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After record turnout in 2020, Texas set to pass the most restrictive voting laws in the U.S.

A new law in Texas, passed during Memorial Day weekend, would make Texas one of the most restrictive in terms of ease of voting. Texas' voting laws were already restrictive compared to other states.

Texas had the highest voter turnout in 30 years in 2020.

The new Texas bill, SB7, mandates that you can vote with gun permit but not student ID, no on-line voter registration, individuals must be deputized to register voters, voters under 65 can't use fear of COVID to vote by mail.

In addition, Texas has closed 750 polling places since the U.S. Supreme Court under John Roberts, destroyed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 with their Shelby vs. Holder decision in 2013.

Since the victory of President Biden over Donald Trump by over 7 million votes in November of 2020, Republican legislatures and governors have been passing more restrictive voting laws.

The effort is coupled with Trump and his supporters pushing "the big lie" that the 2020 election was somehow fraudulent. President Biden's victory is seen as American voters turning back the Trump movement.

In 2016, Trump won the electoral college but lost the popular



Texas had the highest voter turnout in 30 years in 2020. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

vote to Hillary Clinton by 2.8 million votes. Texas was ranked 44th in voter turnout in 2020.

The new law, which is expected to be signed by Republican Governor Greg Abbott, would ban drive-through voting and 24-hour voting.

The new bill would prohibit election officials from mailing absentee ballots to all voters and prohibit using any temporary structure as a polling location such as a tent or mobile home.

Many of the methods of voting that would be prohibited under SB7 were used by hundreds of thousands of voters during the 2020 election.

Democrats in Congress must soon decide whether they will end the filibuster to protect voting rights on the federal level and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2021. The legislation would restore and strengthen the parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were diluted by the Roberts Court.

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People In The News ...



Rep. Val Demings



Rep. Marcia Fudge

NDG Quote of the Week: "I'm not quite sure what freedom is, but I know damn well what it ain't. How have we gotten so silly, I wonder."
—Assata Shakur

Rep. Val Demings

Congresswoman Val Demings (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 Demings was considering a run against Rubio, but it was just speculation until now.

"She is planning a Senate bid with a more formal announcement coming in June," Mark Bergman, Con-



gresswoman Demings' 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 Demings (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 Demings will make for a great candidate and we are positive 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 Demings 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 Demings became the first woman and one of the first African Americans to prosecute a presidential impeachment before the U.S. Senate.

In a live interview with

the National Newspaper Publishers Association last summer, Congresswoman Demings stated her case for vice president and other potential offices.

"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."

Rep. Marcia Fudge

The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to confirm Rep. Marcia Fudge as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The confirmation was met with applause from women's and other groups.

"We applaud the confirmation of Rep. Fudge as secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)," Marcela Howell, president and CEO of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, responded in a statement.



"Her appointment comes at a pivotal time when her leadership is sorely needed. The U.S. faces a severe housing crisis as millions of residents struggle to pay their rent and mortgages due to the economic impact

of the coronavirus pandemic," Howell offered.

She continued.

"In addition to dealing with the fallout from the pandemic-induced economic downturn, Rep. Fudge will have to clean up the housing policy mess left by the last administration.

"Black women and their families suffered immensely under Trump's housing policies, which weakened protections against discrim-

ination. Now, HUD must clean house and get back to the business ensuring all U.S. residents have access to safe, affordable housing"

"In Our Own Voice praises the Senate's confirmation of Rep. Fudge and we encourage the senators to continue to confirm the president's other appointees.

"President Biden promised to have a cabinet that truly reflects the people of

our country. A government by the people, for the people and of the people must include women and people of color — including the women of color being held up by the Senate. Confirm them now."

Fudge, the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, received a 66-34 vote in the Senate making her the first woman to serve as HUD secretary since 1979.

The Ohio-native becomes the second Black woman and the third woman ever to lead the department.

"I can think of no one better to lead us out of this pandemic and create strong communities for the future than Marcia Fudge," Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, told The Hill.

Judge Ketanji Jackson

With public hearings, the historic – and mostly despicable – confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson concluded on Thursday, March 24.

And the Republican Party punctuated their four-day-long, racially-charged, and otherwise disrespectful digs at Judge Jackson.

In the classic "I'm not racist, I have a Black friend" portion of their shameful and spineless public denigration of the accomplished Harvard Law graduate, the GOP trotted out First Liberty Institute associate counsel Keisha Russell, a Black woman.



Russell, a favorite of GOP allies Fox News and other decidedly Republican-leaning networks, spent her testimony discussing critical race theory.

"CRT makes race the predominant factor," Russell remarked as she read

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For all the people, by all the people

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Our nation was founded on a profound principle — a government that is chosen by the people. Granted, this extraordinary experiment as it was called in the early years of our constitution, was not conceived perfectly and has always required vigilance and determination. But I believe that Americans from coast to coast, from every walk of life, from the founding fathers to those determined Georgians who stood in line for hours this past January to send their choice for U.S. Senate to Washington, are united in the idea that we, the people, should choose our leaders. We, the people, have the right to participate in this great democracy of ours with our vote. We have fought and died for this right.

More people than ever voted in the last presidential election. Both parties won and lost. Americans, Black, White and Brown, young and old, turned out in the middle of the worst pandemic the world has seen in generations to say: 'As an American, I have the right to cast my vote for who will represent me in this government of ours.'

So... I have to ask you, if the system worked so well and if the idea is, as Alexander Hamilton and James Madison put it in the Federalist Papers, that the vote belongs to the people, then what are we doing? Why is there vote-robbing legislation being introduced in so many states? Why are we trying to silence so many people, especially so many people who are Black and Brown from coast to coast?

I think we all know the answer. I would say, look who's back. But he has never really left, has he?

Hello Jim Crow?

Let's take a look at just a few of these proposals.



Inclusion, the principle that America was founded upon, hangs in the balance. Are we for the people by the people? Or for some, by some?
(Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

As of late March, we have seen a whopping 361 bills introduced in state legislatures in 47 states that seek restrictive voting provisions. Even more telling is the number of these provisions that are being touted as 'election reforms' or protections against 'voter fraud.'

We have heard this language before. It is in fact, the same tenor and tone that was used during the Jim Crow era to describe voter suppression measures. Then, like now, there was no evidence of rampant voter fraud or voting irregularities. In essence, these measures are touted as reforms for a problem that simply does not exist.

The truth, according to numerous academic studies and journalistic reviews, is that election and voter fraud historically have been incredibly rare and affected but a tiny percentage of all votes in the 21st century. To put it another way, the Brennan Center for Justice concluded that it was more likely for an American to be struck by lightning than to commit voter fraud.

Nearly half of the voter restrictions measures that have been introduced include provisions to restrict absentee voting. More than 40 bills have also been introduced relating to voter registration that would purge people from the voter rolls and 24 dealing with

early voting.

Whose America is this?

I would call this bad trouble. I am thinking of the late Congressman John Lewis, who fought so tirelessly when it came to voting rights and who called his fight making good trouble. Right now, we have bad trouble going on in almost 50 states. Let's take a look at two — Georgia, where Black voters were so influential in tipping the balance of the Senate, and Michigan, where I live.

In 2020, a record 1.3 million Georgians — more than a quarter of the electorate — voted absentee in the middle of the pandemic. Before the new restrictions, all that was needed was a matching signature. The new law took care of that. Voters looking for that absentee ballot now will have to provide the number of their Georgia's driver's license or state identification, along with a birth certificate and possibly a copy of a bank statement or a current utility bill. Records show that about 200,000 Georgians don't have drivers licenses or a state ID. Three different voting rights groups say that Black voters are less likely than White voters to have the needed ID.

Then there are provisional ballots. Old law said you could still have your vote counted if you show up at the wrong precinct in the same county. The

new law says no out-of-precinct votes cast before 5 p.m. Black voters, it turns out, move much more frequently than White voters and consequently are more apt to turn up at the wrong precinct. Voting by drop box has also been made more difficult with changed hours and locations.

Later to the game but no less ugly is Michigan, which has introduced eight of these types of bills with three advancing so far. Should they make it into law, they would establish a photo ID requirement for both in-person and mail voting; make it harder to even ask for a mail ballot; and would limit the use of mail ballot drop boxes.

