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## 2020 Census called 'worst undercount' in decades as Bureau misses millions of Blacks and Hispanics in final tally

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

According to many experts, the COVID-19 pandemic and an administration that displayed a complete disregard for ensuring accuracy led to a consequential undercount in the number of Black, Hispanic, and Native American residents during the 2020 U.S. Census.

Further, Census officials admit that they overcounted white and Asian residents.

The bureau reported the overall population as 323.2 million.

"The undercounting of Black, Latino, Indigenous and other communities of color rob us of the opportunity to be the directors of our fate, reducing our representation and limiting our power while depriving policymakers of the information they need to make informed decisions about where the next hospital will be built or where the next school should be located," said Damon Hewitt, the president and executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

"In addition, the undercount exacerbates underfunding of our communities because Census data



The Census population count determines how many representatives each state has in Congress for the next decade. (Photo via NNPA)

is used as the basis for hundreds of billions of dollars of federal, state, and local appropriations each year," Hewitt said.

The Census population count determines how many representatives each state has in Congress for the next decade.

It also decides how much federal funding communities receive for roads, schools, housing, and social programs. Hundreds of billions of dollars are at stake each time the census occurs.

Robert L. Santos, the bureau's director, displayed little regard for the undercount of minorities. He

said the 2020 results were consistent with recent censuses.

"This is notable, given the unprecedented challenges of 2020," Santos said in a statement. "But the results also include some limitations — the 2020 census undercounted many of the same population groups we have historically undercounted, and it overcounted others."

"We remain proud of the job we accomplished in the face of immense challenges," Mr. Santos said. "And we are ready to work

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### People In The News ...



Demarkis Cooper



Madeleine Albright

NDG Quote of the Week: "It's important for us to also understand that the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' simply refers to the notion that there's a specific vulnerability for African Americans that needs to be addressed. It's not meant to suggest that other lives don't matter. It's to suggest that other folks aren't experiencing this particular vulnerability." — Barack Obama



## Demarkis Cooper

By Anthony Witrado  
PGA of America

As a preteen, Demarkis Cooper had dreams of playing quarterback. Maybe, one day, being the face of a franchise, or even the face of the NFL.

But over the span of a few minutes back in June 2008, after hitting a handful of golf balls while on vacation with his family, Cooper made a spontaneous declaration that would change his life.

"I'm never playing football again!" Cooper proclaimed to his father,



Derwin, days after Tiger Woods won the U.S. Open on a fractured leg.

With that statement, the 12-year-old Cooper was on his way to becoming a PGA of America Member, one with an influential voice

in golf's developing effort to diversify the sport and make it a more inclusive activity.

He was recognized for that last week at the 2022 PGA Show in Orlando as a glowing example of the Make Golf Your Thing movement.

Cooper is also a part of the 2021-22 PGA LEAD class.

PGA LEAD is a two-year leadership training program for diverse Members committed to taking on voluntary leadership roles within the PGA at the Chapter, Section and National levels.

It's another way for un-

derrepresented Members to have a stronger voice within the Association, and the golf industry.

If you're interested in PGA Membership, visit [pga.org/membership](http://pga.org/membership).

As one of the PGA's rare Black Professionals – fewer than 1% of PGA Professionals are African American – Cooper understands his role in shaping an atmosphere that more people are comfortable in and that changes some of golf's negative perceptions.

His work at CitySwing, an indoor golf facility in Washington D.C. that strives "to change the culture of golf by eliminating

the barriers into the game," reflects that.

"All of us have to do our part to make sure we bring in more people into golf," says Cooper, now 25.

"Being a part of the PGA and what they're doing to really try to make things more inclusive, that's exactly what I'm trying to do at CitySwing. So people who come from a different background, they have someone like me to look at and connect with to keep them in the game.

"I just want to be able to make the biggest difference I can."

After that family trip, Cooper, an athlete who

played multiple sports, wasted no time entering area junior golf tournaments.

To his surprise during his first competition, there was no halftime break after nine holes, and he estimates he shot "about 150" in that initial event.

Still, he fell in love with the game and went on to play college golf at the HBCU Maryland Eastern Shore while going through its PGA Golf Management University program.

The PGA's PGM programs provide classroom courses, internship experi-

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## Madeleine Albright

Madeleine Albright, the first female secretary of state who remained a close friend with fellow secretaries, Colin Powell (the first Black secretary of state) and Condoleezza Rice (the first Black woman secretary of state), has died at 84.

Albright's first notable foray into the U.S. political scene came when President Jimmy Carter tapped her as his national security counselor.

Born in Prague, Czechia, Albright stood just four feet and ten inches tall. But her legacy is as significant as



that of any other political figure.

Albright's family escaped the Nazis before arriving in America.

Albright would make her mark in the political sphere by advising Sen. Walter

Mondale, Gov. Michael Dukakis, and President Bill Clinton.

Under Clinton, she became U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and then secretary of state.

She cherished her kinship with Rice and Powell, both of whom acknowledged seeking her out for advice when they were cast in the role of secretary of state.

Following Powell's death in 2021, Albright spoke of the bond between the two respected public servants.

"He was truly an incomparable man in every way and incredibly smart, dedicated to this country,"

Albright told NPR. "And turned out we were – got to be very, very good friends. And he was somebody that understood what our country needed and had served it with great honor."

Albright often spoke of her concerns about divisions in America, particularly during the Donald Trump presidency.

In 2021, she spoke of being bothered by individuals who "know about where facts come from" but ignore them.

"In a (2018) book that I wrote is 'Fascism: A Warning,' I went back, and I actually looked at how fascism began, which it did

with Mussolini," Albright stated during a broadcast conversation with Rice.

"The best quote in the whole book comes from Mussolini, and he said, 'if you pluck a chicken one feather at a time, nobody notices,' and that is what I think is kind of happening in the United States," she stated.

"The major thing Mussolini did was to identify with one group at the expense of another, who then became the scapegoats. That is what worries me now. We have been, I think in many respects, artificially divided to blame somebody else.

"I think we need to re-

spect why people are coming from where they're coming from and to make it a point to listen. And we're not doing that enough. But the main issue now is, how are we getting our information?"

Albright's legacy in the American conscience even led to her appearing in popular television shows, such as the Gilmore Girls (as herself on October 25, 2005) and another appearance on Parks and Recreation, in the eighth episode of the seventh season.

Albright reportedly died surrounded by her family. Her three daughters and grandchildren survive her.

## PO2 Javier Lopez Lazo

SAN DIEGO - Petty Officer 2nd Class Javier Lopez Lazo, a native of Dallas, Texas, serves the U.S. Navy at Assault Craft Unit Five (ACU-5) operating out of San Diego, California.

Lopez Lazo joined the Navy six years ago. Today, Lopez Lazo serves as a boatswains' mate.

"I joined the Navy because I wanted to travel and get educational assistance," said Lopez Lazo.

Growing up in Dallas, Lopez Lazo attended Irving High School and graduated in 2010. Today, Lopez Lazo uses the same skills and values learned in Dallas to succeed in the military.



"My family taught me to always be helpful and to do my best," said Lopez Lazo.

Located on a Marine Corps base, ACU-5 is a self-sustained command established in 1983 and encompasses 34 buildings across shore and sea-components including a control tower, eight han-

gars, a 100,000-gallon fuel storage-and-supply facility, a HAZMAT storage and collection center and a 50-acre flight apron. ACU-5 is composed of over 600 Sailors and 30 Civilians that train, maintain, repair and operate the 32 Navy hovercraft, Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC).

The Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) is a high-speed, over-the-beach fully amphibious landing craft, capable of carrying up to a 75-ton payload. It is used to transport the weapons systems, equipment, cargo and personnel from ship to shore and across the beach. LCAC can carry heavy payloads, such as an M-1 tank, at high speeds. The air cushion technology allows this vehicle to reach

more than 70 percent of the world's coastline, while only about 15 percent of that coastline is accessible by conventional landing craft.

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

Lopez Lazo and the sailors he serves with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"My biggest accom-

plishment since joining the Navy was becoming a petty officer second class in two years, which isn't common," said Lopez Lazo.

As Lopez Lazo and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take

pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy has helped me develop my personality and find a higher level of confidence," added Lopez Lazo.

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# Lessons Republicans can learn from Ukraine



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While Russia brought almost 200,000 troops against the people of the Ukraine, the most impressive thing was not the numbers of the attackers, but the unity of the people who rose up to meet the assault on their culture and their way of life.

The Republican Party here in the United States is much like the Russians, attacking a way of life without regard for life or property. The destruction of life and property is much like the assault on our democratic institutions such as the fair election of a President of the United States,

according to our own Constitution.

