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## As Republicans battled over speakership, CBC members stand united at swearing-in

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On Tuesday, Jan. 3, members of the Congressional Black Caucus held an inspiring swearing-in ceremony, even as Republicans were fighting over who would become the next Speaker of the House.

"In the work we do, we honor our history, like the many Black members that served before there was even a Congressional Black Caucus," said Nevada Democratic Rep. Steven Horsford, the CBC's new chairman.

Horsford, 49, counted among the 58 CBC members taking the oath of office, most praised the Biden-Harris administration, spoke glowingly of the CBC's history, and kept an eye on their Republican counterparts as they tried to find the votes to select a new speaker.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy, who is 57 and from California, continued to face strong opposition from his own party as he tried to replace outgoing speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California).

At least six members of the GOP have opposed McCarthy, who needs 218 votes.



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(Photo: Congressional Black Caucus)

Democrats have seized upon the GOP's inability to unite.

"The 118th Congress has yet to begin, and Americans are already seeing how dysfunctional and disastrous GOP control of the House is going to be," said Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Washington).

DelBene is the new chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

"While House Republicans fight one another in unprecedented ways, and Kevin McCarthy gives in to the most extreme flanks of

the Republican Party in desperate plays for their support, Democrats are clear-minded, unified, and eager to get to work for the American people," she said.

"No matter who becomes Speaker of the House or how many votes it takes, the contrast is clear, and in two short years voters will reject this chaos and confusion."

Further complicating McCarthy's bid, Republicans with a small majority only occupy 222 seats in

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### People In The News ...



Kathy J. Brown



Dr. Leslie Ray Matthews

NDG Quote of the Week: "If you know whence you came, there is really no limit to where you can go."  
—James Baldwin



## Kathy J. Brown

Kathy Brown was recently announced as one of The Amon Carter Museum of American Art's 2023 Carter Community Artists (CCA).

She is a North Texas-based artist and assistant professor of art education at the University of North Texas.

Originally from Detroit, Brown previously worked as a pre-K-8 art teacher. Her work is rooted in cultural epistemologies and focuses on sewing, juxtaposition, witnessing, reimagining, homage, and counternarrative.



"As a 2023 Carter Community Artist, I am looking forward to exploring the Museum collection with diverse audiences via collective wonderings, inquiry-based critical dialogue,

and interactive art making," stated Kathy Brown.

The Carter's collaboration with these artists will help cultivate new and unique points of view on both American art and the Carter.

"As we approach the fifth year of the Carter Community Artist initiative, it is important that we take time to reflect on the impact that the artists have had over the past half decade—on the Carter's educational programs, on visitors, and on one another," said Amanda Blake, Director of Education, Library, and Visitor Experience at the Carter.

"Whether talking about a work from the Carter's collection with a third grader in an afterschool program, teaching adults drawing techniques in the galleries, or leading a group in an activity during one of the Museum's access programs for children on the autism spectrum, the Carter Community Artists continue to make their mark on the Carter and the local community."

Celebrating its fifth year, the Carter Community Artist (CCA) initiative was established to collaborate with and support local artists, to enhance the Carter's events and programs, and

to connect practicing artists to the North Texas community.

This year, the program commits to collaborating with the Carter education staff to activate and connect with audiences, both at the Museum and out in the community through programs for all ages and abilities to connect.

Other 2022 CCA recipients include Adam Fung, a Fort Worth-based artist and associate professor of art at Texas Christian University, Olivia Garcia-Hassell, a Fort Worth-based artist and museum educator at the Kimbell Art Museum,

and Rebecca Shewmaker, a North Texas-based artist who uses sewing and embroidery techniques to create landscape paintings.

Visit [cartermuseum.org/events](http://cartermuseum.org/events) for up-to-date information on events featuring our new class of Carter Community Artists.

The Amon Carter Museum of American Art has been operating in Fort Worth since 1961. It celebrated its 60th anniversary back in 2021, after undergoing a major renovation in 2019. It is dedicated to research, education, and the celebration of the very best of American art.

## Dr. Leslie Ray Matthews

Internationally recognized and award-winning surgeon, Dr. Leslie Ray Matthews, revolutionized the use of "high-dose" vitamin D in the frontline treatment of coronavirus and other diseases of chronic illnesses.

These applications have ramifications for a whole host of illnesses and injuries including traumatic brain injuries, heart attacks, strokes, concussions, pneumonias, sepsis, and other conditions.

A former Mayo Clinic trained fellow and Se-



nior Associate Consultant (SAC), former professor of clinical surgery, and a former director of surgical critical care and trauma surgery, Dr. Matthews has saved countless lives with the cutting-edge vitamin D

research.

The former doctor of the great Muhammad Ali, Dr. Matthews is a retired celebrated trauma surgeon, who has worked to reduce suffering from brain injuries. Such injuries have begun to get a whole new look from medical professionals as concern grows for the long-standing effects now being seen in athletes from across the spectrum of competition.

He has long cautioned about chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or (CTE). Dr. Matthews is the first person to receive a patent for the treatment of concussions

and traumatic brain injuries involving Vitamin D3.

He received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for this work and service.

As the discussions surrounding traumatic brain injuries and concussions have sparked controversies again, recent injuries re-

garding N.F.L. players like Tua Tagovailoa have put the heat now on medical professionals. Many sideline medical consultants have been dismissed throughout the years due to allowing players to continue with a game after major head traumas.

Dr. Matthews has also been featured on various

platforms, including Black Enterprise, The Tennessean Tribune, Ebony Magazine.

With Dr. Matthews expertise in CTE, he would love to educate your audience and provide in-depth information about CTE prevention. For more information, email [Sarah@epimedia.com](mailto:Sarah@epimedia.com).

## Dolapo Erinkitola

In an industry where only 7% of Executive Producers are Black, Dolapo Erinkitola, stands out as a successful restaurateur and investor who has produced 7 films over the course of 2 years.

These include "Karen," "Scheme Queens," and most recently, "The Sound of Christmas," which has made its appearance on BET.

The quality depicted in his films gives a strong example of his ambition and hunger to strive in the movie industry.

Dolapo is on a mission to curate safe and inclusive spaces for artists and future entrepreneurs by creating



his production company, Dolapo E. Productions.

Within this company, he is able to teach aspiring filmmakers the ropes in properly creating, pitching, selling, and producing content that makes a difference.

Within Atlanta's business and philanthropic commu-

nities, he is a powerhouse with a proven track record in supporting local arts initiatives.

Dolapo's business acumen and integrity has allowed him to hold a number of positions that put him in the position to benefit his community.

As CEO of Dolapo E. Productions, as the past President of the 100 Black Men of North Atlanta, and as a high-level member of several nonprofit arts organizations.

Dolapo would love to share his tips on how to obtain Black Hollywood success.

For further discussion, visit [sarah@epimedia-group.com](mailto:sarah@epimedia-group.com).



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# I don't know about you, but I'm feeling '22

By Ambassador Susan E. Rice

WASHINGTON -- The past year undoubtedly brought its share of daunting challenges—from Putin's brutal war in Ukraine, to devastating hurricanes along the Atlantic Coast and fires in the West, to stubbornly high inflation around the globe.

Yet, 2022 also yielded remarkable progress for the American people. Under President Biden's leadership, the economy continued its historic run, creating more than 10.5 million jobs since President Biden took office. Inflation has shown signs of moderating. Thanks to the landmark American Rescue Plan, we've continued to deploy \$122 billion in funding to enable schools to hire teachers, combat pandemic-related learning loss, and support students' mental health. We expanded and strengthened the Affordable Care Act, making it possible for four out of five people who sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act to find health care coverage for \$10 a month or less and helping to drive the uninsured rate to 8 percent—the lowest ever.

It was a year of historic accomplishments. President Biden signed the landmark Inflation Reduction Act, making unprecedented investments in clean energy, finally allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, setting a \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket pharmacy costs, capping insulin in Medicare at \$35 per prescription per month, and requiring rebates when drug prices increase faster than inflation. The President brought together Democrats and Republicans to pass the most significant gun safety legislation in nearly 30 years, securing hundreds of millions in funding to prevent, interrupt, and reduce gun crime,

including unprecedented investments in community-led crime prevention and intervention. President Biden also signed into law the PACT Act, expanding access to health care and benefits related to toxic exposures for veterans and their survivors, as well as the CHIPS and Science Act to boost American manufacturing, strengthen supply chains, and create jobs.

There was the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The announcement of up to \$20,000 in debt relief for Pell Grant recipients and \$10,000 for other borrowers whose incomes were under \$125,000, a move that could help more than 40 million borrowers. The Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act to better protect our democracy. Capping off the year, thousands of Americans gathered on the White House South Lawn to celebrate as President Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act into law—a vital step forward for an Administration that has done more to advance LGBTQI+ equality than any before it.

It's an impressive list by any measure. But, that's only the tip of the iceberg. For every high-profile bill signing on the South Lawn, there have been dozens of other highly impactful executive actions, agency regulations, and notable initiatives centered on delivering opportunity for the American people. As we close out a remarkably productive year, here are 12 Biden-Harris Administration achievements you might have missed over the past 12 months:

- Continued implementing a historic Day 1 Executive Order advancing equity and racial justice across the entire federal government. This included releasing 90 agency equity action plans, containing over 300 com-

mitments on issues ranging from maternal mortality to language access to environmental justice.

- Signed a historic executive order to advance safe, effective, and accountable community policing to build public trust and strengthen public safety by requiring federal law enforcement agencies to ban chokeholds, adopt stricter use-of-force policies, greatly restrict no-knock warrants, implement body-worn cameras, provide de-escalation and anti-racial profiling training, establish a national database of officer misconduct records, restrict military equipment transfers, and more. The order also directed federal agencies to provide training, technical assistance, and funding to support state and local law enforcement agencies in adopting the same measures.