Fighting the good fight

Of course, actual democracy is not taking kindly to Jim Crow's return. In addition to the sweeping For the People Act (H.R. 1), there are lawsuits filed in the wake of Georgia's voter suppression measures aimed at stopping Republicans from selecting who gets to vote there. Three groups, including one headed by voting rights champion Stacy Abrams, came together in the suit calling the legislation an effort to impose "unconstitutional burdens on the right to vote"— particularly for Black voters.

President Joe Biden has called voter suppression efforts "sick" and went on to say, "What I'm worried about is how un-American this whole initiative is."

So, the fight goes on. Inclusion, the principle that America was founded upon, hangs in the balance. Are we for the people by the people? Or for some, by some?

Like I said, I think justice will win out. I think it's a fight worth fighting for. I also think it is a fight we should not be having — not now, not ever again, if we are to call ourselves a democracy.

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Congress members urge vaccination during Black Press Week

House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-S.C.) and Congressman Dwight Evans (D-Penn.) praised President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan and urged African Americans to get vaccinated.

"Protect your children and your grandchildren, protect those who you come in contact with," Congressman Clyburn stated during the annual National Newspaper Publishers Association Fund's (NNPAF) Black Press Week.

"Take the shot. It's safe to do," the congressman declared during an interview with Real Times Media President and CEO Hiram Jackson.

He noted that some would experience side effects of some sort, but each of the three vaccines offers a 95 percent rate of effectiveness.

"If you have a 95 percent chance – I would play the lottery every day if I had a 95 percent chance of winning," exclaimed Clyburn, who received the NNPAF's Newsmaker of the Year Award.

Black Press Week began opened with an enthusiastic welcome from NNPAF



Evans said the Biden-Harris administration, which is touring the country to discuss the American Rescue Plan's importance, believes the Black Press is essential in getting the word out. (Image via NNPA)

Chair and Marshall Broadcasting Group CEO, Pluria Marshall Jr., who introduced the theme, "Black Business Challenges, Responsibilities and Opportunities Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic."

Like Clyburn, Evans also championed both the vaccination and the American Rescue Plan, which this month provided \$1,400 stimulus payments to most Americans.

"The Biden-Harris administration determined that we had to first crush the virus and get shots in the arms of the people," Evans stated.

"Small businesses, particularly Black-owned, are the backbone of the

economy. The American Rescue Plan recognizes that and makes grants and loans available to small businesses, including the Black Press, and that is a major step. President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have shown the kind of leadership and understanding this economy back – if not better."

The American Rescue Plan allows for the first \$10,200 of unemployment payments tax-free, and those who receive food stamps will see a 15 percent increase in those benefits through September.

Families whose children's schools have remained closed are also in

line to receive EBT benefits through the summer.

The legislation sends \$350 billion to state and local governments, including \$20 billion to help low-income households cover back rent and utility bills and \$14 billion for vaccine research, development, and distribution.

It also contains a provision that allows families with minor children to claim a more considerable tax credit this year.

Those who qualify would receive a child tax credit of \$3,600 for each child under six.

Families will also receive \$3,000 for each under age 18, up from the current credit of up to \$2,000 per child under age 17.

Food stamp recipients will receive a 15 percent increase through September, and \$15 billion will go to the Emergency Injury Disaster Loan Program, which provides long-term, low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration.

Severely impacted small businesses with fewer than ten workers will receive priority for some of the money. Additionally, more

people will qualify for higher premium subsidies through the

Affordable Care Act while \$8.5 billion is earmarked for rural hospitals and health care providers.

Evans said the Biden-Harris administration, which is touring the country to discuss the American Rescue Plan's importance, believes the Black Press is essential in getting the word out.

"I understand the signifi-

cance of the Black Press to building back better," Evans remarked.

"The Black Press is a major player in this rebuild. And when you talk about the Black Press in terms of the economy, there's no way in the world you can talk about building back better without the participation of the Black Press. The president and the vice president fully understand how the Black Press plays in this equation."

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NYC's Homeless Population Grows Amid Mental Health Crisis that Predominately Affects People of Color

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Homelessness in New York City has reached its highest levels since the Great Depression of the 1930s, with Black and Hispanic residents disproportionately affected.

The nonprofit Coalition for Homeless reported that about 57 percent of heads of households in shelters are Black, 32 percent are Hispanic/Latinx, 7 percent



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are white, less than 1 percent are Asian-American or Native American, and 4 percent are of unknown race/ethnicity.

The numbers are startling, and when adding a mental health component

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Biden issues executive orders on voting on anniversary of Bloody Sunday

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President Joe Biden used the 56th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday” to issue an executive order on voting rights and boosting Americans’ access to voter registration services.

The President also urged Congress members to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

The legislation named after the late Congressman would restore critical provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act — specifically where states and counties with a history of discrimination were forced to receive federal approval to enact new voting laws.

“The right to vote is the foundation of American de-



President Biden’s order directs federal agencies to submit to the White House plans to outline ways to boost voter registration and participation. (Photo: Official White House Photo by Adam Schultz / Flickr)

mocracy. Free and fair elections that reflect the will of the American people must be protected and defended,” President Biden remarked during the Martin & Coretta Scott King Unity Breakfast. “But many Americans, especially people of color, confront significant obstacles to exercising that

fundamental right. These obstacles include difficulties with voter registration, lack of election information, and barriers to access at polling places.”

He continued:

“For generations, Black voters and other voters of color have faced discriminatory policies and other

obstacles that disproportionately affect their communities. These voters remain more likely to face long lines at the polls and are disproportionately burdened by voter identification laws and limited opportunities to vote by mail.

“Limited access to language assistance remains a barrier for many voters. People with disabilities continue to face barriers to voting and are denied legally required accommodations in exercising their fundamental rights and the ability to vote privately and independently.

“Members of our military serving overseas, as well as other American citizens living abroad, also face challenges to exercising their fundamental right to vote.”

The President signed the order while observing the anniversary of “Bloody Sunday,” when, on March 7, 1965, Alabama state troopers attacked peaceful demonstrators led by the late Congressman John Lewis. They were fighting for voting rights as they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

President Biden’s order directs federal agencies to submit to the White House plans to outline ways to boost voter registration and participation.

The order also directs federal agencies to help states with voter registration efforts and modernize www.vote.gov.

Earlier legislation passed by the U.S. House would create automatic voter reg-

istration and expand absentee voting, measures Republicans have fought to deny.

“The Constitution and laws of the United States prohibit racial discrimination and protect the right to vote. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other Federal statutes implement those protections and assign the Federal Government a key role in remedying disenfranchisement and unequal access to the polls,” President Biden stated.

“On this day of reflection, please, let us stay focused on the work ahead. Let us remember all those who came before us as a bridge to our history, so we do not forget its pain, and as a bridge to our future, so we never lose our hope.”

House to vote on George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

Washington, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA) and House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) reintroduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 as protests against police brutality and lack of accountability continued. The most recent protests occurred last night in Rochester, New York, after a grand jury failed to indict the police officers who handcuffed Daniel Prude, placed a hood over his head and pressed him into the pavement until he lost consciousness. He died that night.

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 is a bold, comprehensive approach to hold police accountable, change the culture of law enforcement, empower our communities, and build trust between law enforcement and our communities by addressing systemic racism and bias to help save lives. Last Congress, the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act passed by a bipartisan vote of 236 to 181. Every House Democrat and three Republicans voted in support of the bill, Representatives



The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act establishes a Department of Justice task force to coordinate the investigation, prosecution and enforcement efforts of federal, state and local governments in cases related to law enforcement misconduct. (Photo via NNPA)

Fred Upton (R-MI), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Will Hurd (R-TX).

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives will hold a vote on the current bill next week.

Under the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, for the first time ever federal law would:

- ban chokeholds
- end racial and religious profiling
- eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement
- establish national standard for the operation of police departments
- mandate data collection

on police encounters

- reprogram existing funds to invest in transformative community-based policing programs and
- streamline federal law

to prosecute excessive force and establish independent prosecutors for police investigations

“Last summer, hundreds of thousands took to the streets to demand change that ends police brutality, holds police officers accountable and calls for transparency in our system of policing,” Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-Calif.) stated.

“Due to inaction, more than 100 unarmed people

have been killed or brutalized by police since then. For more than 100 years, Black communities in America have sadly been marching against police abuse and calling for the police to protect and serve them as they do others.