Yet, the Republicans, much like the Russians, have no regard for anything that exists outside of their own marching orders.

Just take a look at the hearings to nominate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court.

Like the Russians looking at the institutions and culture of the Ukraine, yet bent on destruction of the same with no regard for their value, the Republicans understand the value of the U.S. Supreme Court and the importance of those who serve.

These same Republican senators have twice voted to confirm Judge Jackson to two courts, yet, this time, Senators like Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Gra-

ham, who have voted twice for her in the past, now refuse to vote to confirm this Black woman to the highest Court in the land. To support their insanity, they created concepts like Judicial Philosophy, which have nothing to do with service. Interestingly enough, the Constitution does not even require that a Supreme Court Justice be a lawyer, just get confirmation.

As the Russians left and are continuing to leave the bodies of men, women, and children in the streets as symbols of the human carnage of their war crimes, so are bodies being left in the streets of this country as the result of mass shootings by weapons so many Republicans refuse to outlaw like AK47 assault rifles, which have nothing to do with the Second Amendment Right

to keep and bear arms.

Yes, like the Russians, the Republicans do not care about the threat to democracy and the way of life it guarantees to all Americans. While some allow the use of bullets others prefer Voter Suppression, the removal of polling sites, and penalties for eating or drinking while waiting in long lines to vote.

The good news is that we, the American people, still believe in democracy, our constitution, and equality for all. Like the people of Ukraine, we can unite and fight the inhumane and conspiratorial conduct of our Republican Russians. Like the people of Ukraine, we must rally around democracy and fight with the weapons of our institutions and our votes to remove the Russians among us.

## Let's celebrate Women History Month by adjusting Lady Justice's blindfold

By Rep. James E. Clyburn  
House Majority Whip

Lady Justice wears a blindfold to indicate that justice is blind and, therefore, fair. However, that fairness is not reflected in the makeup of our courts. In fact, one might say Lady Justice's blindfold prevents her from seeing the imbalance on current federal benches.

Last month we celebrated women's history, I believe is an appropriate time to take a good look at the status of women in our judicial system. We all know that representation matters, and the federal judiciary has been sorely lacking on this front.

During the 2020 Presidential campaign, I often heard expressions of displeasure that there had never been a Black woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, nor had one ever been seriously considered. That is why I believed it to be appropriate and timely that

then-candidate Joe Biden pledge during the South Carolina primary that, if given the opportunity, he would nominate a Black woman to the highest court in the land. He made the pledge during the South Carolina presidential debate and went on to win the state's primary by almost 30 points gaining the momentum that took him to the White House. His victory was due in large part to the support of Black women.

President Biden has upheld his pledge and has nominated the highly qualified and well-respected Ketanji Brown Jackson. If confirmed, she will be a tremendous addition to the Supreme Court and bring a different life experience to the bench than has ever been there. It is not just the Supreme Court that is struggling to reflect the diversity of our country. Of the current 1,395 federal judges, only 8 percent are women of color, and just 4 percent are Black wom-

en. In fact, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, which represents states with a combined Black population of 20 percent, has no women of color.

This issue is not new to me. When I was elected Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus 24 years ago, I declared it my mission to integrate that Court and went toe-to-toe with North Carolina Senator and well-known segregationist, Jesse Helms. Senator Helms had blocked earlier attempts by President Clinton to integrate that Circuit and even attempted to reduce its size to get rid of the two vacancies.

The battle was public and not pretty. An editorial writer from my hometown newspaper declared that it was a dispute I could not win. But I developed a scenario that convinced President Clinton to make a recess appointment and Judge Roger Gregory of Virginia became the first Black person on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals

in December 2000. Today Judge Gregory serves as the Chief Judge on that court.

In his first year in office, women of color have represented more than 40 percent of President Biden's federal judicial nominees. That is a significant effort toward smashing a larger hole in the glass ceiling of the federal judiciary.

You might ask: when will there be enough women of color on the federal bench? I will borrow my answer from a famous response offered by the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to a similar question – with a slight modification. She said at Georgetown Law School in 2015, "I'm sometimes asked, 'When will there be enough?' and my answer is, 'When there are nine.' People are shocked. But there'd been nine men, and nobody's ever raised a question about that."

I think Justice Ginsburg made an appropriate observation.

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# Study shows that white people cared less about COVID after realizing it hurt Blacks the most

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White people were more likely to ignore safety precautions like wearing masks and social distancing during the pandemic when they realized the various and disproportionately ways COVID-19 affected African Americans.

Psychologists at the University of Georgia's Department of Social Science & Medicine made those conclusions following an in-depth study of racial disparities during the pandemic.



Photo via NNPA

"When white people in the U.S. were more aware of racial disparities in Covid-19, they were less fearful of Covid-19," said Allison Skinner-Dorkenoo, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Georgia and co-author of

the study.

"We found evidence of less empathy for people who are vulnerable to Covid-19, and we also found evidence of reduced support for safety precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19."

Skinner-Dorkenoo noted that the study revealed that white people mostly showed less concern about Covid and its impact when they believe it is "not a white people problem."

According to an earlier study by the Black Coalition Against Covid, the Yale School of Medicine, and the Morehouse School of Medicine, African Americans struggled more than most during the pandemic.

In the first three months, the study authors wrote that the average weekly case rate per 100,000 Black Americans was 36.2, com-

pared with 12.5 for white Americans.

In addition, the Black hospitalization rate was 12.6 per 100,000 people, compared with 4 per 100,000 for white people, and the death rate was also higher: 3.6 per 100,000 compared with 1.8 per 100,000.

"The severity of Cov-

id-19 among Black Americans was the predictable result of structural and societal realities, not differences in genetic predisposition," the authors stated.

When the University of Georgia report authors looked at social comparisons and construal level

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## Mayor, Congresswoman to chair health care conference, gala to educate, recognize, honor unspoken heroes in health care

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson will serve as the Honorary Chairs of the Scrub Ball Healthcare Conference and Gala. "This is a three-day event designed to educate, recognize, and honor unspoken employees in the healthcare industry," organizers announced today. The conference will take place June 1-4, 2022, at the downtown Marriott Hotel in Dallas. Scrub Ball is being presented by the Cherry Foundation in collaboration with SIPS Consults and CS Assist.

"Our healthcare heroes have always been critical to the well-being of our communities — and they have been especially vital to our city during the past two years," said Mayor Johnson. "I am delighted to help honor them and to recognize their work through this year's Scrub Ball. They deserve our support and our appreciation."

Congresswoman Johnson, who is retiring at the

end of the year, was a nurse before pursuing her long-standing career in politics. "Over the past two years, health care workers have been at the forefront of our battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. We owe them a considerable debt of gratitude—and hosting this conference and gala is a great way to recognize them and address the issues they face daily."

"We are excited that the Congresswoman and the Mayor are joining us. It points out the importance of Scrub Ball in the North Texas community," said Karen Cherry, founder of the nonprofit foundation bearing her name. Cherry will also serve as one of the chairs with both individuals. The event will offer Continuing Education Units (CEU) to workers, seminars, workshops, scholarships, and an awards gala. Another feature will be a Healthcare Job and Industry Fair for those seeking employment and additional industry knowl-

edge. Awards will be given out in five categories that acknowledges healthcare workers to employees of hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics.

Those categories are:

**VIVIAN THOMAS AWARD:**

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# Obama's White House visit stirs laughter, memories and new health care proposal

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With the style, grace, and humor that personified his two terms in office, former President Barack Obama returned to the White House to help celebrate the Affordable Care Act and help announce plans to strengthen his signature law which many refer to as Obamacare.

"It's good to be back at the White House," Obama declared, much to the delight of an overflow crowd of reporters and onlookers in the East Room.

With President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris standing alongside him, Obama referred to the current commander-in-chief as "Vice President Biden."

That brought laughter from all, including Biden, who would later jokingly declare, "My name is Joe Biden, and I'm Barack Obama's vice president."

Of course, Biden served as vice president under Obama from 2008 to 2017.

Donald Trump took the reigns from January 2017 to January 2021.



Photo via NNPA

"It feels like the good old days – being here with you brings back so many good memories," Biden declared.

It marked the first time Obama had visited 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue since leaving office.

"I confess, I heard some changes have been made by the current president since I was last here," Obama remarked.

"Apparently, Secret Service agents have to wear Aviator glasses now. The Navy mess has been replaced by a Baskin-Robbins. And there's a cat running around, which I

guarantee Beau and Sunny would have been very unhappy about," he continued, in reference to the president's dogs.

Turning serious, Obama reflected on celebrating 12 years of the Affordable Care Act.