- Made progress on the President's goal of increasing the share of federal contracting dollars awarded to small disadvantaged business (SDBs) by 50 percent by 2025. In 2021, the Administration awarded a record level of contracting dollars to SDBs, with 2022 expected to set a new record.

- Hosted the first White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in more than 50 years and released a National Strategy to end hunger and reduce diet-related diseases by 2030. Over \$8 billion in new private- and public-sector commitments were announced at the White House Conference.

- Launched the Rural Partners Network in 36 communities in 11 states and territories, advancing a whole-of-government initiative—led by the Department of Agriculture and supported by more than 20 federal agencies and regional commissions—that places full-time federal staff on the ground to help

local leaders navigate and access federal resources.

- Made historic investments in Tribal Nations, including more than \$32 billion in the American Rescue Plan, \$13 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and over \$700 million in the Inflation Reduction Act specifically for Tribal Nations and Native communities. In addition, the Administration secured—for the first time in history—advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service, which will ensure a more predictable funding stream and improve health outcomes across Indian Country.

- Hosted a historic United We Stand Summit to combat hate-fueled violence, and announced a host of new federal and nonfederal deliverables, including the launch of the White House Initiative on Hate-Motivated Violence, the creation of an online clearinghouse of prevention resources, and over \$1 billion in philanthropic commitments for unity-building activities.

- Addressed our failed approach to marijuana by pardoning all federal and D.C. simple marijuana possession offenses, urging governors to pardon state and local offenses, and starting the administrative process of the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services reviewing how marijuana is scheduled.

- Addressed Launched a whole-of-government mental health strategy to address our nation's mental health crisis and transform how we understand, access, and treat mental health in America, including the transition to the nationwide 988 suicide and crisis Lifeline. This includes increasing funding to community mental health organizations, school districts, and institutions of higher

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# NIH-funded study shows sound sleep supports immune function

Getting a consistent good night's sleep supports normal production and programming of hematopoietic stem cells, a building block of the body's innate immune system, according to a small National Institutes of Health-supported study in humans and mice.

"The mechanistic insight from this study shows that sleep can have a protective effect against a variety of conditions, including heart disease, cancer, and dementia," explained Marishka Brown, Ph.D., director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research.

Sleep has long been linked to immune function, but researchers discovered that getting enough of it influenced the environment where a type of white blood cell called monocytes form, develop, and get primed to support immune function. This process, hematopoiesis, occurs in the bone



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marrow. Researchers found adults who cut back on sleep for six weeks had increased markers of inflammation.

"What we are learning is that sleep modulates the production of cells that are the protagonists – the main actors – of inflammation," said Filip K. Swirski, Ph.D., a senior study author and director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York City. "Good, quality sleep reduces that inflam-

matory burden."

"Sleep impacts optimal functioning of nearly every cell and organ in the body," said Marishka K. Brown.

The study authors said their findings also underscored the importance of establishing sound sleep patterns early in life, which may reduce the severity of other inflammatory conditions such as sepsis. While most adults should get 7-8 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night, older adults need about 7-9 hours. Children ages 11-

17, on the other hand, need about 8-10 hours.

During the study, researchers assessed associations between sleep and monocyte production in humans and mice, which expanded on findings from prior mathematical models. They analyzed how sleep disruptions increased circulating levels of these immune cells and changed the environment in the bone marrow.

In a collaborative study led by Marie-Pierre St-Onge, Ph.D., at Columbia University, New York City, 14 adults enrolled in the clinical research trial. They each participated in a six-week study arm that emulated getting enough sleep (about 7.5 hours each night) or that created sleep deficiency. To model sleep restriction, adults reduced their nighttime sleep by 1.5 hours – getting about 6 hours of sleep each night.

Sleep conditions were separated by a six-week "washout" period, during which participants returned to their normal sleep patterns.

Morning and afternoon blood samples were collected during the fifth and sixth weeks for each sleep condition. Researchers found that when adults didn't get enough sleep, they had higher levels of circulating monocytes in the afternoon. They also had higher numbers of immune stem cells in the blood and evidence of immune activation.

"The stem cells have been imprinted, or genetically altered, under the influence of sleep restriction," Swirski said. "The change isn't permanent, but they continue to self-replicate at a higher rate for weeks."

A higher production of immune cells creates a

more homogenous immune environment, which can accelerate clonal hematopoiesis, an age-related condition that has been linked to increased risks for cardiovascular disease.

The results of the study support findings from previous and larger population studies. Prior studies have identified genetic mutations that drive the proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells. However, this study found that putting pressure on the hematopoietic system, in this case through sleep restriction, produced similar results without the driver mutations.

The study was partially funded by NHLBI and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

To learn more about sleep health or the NIH Sleep Research Plan, visit [www.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov).

# Monoclonal antibody reduces asthma attacks in urban youth

A study that considered Black and Hispanic children and adolescents with severe asthma, prone to asthma or those living in low-income neighborhoods, found that a monoclonal antibody, mepolizumab, decreased asthma attacks by 27%, a National Institutes of Health clinical trial found. This population has been underrepresented in previous clinical trials of asthma therapeutics. The findings were recently published in the journal *The Lancet*.

"Asthma exacts a heavy toll, especially on disadvantaged school-aged children of color who live in urban areas," said Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health and sponsor of the trial. "The results of this study indicate that more research is needed to develop



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therapies that substantially reduce asthma attacks among these children."

Asthma is caused by chronic inflammation of the airways. During an asthma attack, the airway lining swells, muscles around the airways contract, and the airways produce extra mucus, substantially narrowing the space for air to move in and out of the lungs. An estimated 2.3 million U.S. children and adolescents experienced an asthma attack in 2019, according to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention.

Black and Hispanic children, who are more likely to live in inner-city urban areas due to historic racism, are at particularly high risk for asthma that is prone to attacks. These children often have many allergies and are exposed to both high levels of indoor allergens and traffic-related pollution, which can make their asthma even more difficult to control.

In an earlier study, the investigators had identi-

fied multiple networks of functionally related genes that are activated together and are associated with asthma attacks in children and adolescents who live in low-income urban settings. Some of these genetic networks are specifically associated with cells called eosinophils.

Many people with untreated asthma have a high level of eosinophils in the blood and airways. These cells are thought to increase airway inflammation, which in turn leads to tissue damage, making breathing more difficult.

Mepolizumab, marketed by GlaxoSmithKline as Nucala, is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat people ages 6 years and older with eosinophilic asthma and has been shown to reduce blood levels of eosinophils. The investigators hypothesized that mepolizumab would suppress the

eosinophil-specific gene networks associated with asthma attacks in Black and Hispanic urban youth with eosinophilic asthma, thereby reducing the number of asthma attacks in this population. The researchers further hypothesized that by analyzing asthma-associated gene networks during treatment, they would identify certain networks associated with stronger or weaker responses to mepolizumab. The MUPPITS-2 trial was designed to test these hypotheses.

Asthma control improved in all study participants, regardless of whether they received mepolizumab or placebo. This suggests that by participating in the trial, the children benefited from frequent clinic visits and maintained better adherence to hand-held devices called asthma inhalers, which deliver standard medication to the lungs to ease asthma symptoms.

As expected, the scientists found that mepolizumab safely and substantially reduced blood levels of eosinophils among children and adolescents after a year of treatment. However, this reduction translated into a relatively modest 27% decrease in the rate of asthma attacks compared to the placebo group.

The study was innovative and considered gene activity in cells and compared nasal secretions before participants began receiving injections and at the end of the one-year study to determine how mepolizumab works and link the findings to its clinical effect. The antibody tamped down the activity of three networks of genes associated with airway inflammation and asthma attacks in the study population but did not reduce the activity of six other such networks. RNA,

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# Biden Administration announces plans to drastically reduce homelessness

In major U.S. cities, officials have either ramped up or dialogued about efforts to reduce homelessness, with New York City Mayor Eric Adams announcing plans to place the unhoused with severe untreated mental illness into hospitals among the strategies employed.

Now, the Biden-Harris administration has decided to roll out a national push to reduce homelessness by 25% in two years.

Titled “All in: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness” the initiative, announced on Dec. 19, would mandate federal officials to intervene.

Various government agencies would work with states and cities to target unsheltered homelessness. In addition, the administration would expand housing and services and strengthen efforts to prevent people from being unhoused before they turn to the streets.

“Many Americans live each day without safe or stable housing,” Biden stated. “Some are in emergency shelters. Others live on our streets, exposed to the threats of violence, adverse weather, disease, and so many other dangers exacerbated by homelessness.”



Photo via NNPA

The White House called the plan the “most ambitious effort by any administration to prevent people from becoming homeless, address inequities that disproportionately impact underserved communities, including people of color and other marginalized groups, and help cities and states reduce unsheltered homelessness.”

The “All In” plan outlines new strategies to prevent homelessness and increase the housing supply with supportive services to reach that goal.

Administration officials said these strategies build on the proven “Housing First” model – an approach where housing is the first step to a better, safer, and healthier life and serves as

a platform for providing services so people can stay housed.

“All In” also sets the foundation for new initiatives, including one to reduce unsheltered homelessness in a cohort of geographically diverse communities.

Biden called on state and local governments to set goals for 2025 and use “All In” as a blueprint to address homelessness in their communities.

“My plan offers a roadmap for not only getting people into housing but also ensuring that they have access to the support, services, and income that allow them to thrive,” Biden asserted.

“It is a plan that is grounded in the best evi-

dence and aims to improve equity and strengthen collaboration at all levels.”

White House officials said “All In” builds on the Obama-Biden Administration’s efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness, including using proven strategies that led to a significant drop in homelessness between 2010 and 2016.

Officials contended that some of those gains were reversed between 2016 and the pandemic’s beginning due to a lack of focus on evidence-based strategies, officials contended.

The number of people experiencing homelessness increased by 6%, officials stated.

New data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shows that further increases in homelessness were largely avoided despite the economic crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic – in large part because of the Biden administration’s robust response, including critical assistance in the American Rescue Plan and a historic economic recovery.