Congresswoman Bass continued:

“Last year, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support but was neglected in the Senate and by then-President Trump. After we marched, we voted, and today we re-introduce the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act with renewed hope that this bill will be signed into law.

“Never again should an unarmed individual be murdered or brutalized by someone who is supposed to serve and protect them. Never again should a family have to turn on the TV and watch the murder of their loved one over and over again.

“Never again should the world be subject to witnessing what we saw happen to George Floyd in the streets in Minnesota.”

Added House Judiciary

Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), “We have not forgotten the terrifying words ‘I can’t breathe’ spoken by George Floyd, Eric Garner, and the millions of Americans in the streets who have called out for change in the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and so many others.”

Congressman Nadler continued:

“I worked closely with Rep. Karen Bass last Congress on the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act, and I am grateful to resume our partnership this year to reintroduce this critical legislation.

“This legislation addresses police misconduct and excessive force, while creating greater transparency within law enforcement, and grants victims more direct avenues for redress.

“With this legislation, the federal government demonstrates its commitment to fully reexamining law enforcement practices and building better relationships between law enforcement and the communities they are sworn to protect and serve. While the issue of policing can’t be solved by

Congress alone, the federal government has a responsibility to address this issue. I look forward to working with my colleagues, across the aisle and in both chambers, to ensure this bill becomes law.”

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 prohibits federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial, religious and discriminatory profiling, and mandates training on racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling for all law enforcement.

The proposal bans chokeholds, carotid holds and no-knock warrants at the federal level and limits the transfer of military-grade equipment to state and local law enforcement.

Further, the legislation mandates the use of dashboard cameras and body cameras for federal offices and requires state and local law enforcement to use existing federal funds to ensure the use of police body cameras.

It establishes a National Police Misconduct Registry to prevent problematic officers who are fired or leave

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A campaign of appreciation for a life saved by science

(RALEIGH, N.C.) Todd Stiefel nearly lost the love of his life to an extremely aggressive cancer before the couple could marry or start a family, but medical science gave them a second chance. That's why Stiefel, now a husband and father, is showing his gratitude for the lifesaving power of science with a nationwide effort to establish a National Science Appreciation Day, which has already been enacted in eleven states and counting.

Twenty years ago, just as Stiefel was readying to propose to his girlfriend, Diana, she was diagnosed with one of the most aggressive and dangerous cancers known: epithelioid sarcoma. Diana



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ana was given a 5 percent chance of survival and was not expected to live beyond a few weeks after their wedding day.

Doctors also warned the couple that the radiation from Diana's treatments could destroy her ovaries and advised them to create and freeze embryos within the next few weeks if they wanted a chance at ever

having children.

Diana went through months of surgeries and treatments. And something wonderful happened. Medical science found a way.

In the years that have passed since that harrowing time, Diana and Todd have had two children. Thanks to medical science, experts found a way to protect Diana's ovaries during treat-

ment so they could have their children naturally.

"To this day, I am incredibly thankful to the doctors, nurses, technicians, researchers, and many others who helped save Diana," said Stiefel. "Science saved her life. Science made our children's lives possible. Science saved my family."

In honor of the life and love that science makes possible for families like Todd and Diana's, Todd Stiefel launched the ScienceSaves campaign to establish National Science Appreciation Day on March 26, the date in 1953 when successful trials of Jonas Salk's polio vaccine were announced, saving millions of lives. So far, eleven states—including

Stiefel's home state of North Carolina—plus the District of Columbia have issued National Science Appreciation Day proclamations! See the map.

"Take a moment to reflect on how science has made your life better," said Stiefel. "Go online and share your inspiring stories of how science has bettered your life or the life of a loved one. For me, science saved not only my wife but my whole family."

This National Science Appreciation Day—Saturday, March 26—about how science has improved your life or the lives of someone you know using the hashtag #ScienceAppreciationDay.

ScienceSaves is a \$1 mil-

lion campaign of the Center for Inquiry in partnership with the Stiefel Freethought Foundation.

The Center for Inquiry (CFI) is a nonprofit educational, advocacy, and research organization headquartered in Amherst, New York, with executive offices in Washington, D.C. It is also home to the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and the Council for Secular Humanism. The Center for Inquiry strives to foster a secular society based on reason, science, freedom of inquiry, and humanist values. Visit CFI on the web at centerforinquiry.org.

Dallas ISD middle school music programs remain strong

(Dallas ISD) Last month, over 160 Dallas ISD middle school choir students competed at the Region 20 UIL Middle School All-Region Choir contest with 70 students earning a spot in one of the choirs!

This honor reflects the high-quality educational experiences taking place daily in the middle school visual and performing arts classrooms in Dallas ISD.

The district's Visual & Performing Arts Depart-



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ment offers a set of courses at the middle school level which delivers dynamic

experiences for students interested in the visual and performing arts. These of-

ferings include visual art, choir, modern band, traditional band, orchestra, mariachi, dance, and theater.

"Our department offers students access to multiple visual and performing arts disciplines which provide skills that will serve them in high school and beyond," said Dr. Matthew Edwards, Director of Choral, Elementary, and General Music at Dallas ISD's Visual & Performing Arts Department.

Students participating in

Dallas ISD's arts programs not only have the opportunity to develop these skills in the classroom but to showcase them in a wide array of regional and state competitions.

These include UIL contests, the Region 20 All-Region Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz Band, as well as the Dallas ISD Dance Festival.

"Thanks to our community partnerships with entities such as the Dallas Black Dance Theater, the

Dallas Museum of Art, the Women's Chorus of Dallas, and the AT&T Performing Arts Center, our students enjoy unique opportunities to experience the arts at the highest levels of quality and engagement," added Dr. Edwards.

Dallas ISD is committed to offering students access to fine arts classes that will help them socially, emotionally, artistically, and academically through each stage of their public-school journey and beyond.

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a prepared statement. "America's history as a lesson and blueprint as to how we must constantly seek to uphold and protect America's founding promises. For these reasons, First Liberty opposes the nomination."

Additionally, the GOP trotted out Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall and administrative law professor Jennifer Mascott, both opposing Judge Jackson's nominations, falsely stating that the Biden administration has embraced "ideology of the anti-incarceration and anti-police

movement."

Mascott insisted that Judge Jackson "may have a different view than traditionally applied methods of originalism," a philosophy Republican-appointed judges have embraced.

Perhaps more forceful than the committee members, Democratic witnesses pushed back.

"We have waited far too long for this day, but we are nonetheless overjoyed that it has finally arrived. Judge Jackson's presence on the court will matter tremendously," said Wade Henderson, the president

and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

Congressional Black Caucus Chair Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio) decried the assault on Judge Jackson because of her gender and race. The congresswoman urged the Senate to consider Judge Jackson's record.

"[This is a] glass ceiling that many Americans believed that they would never live to see broken," Congresswoman Beatty asserted. "Judge Jackson's confirmation vote must not be isolated to her gender or her race. Instead, I urge you to examine her credentials and sterling judicial records

closely. They read like a storybook for a perfectly prepared jurist to sit on the nation's highest court."

With the close of Thursday's public hearings, the Senate Judiciary Committee plans to meet on Monday, March 28. The committee has tentatively scheduled a vote on the nomination on April 4.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) said he expects a full vote by April 11.

Democrats hope that some Republicans join them in voting to confirm Judge Jackson. Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.), one of the main actors in these

hearings, voted in 2021 to confirm Judge Jackson to the powerful D.C. appellate court.

Sen. Graham has signaled he'll vote against confirmation this time.

Republicans Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and Susan Collins of Maine, also voted to confirm Judge Jackson in 2021.

If the confirmation vote

splits along party lines, Vice President Kamala Harris will cast the tie-breaker, assuring Judge Jackson's ascension as the first Black woman Supreme Court Justice.

"There is nothing in Judge Jackson's record suggesting that the committee should have difficulty reporting her nomination out," Schumer demanded.

Let us hear from YOU!!!

If there are any news, events or anything else we need to know about, give us an e-mail at: editor@northdallasgazette.com

Plano looking at water issues, advises residents to conserve

The City of Plano is creating a water demand and water system model to identify potential water system improvements, cost savings and future capacity needs. Just under \$410,000 will be spent on engineering professional services for the model.