"It's an example of why you run for office in the first place," Obama asserted.

"We're not supposed to do this just to occupy a seat or to hang on to power. We're supposed to do this because it's making a difference in the lives of the people who sent us here."

Biden said the Affordable Care Act had been called a

lot of things.

"But Obamacare is the most fitting," he declared.

The President vowed to expand access to health care by proposing a change to Obamacare that would allow more eligibility for premium tax credits.

"Once today's proposed rule is finalized, starting next year, working families in America will get the help they need to afford full family coverage," Biden said.

"With this change, it's estimated that 200,000 presently uninsured Americans are going to gain coverage. Nearly one million Ameri-

cans will see their coverage become more affordable."

Under the President's plan, families would receive tax credits if the cost of their coverage exceeds more than 10 percent of their incomes.

The U.S. Treasury Department said the change would allow 200,000 uninsured individuals to gain coverage while more than 1 million others would realize lower premium payments.

"Thanks to the landmark American Rescue Plan, ACA premiums are at an all-time low, while enrollment is at an all-time high," the administration said in a Fact Sheet.

"Four out of five Americans can find quality coverage for under \$10 a month, and families are saving an average of \$2,400 on their annual premiums — \$200 in savings every month back to families."

The Fact Sheet continued:

"The Administration has lowered costs and increased enrollment to a record high of 14.5 million Americans—including nearly 6 million who newly gained coverage."

"With the addition of Missouri and Oklahoma, two states that expanded Medicaid last year, nearly 19 million low-income Americans are enrolled in the ACA's Medicaid expansion coverage, adding up to a record nearly 80 million children, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities, and other low-income Americans covered by Medicaid."

The administration said it's seeking to fix the "family glitch" in the ACA law.

"Under the ACA, people who do not have access to 'affordable' health insurance through their jobs may qualify for a premium tax credit to purchase affordable, high-quality coverage on the ACA's health insurance marketplaces," administration officials stated.

"Current regulations define employer-based health insurance as 'affordable' if the coverage solely for the employee, and not for family members, is affordable, making family members ineligible for a premium tax credit even though they need it to afford high-quality coverage through the

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tic, and respected in their position as leader.

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"We want and hope to bring all of the different elements of what is important in the healthcare industry to one special time and place on an annual basis," said Cherry. She said now that the events have been planned, they will be looking for sponsors to help spread the word and lift the

spirits of those on the front line. "This will allow us to say to the many workers that they are really appreciated by all segments of the community."

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cyber ranges, and resources to meet the needs of every cyber professional. Our data, research, and the top minds in cybersecurity, collectively ensure that individuals and organizations have the actionable education and support they need.

Our SANS+HBCU Committee was established December of 2020 amid a global pandemic and during a universal shift in

social justice awareness. According to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), HBCUs are responsible for 25% of all African American students with bachelor's degrees in STEM fields despite making up only 3% of our nation's universities and colleges.

Our mission is to create a bridge to diversify cybersecurity with innova-

tive Black talent from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. SANS Institute's goal is to be intentional about developing a pipeline of Black excellence into the cybersecurity field and we believe the best way to do so is by establishing a meaningful relationship with some of the best Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the country.

In our first year, the SANS+HBCU committee flourished and partnered with the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) and Norfolk State University (NSU) launching our cyber academies. We have also hosted two successful Black History Month capture the flag cyber range events. We are excited to announce that because of the success of these partnerships, as well as increased

interest from several HBCUs around the nation, SANS+HBCU has opened an all students invite to any HBCU student and Alum to be a part of an our all-inclusive, all-immersive HBCU Academy. Our first HBCU Academy will launch in April of this year, and we invite all students to login to our site and complete a contact and interest form.

Eligibility Requirements are listed below:

- Currently enrolled as a junior, senior, or graduate student at a Historically Black College & University, or an HBCU alumnus who wants to transition into cyber security

- Not currently employed in cybersecurity or have not been employed for more than 1 year in the field

- Passionate about information security/cybersecurity and interested in pursu-

ing a career in the field

- U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (Green Card holder) with work authorization and currently residing in the U.S.

The best part about our scholarship academies, our cyber range events and all future partnerships with HBCUs, is that all of our offerings and opportunities are 100% FREE for students and alumni of HBCUs. So, ask yourself, do YOU want to land a career in cybersecurity? If the answer is yes or even if you would like more information, please reach out and contact us at <https://www.sans.org/hbcu>. All of our latest news and updates, live streams, and testimonials can be explored, and we look forward to helping create that foundation and building that bridge into cybersecurity with you.

## Biden administration focuses money on HBCUs after bomb threats

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Contributor

Shifting funds from the Department of Education to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities experiencing sporadic bomb threats, several top officials in the Biden Administration spoke out. Over the last two months repeated bomb threats have been made against several HBCUs including Morgan State, and Howard University.

On March 16, in a small auditorium at the Old Executive Office Building next door to The White House, Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and Attorney General Merrick Garland spoke on the plan. The allocations, coming from existing money from the Department of Education budget, comes to about \$150,000 per school.

HBCUs have received a record amount of funding from the federal govern-

ment over the last year into the billions.

"At the Justice Department, we believe the time to address illegal threats is when they are made, not after tragedy strikes. We also know that the threat against HBCUs and their students has deep, historical roots... In the over 150 years since the founding of the Department, the threats posed by hate-fueled criminal acts have taken on many different forms. But our task remains the same: to use

our resources and our legal authorities to prevent and confront bias-motivated violence and threats of violence," the Attorney said in front of education officials, reporters and supporters of HBCUs.

Black Press USA asked Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH) and Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond about the historic allocations.

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*Aerial view of North Carolina University's campus. The university was one of at least seven bomb threats reported in early January at Historically Black Colleges and Universities around the country. (Photo via NNPA)*

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ence and opportunities for player development for aspiring PGA Professionals.

Currently 18 universities offer the bachelor's degree program.

To learn more about the PGA of America's PGM program, visit [pga.org/membership/university-program](http://pga.org/membership/university-program).

Going through the program, Cooper became fully invested in pursuing a career in golf. It was his passion, and he wanted to

stay involved in any way possible.

"The way I figured, I love golf, and if I'm a Member of the PGA, I'll always have a job in golf," Cooper says. "I knew I could make a lifelong career out of this, and that's what I wanted to do."

Earning Membership and becoming a PGA Teaching Professional is Cooper's way of making a living through that passion.

And after countless hours

of lessons and his experience in talking with new golfers, he believes the way to bring more people of color into the game, the industry and potentially PGA Membership, is by sparking their love for the game at the grassroots level.

Programs like PGA Jr. League and PGA Family Cup, he believes, are great ways to attract new audiences of young people and create that love at an early age. And along with non-traditional facilities like CitySwing, those experi-

ences can focus on giving people a comfortable, welcoming experience that keeps them playing and finding their love.

Cooper also says promoting diverse golf influencers like NBA star Stephen Curry, a PGA Jr. League Ambassador, and influencer Roger Steele, the founder of progressive content agency HIPE Media, can be ways to get people of color interested in golf, even if they've never considered it before.

The emphasis being that

the more people see others who look like them playing the game, the more likely they'll gravitate toward it.

As Cooper sees it, there won't be another "Tiger boom" that fuels an influx of diverse players. While it's certainly possible that another African American golfer has massive influence, odds are they won't dominate as Woods did, or captivate society enough to create the same phenomenal impact.

That means it's up to people like Cooper to wel-

come in the next wave.

"If you don't play golf, you're not watching golf. So I'm focused on the ground level, what I can do and embracing those people," Cooper says.

"The more people of color that are playing golf, the more interested they'll be in working in golf and joining the PGA [as Members]. It just has to be a big group effort."

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a PGA Member, visit [pga.org/membership](http://pga.org/membership).



# Richardson Parks & Recreation launches community survey as part of master plan update

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department has launched a community survey as part of the continuing process to update its Master Plan. Everyone interested in sharing their thoughts about parks and recreation programs and services is asked to participate.

Community surveys are one of the most important tools used in the master planning process since they can reach a diverse, wide audience. The more responses received; the more information planners will have as they lay the road map for the future of



City of Richardson

the department. The survey will be available online through May 8.

In Richardson, the Parks Master Plan receives a major update every 10 years, with a minor update five

years later. The plan last received a minor update in 2017. When complete, the 2022 Master Plan will serve as a framework that will help to guide parks and recreation development

and programming/funding decisions for the next decade.

A link to the survey is available at [www.cor.net/parksmasterplan](http://www.cor.net/parksmasterplan) with links also shared on the Depart-

ment's social media channels. People wishing to fill out a print survey can do so at the following locations:

- City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.
- Gymnastics Center, 300 E Arapaho Rd
- Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.
- Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.
- Tennis Center, 1601 Syracuse Dr.