According to HUD data, 582,462 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2022 – a slight .3% in-

crease since 2020.

The unsheltered homeless population, including encampments, has increased by more than 3% since 2020. In addition, chronic homelessness, including those with disabilities, increased by 15%.

In New York, 65,633 lived in shelters in October 2022, compared with 57,341 in October 2020, according to the Coalition for the Homeless.

The Los Angeles region, which recently counted 69,144 people experiencing homelessness, has realized recent increases, including a 25% jump from 2018 to 2020.

Homelessness has reportedly decreased by 47% in the District of Columbia since 2016.

Because the Biden-Harris administration kept the national eviction moratorium in place until August 2021 and with support from the American Rescue Plan, evictions were prevented, and many vulnerable families could stay in their homes, officials insisted.

The Emergency Rental Assistance program from the American Rescue Plan delivered over 8 million payments to provide rental or utility assistance to individuals at risk for eviction

or housing instability.

And the expanded Child Tax Credit helped drive child poverty to record lows in 2021. As a result, eviction filings remained more than 20 percent below historic averages in the 12 months following the expiration of the national eviction moratorium.

Despite overall homelessness remaining relatively flat, the administration noted that the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness—including people living in cars and tents – rose by 3%.

“Ending unsheltered homelessness will require a coordinated effort to promote healthy and safe communities where all can live in dignity,” administration officials wrote in a fact sheet.

“Effective practices, such as using an emergency management approach to resolve encampments by rapidly moving people into housing with services and supports, are starting to emerge as national models.

“Although each community is different, and there is no one-size-fits-all solution, these practices could be successfully replicated in communities facing the growing challenge of unsheltered homelessness.”

## The leader’s dilemma of balancing two important needs

(National Institute of Corrections/NIC) -- Have you ever struggled to decide whether it is more important to support your people or your agency? On the one hand, you want to do the right thing to take care of those on the front-line, but you’ve also got to make sure that the work gets done.

Most supervisors, managers, and executives have encountered this dilemma. It’s a commonly mentioned concern in management training classes. In this webinar, Dr. Ed Sherman will discuss the balance

between productivity and ensuring that employees have the assistance and resources that are necessary to function effectively. While sometimes considered as being in opposition to one another, these two needs can and should exist in a parallel, complimentary manner to produce the best possible outcomes, as will become evident during this training.

Achieve agency goals and objectives while concurrently supporting staff members to maximize cooperation, morale, and productivity.

- Enhance methods of workplace communication and interaction

- Identify and resolve concerns and issues before they escalate

- Increase staff commitment, involvement, and participation

Ed Sherman, Psy.D., Principal Managing Partner of Sherman Consulting will speak. Dr. Sherman is an organizational consultant, executive coach, and leadership development specialist. He received his Doctorate in Clinical

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# The MARCH Foundation awards \$50,000 gift to Paul Quinn College

(Black PR Wire) — The MARCH Foundation recently announced the \$50,000 donation to serve as scholarships for the historically Black and the nation's first urban work college.

Located in Dallas, Paul Quinn College, is the oldest historically black college west of the Mississippi. Originally founded in the Spring of 1872 by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers in Austin, the school's original purpose was to educate freed slaves and their offspring. Today, the school proudly educates students of all races and socio-economic classes under the banner of its institutional ethos, WE over Me.

The MARCH Foundation, a private non-operating foundation, has announced a gift of \$50,000 to provide scholarships for deserving students at Paul Quinn College, the nation's



Courtesy photo

only Urban Work College and Texas' first HBCU, located in Southern Dallas. MARCH, which stands for Mutual Alliance Restoring Community Hope, was launched to support the education of African American youth. Kenneth B. Jarvis, a longtime community business and civic leader, founded the group 25 years ago.

With its gift to Paul Quinn, MARCH honors its 25th anniversary and demonstrates its commitment to HBCUs and the growing number of students who

need help with skyrocketing tuition. "The MARCH Foundation is committed to investing in the education of Black youth," Jarvis said, "and we believe that every act of philanthropy – even a small one – meets the needs of deserving students, many of whom are first-generation students who otherwise cannot afford tuition."

Paul Quinn President Dr. Michael J. Sorrell added, "We are grateful to the MARCH Foundation for their generosity in supporting our students. This gift

not only provides a monetary donation which alleviates a cost burden to our students.

"The MARCH Foundation has committed to fostering relationships with our students so they can see what is possible."

MARCH Foundation's investment addresses a major issue confronting students and their families, who have seen college debt triple since 2007 and college costs at a four-year college double since 1990. The trend has only emphasized the importance of how completing a college education is more important than ever. A recent Federal Reserve Bank of New York study showed that those with a college degree make on average \$22,000 more than someone with a high school diploma. Board Members – African American executive men, all of whom retired from United Parcel Service (UPS), ini-

tially funded MARCH with their personal funds.

The foundation has distributed more than \$2 million in grants and scholarships, impacting more than 2,000 students to date. The MARCH Foundation believes that higher education is a passport to unsurpassed career pathways, according to MARCH Board Chairman Mel Smith. "We hope that our gift will not only encourage students to graduate but also inspire them to give back later with their time, money and talents," Smith said.

For more information or the opportunity to give to the MARCH Foundation, visit <https://marchfoundation.org/donate/> For more information on Paul Quinn College and the opportunity to assist students with scholarships and other opportunities visit <http://www.pqc.edu/invest/>.

Paul Quinn College is a private, faith-based, four-

year, liberal arts-inspired college.

The mission of Paul Quinn College is to provide a quality, faith-based education that addresses the academic, social, and Christian development of students. Under President Sorrell's leadership, Paul Quinn has become one of the most innovative and respected small colleges in the nation and now serves as a model for urban higher education. Fortune magazine recognized President Sorrell's work and the College's transformation by naming him one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders. President Sorrell is also a three-time award winner of HBCU Male President of the Year by HBCU Digest, was selected as 2018-2019 President of the Year by Education Dive and named by Time magazine as one of the "31 People Changing the South."

## Improving Educational Access: giving students tools they need to succeed

(BCS) -- T.D. Jakes Foundation recently provided holiday gifts to local students to help foster equity in education, donating 300 fully-outfitted Lenovo V14 laptop computers to three Dallas-area high school students.

T.D. Jakes Foundation believes that learning and achievement should not be limited because of the neighborhood students live in or the schools they attend. Through a generous donation, the Foundation was able to provide 300 fully-outfitted Lenovo V14 laptop computers to three Dallas-area high schools.

The schools were W.H. Adamson High School in Oak Cliff, James Madison High School in South Dallas, and L.G. Pinkston High School in West Dallas, all of which faced an acute shortage of computers.

Selected based on the schools' participation in T.D. Jakes Foundation's



Dallas school receives generous supply of computer laptops (Courtesy photo)

STEAM Academy – Arts initiative in 2021 and 2022, the programs offered lessons in video editing, lighting and technologies that lined up with the musicals "Hamilton" and "Ain't too Proud to Beg." Both of the curricula served as part of

the ongoing partnership between T.D. Jakes Foundation, Dallas ISD, and Broadway Dallas, which uses its programs and initiatives to give students access to the Spirit of Broadway.

"At T.D. Jakes Foundation, our goal is to help

students advance their education," said Dr. Jennifer Stimpson, T.D. Jakes Chief Programs Officer. "We live by the motto 'if they can see it, they can be it.' With these computers, these students can not only advance their education but also

engage in learning about careers within the STEAM fields they didn't even know were possible."

Adamson, Madison and Pinkston High Schools typically rank in the bottom 50% of high schools, and the student populations are 99% minority students. Without access to proper equipment and learning materials, it is nearly impossible for students to learn and succeed, much less be competitive in today's environment. For example, according to the US News Best High Schools List, Adamson High School received a 25.1 college readiness score out of 100. Now that students have proper technology and the ability to participate in increased STEAM studies, future graduates will be better prepared for college and careers that focus on STEAM readiness.

"We are so grateful to receive these computers for

our students," said Heather Albuquerque, Assistant Principal at L.G. Pinkston High School. "More than anything, we want to build capacity and provide the adequate resources to our students. Having these computers and the ability to put these into the hands of our students as valuable resources truly fills a very real void for us and furthers their access to equal education."

As seen in its avid support of STEAM, T.D. Jakes Foundation enables greater access to education and applauds all who work to achieve better learning environments and opportunities for all students. The Foundation and all the students who are benefiting from the computers at Adamson, Madison and Pinkston High Schools send a heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor for enabling these critical resources to be made available.



## Pop-up exhibit in Irving inspired by women's rights in Iran opens Saturday

Woman Life Freedom DFW Collective, Pegasus Media Project, and Irving Arts Center have partnered to present a topical conversation through the visual and performing arts mediums in a special exhibition and performance event at Irving Arts Center.

An opening reception featuring performances will be held Saturday, Jan 7, 2023, from 6 until 9 pm in the Irving Arts Center's Main Gallery and Dupree Theater. The program will feature an innovative runway of performance art exploring the diverse perspectives at the dawn of a new era with poetry, spoken word, storytelling, video, performances, paintings, photographs, sculptures, and other mixed-media artworks.



January 7 Opening Reception Schedule of Events

- 6PM, Main Gallery: Reception, meet the artists and runway of performance art.

- 7PM, Dupree Theater: Live performances by various artists, including Fared Shafinury, a critically-acclaimed, award-winning composer, vocalist, lyricist,

and Persian setar virtuoso.

For more information, visit <https://www.irvingartscenter.com/events/women-life-freedom-dfw-opening-event/>

This timely exhibition comes in response to the Iranian women who are courageously demonstrating peacefully, protesting for their fundamental hu-

man rights in the wake of unspeakable tragedies including the death of Mahsa Jina Amini, who was arrested and detained in September for failing to adequately cover her hair, before dying in police custody. The women-led uprising against the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose brutal and murderous actions against women are only a portion of their theocracy, has rallied behind the slogan "Woman, Life, Freedom (Zan, Zendegi, Azadi)."