This project aims to reduce water system flushing in the future by analyzing various water system improvements for the water distribution, storage and pumping systems. Chlorine and ammonia dosing at strategic locations, pump-



ing operation improvements and other improvements will lead to improved

efficiency and lower costs both from water saving, electricity usage and staff

resources.

If the water model were not approved, the City would continue to rely on water system flushing which leads to higher costs in the future.

The next regular City Council meeting is Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. The agenda becomes available after 5 p.m. on the Wednesday leading up to the meeting. Watch the meeting live on Facebook, YouTube or planotv.org.

Residents urged to conserve

To avoid a shortfall of

water, the city is issuing guidelines to reduce usage.

Beginning April 1, the City of Plano asks its residents to water lawns and landscapes only two times a week. Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and when rain is in the forecast.

Use the last digit of your home address to follow this schedule:

- Even digit (including zero and homeowners associations): Monday & Thursday
- Odd digit: Tuesday &

Friday

Though it's tempting to set the sprinkler system to automatic, it's always best to run it manually. Keep from over watering your lawn, sign up for a friendly reminder at WaterMyYard.org.

If you have questions about foundation watering, new landscape variances or anything else water-related, find answers on the water conservation webpage. Learn how to make minor sprinkler repairs and to save more water outdoors.

Registration now open for 10th annual Carrollton Trails 5K

Lace up those running shoes and start training. The City of Carrollton is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the annual Carrollton Trails 5K to be held Saturday, April 30.

This race shows off one of Carrollton's best assets, the City's extensive hike and bike trails. Earn your best time as you run along the concrete Blue Trail in the heart of the City's greenbelt area. The course is downhill and geared toward people of every fitness level. Registration is now open, so sign up today.

Come for the run and stay for the party after the race with food, games, music, a photo booth, and more. The event also includes a 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk, so bring the whole family along and don't forget your canine kids.

"More than 4,000 people have enjoyed participating over the past 10 years,"



Parks & Recreation Director Scott Whitaker said. "The Carrollton Trails 5K is a great opportunity for both avid runners looking to get their best time and for families in our community to get outside doing something fun and active together. The City encourages runners and walkers alike to experience Carrollton's top-notch trail system along with this fun and exciting event."

On race day, participants should park at Creekview High School (3201 Old

Denton Road) to be bused to the starting line. Race day registration and warm up will be held from 7-7:45 a.m. before the race begins at 8 a.m. The Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the awards ceremony at 9 a.m.

Awards will be given to the overall male and female runners, and medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age category of the 5K competitive run (10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over). Dogs

are welcome, but are not required to register for the event. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the race for all participants.

Preregister at cityofcarrollton.com/carrolltontrails5k by Monday, April 25 for the best price and a guaranteed race bag, T-shirt, and a timing chip for 5K runners. Participants

will also receive a 10 Year Anniversary commemorative medal. Any changes made after April 25 will incur a \$5 change fee. Packet pickup will be Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Rosemeade Recreation Center (1330 E. Rosemeade Parkway).

Carrollton Trails 5K

sponsor support to date is Julie Strauss with Ebby Halliday Realtors. Don't miss the chance to partner with the City as a Carrollton Trails 5K sponsor and get your company involved in the fun.

For more information, call 972-466-9816 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/carrolltontrails5k.

Kids Rock the Block on Friday in Irving

Join the Irving Family Advocacy Center (FAC) as they present Kids Rock The Block on Friday, April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 305 N. O'Connor Road (Criminal Justice Center). The event is free and open to all.

Designed to bring awareness of child abuse and the services available to the community through the FAC, the evening features family fun opportunities, including bounce houses,

face painting, games, a petting zoo and more.

The Irving Family Advocacy Center (FAC) functions in partnership with the City of Irving to provide free counseling services to the city's youth and families.

The bulk of its operating budget comes from the City of Irving. Additionally, the nonprofit corporation, Irving Family Advocacy Center Inc., raises

funds through fundraisers and grant programs to help maximize its reach to Irving residents.

These services include case management services and counseling for individuals, families, couples and groups. The center brings services and agencies designed to respond to the needs of Irving families and victims of crime in our community under one roof.

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For more information or to register for this event, please visit dallascasa.org

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce hosts Small Business Expo



(At Left) Don Walter, Mary Cooley and Ned Jones of Score take a pause during the festivities at the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Small Business Expo. (at right Board Member Charles Harris of Quantum Insurance addresses the attendees. (Mid Right) Charles Shepard of US Health mans his table. (Below Left) The North Dallas Gazette was present to participate and cover the event.



Kamala Harris praises Black Press in 'off script' moment at antilynching bill signing

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

With Michelle Duster, the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells, by her side, Vice President Kamala Harris admittedly went off-script to praise the Black Press during the bill signing ceremony for the Emmett Till Antilynching law.

As the vice president and President Joe Biden delivered about 30 minutes' worth of remarks, Harris reflected.

"Ida B. Wells," she began midway through her speech.

"The courageous nature of that incredible American who used her skill, her profession, her calling, as a journalist to help open the eyes of our nation to the terror of lynching which speaks to the role — going off script — and the importance of the Black Press and making sure that we have storytellers in our community, who will tell the story when no one else is willing to tell it," she stated.

Named after Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American savagely murdered by a group of white men in Mississippi in 1955,



Photo via NNPA

the legislation received pushback from three Republicans — Andrew Clyde of Georgia, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, and Chip Roy of Texas.

Each was the lone vote against the bill.

Emmett Till's murder sparked the civil rights movement, leading to bills like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other social justice laws.

And while the story of Emmett Till is widely known, Harris noted other incidents of lynching throughout American history.

"So those heroes who petitioned presidents to pass anti-lynching legislation, after the murder of Mary Turner in 1918, Emmett Till in 1955, James Byrd Jr.

in 1998, and James Craig in 2011, and it failed again and again and again," Harris remarked.

"Anti-lynching legislation was reintroduced in the U.S. Congress by leaders who understood that our past must not and cannot be forgotten. That the truth must be spoken no matter how difficult it is to speak, and certainly no matter how difficult it is to hear."

She praised Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey), and Congressman Bobby Rush (D-Illinois) for their role in seeing the bill through to passage.

Harris also shouted out Republican South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott for supporting the effort.

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Bishop Arts Theatre hosts regional premiere of 'Bars & Measures'

Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC) is thrilled to announce the regional premiere production of Idris Goodwin's poignant play, *Bars & Measures*. The production will be directed by Jiles King and opens April 14, 2022 through May 1, 2022. *Bars & Measures* tell the story of two brothers, both musicians. The classical pianist is Christian. The jazz bassist is Muslim. When Bilal is accused of being a terrorist and jailed awaiting trial, Eric tries to stay connected by pushing aside his own classical as-



David Wilfong / NDG file photo

pirations in order to learn big brother's jazz style. Separated by prison bars and religious convictions, the brothers scat and be-

bop through their shared language of music. As his brother's trial progresses, Eric becomes disillusioned and struggles to decide if he

believes the charges levied against his beloved older brother, or if false accusations make him a beleaguered martyr to a prejudiced, paranoid nation.

The cast is made up of five talented, local artists - Christian Wilson, Marena Riyard, Alexander Johshi, Eric Carter, and Laila Kharat - under the direction of Jiles King. Mr. King is an accomplished theater, television & film director and producer. He is the producing executive director of dfwblackarts.com where he produces the annual

Irma P. Hall black theatre awards, now in its 3rd year. Jiles returns to the BATC stage for the fourth time to lead the creative team in this searing production.

The performance will be held in-person at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center located at 215 S. Tyler Street, Dallas, TX 75208. Face masks are encouraged but not required, however, proof of vaccine status is mandatory or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the ticketed show. Covid tests will be made available free of charge.

All cast, crew members, staff, and volunteers have been fully vaccinated. For detailed safety protocols, visit BATC's Safety At The Bishop webpage.

Tickets can be purchased online anytime at www.bishopartstheatre.org or by calling the box office at (214) 948-0716, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individual tickets range from \$18 to \$30. Discount tickets are available for groups of 15 or more and may be purchased by calling the box office.

Will Smith issues public apology for Oscar smackdown

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

With news that the Academy officially launched a formal review of Will Smith's assault on Chris Rock dur-

ing Sunday's ceremony, the Best Actor Oscar winner issued an apology to the comedian.