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"If you look at our Administration, if you look at what we're doing we're making sure we empower our universities. They've done great with less for far too long," Richmond said standing in the White House driveway."

Members of the CBC received a briefing on the

bomb threats from Department of Justice officials in early March. In an era of divisive politics and a former President, Donald Trump, who negatively targeted Black members of Congress and cities with large Black populations such as Baltimore and Philadelphia, concerns for HBCUs have remained

high.

"The threats made against our nations Historically Black Colleges and Universities are far from new, and I commend the Administration for finally allocating the necessary attention and resources to HBCUs as we work to end the string of threats and bring the perpetrators to justice," said Rep. Frederica Wilson in a statement.

"Our administration is sending a very clear message that intimidation will not stand and we will not be intimidated. We will do everything in our power to protect all our communities from violence and from hate," said Vice President Harris.

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theory, they made additional conclusions.

Although the elevated rates of COVID-19 infection and mortality among people of color in the U.S. do not objectively reduce the risks of infection among white people, they may reduce perceptions of risk by serving as a source of downward comparison, the authors said.

"When people compare themselves to others who are less well off, they feel more satisfied with their current situation," the authors asserted.

"When confronted with threatening health concerns, people often spontaneously engage in downward comparisons as a means of coping, which has been shown to reduce engagement in health-protective behaviors. "Therefore,

news stories about COVID-19 racial disparities may facilitate downward comparison among White U.S. residents, reducing the perceived threat of the virus and endorsement of safety precautions."

They added that awareness of COVID-19 racial disparities could also influence how psychologically distant white U.S. residents feel from COVID-19. "According to construal level theory, when people and things are more psychologically distant from us socially, in time, or in space, they seem more abstract and less concerning," the authors concluded.

The authors conceded that information about COVID-19 racial disparities might not have the same effect on all white U.S. residents.

They noted that previous research had revealed that U.S. residents who are more knowledgeable about past racial injustices tend to be more aware of and concerned about systemic inequalities and racism in the present.

"These findings suggest that White U.S. residents who are more knowledgeable about the systemic and structural inequalities that led people of color to be harder hit by COVID-19 may also be more concerned about COVID-19 racial disparities," the authors wrote.

"This line of thinking suggests that systemic knowledge of contributors to COVID-19 racial disparities would be associated with greater concern about COVID-19 and increased support for safety precautions."

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# Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 54 years later

*On the 54th anniversary of King's death, observances took place around the nation, while those not attending specific events took to social media to commemorate the icon*

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior National  
Correspondent

On April 4, 1968, an assassin's bullet ended the dynamic life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the age of 39.

King stood on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, a site that's now a museum dedicated to the civil rights champion's life.

James Earl Ray ultimately pleaded guilty to shooting King but later claimed he was a pawn in a more significant crime ring to kill the African American leader.

On the 54th anniversary of King's death, observances took place around the nation, while those not attending specific events took to social media to commemorate the icon.

"We spend more time celebrating [King's] birth than acknowledging where he was politically when he was killed — fighting alongside sanitation workers, opposing war, racism, and capitalism," historian and author



Photo via NNPA

Barbara Ransby wrote on Twitter.

"April 4 reminds us of the power of the radical King," Ransby noted.

Maya Wiley, the incoming president of The Leadership Conference, also provided remarks via social media.

"[On April 4], 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated for believing we are equal, shouldn't be poor, and have rights," Wiley asserted.

"Today, we're told to fear learning about race or gender identity, to permit

voter suppression, and that a highly qualified Black woman isn't Supreme Court material. We have work to do."

One day before King's assassination, the civil rights leader gave his last speech where he proclaimed that he'd been to the mountaintop.

In a sad prophecy, King prepared his followers for his demise.

"It really doesn't matter what happens now," he insisted.

"We've got some difficult days ahead," he continued

before doubling down.

"But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place.

"But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land.

"I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man."

Rev. Jesse Jackson, who attended King's last speech and stood nearby at the Lorraine Motel when the assassin cut down his colleague, participated in an event at Mt. Olive CME Church in Memphis to help commemorate the 54th anniversary of that dark day.

"It's sad for me. I was with him when the shot was fired," Jackson remarked.

"I can replay it back of my mind. It hurts still. I think about the progress we've made since that time."

Jackson joined Bishop Henry Williamson Sr. and others in Memphis to observe the anniversary.

"The 54th-anniversary celebration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most

important dates in Tennessee and across the nation to observe," Williamson stated.

As part of the observance, Williamson, Jackson, and others visited the National Civil Rights Museum, which stands at the Lorraine Motel, and the historic Collins Chapel Connectional Hospital, the only hospital in Memphis that allowed Black people during segregation.

"Dr. King called for non-violence to bring about change against unjust and immoral laws in situations of segregation and discrimination. We need that in today's world," Williamson said.

Illinois Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth agreed.

"We will never forget Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for all he did to change the course of our nation's future for the better," Duckworth stated. "Today, it falls upon all of us to continue his legacy."

## Judge Jackson's historic confirmation assured after three GOP senators say 'yes'

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior National  
Correspondent

Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, said out loud on Monday what many may have thought about the Supreme Court nomination hearings where Republicans verbally lynched Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

"Judge Jackson is a better person than me," Durbin announced.

As the committee advanced Jackson's nomination and, with three Republicans announcing their support for the judge, it's all but assured that a Black woman will sit for the first

time on the highest court in the land.

The final tally of 53-47 included GOP Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah, Susan Collins of Maine, and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

Sen. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) expects final confirmation by April 9.

"My support rests on Judge Jackson's qualifications, which no one questions; her demonstrated judicial independence; her demeanor and temperament; and the important perspective she would bring to the court as a replacement for Justice [Stephen] Breyer," Murkowski said.

"She will bring to the Supreme Court a range of

experience from the courtroom that few can match given her background in litigation."

On Twitter, Romney announced that Jackson is a "well-qualified jurist and a person of honor" who "more than meets the standard of excellence and integrity."

The most recent committee hearing appeared headed on a spiral toward earlier confirmation sessions when Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who three times had voted to confirm Jackson to other seats, spewed more venom.

"[Jackson] is embraced by the most radical people

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# Film Review: 'Cheaper by the Dozen' has some good moments

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

(\*\*1/2) It's kinda like a movie. Kinda like a sitcom. Not really either. But its sweet emotions and modern sensibilities eventually make it endearing.

It looks like the goal of the relaunch of *Cheaper by the Dozen*, a classic 1950 and 2003 white bread Disney family comedy, was to make it more topical and multi-grain. Certainly, the casting attests to that ambition. Zoey (Gabrielle Union, TV's *L.A.'s Finest*) and Paul Baker (Zach Braff, TV's *Scrubs*) own Bakers' Breakfast, a diner that serves the first meal of the day all-day long. Both are divorced and bring their mixed bag of offspring into their new life.

Zoey has a teen basketball-loving daughter, Deja (Journée Brown), and young son DJ (Andre Robinson) from her ex-husband Dom (Timon Kyle Durrett), a rich successful basketball player. Paul brings his daughters, Ella (Kylie Rogers), Harley (Caylee Blosenski), who careens around in a wheelchair, and adopted Southeast Asian son Haresh (Aryan Simhadri) into the clan. Post wedding bells, the couple produced two sets of mixed-race twins: the rambunctious Luca and Luna (Leo Abelo Perry and Mykal-Michelle Harris) and the cute Bailey and Bronx (Christian and Sebastian Cote). After taking in Paul's adolescent nephew Seth (Luke Prael), who comes from a broken home, that makes the Bakers an even dozen.

The animated family resides in the multi-ethnic neighborhood of Echo Park, in Central L. A., northwest of bustling Downtown, west of trendy/bohemian Silver Lake and east of historic Chinatown. Childcare, an ever-present concern, is helped by Paul's dizzy ex-wife Kate (Erika Christensen). Money is another problem, and that's solved as the couple expands their



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business. Its success brings them gobs of money, tosses them into an upper socioeconomic group and suburban neighborhood. Issues of culture clash and changing family values threaten their happiness.

The screenplay, by Kenya Barris (Black-ish) & Jenifer Rice-Genzuck Henry (Black-ish) doesn't aim higher than it must. It sets the eclectic characters up way too much in the beginning, with frontloaded, excessive, backstory exposition. As the film progresses, the narrative gives family members life dramas to resolve. Funny, quick wit dialogue in rapid delivery makes them comic and appealing. The script raises some of the social, racial and class issues blended, multiracial families confront. Though, it noticeably steers clear of the LGBTQ conversations kids have these days. Is that to protect the Disney PG brand? A fear of being too real? Debate among yourselves.