"We are making the invisible visible" says Niloo Jalilvand, Director of the Pegasus Media Project. "While these protests continue around the globe, DFW's Iranian artists and supporting communities pursued an outlet to ex-

press themselves. Thus, The Woman Life Freedom DFW Collective initiated an exhibition which seeks to amplify and expand the voices of those bravely pursuing basic human rights and dignity by bringing together their expressions in response to this historical movement," she says.

The exhibition Woman, Life, Freedom DFW with its diverse display of works of art by the local Iranian diaspora and other artists, will be running from Jan. 7 – 21 at Irving Arts Center, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062.

It is free to view during Irving Arts Center gallery hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. through Jan 21.

Participating artists in-

clude: Alisa Eykilis, Bahareh Momeniabdolabad, Carmen Menza, Chloe Curiel, Christopher Sonny Martinez, Danie Gomez-Ortiz, Danielle Georgiou, Ehsan Shafie, Fahimeh Vahdat, Fared Shafinury, Fari Rahimi, Hind Chaouat, Kristin Colaneri, Mahboobeh Mohammadpour, Mari Hidalgo King, Marjaneh Goudarzi, Maryam Ashkaboosi, Maryam Baig, Maryam Takalou, Mona Kasra, Nazanin Ahmady, Niloo Jalilvand, Parisa Nozari, Parisa Haghighi, Ramak Baghaie, Shafagh Kalhori, Shahrbanoo Hamzeh, Shahrzad Hamzeh, Shayan Javadi, Soheyla Rashidian, Steph Hargrove, Tamitha Curiel, Tammy Melody Gomez, Vajihe Zamaniderkani, and Zahra Jafarpour.

## Black-owned Nubian Hueman contributes nine years to local economy and abroad

(Black PR Wire) -- Nubian Hueman, located in the heart of the Southeast D.C. Anacostia community, has invested more than \$2.7 million in Black-owned businesses and services since its inception in 2013.

They have featured more than 600 artists, designers, and brands worldwide.

On December 29th, the boutique commemorates the evolution of its Washington D.C. business with the closure of its first store.

The closing celebration takes place at the Anacostia Art Center, with art exhibits, poetry, exclusive collection launches, and curated DJ experiences.

Born out of her passion for becoming an economic

change agent, Nubian Hueman was founded in 2013 by Anika Hobbs, a former District Manager for one of

the world's leading fashion retailers.

Nubian Hueman is one of the first businesses to open

inside the Anacostia Arts Center.

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Psychology from Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego, and holds Master's degrees in management and psychology. Dr. Sherman has 40 years of experience in public safety having served as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, and paramedic. He worked for many years in the law enforcement profession in San Diego in various assignments including serving as a Criminal Intelligence Supervisor for the California Department of Justice. Dr. Sherman has provided services to both public and private entities such as after-action reviews, assessments, training, team building, and process improvement facilitation for staff at all levels.

- The event will take place on January 19, 2023 at 12pm Central and will

last one hour.

- Who should attend? Any employee of a state, federal, or local correctional jurisdiction.

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Conference Area  
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Annual Report of Performance on Texas Academic Performance Report for 2022-2023

and the 2022-2023 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Accelerated Instruction

The Dallas Independent School District will hold a public hearing to share information with the community regarding the educational performance of the district along with the effectiveness of accelerated instruction. The Meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2023, Conference Area, 5151 Samuell Blvd.

Persons interested in making comments at the public hearing must register to speak by contacting Board Services at (972) 925-3720. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., Monday, January 23, through Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

# Maryland Democratic Rep. Raskin announces 'serious' cancer diagnosis

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Maryland Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin announced that he would begin treatment for large B cell lymphoma.

Raskin, 60, has served in the U.S. Congress, representing Maryland's 8th district since 2017. The District of Columbia native previously served in the Maryland State Senate

for two terms beginning in 2007.

He insisted that his condition was "serious but curable."

The American Cancer Society describes large B cell lymphoma as cancer that "tends to grow quickly."

Aggressive chemotherapy may cure this kind of cancer in about half of all patients. Still, doctors stress that it depends on factors, including when physicians

initially diagnose the disease.

"After several days of tests, I have been diagnosed with diffuse large B cell lymphoma, which is a serious but curable form of cancer," Raskin announced in a statement issued by his office.

"I am about to embark on a course of chemo-immunotherapy on an outpatient basis at Med Star Georgetown University Hospital and Lombardi Comprehen-

sive Cancer Center. The prognosis for most people in my situation is excellent after four months of treatment."

Raskin, who acted as lead impeachment manager during former President Donald Trump's second impeachment trial in 2021, also serves on the House Select Committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The committee this

month referred charges against Trump to the Department of Justice.

"I plan to get through this and, in the meantime, to keep making progress every day in Congress for American democracy," Raskin asserted.

"I [expect] to be able to work through this period but have been cautioned by my doctors to reduce unnecessary exposure to avoid COVID-19, the flu, and other viruses."



Maryland Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin (Photo via NNPA)

## House Committee details the charges referred to DOJ against Trump

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Donald Trump, who holds the ignominious distinction of being the only twice-impeached U.S. president, has become the first commander-in-chief to have criminal charges referred against him.

The dubious achievement occurred on Monday, Dec. 19, when the House Select Committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol formally requested that the U.S. Department of Justice charge Trump with inciting, assisting, or engaging in insurrection against the United States and "giving aid or comfort" to an insurrection.

Chaired by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Mississippi) and vice chair Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyoming), the committee released a 161-page summary that focused on Trump's involvement in the effort to overturn his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden.

The committee concluded that Trump's efforts "makes him responsible for the violence that unfolded, and unfit to hold office."

The panel then laid out a criminal case for the Justice Department, including a cache of evidence.

Based upon the assembled evidence, the committee has reached a series of specific findings, including the following 17 powerful conclusions against Trump:

- Beginning election night and continuing through January 6th and thereafter, Trump purposely disseminated false allegations of fraud related to the 2020 Presidential election to aid his effort to overturn the election and for purposes of soliciting contributions. "These false claims provoked his supporters to violence on January 6th," the committee determined.

- Knowing that he and his supporters had lost dozens of election lawsuits, and despite his own senior advisors refuting his election fraud claims and urging him to concede his election loss, Trump refused to accept the lawful result of the 2020 election. Rather than honor his constitutional obligation to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed," President Trump instead plotted to overturn the election outcome.

- Despite knowing that such an action would be illegal, and that no State had or would submit an altered electoral slate, Trump corruptly pressured Vice President Mike Pence to refuse to count electoral votes during Congress's joint session on January 6th.

- Trump sought to corrupt the U.S. Department of Justice by attempting to enlist Department officials to make purposely false statements and thereby aid his effort to overturn the Presidential election. After that effort failed, Trump of-

fered the position of Acting Attorney General to Jeff Clark knowing that Clark intended to disseminate false information aimed at overturning the election.

- Without any evidentiary basis and contrary to State and Federal law, Trump unlawfully pressured State officials and legislators to change the results of the election in their States.

- Trump oversaw an effort to obtain and transmit false electoral certificates to Congress and the National Archives.

- Trump pressured Members of Congress to object to valid slates of electors from several States.

- Trump purposely verified false information filed in Federal court.

- Based on false allegations that the election was stolen, Trump summoned tens of thousands of supporters to Washington for January 6th. Although these supporters were angry and some were armed, Trump instructed them to march to the Capitol on January 6th to "take back" their country.

- Knowing that a violent attack on the Capitol was underway and knowing that his words would incite further violence, Trump purposely sent a social media message publicly condemning Vice President Pence at 2:24 p.m. on January 6th.

- Knowing that violence was underway at the Capitol, and despite his duty

to ensure that the laws are faithfully executed, Trump refused repeated requests over a multiple hour period that he instruct his violent supporters to disperse and leave the Capitol, and instead watched the violent attack unfold on television. This failure to act perpetuated the violence at the Capitol and obstructed Congress's proceeding to count electoral votes.

- Each of these actions by Trump was taken in support of a multi-part conspiracy to overturn the lawful results of the 2020 Presidential election.

- The intelligence community and law enforcement agencies did successfully detect the planning for potential violence on January 6th, including planning specifically by the Proud Boys and Oath Keeper militia groups who ultimately led the attack on the Capitol. As January 6th approached, the intelligence specifically identified the potential for violence at the U.S. Capitol. This intelligence was shared within the executive branch, including with the Secret Service and the President's National Security Council.

- Intelligence gathered in advance of January 6th did not support a conclusion that Antifa or other left-wing groups would likely engage in a violent counterdemonstration, or attack Trump supporters on January 6th. Indeed, intelligence from January 5th

indicated that some left-wing groups were instructing their members to "stay at home" and not attend on January 6th. Ultimately, none of these groups was involved to any material extent with the attack on the Capitol on January 6th.

- Neither the intelligence community nor law enforcement obtained intelligence in advance of January 6th on the full extent of the ongoing planning by President Trump, John Eastman, Rudolph Giuliani and their associates to overturn the certified election results. Such agencies apparently did not (and potentially could not) anticipate the provocation President Trump would offer the crowd in his Ellipse speech, that President Trump would "spontaneously" instruct the crowd to march to the Capitol, that President Trump would exacerbate the violent riot by sending his 2:24 p.m. tweet condemning Vice President Pence, or the full scale of the violence and lawlessness that would ensue. Nor did law enforcement anticipate that President Trump would refuse to direct his supporters to leave the Capitol once violence began. No intelligence community advance analysis predicted exactly how President Trump would behave; no such analysis recognized the full scale and extent of the threat to the Capitol on January 6th.

- Hundreds of Capitol

and DC Metropolitan police officers performed their duties bravely on January 6th, and America owes those individual immense gratitude for their courage in the defense of Congress and our Constitution. Without their bravery, January 6th would have been far worse. Although certain members of the Capitol Police leadership regarded their approach to January 6th as "all hands-on deck," the Capitol Police leadership did not have sufficient assets in place to address the violent and lawless crowd.

