At least stress does have a good side to it.

I remembered what Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Sometimes I let the world stress me out, but when I look to the Lord Jesus, I see He overcomes all of my stress.

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NDG Book Review: 'The Ground Breaking' is an emotional page-turner

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your legs felt as though they were made of rubber.

It was like walking on a bed of marbles, like wearing rollerskates on a waterbed. Your arms flailed for something steady but whether this was an inner event or something outside, you wonder if you'll ever feel stable again. As in the new book "The Ground Breaking" by Scott Ellsworth, you're rattled.

In their last season without responsibility, twelve-year-old Scott Ellsworth and his buddies spent the summer of 1966 exploring their hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and visiting the

library. There, Ellsworth discovered hints that the whispers he'd overheard his entire life were true: there really was a "race riot" in Tulsa decades before his birth.

He tucked the information away in his head. Later,

while researching the riot for a possible college thesis, he was confounded by missing or destroyed documents and reluctant witnesses.

It had started with a scream.

On May 30, 1921, Dick Rowland, a shoeshiner at a white-owned business, was heading to a designated "colored" restroom at the Drexel Building; minutes after he left, Sarah Page, the seventeen-year-old white elevator operator there, screamed. The reason was never determined, Dick was blamed, Sarah declined to press charges, and the matter seemed to be settled.

But it wasn't.

The incident festered in the white community until, two mornings later, after Dick's attempted lynching and just before dawn, some of Tulsa's white citizens marched into Greenwood, a suburb, and began shooting. Thirty-six hours later, more than a thousand homes and businesses were destroyed and a still-unconfirmed number of people, mostly Black, lay dead.

And then, the story all but disappeared. White Tulsans wanted to forget. Black Greenwoodians couldn't, but they didn't discuss it – until Ellsworth found a man who'd been waiting decades to talk...

Reading "The Ground

Breaking" is going to leave you wrung out.

But first, what may be a surprise to readers is what this book is not: it's not a hugely-detailed account of the Tulsa race massacre. It's part of the story here, of course, but it's not the focus. You'll learn bits and snips of those thirty-six hours from a century ago, but only in support of the rest of the tale.

Instead, what'll keep your nose in this book is multi-pronged. It's partly a memoir, in which author Scott Ellsworth shares the difficulty of sleuthing out the truth, why he was so tenacious, why many people helped him, and why others

tried hard to stop him. Together, this all reads like a true-life mystery-thriller, a feeling that's bolstered by Ellsworth's totally-exhaustive pursuit of information and documentation (which is still unnervingly unavailable) and his relentlessly-dogged search for the bodies of the dead. On this latter, readers may still feel a sense of the unfinished, and closure is elusive here.

This is the kind of book that, once you start it, makes the hours disappear. It's an emotional one that'll make you skip dinner and lock the door so you can just read. For sure, "The Ground Breaking" will shake you up.

Later, according to historians, the regiment served in South Carolina.

In February 1865, they were reunited at Pocataligo and launched several

Confederate territory expeditions, destroying railroads and breastworks.

They then built defenses in Charleston and were sent to Savannah, Georgia.

The regiment was divided into two wings, made several raids, and defeated the Confederate forces in every skirmish.

It was serving in this capacity that they received the news that Generals Robert

E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston had surrendered.

"The history of our 102nd is a pride for our entire nation. The fact that this is a unit that was born here in Detroit, Michigan, is a pride our entire state," said Lt.

Gov. Garlin Gilchrist.

According to the local Fox 2 News Channel, the resolution to rename the highway was first-authored by Young, the former lawmaker.

"To name that and have

people drive past that, especially since we are honoring colored troops on a freeway that was built to drive through Black neighborhoods. I think that history is also very important for us to realize," Young remarked.



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