The rhythm of the laughs and schtick are so TV sitcomish audiences may wonder why this is a 1h 47m streaming movie and not a series. Certainly, it's not up to theatrical release standards. In Netflix's hands, the material would be broken up into hour episodes, extended over a season and delve into today's problems with more depth. Hopefully in a way that

wouldn't confound children or anger adults but still get the job done. Imagine if Deja's hoop dreams, DJ's sojourn into Goth culture, Harley's experiences as a physically challenged teen, Seth's juvenile delinquent behavior and Haresh's encounters with bullying played out until they were well-developed with appropriate character arcs. Kids, tweens and teens might get hooked. And parents too. What's on view is relevant, but too safe at a time when families are looking for enlightened guidance as they navigate an ever-changing world.

Director Gail Lerner (Black-ish) is not all that adventurous. Lots of scenes are obvious sets, especially home interiors. Her filmmaking doesn't take real advantage of the great outdoors and the kind of freedom and range exterior shots allow. For the first 45 minutes the quick-paced short scenes (editor Troy Takaki, *Sweet Home Alabama*) lack pizzazz. Verve finally emerges at a basketball game half-time show. The very competitive dads, Paul and Dom, have a dance off. It's a welcomed burst of energy, Lerner milks the scene well and Braff clowns around like a comedy star. More of these moments were needed.

Speaking of cast, the entire ensemble brings more to the party than the film-

makers. Braff is an expert at mugging for the camera. Union plays the mom with the right amount of nurturing and the wife with just enough backbone and grit. Brown, Robinson, Prael, Blosenski, Simhadri and both sets of twins stand out. The actors make up for a lot of what the film lacks. They pull you into their emotional states until they give you a warm, fuzzy feeling. All romp around on sets (production designer Desma Murphy) that look too artificial with antics captured by harsh lighting (cinematographer Mitchell Amundsen) that contributes

to that plastic TVish look. The musical score (John Paesano) is both soulfully contemporary and generic all at the same time.

Objectively, the film dares to take on pressing issues and hits some nice emotional peaks. Pity it is not as brave as it could have been. If *Cheaper by the Dozen* had owned up to what it really is, a potential series with opportunities to dig deep, it might have had more impact.

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# Dallas Symphony Orchestra announces the 2022 Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition for young musicians in the region

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra (DSO) announces the twenty-first annual Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The eight finalists will compete for a first-place scholarship award of \$5,000 and a performance with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at the annual Teen Scene Concert on June 10, 2022. The second place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship, the third place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and an honorable mention will receive \$500 scholarship. Admission is free and open to the public.

The 2022 finalists with their competition repertoire are:

- Jacob Choi, viola – Bartók: Viola Concerto
- Victoria Han, piano – Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor
- Lindsey Kim, violin – Sibelius: Violin Concerto
- Steven Lu, violin – Copland: Violin Concerto
- Christian Luevano, double bass – Martin: Concerto for Double Bass
- Austin Topper, cello – Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations
- Ella Tran, piano – Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 3
- Danielle Yoon, cello – Dvořák: Cello Concerto



Joel Wyncott/Unsplash

Finalists at the Dallas Symphony's 2022 Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition were selected through recorded submissions that were screened by a committee of DSO musicians, staff and music faculty from area universities. The winners will be determined by a panel of judges that include Eunice Keem, Associate Concertmaster, Marcella Poppen Chair; Jolyon Pegis, Associate Principal Cello, Joe Hubach Chair; and Giyeon Yoon, Violin.

Established in 2001 by

Harrell, the Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition is open to students ages 8-18 who are residents of or attend school in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana. The purpose of the competition is to identify and encourage the highest level of musical talent in the South Central United States. Past winners have gone on to study music at such prominent institutions as the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Eastman School of Music, The Juilliard School and the

Peabody Institute in Baltimore.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra gratefully acknowledges Rita Sue & Alan Gold and Itske & Anthony Stern for their endowed gifts in support of the Lynn Harrell Concerto Competition.

Further support for the 2022 Lynn Harrell Competition was provided by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, Rebecca Vanyo, Roberta Corbett and Tom Corbett (in memoriam).

Jacob Choi is from Denton, Texas, where he began his classical studies at eight. Currently studying under Ronald Houston, Jacob was recently invited to play the viola on NPR's "From The Top" radio program (Show 411) and was awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Young Artist Award of \$7500. He also was the Gold Medalist in the 2019 Dallas New Praise Festival, First Place in Senior Division for the 2019 JDR Viola Concerto Competition, won Honorable Mention in the Senior Strings Division of the 2019 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition, and Second Place in the 2020 Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras (TASO)

Juanita Miller Concerto Competition.

Christian Luevano started studying bass at the age of 5 with Derek Weller in Ann Arbor, MI. In 2009, he moved to Texas where he studied with Gudrun Raschen until 2018. Christian currently studies with Jeff Bradetich. He has been a member of the noted Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra for all four years of his high school career and was selected twice as the #1 high school bass player in Texas. Christian participated in the Perlman Music Program in 2019, was scheduled to attend the Boston University Tanglewood Institute in 2020, was a member of the National Youth Orchestra in 2021 and is a fellow with NPR's From the Top where he will record and air in April 2022.

Lindsey Kim is a junior attending Allen High School in Texas. She started learning the piano and violin at the age of 6 from family friends. The lessons were more of play-and-learn sessions. As she became more interested in the violin and music, she started taking formal lessons under Young-In Cho, followed by Lucas and Jina

Aleman until the present. Under Lucas and Jina Aleman's guidance, she has honed in on learning and mastering techniques and artistry which have enabled her to earn multiple achievements: first place in Texas All State Symphony Orchestra (2020), first place in the TMEA All Region 25 middle and high school for five consecutive years since 2017.

Austin Topper is a 17-year-old senior at Plano West Senior High in Plano, Texas. Austin began piano at age 5 and took his first cello lessons at age 8. Teachers include Eugene Osadchy, Ko Iwasaki, and Andres Diaz. Austin has performed in the #1 Texas All-State Orchestra as the only 9th grader on cello. He was the youngest semi-finalist in the Fort Worth Symphony Young Artist Concerto Competition and a finalist in the Vernell Gregg Concerto Competition junior division (2019/20). Austin performed a Vivaldi Concerto with Brookhaven College Chamber Orchestra and during Summer of 2019 attended a workshop with the Bavarian Radio Orchestra

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## Tim O'Neal drops 15-footer on 18 to win APGA tour at PGA Golf Club

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL. – Veteran pro golfer Tim O'Neal calmly dropped a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to capture the APGA Tour at PGA Golf Club title by a single stroke Sunday, chalking up his second win of the season and taking over the top spot in the Lexus Cup Point Standings.

O'Neal's nine-under 135 edged a strong, eight-under, 136 performance by Michael Bradham of Con-

verse, Texas.

O'Neal, the 49 year-old from Savannah, Georgia, triumphed at the APGA Tour's regular-season opener at TPC Harding Park in February and lost in a playoff at the APGA Tour Farmers Insurance Invitational in January.

In addition to APGA Tour competition and U.S. Open qualifying, O'Neal will play as a sponsor exemption in the Korn Ferry Tour's Simmons Bank

Open May 5-8 in Tennessee.

He will turn 50 years-old on August 3 and is hoping to be invited as a sponsor exemption to play on the PGA TOUR Champions circuit before the end of the year.