- Capitol Police leadership did not anticipate the scale of the violence that would ensue after President Trump instructed tens of thousands of his supporters in the Ellipse crowd to march to the Capitol, and then tweeted at 2:24 p.m. Although Chief Steven Sund raised the idea of National Guard support, the Capitol Police Board did not request Guard assistance prior to January 6th. The Metropolitan Police took an even more proactive approach to January 6th, and deployed roughly 800 officers, including responding to the emergency calls for help at the Capitol. Rioters still managed to break their line in certain locations, when the crowd surged forward in the immediate aftermath of Trump's 2:24 p.m. tweet. The Department of Justice

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## Eisemann Center presents 'The Music of Sam Cooke -- A Change is Gonna Come'

Bradd Marquis will perform the music of Sam Cooke at the Eisemann Center on the evening of Friday, January 20, 2023. Sam Cooke, also known as Mr. Soul, is considered the pioneer of what we have now come to know as Soul Music.

His influence has spanned over 60 years and touched every single individual, directly and or indirectly, in every genre of music from country to rock to pop. Songs written and sung by Sam Cooke, the pioneer of soul music, are brought to new life by gifted musician Bradd Marquis.

Entertaining and educa-

tional, this unique concert experience is loaded with soul-stirring musical hits such as "You Send Me" and "(What a) Wonderful World," as well as lessons about life, self-empowerment and social change that are still relevant and necessary to this day.

Taking you back in time through the life of Sam Cooke, Marquis will explore his journey from the son of a preacher in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to his recruitment into the number one Gospel group in Chicago, The Soul Stirrers. The concert will be a journey as he crossed over into secular music, his rise as a pop

icon, and his tragic death as he began his transformation into a social activist.

One can hide Sam Cooke's influence behind the veil of his musical accomplishments, but when you genuinely unpack his life, you'll find his influence lies in his business acumen and willingness to blaze a trail for himself and others.

"This was no tribute act, it was an homage to the legend with great respect and showmanship." – Garreth Browne of Pure M.

The concert will take place at Eisemann Center at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson on Friday, Jan-

uary 20, 2023 at 8:00 pm in the Hill Performance Hall.

The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park.

The 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas tickets are \$37-\$49 and are available for purchase online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972.744.4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons.

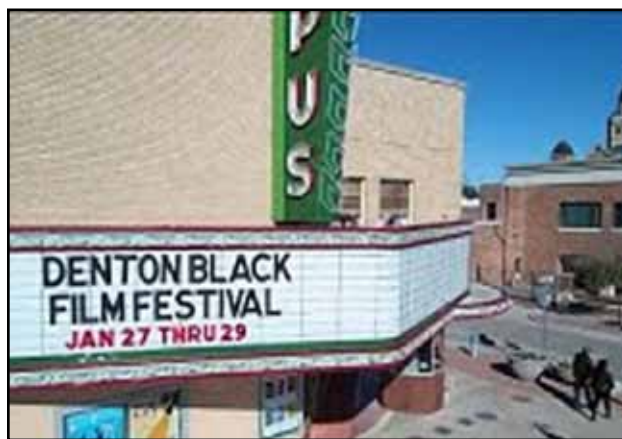


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## Denton Black Film Festival announces ticket sales, featured films and special programming for 2023 schedule

DENTON (Texas) (Black PR Wire) – The Denton Black Film Festival is an annual cultural event, featuring the works of emerging filmmakers, creatives from around the country and talented college students, musicians, artists and spoken word poets. Held each January, thousands attend the celebration of storytelling in various art forms, which takes place in venues in Denton, Texas.

As one of the Southwest's most successful events, the Denton Black Film Festival recently announced that tickets and passes are now available for its 2023 festival. The event will include entertaining and an engaging list of activities taking



YouTube, Denton Black Film Festival

place, in person - January 25th – 29th, 2023, and virtually January 29- February 6, 2023.

The festival will feature about 98 films, three art exhibits, a technology expo, live music, spoken word poetry slam, a hackathon, and master classes, work-

shops, and panels to help creatives hone their craft.

"Every year, we have tried to take the festival to a higher level," said Harry Eaddy, one of the festivals founders and directors.

"This year, we're offering great films, great entertainment, and community

engagement in a way we've never done before."

To support DBFF's success, The Village Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation issued a \$5,000 grant as part of its efforts "to honor, sustain and expand the legacy of African American women's philanthropy by funding organi-

zations and initiatives that positively impact the African American community in North Texas. Additionally, Panavision will continue its support of providing \$20,000 camera packages each for Best Narrative and Documentary films.

This year's festival has an exciting variety of films

of which eight will feature Texas Stories but with broad appeal tapping into the "Black Experience."

At the Technology Education and Culture (TEC) Expo, there will be a special screening of "Yankho," a VR 360-film experience

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education to increase the number of school-based and community mental health professionals.

- Strengthened Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) by defending DACA in court against ongoing attacks, issuing a Presidential Memorandum to preserve and fortify DACA, and releasing a final rule codifying the 2012 DACA policy.

- Reunited and provided

support services to more than 570 families who were separated under the previous administration's "zero-tolerance" policy. Of the children who remained separated when President Biden took office, more than 70 percent of their families have been contacted and offered the opportunity to reunify.

- Proposed rules to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, which is pro-

jected to save as many as 654,000 lives, including up to 238,000 Black Americans.

Across the board, the Biden-Harris Year Two record is a record of results for the American people. It's a record of taking on some of our nation's toughest challenges and delivering. That's the spirit that drove our Administration to success during 2022, and it's the spirit we're carrying with us into 2023. Stay tuned.



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# 'Pretty Woman: The Musical' makes North Texas debut with Broadway Dallas

Broadway Dallas, Broadway Across America, and Performing Arts Fort Worth announced today that Pretty Woman: The Musica is making its North Texas premiere and tickets are on sale now. The Broadway musical will play Dallas' Music Hall at Fair Park from January 24 - February 5, 2023 as part of the Germania Insurance Broadway Series presented by Broadway Dallas. The tour will then head to Fort Worth to play Bass Performance Hall from February 7-12, 2023 as part of the Broadway at the Bass Series presented by PNC Bank.



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Tickets for the Dallas engagement are available at [BroadwayDallas.org](http://BroadwayDallas.org) or by calling 800-982-2787. Group orders of 10 or more may be placed by calling

214-426-4768 or emailing [Groups@BroadwayDallas.org](mailto:Groups@BroadwayDallas.org).

Tickets for the Fort Worth engagement are available at [basshall.com](http://basshall.com) or by calling

817-212-4280. For group sales discounts please visit [www.basshall.com/groups](http://www.basshall.com/groups).

Pretty Woman: The Musica, based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, is now on tour! Starring Broadway superstar and Tony Award®-nominee Adam Pascal as Edward Lewis and newcomer Jessie Davidson as the charming and charismatic Vivian Ward, Pretty Woman: The Musica springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award®-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (Hairspray, Kinky

Boots, Legally Blonde).

Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, Pretty Woman: The Musica features an original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ("Summer of '69", "Heaven"), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. Pretty Woman: The Musica will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (BuzzFeed News).

Pretty Woman: The Musica has scenic design by David Rockwell, costume

design by Gregg Barnes, lighting design by Kenneth Posner and Philip S. Rosenberg, sound design by John Shivers, hair design by Josh Marquette, makeup design by Fiona Mifsud, and music supervision, arrangements and orchestrations by Will Van Dyke.

Featured in the musical is Roy Orbison and Bill Dee's international smash hit song "Oh, Pretty Woman," which inspired the iconic movie. PRETTY WOMAN the film (produced by Arnon Milchan - New Regency Productions) was an in-

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## Local DFW casting search for 'Spirit Level'

(Rover Dramawerks) -- Auditions to fill roles for the play, "Spirit Level" will be held this month in Plano.

The play, written by Pam Valentine and directed by Glynda Welch, tells the comedic story of a famous author Jack Cameron and his wife Susie, who drown in a boating accident and are required to haunt the

country cottage where they lived. Then Simon and Flic, an aspiring writer and his pregnant wife, rent the cottage. When Simon has writer's block and Flic's monster mother comes to visit, Jack and Susie call on a Guardian Angel for assistance, with some unexpectedly wacky results.

Roles are available for

three men and four women to include the following Jack Cameron, Susie Cameron, Mark Webster, Simon Willis, Flic Willis, Marcia Bradshaw and Susie's Guardian Angel. The director seeks a diverse cast.

Auditions will be held in person on Saturday, Jan.

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about a Malawian mother whose dreams for her daughter are altered by the challenges of rural poverty.

This year's featured music performing artist is Sy Smith, widely acclaimed and long renowned as the "Queen of Underground Soul" for her edgy, progressive mix of funk, neo-soul and R&B. She will perform at 8 p.m., January 26th at TWU Margo Jones Performing Arts Theater.

Comedienne Angelia Walker will bring her wit and humor at 7 p.m., January 27th at the Patterson Appleton Arts Center, 400 E Hickory St., Denton.

The TEC Expo, taking place at the Denton Civic Center, 321 East McKinney St., Denton, TX, opens with a reception on Thursday, January 26th at 5:30 pm and runs from January 27th through January 28th. The expo will highlight the next generation of technol-

ogy and innovation in film, AI, VR, XR, immersive technologies along with a special appearance by Miss Black Texas Aryana Bosh.

Participating exhibitors include companies Peterbilt, UNT, TWU, NCTC, AMP Creative, Orant Charities, EarthX, Texas Film Commission and the City of Denton. One of the newest community engagement elements of the festival is the DFW Metro NAACP Youth Hackathon hosting 150-200 students in collaboration with the NAACP DFW Branch.