As those in charge of the awards show asserted they would "explore further action and consequences in

accordance with our bylaws, standards of conduct and California law," Smith issued a repentant tone for his role.

"Violence in all of its forms is poisonous and destructive. My behavior at last

night's Academy Awards was unacceptable and inexcusable," Smith wrote on his official Instagram page.

"Jokes at my expense are a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear and I reacted emotionally."

He continued:

"I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line, and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not indicative of the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness.

"I would also like to apologize to the Academy, the

producers of the show, all the attendees and everyone watching around the world. I would like to apologize to the Williams Family and my 'King Richard' Family. I deeply regret that my behavior has stained what has been an otherwise gorgeous journey for all of us.

"I am a work in progress."



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Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Project Unity announce 'Together We Sing'

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and Project Unity today announce *Together We Sing*, a musical fundraising event that blends gospel and classical music. This incredible night of inspiration will feature the Dallas Symphony Orchestra along with a 200-voice multi-ethnic, multi-faith choir comprised of choruses from more than 20 religions and faith organizations as well as performances by top gospel artists. The event will raise

funds for Project Unity's signature community programs. Tickets for the performance start at \$39 and are available now at dallasymphony.org.

Together We Sing will bring legendary GRAMMY® nominated gospel artist Richard Smallwood to Dallas. Smallwood has spent over four decades as one of the most popular inspirational artists in the music business. The Washington Post hails, "Smallwood has done what no

other gospel artist arguably has done as successfully: blend gospel with classical music." His music has been performed by artists including Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Yolanda Adams and Chaka Khan, and he has performed for three Presidents, including accompanying opera legend Leontyne Price at a White House Christmas celebration.

This evening of celebration will also present the

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The Black News Channel comes to a disappointing end

According to the Los Angeles Times, the Black News Channel, which launched just before the pandemic, has ceased operations.

The newspaper said that the Tallahassee, Fla.-based outlet, whose majority stakeholder is Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan, failed to meet payroll on Friday after telling employees that paychecks would be delayed.

The Black News Channel reported has a staff of 230, and some current and former employees had previously filed a gender dis-



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crimination lawsuit against the network that remains pending.

Citing people briefed on the matter, the Times said Khan would no longer in-

vest in the operations of BNC after shopping the channel to several media companies, including Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios.

Reportedly, Khan found no interest.

Before the Times report, Roland Martin broke the information that BNC failed to pay its employees this week.

Martin, the host of Roland Martin Unfiltered and owner of the Black Star Network, tweeted a memo written by BNC Human Resources Vice President Nicole Collins. The memo dated Friday, March 25, informed the staff that payroll "would be delayed."

"We are actively working to resolve this matter quickly and will advise you

with an update as soon as possible," Collins wrote.

Staffers "are angry and demanding answers," Martin tweeted. "I have been inundated with phone calls, texts, and emails from staffers on this issue."

The media mogul said he spoke to BNC's CEO Princell Hair, who advised that he's working on getting employees paid.

However, Martin claimed staffers had been "left in the dark." The concept of the Black News Channel began with former U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts, an Oklahoma Republican who brought in

a group of initial investors.

After at least two delays, the channel finally launched after Khan kicked in \$50 million and took the reins as majority shareholder. In much of its first year, BNC filled its website from content provided by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association of the Black Press of America.

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. frequently appeared on the channel providing commentary on various news topics.

Stevie Wonder's run of genius recalled on anniversary of release of some of music's greatest hits

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

When considering any run of music success – particularly from an alumnus of Motown Records – it's impossible not to reminisce about Michael Jackson's streak of brilliance with "Off the Wall," "Thriller," and "Bad."

Indeed, other artists have had their run of greatness, but none have topped the genius of Stevie Wonder, who redefined how cultural critics viewed popular music.

Some 50 years ago, the Motown legend began to unleash perhaps the most incredible and spectacular compilation of music ever recorded.

Over five years – from 1972 to 1976, Wonder released five albums that every other recording in history will forever be measured.

Released on March 3,



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1972, and with hits like "Superwoman" and "Keep on Running," Music of My Mind proved an appetizer to an exquisite meal of records.

Just months later, on October 28, Wonder put forward "Talking Book," an album that ranks No. 59 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time.

The album quickly rose to the top spot on Billboard's R&B charts, pushed by the smash hit "Superstition."

Less than a year later, on August 3, 1973, the peerless musician revealed "Innervisions," another time-

less classic that included the chart-topping hits "Living for the City," "Don't You Worry about a Thing," and "Higher Ground."

On July 22, 1974, Wonder released the fourth in the series of masterpieces, "Fulfillingness' First Finale," which included Minnie Riperton's backing vocals and the Jackson Five.

The singles "You Have Done Nothing" and "Boogie on Reggae Woman" grabbed the No. 1 spot on the Billboard music charts.

Wonder took about two years to complete the fifth gem in his brilliant run.

couldn't see and couldn't understand.

"So, today, we recognize them, our history, and let us recommit ourselves to that unfinished business as well to continue to fight for freedom, opportunity, and justice for all."

cause they were working to build a better America," she stated.

"That's what they were doing, and it was in everyone's best interest. But unfortunately, the cowards

That arrived on September 28, 1976, with "Songs in the Key of Life," which many have called the artist's signature recording.

No one could deny the album's greatness with songs

like "Isn't She Lovely," "Sir Duke," "I Wish," and "Love's in Need of Love Today."

It sold over 11 million copies and landed Wonder the "Best Album" Grammy

– one of 25 over his illustrious career.

"1972 to 1976 weren't just Stevie Wonder's greatest creative years, they

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"The people of our nation deserve the protection of this anti-lynching law," Harris demanded. "I believe so often, and it has been said, the victims of lynching were targeted be-

cause they were working to build a better America," she stated. "That's what they were doing, and it was in everyone's best interest. But unfortunately, the cowards

Treasury and IRS announce families of 88% of children in the U.S. to automatically receive monthly payment of refundable Child Tax Credit

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that the first monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit (CTC) from the American Rescue Plan will be made on July 15. Roughly 39 million households — covering 88 percent of children in the United States — are slated to begin receiving monthly payments without any further action required.

Treasury and the IRS also announced the in-



Since March 12, the IRS has also distributed approximately 165 million Economic Impact Payments with a value of approximately \$388 billion as a part of the American Rescue Plan. (Photo via NNPA)

creased CTC payments, holiday, allowing families who receive the credit by direct deposit to plan their budgets around receipt of

the benefit. Eligible families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child age 6 and above.

The American Rescue Plan increased the maximum Child Tax Credit in 2021 to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children between ages 6 and 17. The American Rescue Plan is projected to lift more than five million children out of poverty this year, cutting child poverty by more than half.

Households covering more than 65 million children will receive the monthly CTC payments through direct deposit, paper check, or debit cards, and Treasury and the IRS are committed to maximizing the use of direct deposit to ensure fast and secure delivery. While most taxpayers will not be required to take any action to receive their payments, Treasury and the IRS will continue outreach efforts with partner organizations over the coming months to make more families aware of their eligibility.

Today's announcement represents the latest collaboration between the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and the IRS — and between Treasury and the White House American Rescue Plan Implementation Team — to ensure help quickly reaches Americans in need as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 12, the IRS has also distributed approximately 165 million Economic Impact Payments with a value of approximately \$388 billion as a part of the American Rescue Plan.

President Biden releases \$5.8 trillion budget proposal

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

On Monday, March 28, President Joe Biden released his 2023 budget proposal that includes significant tax hikes on the wealthy.

The \$5.8 trillion proposal, a wish list of administration priorities, aims to reduce America's growing deficit over the next ten years while raising military spending and aiding domestic programs.

The President believes the plan would reduce by \$1 trillion America's fiscal deficit.



Photo via NNPA

"Budgets are statements of values, and the budget I am releasing today sends a clear message that we value fiscal responsibility, safety and security at home and around the world, and the investments needed to continue our equitable growth

and build a better America," the President said in a statement.

Overall, the administration said the budget would cut costs for families, expand the economy's productive capacity, and reduce the deficit.

"The Fiscal Year '23 budget builds on this solid economic growth. It is a continuation of President Biden's commitment to address longstanding issues in the economy and make investments that will ensure strong, sustainable growth

that benefits all Americans," Shalanda Young, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, stated.

"First, the budget is fiscally responsible. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the economy recovered faster in 2021 than ex-

pected. Revenues are up," Young asserted.