"With the putt on 18 today, I thought that the odds would be in my favor, because I was missing putts throughout the day," stated

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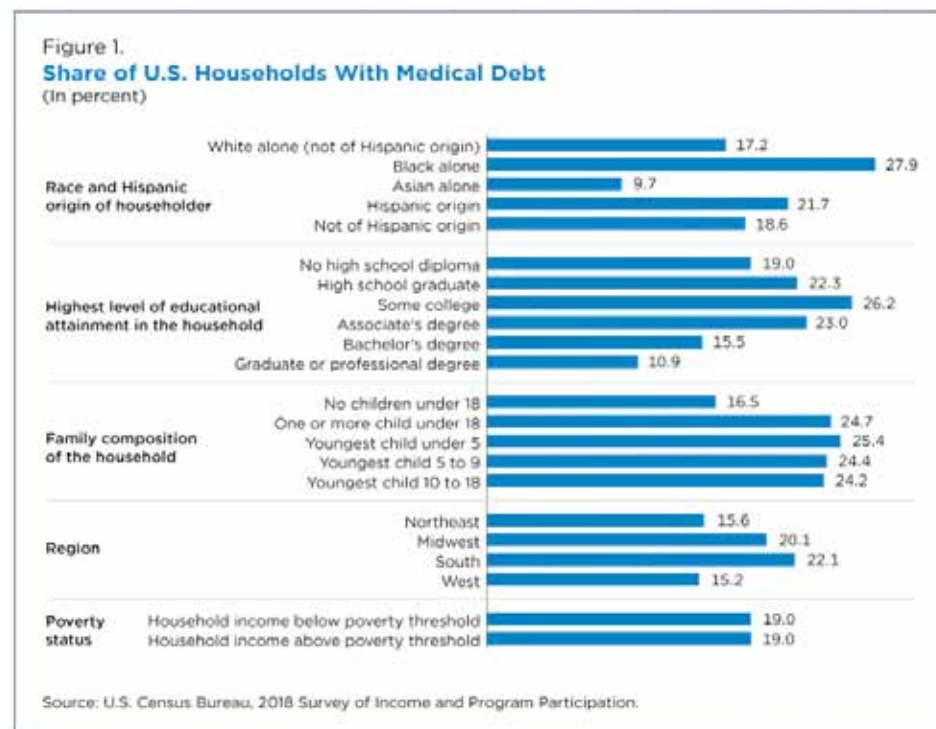
# CFPB: \$88 billion medical debt burdens 43 million consumers

By Charlene Crowell

A new report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) finds that the nation's healthcare system is supported by an infrastructure of billing, payments, collections, and credit reporting that is fraught with commonplace mistakes.

At the same time, patients encounter difficulty in getting these errors corrected or resolved. And yet again, the worst burden of medical debt is borne by the poor, the elderly, and people of color.

As of June 2021, according to CFPB, the \$88 billion medical debt documented on consumer credit reports is likely an undercount, and in actuality could be closer to \$141 billion. Even so, it stands as the most common collection item appearing on credit reports, affecting 43 million people and comprising 58 percent of



accounts in arrears.

Half of the financial burden of past due medical debt is held by Blacks (28 percent) and Latinos (22 percent). By comparison, only 10 percent of Asians and 17 percent of whites have medical debt. Regionally, the highest number of

consumers caught in this financial web live either in the Southeast or the Southwest — where statewide Medicaid expansion is seldom available.

Similar and independent findings from the National Institutes of Health found that racial minorities' ac-

cess to health care is compounded by several factors, from quality of care to lower levels of health insurance and heavy reliance on emergency care instead of regular preventive care. For many Black Americans already burdened with lower incomes and with less fam-

ily wealth, medical debt deepens that financial load 2.6 times higher than that for whites.

Regardless of locale, lengthy and multiple credit reporting delinquencies bring measurable harms to consumers in other important ways.

"Medical debt collections on an individual's credit report can impact their ability to buy or rent a home, raise the price they pay for a car or for insurance, and make it more difficult to find a job," states CFPB's report. "This impact is particularly pronounced when lenders, insurers, landlords, and others rely on outdated credit scoring models that fail to take into account that medical collections are less predictive than nonmedical collections of future credit performance."

While many consumers expect quality health care to come at a premium price, CFPB's report also

addresses excessively high medical charges.

"[M]ultiple studies have found that markups are higher at hospitals with more Black and Hispanic patients," states the report. "Higher markups do not correlate with better care; one 2016 study published in Surgery found that the risk of postoperative complications and death increased as price-to-cost markup ratio increased. The same study found that investor-owned for-profit hospitals charged the highest markups."

Beyond higher-than-expected medical fees are the bills that arrive weeks if not months following medical care from parties unknown. Federal agencies refer to these charges as "surprise billings" that haunt insured and uninsured patients alike. Nearly one in five patients who go to an emergency room, have an

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Assistant Principal Cellist, Hanno Simons. Austin placed 1st in the State of Texas French Instrumental Concerto Symposium and earned 1st prize in the DMTA junior Concerto Competition.

Danielle Yoon is a cellist from Frisco, Texas. She is 16 years old, and is currently a sophomore at Independence High School. She began playing cello at 5 years old with Dr. Julie Sturm, and currently studies with Ko Iwasaki. Danielle has won several competitions such as Texas MTNA Senior Strings, Juanita Miller Concerto Competition, GDYO Philharmonic Concerto Competition, and Indiana University Summer Strings Academy Concerto Competition. She has also been awarded in competitions such as National Symphony Orchestra SMI Solo Competition, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition, Collin County Young Art-

ists Competition, and Ensemble 75 Concerto Competition.

Steven Lu is a 16 year old violinist from Plano, Texas. He began studying violin at the age of 5 and a half, and has since developed a passion and love for the violin and classical music. Steven is the first prize winner of the 2017 and 2020 Collin County Young Artists Competition and the second prize winner of the 2019 National American Protégé Concerto Competition. In 2018, he was invited to perform at the Suzuki Association of the Americas Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Recently, he was awarded the first prize and grand prize of the 2022 Collin County Young Artists Competition and the second prize of the 2022 Juanita Miller Concerto Competition.

Ella Tran began taking piano lessons at the age of five and has been a student of Mrs. Marcy McDonald

and Dr. Alex McDonald for nine years. She consistently received top prizes at the Dallas Symphonic Festival, the Dallas Piano Solo Competition, Baylor/Waco Piano Competition, and the Texas Music Teachers Association state-level division. Ella also won awards for six consecutive years at the Collin County Young Artist Competition, including first prize in the Junior division in 2019 and a grand prize with the opportunity to perform with the Plano Symphony Orchestra in 2022.

Victoria Lahee Han was born in New York in September 2010, now age 11. She started her piano journey at age four, taking lessons through her church in Hawai'i. By age seven, under the tutelage of Dr. Thomas Yee, Victoria made her competitive debut. Her move to Texas broadened her musical horizons under Mr. Konstantyn Travinsky. She currently studies under Alex McDonald and Marcy McDonald in Dallas.



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# Biden proposes eliminating 'Family Glitch' in Affordable Care Act

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior National  
Correspondent

President Joe Biden said he wants to expand access to health care, and he's doing so by proposing a change to the Affordable Care Act to allow more people eligibility for premium tax credits.

Under the President's plan, families would receive tax credits if the cost of their coverage exceeds more than 10 percent of their incomes.

The U.S. Treasury Department said the change would allow 200,000 uninsured individuals to gain coverage while more than 1 million others would realize lower premium payments.

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American Rescue Plan, ACA premiums are at an all-time low, while enrollment is at an all-time high," the administration said in a Fact Sheet ahead of a formal announcement at the White House with former

President Barack Obama.

"Four out of five Americans can find quality coverage for under \$10 a month, and families are saving an average of \$2,400 on their annual premiums — \$200 in savings every month

back to families."

The Fact Sheet continued:

"The Administration has lowered costs and increased enrollment to a record high of 14.5 million Americans—including nearly 6 million who newly gained coverage.

"With the addition of Missouri and Oklahoma, two states that expanded Medicaid last year, nearly 19 million low-income Americans are enrolled in the ACA's Medicaid expansion coverage, adding up to a record nearly 80 million children, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities, and other low-income Americans covered by Medicaid."

The administration said it's seeking to fix the "family glitch" in the ACA law.

"Under the ACA, people who do not have access to 'affordable' health insurance through their jobs may qualify for a premium tax credit to purchase affordable, high-quality coverage on the ACA's health insurance marketplaces," administration officials stated.

"Current regulations define employer-based health insurance as 'affordable' if the coverage solely for the employee, and not for family members, is affordable, making family members ineligible for a premium tax credit even though they need it to afford high-quality coverage through the Marketplace."

The officials added that, for family members of an employee offered health coverage through an em-

ployer, the cost of that family coverage can sometimes be very expensive and make health insurance out of reach.

The "family glitch" affects about 5 million people and has made it impossible for many families to use the premium tax credit to purchase an affordable, high-quality Marketplace plan, officials stated.

Biden's proposal reportedly would require some time before taking effect, thus the goal is for it to begin in January.

Administration officials said more than 14.5 million people purchased ACA marketplace plans this winter.

That number included 6 million who purchased health insurance for the first time.

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with the stakeholders and the public to leverage this enormously valuable resource fully."

Terri Ann Lowenthal, a leading expert on the census and consultant to governments and others with a stake in the count, told the New York Times that the results were "troubling but not entirely surprising."

"Overall, the results are less accurate than in 2010," she said.

The bureau estimated that the 2020 census incorrectly counted 18.8 million residents, double-counting some, wrongly including others, and missing others entirely, even as it came extremely close to reaching an accurate count of the overall population.