Students will get a chance to learn more the diverse career opportunities in technology and provide an engaging experience immersed in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Go to [DentonBFF.com](http://DentonBFF.com) to review the pass and ticket options.

There are four types of

passes:

- VIP all Experience Pass (everything the festival has to offer, except- Special Workshops & Panels w/ Fees);

- Film only Experience Pass: access to all in person and virtual film screenings;

- Virtual Only Experience Pass (access to all virtual film screenings and events: exceptions: films with geographic restrictions and/or audience caps);

- Five Block Film Pass (five (5) individual in person and virtual film screening blocks of your choice- Exceptions: films with geographic restrictions and audience caps).

Contact us at [dentonbfff@gmail.com](mailto:dentonbfff@gmail.com) or call (469) 573-0799 with your questions. For on-going updates about DBFF, go to [DentonBFF.com](http://DentonBFF.com) and follow the festival on social: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. About the Denton Black Film Festival

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# California family whose beachfront properties were seized 100 years ago, sells land back to county for \$20 million

The great-grandchildren of the African American couple Willa and Charles Bruce, whose land in Southern California was taken in 1924 and returned to the family last year, have opted to sell it back to the local government for \$20 million.

In the 1920s, the beach resort was extremely popular with African American tourists. At that time, Black people were not permitted

on white beaches.

The site became famously known as "Bruce's Beach."

The children and grandchildren of Charles and Willa Bruce fought for decades to get back the land.

Chief Duane Yellow Feather Shepard, a family historian and spokesman for the Bruce family, stated in a 2021 interview, "It was a very significant location because there was nowhere

else along the California coast where African Americans could go to enjoy the water."

The Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacists often threatened the Bruce family, but they kept the resort open and took care of the land.

In 1924, the municipal council used eminent domain to take the land to build a park.

But, according to a TV show called "The Insider," the area wasn't used for many years.

Willa and Charles Bruce fought back in court, but their compensation was only \$14,000. In recent years, local officials have estimated the property's value to be as high as \$75 million.

The area contains two coastal properties and is

currently used for lifeguard training.

Janice Hahn, chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, revealed that the family would sell the property back to the local government.

Hahn stated that the price was set through an appraisal.

Hahn stated, "This is what reparations look like, and it is a model I hope

governments around the country would adopt."

The statement made by Hahn may or may not be exactly what the Bruce family desired in addition to the restitution of their land.

In 2021, Anthony Bruce, the great-great-grandson of Willa and Charles Bruce, told The New York Times, "An apology would be the least they could do."

## Record numbers of people signed up For Obamacare during 2022

President Joe Biden said he promised to lower costs for families and ensure that all Americans have access to quality affordable health care.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, the president proclaimed that he'd delivered on that promise.

A record number of people – nearly 11.5 million – signed up for insurance on HealthCare.gov – about 1.8 million more and an 18% increase over last year.

With enrollment remaining open through Jan. 15, and not counting those who signed up for coverage through their state marketplaces, Biden said gains like those have helped to drive



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down the uninsured rate to eight percent, the lowest level in U.S. history.

"In recent days, we received further proof that our efforts are delivering record results and bringing families the peace of mind that

comes with health insurance," the President stated.

"Right now, four out of five people who sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act can find health care coverage for \$10 a month or less.

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the 118th Congress, which means there's enough opposition to block his candidacy.

He needs a majority of the present members to vote for him.

Incoming House Minority Leader, New York Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, said no Democratic party member would be absent for a vote and did not expect any to simply vote "present."

Headed into Tuesday, there was even the belief that Jeffries, 52, could get more votes than McCarthy in a first round of voting.

But, because the GOP controls the House, he

wouldn't become speaker.

"We're focused right now on making sure that every single Democrat is present and voting, and I hope to be able to earn everyone's vote," said Jeffries, the first African American to lead a party in Congress.

"It's unfortunate that all we're seeing is chaos, crisis, confusion, and craziness take hold of the other side of the aisle, as opposed to trying to find common ground to deliver real results for the American people," Jeffries continued.

"Hopefully, we'll get to a place sooner rather than later when the Congress can actually function in a

way that brings Democrats and Republicans together to get things done for the American people."

Jeffries and Horsford focused on the historic battles of African Americans.

"Our community's journey in this country has been a turbulent one. From slavery to Jim Crow, Jim Crow to mass incarceration, and mass incarceration to a malignant narcissist in the White House," Jeffries states.

Horsford added that "this is our opportunity to advance the mission, the vision, and the goals of those 13 founders and the 166 Black members of Congress who have served in our nation's 246 years in both the House and the Senate."

These lower rates were set to expire at the end of this year, but thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, we were able to extend them and save millions of Americans on Obamacare an average of \$800 a year."

The Biden administration noted that, on Jan. 1, Americans will see the benefits of additional cost-saving measures because of the Inflation Reduction Act.

That includes seniors realizing a month's supply of insulin capped at \$35, Medicare beneficiaries paying \$0 out of pocket for recommended adult vaccines covered by their Part D plan, and prescription drug companies needing to pay Medicare a rebate if they try to raise their prices faster than inflation for drugs administered at a doctor's office.

"We're not finished working to make health care a right, not a privilege," Biden declared.

The administration continues to encourage individuals to visit HealthCare.gov by Jan. 15 to take advantage of lower rates and sign up for health care for the coming year.



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## \$4 million donated to support economic mobility and racial equality

Bank of America contributed nearly \$4 million in 2022 to support nonprofits working to increase access to jobs and affordable housing, as well as addressing food insecurity. The donation will strengthen the local economy in North Texas.

Bank of America donated \$620,000 to the North Texas Food Bank and \$100,000 to the Tarrant Area Food Bank in 2022.

One of the fundraising efforts was designed to encourage Bank of America employees to get vaccinated against coronavirus and the flu. Earlier this year, the bank announced it would make a \$100 donation to local hunger relief organizations and

food banks for each employee who received a coronavirus vaccine or booster.

Building on the momentum, the bank launched a second similar campaign in the fall. As a result, North Texas employees raised \$495,000 total for the food banks to support the increased needs during this important time of year.

Residents of the Bonton neighborhood have been denied access to the seven human essentials that are necessary to survive and thrive -- health and wellness, economic stability, safe and affordable housing, transportation, a sense of belonging, education and access to fair credit. Bonton Farms is

tackling all these barriers head on and changing the community within.

As a 2022 Bank of America Neighborhood Builder® awardee, Bonton Farms will receive \$200,000 to build out a new program plus comprehensive leadership training for the executive director and an emerging leader. Recognized for educating, encouraging, and empowering women personally and professionally, The Ladder Alliance has been named a 2022 Bank of America Neighborhood Builder® awardee. The organization receives a \$200,000 grant plus comprehensive leadership training for the executive director and an emerg-

ing leader.

The organization plans to use the funds to increase by 83% the number of students served by offering more classes, including to students in underserved locations, reducing barriers to career readiness in the Metroplex. Many program participants speak primarily Spanish, and with the opportunity to learn from bilingual teachers, students will also expand their English vocabulary.

North Texas Bank of America employees spent nearly 130,000 hours volunteering this year and provided nearly 35,000 items to those in need, including holiday cards, backpacks, food

cans, handwritten cards, and school supplies.

"We are fortunate that the North Texas area continues to attract businesses and residents, providing workforce opportunities and strengthening our economy. Yet with this growth comes challenges, and we must ensure we are helping meet the critical needs of our communities while building a skilled workforce and local talent pool from which businesses can hire -- this is key to mitigating the rising cost of living and stopping long-time residents from being left behind," said Jennifer Chandler, President of Bank of America Dallas. This is why Bank of America is

supporting nonprofits who are advancing equity and economic opportunity, assisting small businesses and addressing food insecurity, she said.

"Investing back in our community from a philanthropic standpoint is in Bank of America's fabric - it is what we do," said Bank of America Fort Worth President Mike Pavell. "We believe in empowering nonprofits that are serving as catalysts to help advance equity and create economic opportunity for all, and we are proud of the impact the bank and our employees had in the North Texas region this year through funding and volunteerism."

## HUEMAN, from Page 7

"We know we're not just leaving a building, but we are leaving a community. Although leaving the Anacostia community is bitter-sweet, this is a celebration of what is to come," Hobbs said.

Nubian Hueman's mission is to promote Black culture, aesthetics, and the creative economy, often being the first to provide opportunities for independent brands to have their goods on a brick-and-mortar shelf.

Many graduated to having their products in larger retailers like Whole Foods and Anthropologie. Heralded as the Best Physical

Manifestation of Black Excellence, Nubian Hueman has partnered with more than 600 brands from 35 countries across six continents. Local businesses such as Nubian Hueman have been vital to the Black community.

They are more likely to keep their revenue inside the community, serve as a critical solution to combat wealth inequity, and hire local residents.

Today, Black-owned companies account for approximately \$133 billion in revenue while only making up 2.3% of all employer firms. Nubian Hueman has employed 55 people during

its nine years.

Numerous factors impact a Black business's ability to thrive, such as not owning the real estate they occupy, lack of access to capital, student loan debt which impacts the ability to borrow, and customer bias. When you add the COVID-19 pandemic to the list, Black-owned businesses were disproportionately impacted, and Nubian Hueman was not exempt.

"Strong investment is necessary for social impact businesses such as Nubian Hueman, as it allows us to weather through the unexpected and continue to serve the communities we deeply love. Our impact in providing a platform to

Black artists and creatives can grow exponentially with the right strategy and investment," stated Hobbs.

Nubian Hueman (Anacostia) was a safe gathering place for the community. It will continue to serve its customers through its on-

line store -- nubianhueman.com, a newly developed app (launching January 2023), and its Baltimore, MD store, which opened in late 2019.

To learn more about the closing celebration, visit [nubianhueman.com](https://nubianhueman.com).

About Nubian Hueman Nubian Hueman has become a catalyst for culture, community, and the development of the creative economy by connecting consumers to emerging artists and brands from around the world.