Young noted that by reducing the deficit by more than \$1.3 trillion this year, the administration had accomplished the largest-ever

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on agency from moving to another jurisdiction without any accountability and amends federal criminal statute from "willfulness" to a "recklessness" standard to successfully identify and prosecute police misconduct.

Additionally, the bill reforms qualified immunity so that individuals are not barred from recovering damages when police violate their constitutional rights.

It establishes public safety innovation grants for community-based organizations to create lo-

cal commissions and task forces to help communities to re-imagine and develop concrete, just and equitable public safety approaches.

The bill would create law enforcement development and training programs to develop best practices and requires the creation of law enforcement accreditation standard recommendations based on President Obama's Taskforce on 21st Century policing.

Further, it requires state and local law enforcement agencies to report use of force data, disaggregated by race, sex, disability, reli-

gion, age, and improves the use of pattern and practice investigations at the federal level by granting the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division subpoena power and creates a grant program for state attorneys general to develop authority to conduct independent investigations into problematic police departments.

Finally, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act establishes a Department of Justice task force to coordinate the investigation, prosecution and enforcement efforts of federal, state and local governments in cases related to law enforcement misconduct.



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Dallas Venture Capital co-leads \$5 million round investment in Citylitics, producer of predictive intelligence & market insights for infrastructure projects

Dallas Venture Capital (DVC), a Dallas, TX based venture capital firm focused on early and growth stage companies in cloud infrastructure, B2B SaaS, AI/ML, mobile, XR and other emerging technologies, today announced its investment in Citylitics \$5 million Series A financing round, bringing Citylitics' total funding to-date to \$10 million.

Citylitics' data and predictive intelligence platform mines publicly available data to uncover insights that

are not readily available, providing a data-driven competitive advantage for industry professionals and infrastructure vendors in identifying municipalities and utilities at early stages of infrastructure needs long before an RFP is announced. These insights provide unrivaled advantages to their customers. Citylitics' machine learning-powered platform filters out irrelevancy using sophisticated data mining and presents best-fit opportunities to its customers.

"We were impressed by the ability of Citylitics' data and predictive market intelligence platform to consistently deliver high quality leads to their customers," said Dayakar Puskoor, Founder and Managing Partner of Dallas Venture Capital. "As North America begins a decade of infrastructure boom, fueled by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Citylitics' data and predictive intelligence platform is extremely relevant for infrastructure vendors and DVC

is excited to partner with Citylitics to accelerate their success through the DVC Advantage program," added Mr. Puskoor.

The DVC Advantage is a time and KPI bound program that is focused on start-up companies' needs in multiple areas such as product & technology strategy, executive mentorship, corporate governance, business development, and talent acquisition. DVC is committed to helping portfolio companies transform their growth journey by providing strategic

guidance across product, domain, strategy, customer success and growth, or financial specific matters.

Because of under-investment in United States infrastructure, the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates spending needs over the next decade in the United States alone to reach \$700 billion annually. Citylitics is well-positioned to help market leaders uncover opportunities at the right time and bridge this infrastructure gap.

Citylitics serves the water

and transportation industries today. The current funding will enable Citylitics to expand into new verticals in addition to expanding their sales and marketing teams. Cerium Technology Ventures joins DVC in co-leading this round. Existing Investors include GCI, John Philips (early Shopify investor and current board member), and Freycinet Ventures. Ravish Ailinani of DVC and Eldon Klaassen of Cerium Technology Ventures will be joining Citylitics' board.

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one-year decline and less than half of the 2020 deficit Biden inherited from Donald Trump.

"This progress was not an accident. It was a direct result of the President's strategy to combat the pandemic and grow our economy from the bottom up and the middle out — a strategy that was built on smart, fiscally prudent investments that helped jumpstart our recovery" Young asserted.

"And we've seen that strategy pay off. In 2021,

we created more than 6.5 million jobs — the most our country has ever recorded in a single year," Young continued.

"Our economy grew at 5.7 percent — the strongest growth in nearly 40 years. And the unemployment rate has fallen to 3.8 percent — the fastest decline in recorded history. The budget outlines the President's vision to expand this progress."

The President's proposal emphasizes domestic and international security sup-

port, with \$773 billion earmarked for defense spending.

The budget contains about \$1 billion in additional assistance for Ukraine and \$6.9 billion for the European Defense Initiative, NATO, and countering Russian aggression.

It also provides billions in funding for law enforcement, including \$30 billion for state and local law enforcement, crime prevention, and community violence intervention programs and \$1.7 billion for a Justice Department firearm traf-

ficking strike force.

It also bolsters the public health infrastructure, providing \$81.7 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services over five years to prepare for future pandemics and provide \$9.9 billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to public health infrastructure and strengthen the workforce.

Biden's budget also calls for pay increases for federal workers.

"We applaud President Biden for proposing significant increases in discretion-

ary spending for our federal agencies, which have been starved of resources for too long," American Federation of Government Employees National President Everett Kelley said in a statement.

"The budget also provides a total of \$7.1 billion for pay and benefits for Transportation Security Administration officers, an increase of \$1.6 billion from the 2021 enacted level, to finally provide Transportation Security Officers salaries commensurate with what other federal employees doing similar work are

paid," Kelley noted.

"TSA officers have been relegated to second-class status in the federal workforce in terms of pay and union rights, and this budget proposal aims to rectify those unconscionable disparities."

He concluded:

"We're also pleased by the proposed funding increase at the Bureau of Prisons to address critical staffing shortages at federal prisons across the country by hiring front-line correctional officers and additional staff."

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and recent high-profile attacks on the homeless community in the Big Apple and the nation's capital, many advocates said the statistics are more alarming.

Earlier this month, police arrested Gerald Brevard III, 30, linking him to shootings that left two homeless people dead and three wounded in the District and New York City.

The arrest came just a day after police departments in both cities published fliers with a photo of the suspect and telling vulnerable residents to seek shelter.

According to the Coalition for Homeless, in January 2022, approximately 48,413 city residents were homeless, including 15,057 children who sleep each night in the central mu-

nicipal shelter system. In addition, a near-record of 18,749 single adults slept in shelters each night in January 2022.

Research provided by the Coalition revealed that, compared to homeless families, homeless single adults have higher rates of severe mental illness, addiction disorders, and other severe health problems.

Additionally, the number of homeless New Yorkers sleeping each night in municipal shelters is now 15 percent higher than ten years ago.

The number of homeless single adults is 92 percent higher than ten years ago.

Further, in November 2019, officials estimated that 77 percent of adult families, 68 percent of single adults, and 53 percent

of families with children sleeping in shelters had at least one disability.

"New York City faces unique challenges with its homeless population in terms of mental health," said Jesston Williams, the executive director of Tangelic, a start-up organization geared to helping people move on from traumatic experiences.

"Homeless single adults experience higher rates of addiction disorders, mental illness, and other severe health complications than homeless families. Furthermore, the pandemic seems to have worsened these underlying structural issues and what organizations, the government, and citizens can do to alleviate the problem," Williams wrote in an email.

Since Brevard's shooting spree and subsequent ar-

rest, the New York officials announced plans to remove the homeless from subway stations where many take shelter.

Williams said the plan includes strict enforcement of mental health services, transit system rules, and housing options.

Studies have shown the cause of homeless for most include eviction, inadequate affordable housing, job loss, domestic violence, and hazardous housing conditions.

"Installing dozens of mental health professionals who can order involuntary hospitalization of homeless people deemed a danger to themselves or others [can help]," Williams noted.

Michael Rose, a founding partner at the New York City law firm Hatch & Rose, said the more things change, the worse they are

for the homeless.

"The mask that the city wears may change with gentrification, but the real face of New York never does," Rose insisted.

"Seeing so many people living on the streets is a constant reminder for most residents that we're all just a couple of paychecks from being there ourselves, and in the city that never sleeps where the pace of life is always frantic at best, that's a red rag to a bull. It can and does eat away at people and can be the spark that lights a tragic, brutal touch paper."

Rose wondered how all could address the issue.

"Maybe if we actually cared enough as a city to do something more about eliminating homelessness, we could start our journey down the path to being the best version of ourselves

that we can be," Rose stated.

"Will that happen? Speaking from experience as a New York lifer, I think its chances are slim to zero."