The Times reported that the "estimates released on Thursday — in essence, a statistical adjustment of totals made public last year — are based on an examination of federal records and an extensive survey in which the bureau interviewed residents in some 10,000 census blocks — the smallest unit used in census tabulations. Bureau

experts then compared their answers to the actual census results for those blocks."

Officials claimed that the survey enabled the bureau to estimate how many residents it missed entirely in the 2020 count, how many people were counted twice, and how many people — such as deceased persons or short-term visitors to the United States — were counted mistakenly.

Officials began the count after the pandemic shut down operations in April 2020. After other starts and stops, the Trump administration pressured census takers by inexplicably moving up the deadline to finish the count.

Trump also attempted to add a citizenship question to the census, further muddying attempts at an accurate count.

Many experts complained that more time was required and called the count unreliable. Some called on then-incoming President Joe Biden to order a recount.

"This is the worse census undercount I've seen

in my 30 years working on census issues," Arturo Vargas, CEO of the National Association of Latino

Elected Officials Education Fund, said during a news conference.

"I can't even find the

right word. I'm just upset about the extent of the undercount that has been confirmed by the post-en-

umeration survey," Vargas said.

"This is a major step backward on this."

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# American National Bank & Trust earns highest level of approval and status for their SBA lending program

Wichita Falls, TX (March 2022) –American National Bank & Trust (AMNAT) has received the highest level of authority and status for their SBA Lending program, the Preferred Lender (PLP) status.

With this achievement, the SBA is putting great trust in the bank's experienced staff to make loan and servicing decisions for

their small business community.

Bank Director of SBA, Dave Green, says, "With our new PLP status, loans don't have to be submitted directly to the SBA for their approval. Once the bank approves the borrower's request, the credit decision is basically done."

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for the borrower. In some cases, this can even save up to 4-6 weeks on getting a loan approved!

"Because of the increased speed of internal credit decisions, the bank will be able to compete more favorably with other SBA competitors in helping businesses bounce back from the Pandemic," says Green.

This new status will allow AMNAT to increase its marketing efforts and staff size as well as the opportunities to grow its small business loan portfolio.

Green continues and says, "Our existing SBA staff has over 40+ years of SBA experience and is ready to help our small business applicants navigate through the SBA process. Our team

enjoys what we do and has been successful in helping our small businesses obtain the necessary financing to achieve their goals."

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million in assets and more than 200 highly talented individuals dedicated to providing exceptional customer service.

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## Hunter named to advisory board at Orchestra Partners

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Orchestra Partners announces the appointment of Kim Hunter to the Independent Corporate Advisory Board, effective immediately. Hunter brings strategic integrated marketing communications expertise, deep prior experience in growing professional services firm, as well as an entrepreneurial mindset with proven experience with innovation. Following the appointment of Mr. Hunter, the Board will comprise five directors. He will be serving a three-year term, which is subject to shareholder approval.

Hunter has extensive corporate board experience as he currently serves on Cal-Private Bank's Community Advisory Board, a wholly owned subsidiary of Private Bancorp of America, Inc. In addition, he served close to two decades as corporate director for SCAN Health Plan, a Medicare Advantage health plan with \$2 billion in annual revenue. As corporate director, Hunter served on all five committees: Audit & Compliance, Compensation, Finance, Quality & Customer Experience, and chaired Corporate Governance for seven years after serving on the committee for 14.

Hunter is a member of the board of the chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) — Pacific Southwest chapter, where he serves as Chair of the Nominating & Governing



committee. He is also a member of the Private Directors Association (PDA), the only national association dedicated to improving private companies' growth and sustainability through governance that adds value.

"We are delighted to welcome Kim to the Orchestra Partners Board," said Hunter Renfro, principal of Orchestra Partners. "Kim's strategic thinking, diverse industry expertise, and experience in sustaining growth over long periods of time is exactly we selected him for our board. His perspective and insights will be invaluable to us as we expand our business and continue to transform the urban experience. Lastly, Kim's experience in commercial real estate and development as well as travel and tourism will undoubtedly bring value to our strategic vision."

Hunter brings 40 years of corporate and agency experience in advertising, marketing, and public relations. During his career, Hunter has founded three privately held enterprises: Lagrant Communications, The Lagrant Foundation,



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- Shall work with other members of the Executive Committee to develop a program agenda for a defined fiscal year.
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Interested parties should contact Robert D. Bush, president of the Las Vegas Chapter, at (702) 626-0158.



# Finding peace and happiness in a world of pain

(EINPresswire.com) April is a month traditionally filled with spiritual peace and transitional kindness for people and their planet. Beyond April Fool's Day, there is Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good

Friday, Passover, Easter Sunday and Earth Day. But this year, neither Christians nor hardly anyone else in Eastern Europe can embrace it. Russia's invasion has left people horrified the world over.

If author and scholar Dr. Pieter Noomen were still alive, he might have a lot to say about that. Fortunately, he left us a treasure trove of writings on myriad topics, and the wisdom of his beliefs continues to ring

the bells of compassion and peace. Those words are available free, to anyone at any time, on his website, [www.wordsforall.org](http://www.wordsforall.org).

Dr. Noomen's writings speak largely about his belief system and often refer

to messages he said he received from a higher power, but his words can resonate with all, regardless of faith.

"Harmony, peace, sound relationships and health brighten human living. It's

wise to go for them in your short life span, although they will be challenged," he wrote. "Harmony is one hundred percent supported by wisdom. It crowns any

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in the Democratic movement to the exclusion of everybody else," Graham spouted.

He also referred to Jackson as an "activist" judge, noting that if the GOP controlled the Senate, she would already have been voted down.

"If we get back the Senate and we are in charge of this body, and there [are] judicial openings, we will talk to our colleagues on the other side, but she would not have been before this committee if we were in charge," Graham railed.

However, Durbin praised the nominee's restraint in the face of unhinged GOP

senators who many suggested posed questions that bordered on being racist and obscene.

"She stayed calm and collected, showed dignity, grace, and poise. It is unfortunate that some moments in our hearing came to that. But if there's one positive to take away from these attacks on her, it is that the nation saw the temperament of a good strong person ready to serve on the highest court in the land," Durbin asserted.

As most observers speculated, the Senate Judiciary Committee split down the middle, voting 11-11 along party lines on Jackson's Su-

preme Court nomination.

But even that came with some hiccups.

Traveling from California on the same flight as the troubled passenger, Padilla didn't show up until late Monday.

Padilla's vote counted as desperately needed to advance Jackson's nomination with the committee voting along party lines.

Unlike other ballots cast in the Senate, only dissenting votes are allowed when attempting to advance a nominee out of committee.

D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton said while the vote to advance and ultimately confirm Jackson "is historic," there's still some emptiness

for the District of Columbia.

"D.C., as with every other SCOTUS nominee in history, will have no vote on confirmation even though D.C. and its residents are bound by the court's rulings," Norton stated.

Still, Jackson's confirmation remains on pace for a dramatic conclusion either on April 7 or 8.

"We applaud the Senate Judiciary Committee for taking a critical step towards a U.S. Supreme Court that represents our communities and fulfills the promise of equal justice under law," Wade Henderson, the CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, remarked.

"At her hearing, Judge Jackson showed the nation why she will be a justice for all — her years of experience as an even-handed jurist, her brilliance and passion for the law, and her commitment to fairness and to upholding the constitutional rights of all," Henderson said.

"In the face of dishonest attacks and shameful attempts to derail her nomination, Judge Jackson demonstrated her thoughtful judicial temperament and perseverance. She is ready to serve on our highest court, and we call on the full Senate to confirm this distinguished and highly qualified nominee immediately."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) also praised Jackson.

"The NNPA reiterates our strongest support for Judge Jackson to join the U.S. Supreme Court," Dr. Chavis remarked.

"It appears now that the U.S. Senate will do the right thing at the right time with the confirmation of Judge Jackson at a time in our nation where the racial divide has not been closed. Having Judge Jackson on the Supreme Court will at least give Black Americans and other communities of color a strong voice for fairness and equal justice."

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elective surgery, or give birth in a hospital receive surprise bills, with average costs ranging from \$750 to \$2,600 per charge.

Many patients are unaware of the participation of out-of-network ancillary services that they never selected. Emergency medicine personnel, anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologists and surgeon assistants are among the providers with their own fees.

New protections that went into effect this January may provide enough consumer safeguards to end surprise medical bills.

"The No Surprises Act is the most critical consumer protection law since the Affordable Care Act," said Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra. "After years of bipartisan effort, we are finally providing hardworking Americans with the federal

guardrails needed to shield them from surprise medical bills. We are taking patients out of the middle of the food fight between insurers and providers and ensuring they aren't met with eye-popping, bankruptcy-inducing medical bills."