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14, 2023 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and on Sunday Jan. 15, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Reclamation Church, located at 901 Cross Bend Rd. in Plano. The church is located at the northwest corner of Alma and Cross Bend. Callbacks, if needed, will be Monday January 16 at 7:00 pm.

Rover also invites all North Texas area actors to join us Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 and Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm for the inaugural Roving Actor's Forum in the rehearsal space at Reclamation Church, 901

Cross Bend Road, Plano.

This free open forum will allow actors to gather and build a sense of community while trying out new audition material or observing other actors at work.

Allen Contemporary Theatre, The Core Theatre of Richardson, and Lakeside Community Theatre of The Colony are collaborating with Rover to offer this exciting new opportunity to our North Texas acting community. Artistic Staff, Directors, and Board Members of Producing Compa-

nies will attend to observe and/or offer feedback.

Each month, the sessions will move to a different production company's location, with Lakeside hosting in February, and Allen Contemporary hosting in March.

Sign up for an appointment time to audition via Signup Genius, and access to a script will be made available. References may be required. Be familiar with the play before coming to auditions. Be prepared to read scenes from the script. Please bring a resume and headshot.



## 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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# City of Dallas acquisition of upscale rental property to offer hedge of protection against record-high rental rates

The Dallas Housing Finance Corporation (DHFC) recently closed on the acquisition of a 322-unit class-A multifamily property, The Briscoe, located at 12639 Coit Rd in Dallas. The deluxe property, previously operating at full market-rate rents, will now reserve 161 units for residents earning at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). The remaining half of the units will stay at market rates. The recent acquisition by the City will allow a true mixed-income multifamily property in a high opportunity area of the city near job centers and with access to convenient transportation throughout

the city.

“Opportunity Housing Group is very pleased to be working with the City of Dallas to bring affordable rents to middle-income residents who are currently being priced out of the market by massive rent increases,” said Lauren Seaver, President of OHG. The program is unique because the City will be able to immediately convert an existing Class-A market-rate building to affordable rentals. We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Dallas on additional projects in the future” said Seaver.

Current residents that earn at or below 80% AMI will

see their rents reduced at their next lease renewal providing instant affordability to District 11 and the City of Dallas. All income-qualifying residents that are currently paying more than the income-restricted rents will see their rents lowered to that amount. This represents annual average rent savings of \$222/month or \$2,659/annually.

This acquisition represents an \$82 million investment into mixed-income housing for the City through the DHFC’s sole ownership of the asset. In terms of project equity, as sole owner of the property the DHFC is entitled to retain 100% of

the sales proceeds. This is conservatively estimated to be \$51 million in year 15 and \$299 million if it is held until year 35. These revenues generated for the Corporation will be used to fund operations and the provision of additional affordable and workforce housing throughout the City.

The DHFC partnered with Opportunity Housing Group (OHG) to acquire this property. OHG is a real estate development firm that specializes in mixed-income and workforce multifamily projects throughout the country.

“Having the first public facilities acquisition of an existing property in District 11

is a badge of honor,” Council Member Jaynie Schultz said. “I am pleased to hear of the rent reductions for many current residents and know the management will make all the citizens of Dallas proud.”

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Assistant Director Kyle Hines commented on the City’s excitement about acquiring the property through the Dallas Housing Finance Corporation and

the results of providing instant housing affordability in a location that near jobs, retail, transportation, and other amenities. The current income-qualifying residents will see their rents lowered when they renew their lease if they’re paying above restricted rental rates, said Hines, who also serves as the General Manager of the Dallas Housing Finance Corporation.

## DOJ, from Page 8

readied a group of Federal agents at Quantico and in the District of Columbia, anticipating that January 6th could become violent, and then deployed those agents once it became clear that police at the Capitol were overwhelmed. Agents from the Department of Homeland Security were also deployed to assist.

• President Trump had authority and responsibility to direct deployment of the National Guard in the District of Columbia, but never gave any order to deploy the National Guard on

January 6th or on any other day. Nor did he instruct any Federal law enforcement agency to assist. Because the authority to deploy the National Guard had been delegated to the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Defense could, and ultimately did deploy the Guard. Although evidence identifies a likely miscommunication between members of the civilian leadership in the Department of Defense impacting the timing of deployment, the Committee has found no evidence that the Depart-

ment of Defense intentionally delayed deployment of the National Guard. The Select Committee recognizes that some at the Department had genuine concerns, counseling caution, that President Trump might give a

“An insurrection is a rebellion against the authority of the United States,” said Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Maryland).

“It is a grave federal offense anchored in the Constitution. ... Anyone who incites others to engage in rebelling, assists them in doing so or gives aid and

comfort to those engaged in insurrection is guilty of a federal crime.”

Raskin continued:

“The Committee believes that more than sufficient evidence exists for a criminal referral of former President Trump for assisting or aiding and comforting those at the Capitol who engaged in a violent attack on the United States,” Raskin continued.

“The Committee has developed significant evidence that President Trump intended to disrupt the peaceful transition of power.”

## MUSICAL, from Page 10

ternational smash hit when it was released in 1990.

Pretty Woman: The Musica is produced on tour by Paula Wagner, Nice Productions, LPO, New Regency Productions, Hunter Arnold, Caiola Productions & Co., James L. Nederlander, Kilimanjaro Theatricals/ Joshua Andrews, Roy Furman, Ambassador Theatre Group Productions, Gavin Kalin Productions, deRoy Kierstead and John Gore Organization. Wendy Orshan and Jeff Wilson are the Executive Producers and 101 Productions, Ltd is the General Manager.

The North American tour is booked by The Booking Group (www.thebooking-group.com) with casting by The Telsey Office.

Pretty Woman: The Musica also continues to run to great acclaim at the Savoy Theatre in London’s West End.

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# The Misconception of a New Year

By James L. Snyder

Christmas is the best time of the year, especially when it involves family. It's the one time of the year that families get together to celebrate together.

Of course, at least from my perspective, it is also the most hectic time of the year. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has an entirely different perspective regarding family get-together time.

This year, we had a special new family member, our second great-grandchild, born a week before Christmas.

As you might imagine, that little one was the center of everybody's attention. Therefore, everybody had to hold the little one at least once.

I could see the little one had absolutely no idea what was happening. Although these were wonderful memories for us, that little one will never remember this time together. But there will be other times, I assure you.

One daughter was taking pictures of just about everyone, which is important. The one picture she took, and I probably was the only one who understood,

was between The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and that little great-granddaughter.

The beauty of that picture was there was the oldest and the youngest person in our family together. Don't let her know that I said this because I may not get any older.

It was a fun time, and when it was all over, everybody went home, even the family's newest member. The mother of the new baby had to spend a lot of time wrestling her from the great-grandmother.

That night my wife and I sat together reflecting on

our family get-together. As usual, it was a wonderful time, and I'm glad I've lived long enough to enjoy it. Whether I get to another Christmas or not is anybody's guess.

As we sat together drinking hot apple cider, we reflected on the past year, which was a transitional year for us. It's hard for me to pick out the greatest time this past year but if I had to pick one it would be Christmas.

Sighing deeply, I said, "It sure has been a great year, hasn't it?"

Thinking deeply, which is the beginning of trou-

ble, my wife said, "It was a great year." Then, after more deep thought, she continued, "But the New Year is going to be so much better."

Not learning from the past, I replied, "What's so new about the new year?"

She looked at me as though she had never seen me before, and with one of her sarcastic tones, she said, "It's a new year, and everything is going to be new."

"What do you think is going to be new about this coming New Year?" I responded.

"Everything will be new

this coming year, and I can't wait to see all the new stuff."

Pausing for a moment, she then said, "Last year, we didn't even know at this time that we were going to have a great-granddaughter. She is new in our family."

Well, she had me on that one for sure. Maybe she was expecting another new great-grandchild this coming year. So I didn't pursue that.

"So," I said rather slowly, "what will be new this coming year?"

"Everything is going to

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## Catch a Clue

By Daris Howard

Caleb was a friendly teenager. But the one thing that seemed to set him apart from other boys his age was that he got hints girls gave that other boys didn't get. Face it, girls often say and do things that go past most boys. Girls have a way of saying things they feel are obvious that boys would call hints, yet boys don't even catch the hint part. The sad thing is that as boys become men and girls become women, nothing changes.

My wife and I are as good of an example of this

as any couple. One day, after a long program, we were on our way home when she asked, "Would you like some ice cream?"

"Not really," I replied, continuing to drive home. When we got home, I couldn't understand why she was upset with me. At this point, the women reading this are saying, "Well, duh." The men are asking, "Why was she upset?"

When I finally got her to tell me, she said, "I told you I wanted to stop and get ice cream."

"No, you didn't," I replied. "You asked me if I wanted ice cream, and I

didn't."

"Well, it's the same thing," she replied.

Right now, all the women are probably saying, "Of course it's the same." The men are all saying, "It isn't the same thing at all."

The point is, men are all wondering why women don't say what they mean, and women are all wondering why men can't catch the obvious.

Now, back to Caleb. Caleb was different because he was sharp enough that he got these hints. He especially started seeing them in conversations between men and women after he

became a grocery store checker.

A good example of this was a newly married couple. The women put a few items like shampoo, conditioner, and kitchen items on the checkout stand. She had gone to get those while her husband grabbed some food for them to eat for the new year's celebration.

The man sat some delicious wine on the checkout that he said was to toast the new year.

"That is my favorite wine," the woman said. "Do you want a chaser to go with that?"

The man shook his head. "Not really."

He sat some chips up on the checkout, and his wife said, "[d]on't you think those would go well with some salsa?"

"No," the man said. "I don't like salsa."

The man sat some crackers up on the checkout, and his wife said, "I'm glad

you got those. They are my favorite crackers. What's good is eating a cheese ball with them."

"I've never tried a cheese ball," the man replied.

This same process went on for the rest of the things he put on the counter as Caleb rang them up. After Caleb scanned the last item, he could see that the lady was silently fuming. Yet the man didn't have a clue

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# Thank God for Dr. M. L. King, Jr.



