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Federal investigators find Louisville Police routinely call Black people 'boy,' 'animal,' and 'monkeys'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

A review of the Louisville police department by the U.S. Department of Justice found that officers conducted searches based on invalid warrants and illegally carried out raids without knocking and making an announcement.

In a lengthy report, which the DOJ issued on Wednesday, March 8, noted that for years, the Louisville police department "has practiced an aggressive style of policing that it deploys selectively, especially against Black people, but also against vulnerable people throughout the city."

"Some officers have videotaped themselves throwing drinks at pedestrians from their cars; insulted people with disabilities; and called Black people 'monkeys,' 'animal,' and 'boy,'" the DOJ investigation revealed.

Further, federal investigators discovered that police officers routinely and illegally stopped and arrested suspects while primarily discriminating against African Americans.

The department also showed little kindness to those with behavioral health disabilities, notably when



"Some officers have videotaped themselves throwing drinks at pedestrians from their cars; insulted people with disabilities; and called Black people 'monkeys,' 'animal,' and 'boy,'" the DOJ investigation revealed. (Photo via NNPA)

dealing with a crisis.

"This conduct erodes community trust, and the unlawful practices of LMPD and Louisville Metro undermine public safety," DOJ investigators wrote.

The review comes after two years of a DOJ investigation sparked by the shooting death of Breonna Taylor, an unarmed Black woman whom police shot and killed in 2020 after entering her apartment in a botched and unannounced raid.

Last year, the DOJ charged four officers with federal civil rights violations and perjury.

Former detective Kelly Goodlett

pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy charges, while the Louisville department fired Sgt. Kyle Meany.

A jury acquitted officer Brett Hankinson, the only cop who discharged his weapon, on state charges, but he's still facing a federal case.

Former detective Joshua Jaynes also faces charges of conspiring to deprive Taylor of her civil rights.

The DOJ found that one high-ranking department official lamented that Taylor's killing "was a symptom of problems that we have

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Jennifer Campbell-Dawkins



Yanique DaCosta

NDG Quote of the Week: "God's time [Emancipation] is always near. He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free."
— Harriet Tubman

Jennifer Campbell-Dawkins

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (24-7PressRelease) -- Recognized for her expertise in contracting and acquisitions, as a senior procurement analyst with the Department of Defense, Jennifer L. Campbell-Dawkins has been inducted in Marquis Who's Who. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected based on current reference value factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all considered during the selec-



tion process.

Leveraging more than three decades of excellence in contracting and acquisitions, Ms. Campbell-Dawkins has earned distinction as a senior pro-

curement analyst/strategic planner for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Since 2011, she has focused her efforts on working with general officers and collaborates at the Executive Governance Meetings identifying risk and how to mitigate risks based on implementing strategic business initiatives to improve processes for positive outcomes in saving the taxpayers' dollars. She collaborates with senior managers to determine what areas to focus on to mitigate risks in accordance with the Department of the Army's established Cam-

paign Plan that requires certain strategic objectives that coincide with Department of Defense strategies.

Among her professional accomplishments, she has been honored with a Superior Civilian Service Medal, Department of Defense COVID-19 Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal, multiple Commanders Awards (e.g., In-Process Team Strategic Business Initiatives, Supported the 911 Memorial Projects, Army Family Action Plan, etc.), two Meritorious Awards and several Small Business Awards for her stellar work while working on special

program in Contracting and Acquisition.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Campbell-Dawkins began her career in civil service in 1974 in the student program as an administrative assistant, later becoming a management analyst for the Naval Supply Systems Command. Later she advanced her career as an intern in contracting and acquisitions in 1985, at Headquarters, United States Marine Corps as the first African American. During her past tenure, she was nominated for the Defense Executive Leadership Program (DELP) and

worked in various capacities (e.g., Office of Management Budget (OMB) Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Office, Secretary of Defense (Pentagon) for Honorable Richard Chaney, the late General Colin Powell, and the late Dr. Jeannie Mintz, Defense Logistics Agency, and Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). Ms. Campbell-Dawkins is married to a military retired veteran who served in the United States Navy for 24 years and later retired from the Secretary of Defense (Pen-

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Yanique DaCosta

(BPRW) -- The first Black President of the Graphic Artists Guild and Vice President of the International Council of Design, Yanique DaCosta, a Jamaican-born graphic designer and advocate for diversity and inclusivity in design, has made history as the first Black President of the Graphic Artists Guild and Vice President of the International Council of Design (ICoD).