For uninsured patients, most medical providers must provide a "good faith estimate" of costs before providing non-emergency care. This estimate must include expected charges for the primary item or service, as well as any other items or services that would reasonably be expected. Should the patient receive a final bill that is \$400 or more than the estimate, he/she gains the right to dispute the higher costs.

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- Ban surprise bills from certain out-of-network providers participating in scheduled procedures at in-network hospitals. Cost sharing for certain additional services during one's visit will generally be based on in-network rates; and

- Require providers and facilities to share easy-to-understand notices with patients that explain the applicable billing protections and who to contact if they have concerns that a provider or facility has violated the new surprise billing protections.

"The pandemic has exposed how quickly our country and our lives can change," concluded CFPB Director Rohit Chopra. "As we look to recover, it will be critical that we ensure

that patients seeking care do not find their financial lives ruined."

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*Dr. Marian Croak: Inventor of (VOIP) Technology behind Skype, Video Conferencing, and Text-To-Give Messaging*

integrated with the AT&T Foundry innovation centers in Palo Alto, Calif., Plano, Texas, and Ra'anana, Israel.

Activist was a driving force in the creation of the country's premier civil rights organizations.

After graduating as valedictorian from North Carolina's Shaw University in 1927, Baker moved to New York City during the depression.

She was a founding member of the Young Negroes

Cooperative League, whose members pooled funds to buy products and services at reduced cost.

In 1957 Baker and several Southern Black ministers and activists established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major force in organizing the civil rights movement.

**Henrietta Mahim Bradberry** was born in Franklin, Kentucky in 1903. This Black innovator was a housewife and inventor who held two patents. The first, for a bed rack attachment that allowed for the airing-out of clothes. Then Henrietta converted the rack into a new way for torpedoes to be shot from submarines!

**Bessie Coleman**, the first

Black American woman aviator, had a postage stamp issued in her honor in 1995.

**Ethel L. Payne** was the first Black woman to receive accreditation as a White House correspondent.

**Susan Knox's** fluting iron made pressing the embellishments easier. The trademark featured the inventor's picture and appeared on each iron. Ruffles, fluted collars, and pleats were very popular in Victorian-era clothing.

**Evelyn Ashford**, winner of four Olympic gold medals in 1984, 1988, and 1982.

Also won a silver medal in 1988 and was inducted into Track and Field and Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Two famous quotations by Ashford: "I take pride in everything I do. I don't want to be handed anything. I want to earn it."

"I can't run forever. I decided to go back to school for my degree, because I know now there's more to life than track."

(Editor's Note: This column originally ran in April 2020.)

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lifestyle. It serves as a compass for staying on course and for perfecting what is perfect."

But Dr. Noomen wasn't naïve about how today's world can choose not to cooperate. "It is your choice to keep your thoughts clean, holding them to reality's facts. You may stay tuned to your intuition ... Contamination, confusion or static on the lines do remain annoying," he wrote. "Nothing on earth is made well or totally harmonious.

Living there is not easy."

He also said that "creating harmony isn't dependent on the environment or others cooperating. It operates from within. No one can stop an honest desire for wholeness."

Born in the Netherlands, Pieter Noomen worked as a psychotherapist and staff member at a Los Angeles church. He completed doctoral studies in theology and pastoral psychology at the Free University of Amsterdam and became senior

minister of three Protestant churches.

An example from Dr. Noomen's Wisdoms of the Week from his website, as we hold out hope that better days lie ahead:

"Disasters happen. The media report them. Even if we're not directly affected, the pain involved can shake us badly, at least for a while. It always reminds us of our own vulnerability. So next to sending out mental messages of compassion and love to the victims, we can check inside ourselves our

own resources for dealing with bad situations. Being consciously connected with (eternal) life itself is being as prepared as we possibly can get here on earth."

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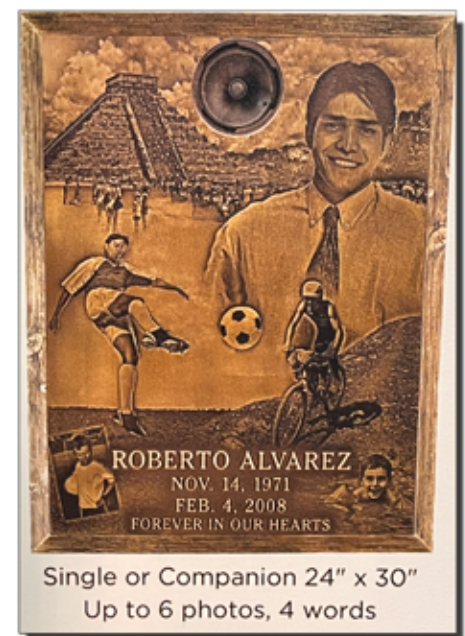
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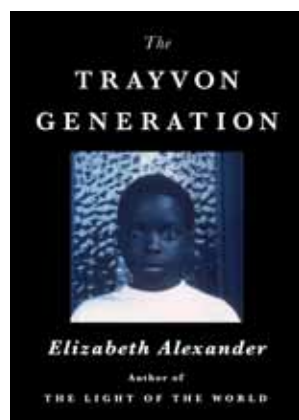
# NDG Book Review: 'The Trayvon Generation' is worth reading and discussing

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your children never miss a thing.

Nothing escapes their notice. They watch below and overhead, spotting objects you've passed by a dozen times but never truly saw. From birth and beyond, they're like sponges, observant and watchful and, as in the new book, "The Trayvon Generation" by Elizabeth Alexander, you wish for them better things to see.

Though it's been a four-hundred-year struggle, the number-one problem of this century, says Alexander, is still "the color line." Generations have done "the



race work," but it remains an issue and she "both lament[s]" and is "enraged that... our young people still have to wrestle with" it.

She grew up "in troves of blackness," but Alexander's children were raised in a

neighborhood where someone sent out a watch message about two Black boys riding around on bikes. As the mother of those boys, now men, she knows the worry, the dreams about worrying, and the fear of not being able to keep them safe.

As a Black mother, it's impossible to "fully protect our children," she believes.

Part of the problem is that we don't always see white supremacy when it's hidden right in front of us. Alexander points at artwork and paintings that hang in esteemed places, but that feature uncomfortable or even outrageous backgrounds that often go unnoticed, or

that take decades to change, once they're seen.

And we go back to what's seen: Alexander calls her sons and Black people under twenty-five the "Trayvon Generation." They're the youth whose names are called when we talk about the police, and the young people whose names we don't know. We see, and still wonder how a mother can keep her children from being "demonized," or teach them "to access the sources of strength that transcend this American nightmare of racism and... violence." How can she protect them, when they, themselves, are used to assuming "responsibility for

the horror they could not prevent?"

"I wish," she says, "... for our young people rest from the unending labor that is race work, and from the spectral anxiety that is part of what it is to be Black."

How do you mark your pages when you read a book? Whatever you use, have a lot of them on hand because nearly every other paragraph of "The Trayvon Generation" contains a sentence or three that you'll want to remember, to reread, or turn over in your mind.

Author Elizabeth Alexander uses personal stories, Black literature, history, racial violence, and current

events to paint pain inside the pages of this book. There's outrage here, too, but it's different than perhaps anything you've read: it shows itself, then it sits back and waits to see what a reader will do before getting another punch or gasp, another George Floyd, another Angola, another "shock of delayed comprehension."

That's what makes this book so must-readable, so thoughtful and compelling. It's what makes it something you'll want to share with your older teenager and your friends, for discussion. Find "The Trayvon Generation," and you won't miss a thing.

## PGA, from Page 10

O'Neal, who played in the first-ever APGA Tour event back in 2010.

"I shot a clean 66 yesterday, but it was bumpy today. So, I'm not where I want to be yet, but things

are trending in the right direction. Just trying to get better every day."

After an opening round 66, O'Neal was tied for the lead with Seth Arthur of Metropolis, Illinois head-

ing into Sunday's final round.

He posted a one-under front nine with four birdies but couldn't pull away because of a double bogey 5 on the sixth hole.

He registered a birdie on 10 and then seven consecu-

tive pars until the winning putt on 18.

Bradham was in contention throughout with a first-day 69 followed by a 67 to take the lead in the club-

house at eight-under 136.

His eagle on the par-five, 514-yard fifth hole was the highlight of the front nine and he posted consecutive birdies on 14 and 15.

A bogey on 17 opened the door for O'Neal's winning stroke on the final hole. In third place was Marcus Byrd of Knoxville, Tennessee, with a 67-70-137.



## 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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