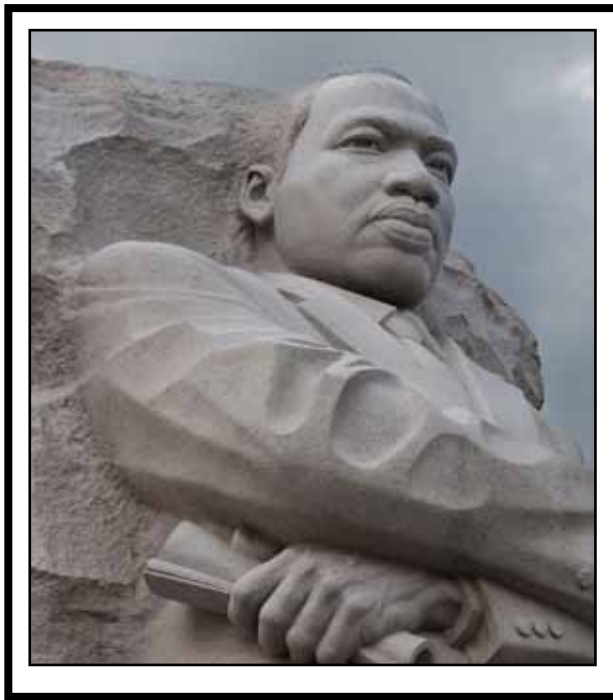
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January 15, 1929, is the day that Martin Luther King came into this world, and on Monday, January 16, our nation will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1968 at age 35, for his contributions to our nation and to the world.

Dr. King (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later he had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta honoring and praising God, he served from 1914 to 1931.

Dr. King's father served from then until his death; and from 1960 until his death Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. acted as co-pastor.

Dr. King attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from



high school at the age of 15; he received his B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated.

After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the

B.D. in 1951. Dr. King received his doctorate degree in 1955.

In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama and

he was a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation.

In December 1955 he accepted the leadership of the first great Black nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States; the bus boycott lasted 382 days.

On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Blacks and Whites rode the buses as equals.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement.

The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi.

In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, Dr. King traveled over six

million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles.

In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience.

Dr. King planned voter registration drives in Alabama and he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

He was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American Blacks but also a world

figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

Christian Wisdom and Quotes: It is impossible for a person not to be puffed up by his good works unless he has first been deflated and destroyed by suffering and evil to the point that he knows that he is worthless and that his works are not his but God's.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — Martin Luther King Jr.

*(Editor's Note: This column originally ran in January 2015. The date for MLK Day has been corrected for 2023 in the copy.)*

## YEAR, from Page 14

be new this coming year." She said with a smile dancing on her face.

"Except for a new family member," I said to her, "everything this next year is going to be the same."

She could not let me get away with that and said most vehemently, "Everything is going to be new. Trust me."

I had her just about where I wanted her and was very careful in my next steps.

"So, tell me, how many months will there be this coming year?"

Looking at me, she smirked and said, "There will be 12 months this coming year. What are you talking about?"

"Well," I stuttered a little, "weren't there 12 months this past year? This next year we will have the same 12 months as we had last year."

Looking at me, she said, "I think you're getting a little goofy here."

"And," I pursued a little more, "how many days of the week will there be in this new year? Will there be any more than last year?"

She stared at me, not knowing what to say.

"Also, there will still be 24 hours in every day. That's not going to change either."

I paused for a moment and then said, "When is your birthday this coming year?"

She told me and said, "It's the same as it was the last year, you silly boy."

"Oh," I said rather thoughtfully, "your birthday this year is the same as last year, so your birthday isn't new this year."

"But," she replied, "I will be a year older."

Looking at her I replied,

"Weren't you a year older this year?"

Finally, she began to understand what I was saying, and looking at me very quizzically, she said, "You sure have a stupid way of looking at things, don't you?"

Then she said something rather startling, "I guess you are right in this."

Well, I was rather stunned because that was new.

Pondering this conversation I was reminded of what wise old Solomon said. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

The secret to a happy life is enjoying what I have right now.

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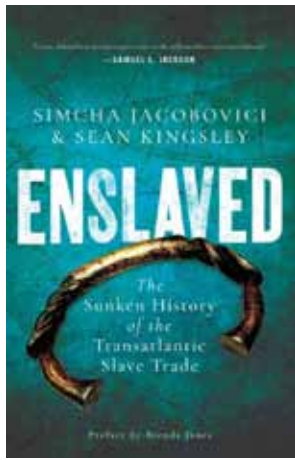
# NDG Book Review: 'Enslaved' is a good read on history

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

A good story requires lots of switchbacks.

It's boring if it moves too smoothly without a hitch. No, you need a detour or two, a couple of switchbacks, a pothole in the road to make the story interesting, and a good meander to smooth it out. Even so, as in the new book "Enslaved" by Simcha Jacobovici & Sean Kingsley, sometimes, the story is a wreck.

Were it not profitable – if it hadn't been for the money in it – "the transatlantic slave trade would never have happened," say the authors in the first sentence



of their book. This fact launches a tale of high seas, low tides, and the people of Diving With a Purpose who volunteer their talents to find former slave ships that lie beneath the ocean. This

work helps tell the stories of ancestors who died beneath the waters, victims of the slave trade.

Jacobovici and Kingsley start out with a tale of three divers, "a story they did not want to hear. And... a dive to a haunted slave wreck they did not want to dive" in Paramaribo, a port city in Suriname. There, 664 Africans were purposely locked in the hold of a sinking ship for reasons that the ship's captain kept to himself.

Just off the coast of Gibraltar, the site known as 35F was an accidental find discovered by treasure hunters. At first DWP workers weren't sure there

was anything left of the shipwreck; it had been destroyed by area trawlers and fishermen. A second look showed cannons, ceramic pots, ivory, and copper bracelets called "manilla," that were used "to buy gold, elephant tusks, and humans."

And then there was the Clotilda, a ship that was illegal from the start, and was sunk on purpose in a small waterway. Today, many descendants of its survivors live in a "sleepy" town near Mobile, Alabama, a "purely African town in America" founded by former slaves, "started from scratch..."

Many thoughts may swirl

around your head when you read "Enslaved."

The first is that there's something to learn everywhere, but also a good amount of information that you already know. It's filled with powerful stories, but they're written in sometimes-florid language that can make those tales hard to follow. And some of the tales will make you wince and cringe and cringe again.

Authors Jacobovici and Kingsley weave history inside tales of recovery, which is helpful in an overall understanding of slavery around the world,

beginning well before 1619 and including how it came to be that Africans were the people most captured. There are times, however, when that history gets in the way of DWP's fascinating involvement – what they found, how it was discovered, what was done with the information, and how it matters. It's easy to miss those parts of this book, and that's too bad.

This book will satisfy readers who want history, but armchair archaeologists may be left wanting. Come at "Enslaved" with that in mind: devour it, perhaps, or switch it out and put it back.

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that he had done anything wrong.

Caleb looked at the man and said, "Buddy, can I give you some advice?"

The man shrugged. "Whatever."

"When your wife is ask-

ing you if you want a chaser, if you'd like a cheese ball, or need salsa, she's really saying she wants those things."

The man laughed. "Seriously?" He then turned to look at his wife and finally

saw her expression that said she had the desire to maim him. Instantly, his smile disappeared. "Honey, is that right?" he asked.

"Well, duh," she replied.

"Why didn't you tell me that before we got everything rung up?" he asked. "We could have bought

them."

He then handed Caleb a credit card, which turned out not to be a credit card, but was a picture of a previous girlfriend. When Caleb flipped it over and saw what it was, he returned it. The man and woman both saw it at the same time. Her

expression changed to one of intended murder.

"You know," Caleb said to him, "I think you should take time to go get the other things. And while you're at it, you might want to visit aisles two and five."

"What's on aisles two and five?" the man asked.

"Flowers and chocolates," Caleb replied.

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a form of genetic material, was extracted from cells in the nasal secretions and was sequenced and analyzed to determine the activity of various gene networks. The study team also collected blood samples from participants at the start and end of the trial and a few times in-between.

The MUPPITS-2 study team enrolled 290 children ages 6 to 17 years whose asthma was difficult to control, prone to attacks, and characterized by high blood levels of eosinophils. Seventy percent of the participants were Black, 25% were Hispanic, and all lived in low-income neighborhoods in nine U.S. cities. The children were assigned at random to receive an injection of either mepolizumab or a placebo once every four weeks for 12 months. No one knew who received which type of injection until the end of the trial. All the participants also received asthma care

based on guidelines developed under the auspices of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of NIH.

These findings partially explain why mepolizumab therapy modestly decreased the risk of asthma attacks in the population studied in the Mechanisms Underlying Asthma Exacerbations Prevented and Persistent with Immune Based Therapy: A Systems Approach Phase 2 (MUPPITS-2). The findings also identify potential future targets for further reducing asthma attacks among these children and adolescents. Importantly, by clearly illustrating how a variety of gene networks associated with airway inflammation play a role in asthma attacks in low-income urban youth, the MUPPITS-2 trial paves the way for using gene activation patterns to monitor new asthma therapies in this population.

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Advancing Translational Sciences, a part of the National Institute of Health; and GlaxoSmithKline funded the Phase 2 trial, MUPPITS-2. The NIAID-funded Inner City Asthma Consortium conducted the study under the leadership of Daniel J. Jackson, M.D., William W. Busse, M.D., and Matthew C. Altman, M.D., M.Phil. Dr. Jackson is a professor of pediatrics and medicine, and Dr. Busse is an honorary fellow, both in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Altman is an associate professor in the department of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and an associate scientist at the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason in Seattle. GlaxoSmithKline donated mepolizumab for the trial.

Additional information about the trial is available at [ClinicalTrials.gov](http://ClinicalTrials.gov) under study identifier NCT03292588.

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