Still, advocates remain adamant that being homeless brings about specific other mental stress, particularly if homelessness persists.

Multiple reports have outlined that mental stress and illness have proven even more evident in homeless individuals who already struggle with mental health issues.

"Many of them have experienced more isolation and material harm that would physically and mentally impact anyone," Catherine Trapani, executive director of Homeless Services United, told reporters.

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Dallas sports field is a milestone location for Danish robotics firm

(BUSINESS WIRE)-Denmark-based TinyMobileRobots, the global leader in fully autonomous GPS line marking robots, has officially marked its one millionth sports field, culminating in savings of approximately 1.6M hours, \$102.5M USD and 1.5M gallons of paint for its rapidly growing customer base across three continents.

The landmark moment occurred in Dallas, Texas with FC Dallas, who manages 20 soccer fields. They have been using TinyMobileRobots' solution for four years.

TinyMobileRobots can autonomously mark lines for virtually every type of sports field, including soccer, American football, baseball, lacrosse, softball

and more. The revolutionary solution is already used by amateur and professional sports teams, leagues, youth programs, universities, schools and more to mark playing fields and reduce time and energy requirements by as much as 90%. For instance, the robots can mark an entire soccer field in 20 minutes (down from two hours)

or an entire football field in under two hours (down from 20 hours).

"Many people don't realize just how costly and time-consuming field marking can be. Grass grows two-to-six inches per month, and any field can host multiple games a day, so fields must be con-

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Interested parties should contact Robert D. Bush, president of the Las Vegas Chapter, at (702) 626-0158.

The BOGO Queen Has Left the Building

By Dr. James L. Snyder

When it comes to shopping, I am three coupons short of sanity. I have never liked going shopping unless it has to do with books. Then I'm on my turf.

When first married, I did go grocery shopping once but have never since been asked to do it again. I don't want to know the reason; I will just accept the situation.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is a different story, and is why I call her the BOGO Queen. She has earned this title a thousand times.

It took me a long time to understand what the word BOGO meant, then the wife explained it to a leader like me, Buy One

Get One.

If anybody knows anything about BOGO, it is my wife. Her whole shopping agenda is based upon this. She will never buy one thing if she can get a second one for free. I like that sort of thing. Anything that is "free" is okay with me.

She will search several times a week for these BOGO coupons on her computer. Every once in a while, I will hear her say, "That's what I'm looking for." Then I will hear several clicks, and soon the printer will be printing out dozens of coupons for the day.

She knows every store within 100 miles and their inventory and when they are going to have a BOGO sale. I understand

she knows that by searching the Internet. She knows what BOGO coupon to print and where to go to find them and then where to use them.

The only thing that worries me is when she says, "Honey, could I borrow your truck for the day?"

That's not good news on any level. But then I have a hard time saying no. You can suspect the outcome. That's why I never keep my fuel tank full just in case. If she uses it she has to put gas in it. That's not BOGO that is BINGO.

I must confess that I do have an ice cream fetish. I need to have ice cream at the end of the day or the day is not complete. My favorite ice cream is the one I'm eating at the time.

I'm delighted to say there is enough ice cream in the refrigerator to last two months because of these BOGO coupons. But, of course, I could speed up my eating and bring it down to one month. Nobody would know.

If I am in need of anything, say aftershave, all I need to do is mention the fact that I am out of aftershave. Within the next 10 minutes, the BOGO Queen will have found a dozen BOGO aftershave coupons for her next trip to the store.

Our cupboards are filled with all kinds of groceries and food items in other things of which I have no idea.

Recently, when the BOGO Queen was out cou-

pon shopping, I ran across a cache of cookies hiding in one of the cupboards. It was a "happy dance" moment for me. Then, with a great deal of caution, I opened one box and took out a cookie.

I surely enjoyed that cookie, knowing that nobody knew that I was enjoying that cookie.

About an hour later, the BOGO Queen came home and put her shopping bags on the kitchen table.

She stopped for a moment, looked at me rather curiously, and said, "You did not find the cookies, did you?"

How she knew I found them, I will never know. I tried to stutter and change the subject and deny everything. But nothing worked.

Then I came up with an idea.

"You bought those cookies with a BOGO coupon, right?"

I smiled as I asked the question.

She looked at me and said, "Yes, I think you're right." And she smiled as she was telling me that.

"I," replying very cautiously, "only ate the free one."

She smiled a rather curious smile at me and did not know what to say.

Whoever came up with this BOGO idea, I would like to congratulate them. And there are several reasons why.

First of all, it keeps my wife busy follow-

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Africana sacred healing arts conference slated at Yale, May 16-18

Registration is now open for Africana Sacred Healing Arts, the first in a series of conferences on Black Sacred Arts presented by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The conference will take place May 16-18, 2022 in New Haven, CT.

Healing in African and African Diasporic religions encompasses a wide variety of rituals and practices.

Rites of healing can involve allopathic, homeopathic, and therapeutic measures that pertain to the individual as well as the collective. Healing rites linked with the arts may seek to return a person to a previous state of health, or usher them into a new state of being. In much of Africa and the African Diaspora, healers offer holistic remedies to

treat people's physical ailments, social conditions, and psychological states. Studying healing and the arts thus serves as a lens to study identities of self, community, and society more generally. A focus on the healing arts can include the study of material implements, sacred objects, the sensorial sphere of expressive culture, and embodied

systems of knowledge.

Throughout the Africana world, the healing arts have not been separated into mutually exclusive categories of medical care and aesthetic experience. Modes of healing are aes-

thetically engaged through a multiplicity of performative actions. Often treated as epiphenomena, these expressive domains are often central to healing. In what ways do suffering and affliction activate such

aesthetic responses? How do the Black healing arts inflect disease, illness, and sickness on individual, social, and political bodies?

More information and registration: ism.yale.edu/Africana

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inaugural Together We Awards. Project Unity has developed this honor to recognize champions who are working tirelessly to create new paths to confront and dismantle racism. The honorees will be announced at the performance.

Together We Sing will benefit Dallas-based non-profit Project Unity, a collaborative effort of programming and events hosted in partnership with segments of the Dallas community including faith, business, civic, philanthropic, grassroots and government entities. Project Unity and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra have collaborated in multiple

events, including Gospel Goes Classical in 20 and 2018 and a Unity Concert presented at the Meyerson Symphony Center in 2020 that honored those who lost their lives to racial violence and injustice.

"We are very excited to partner again with the DSO and have the opportunity to bring performers and audience members of all backgrounds together to promote unity," said Richie Butler, Founder of Project Unity. "The event of inspiration and unity will lead us into the week of June-teenth, a national holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans, as well

as celebrate National Black Music Month. I can't think of a better way to move forward in our mission of togetherness than through music."

"We are proud to collaborate with Project Unity as they continue their mission to strengthen the community and build equity, diversity and inclusion," said Kim Noltemy, Ross Perot President & CEO of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. "We welcome everyone to the Meyerson Symphony Center to experience this amazing evening celebrating Richard Smallwood, and we are thrilled to be able to join with Project Unity to raise money for their cause."

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Elizabeth Woodson is a Bible teacher and author who is passionate about equipping believers to understand the rich theological truths of Scripture.

Born on the East Coast, Elizabeth was always passionate about helping people and went to college to study Business. She loved math and accounting and wanted to help use those interests to build up the community. After graduation, she ended up on the West Side of Chicago, working as an accountant



Elizabeth Woodson (Courtesy photo)

for a Medical Clinic. Her finance and accounting work helped provide affordable health care for people in the Lawndale neighborhood. But, an experience at her local church changed her career trajectory.

Because of her love for

teaching, Elizabeth volunteered at her local church teaching Sunday School. As she was helping the people in her local community follow Jesus, she realized that she loved ministry and needed formal training. So, in 2010, Elizabeth quit

her job as an accountant and moved down to Dallas, Texas, to attend Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS).

For six years, she attended DTS while working full time. Soon after moving to Dallas, Elizabeth started attending Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, where she eventually came on staff, leading the Single's Ministry. She spent her time teaching, training leaders, and providing opportunities for singles to grow in their faith.

After about four years, she transitioned to another role at The Village Church in North Dallas, where she worked as the Institute Classes and Curriculum Director. In this role, she had even greater opportunities

to create discipleship pathways for people to take the next step in their spiritual growth. Elizabeth spent her time helping her church members understand and live out their Christian faith.

A few months ago, Elizabeth took another career jump by starting The Woodson Institute. This organization helps equip and resources believers to internalize their faith and connect it practically to everyday life. Through training seminars, books, and Bible study curriculum, Elizabeth

hopes to help churches create pathways for theological education and help individual believers grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Christian Education. She is a contributing author for World on Fire, and the author of the book Embrace Your Life: How To Find Joy When The Life You Have Is Not The Life You Hoped For. You can find out more about her at www.elizabethwoodson.org.

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ing through with all these BOGO coupons. How she can find so many at any given time is beyond my imagination. But, she does and spends quite a bit of time finding the coupon and then going to the stores and purchasing those BOGO products.

It's hard to imagine how much money she has saved us these many years.

Second, anything that is free will find welcoming

arms with me. I love things that are free as long as they really are free. I love things that occupy my wife in a very positive way. And boy, does she do a good job in this area.

As I was going over this, I thought of a very special Bible verse.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give

into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

A generous spirit does have its rewards. What I have is a reflection of what I have given. I have discovered that the more I give the more I get. Of course, if I only give to get I have the wrong attitude.

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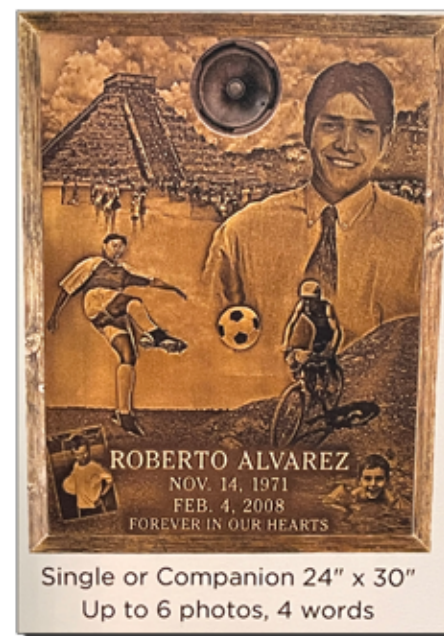
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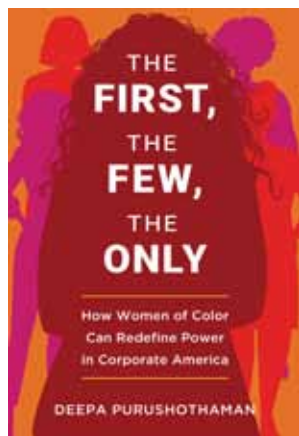
NDG Book Review: 'The First, The Few, The Only'

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

There's no one like you. For most of your life, you've been told how unique you are, how wonderful, how important, all true. You're one of a kind, singular, you're like no one else on Earth. And in the new book, "The First, The Few, The Only" by Deepa Purushothaman, that probably goes at work, too.

Most workplaces were made for men.

If you're a woman, you already know this. It's evident in the height of the counters, the number of permanent walls in the office, and the temperature of its rooms. But for Women of Color (WOC), that state-



ment is keener, especially if you're the first WOC in your workplace, one of a few, or the only WOC there now. So with no other WOC to bounce ideas with, no been-there-done-that work friends to hash things through, how do you survive and thrive at work?

Says Purushothaman, there are three main ways.

First, "Find Your Power." Eliminate delusions that you or your bosses may hold, and hear the messages you're getting. They can see you, when it comes to hiring. You can fit in without losing a part of yourself. Closely notice the lessons you've learned from your family and your culture, and be sure that you're sending the right lessons to the next generation.

Take care of yourself "When Your Mind and Body Speak." Look for your own joy, know the detrimental effects of racism, and ignore the urge to "work harder" just because of your skin color. Don't

feel the need to "represent." Know what to do about those microaggressions you seem to hear constantly.

And finally, seize "The Power of We." Find your community in the corporate world at large. Be open to learning, and changing "the game" from within. Know what six things to ask yourself if you're thinking about a new job. And never forget who you are.

Says Purushothaman, WOC "need to work together... in Corporate America to create what comes next."

Though it can be a little on the new-agey side and it's probably full of information you already know, "The First, The Few, The

Only" is a pretty good book to have around.

Consider it as a place for confirmation, if you're a WOC: author Deepa Purushothaman speaks directly to your experiences and she offers sympathy and camaraderie, somewhat like a cathartic Happy Hour, but in book form. There's advice here that you can use, including tips for those hours when you aren't working.

You can also consider this a primer if you're not a woman and/or not of color. Supervisors, CEOs, and business owners who want to do better have a place to start here, with a dive into things you don't know, things you shouldn't do, and irritations your new

employee probably won't tell you.

"The First, the Few, the Only" is a book to read on your lunch break, or to let your boss see you reading, if you dare. Or if you work with WOC, learn and be better. There's nothing like it.

Here's another book that women will want to read: "Women Talk Money" by Rebecca Walker. It's a book – a series of essays – about our financial points-of-view, how money shapes our relationships as well as our entire lives, and how different women in different situations deal with money and the lack thereof.

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stantly re-marked to remain playable," said Jens Peder Kristensen, Founder and CEO of TinyMobileRobots. "TinyMobileRobots address these challenges and more with a simple and sustainable solution that can be deployed in minutes by anyone. Marking our one millionth field is a testament to the value our robots provide, and the impact of technology in every

level of sports."

With its high-precision and user-friendly technology, TinyMobileRobots is experiencing rapid growth and has doubled in size each year since its inception in 2015. The company has quickly become the world's leading supplier of line marking robots, capturing more than half the market in the United States alone.

"We use the robots because they are so effective. Our fans love the robots because they are so cool. We now spend less time worrying about the fields, and more time focused on the experience for our players and fans," said Jonathan Wolf, Supervisor of Grounds at FC Dallas. "And now we get to be a part of STEM history, as we mark the one millionth field globally using this technology at our facility."

TinyMobileRobots are accurate down to 1-2 cm or 0.4-0.8 inches, and can be managed on a simple app on any smartphone or tablet. No technical experience or training are required.

Each robot has access to more than 50+ predesigned field configurations which can be modified in less than a minute.

Additionally, the sustainable robots are powered by

batteries instead of diesel, requiring significantly less energy, with a smaller carbon footprint, and use far less line paint than competing products and manual line marking techniques.

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were the greatest creative years in music history," asserted James Watts, the CEO of Own The Grill.

"They were Rock' n' Roll, blues, and soul music's last great hurrah before the advent of punk rock, and then the new wave changed everything. And Stevie Wonder was right at the forefront of that last great creative tsunami that washed everything before, and arguably after it, away."

Watts opined that only Sly and the Family Stone's 1971 to 1974 peak could arguably compare.

"But that's about it," Watts insisted.

According to neo-funk producer and multi-instrumentalist Farees, Wonder

felt limited and constricted in 1972 by the music formats of the era.

"He proceeded to fight against the limitations of the industry and then to achieve creative freedom. Free to produce his own records and to explore new formulas beyond the usual radio formats of Motown, he released a series of immense albums," noted Farees, whose new album, "Blindsight," counts as a political call to action set to his patented "wall of groove" production style, featuring Leo Nocentelli of legendary funk pioneers, The Meters.

The album debuts in June.

Farees noted that Wonder gained creative freedom af-

ter negotiating a new deal when his contract expired with Motown Records.

"I think creative freedom was crucial for him at that time to obtain this level of musical greatness. Those records will last forever. No doubt about it," Farees insisted.

He added that the level of "awesomeness and visionary creativity" likely won't occur again.

"Innovation takes too much time and doesn't produce quick bucks," he stated. "There was a time when music was important, and people fought for it. That's really the lesson Stevie gave us with those records. Times have changed now, but not for the better. We're always moving in the wrong direction."



Check us out on Youtube!

In case you've missed it, the *North Dallas Gazette* has begun producing videos. Our latest series, "Close Up" takes a deep dive into issues affecting the local DFW community. Episodes I and II are up now, with Jackie Hardy taking a look at criticisms surrounding the North Texas Tollway Authority's compliance with its stated goals of inclusion for Minority and Women in Business Enterprise firms. The first episode is a conversation with two accomplished professionals in the field, and the second features the NTTA's response to questions about its past performance. Check it out, subscribe to our Youtube channel and stay informed.



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