DaCosta has been a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. since 2009, when she joined at Florida Atlantic University.

She has been advocating



for diversity in design long before joining the Graphic Artists Guild leadership in 2014. Her leadership and commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity in design have earned her a reputation as a respected leader in the industry.

As the President of the Graphic Artists Guild, a professional organization that represents and advocates for graphic artists, illustrators, and designers in the United States, DaCosta is the first Black president in the Guild's history.

She has been on a mission to improve diversity in its leadership and membership and has made significant strides in achieving this goal.

In addition to her work with the Guild, DaCosta is also the Vice President of the International Council of Design (ICoD), an international non-governmental organization headquartered in Montreal, Canada.

ICoD is the world's largest

representative of professional designer entities and has been advocating for the value of design and improving the situation of individual designers worldwide since its inception in 1963.

DaCosta is the first Black graphic designer to hold the position of Vice President in ICoD's history.

DaCosta's commitment to promoting diversity and advocating for the rights of graphic artists, illustrators, and designers has made her a trailblazer in the industry.

She is also the owner and Creative Director of YKMD, a reliable outsourced graphic design services company that provides a Monthly Graphic Design

Subscription Service for Corporate Event Marketers & Trade Event Planners. DaCosta's achievements as the first Black President of the Graphic Artists Guild and Vice President of the International Council of Design have broken barriers and opened doors for underrepresented groups in the design industry.

Frank Washington

Frank Washington's career in journalism and communications spanned several decades.

According to his LinkedIn bio, Washington's career gave him a unique view of media relations, public relations, event planning and publishing, the World Wide Web, editing, and reporting.

His writings include articles for Advertising Age, Ebony, www.ebonyjet.com, Fortune, Newsweek, Newsweek Japan, The New York Times, and Time magazines.

Washington also spent much time covering the auto industry for African Americans on Wheels, Auto Executive, Automotive News, Automotive News



Marketer, Savoy, Ward's Auto World, Ward's Automotive Reports, Ward's Dealer Business, the Detroit News Online, and the Detroit News.

In 1989, he became Newsweek magazine's Detroit bureau chief after serving as the city's correspondent for one year.

In addition to automotive journalism, Washington reported on the 1992 Democratic presidential primary.

His editors also sent him to South Central Los Angeles to report on the civil disturbance there following the police beating of motorist Rodney King.

He authored Newsweek's cover story, "Fire and Fury," and the publication's follow-up story, "Rethinking Race and Crime in America."

The story became one of the entries for which Newsweek won a National Magazine Award. The series was also honored with a First-Place award from the National Association of Black Journalists for outstanding

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We took on Big Pharma and are lowering the price of insulin

By Colin Allred
U.S. Rep. (TX-32)

Since first taking office in 2019, I have made lowering the price of prescription drugs one of my top priorities. This is especially important for drugs like insulin, which millions of Americans living with diabetes need to stay alive.

My first guest to Washington for a Joint Session of Congress, was a woman named Shane from North Texas. Even though Shane has a good job, she still at times struggles to afford her insulin. Shane's story is sadly not unique. We know that one in four folks with diabetes ration their insulin due to high costs – which in the United States is unacceptable.

But finally, after years of hard work, we have delivered relief.

Last year I worked to

pass the Inflation Reduction Act to hold Big Pharma accountable for raising prices faster than inflation. I am proud to say that with this legislation, we capped monthly insulin costs at \$35 for folks on Medicare. Over 125,000 Texans who rely on Medicare for critical insulin stand to save an average of \$500 on insulin each year.

And now Eli Lilly, one of the largest insulin manufacturers, is following suit which is great news for the nearly 2.7 million Texans who live with diabetes.

Eli Lilly's recent announcement to drop insulin prices by over 70% and cap monthly costs at \$35 is demonstrative of the progress we have made and of what is to come if we keep working together.

For far too long, Big Pharma has exploited almost all Texans living with diabetes, leaving them with no

choice but to pay high costs for insulin which they can't live without. Eli Lilly's announcement is a big deal, and will be life-changing for many Texans. But let's be clear. This action would not have happened without the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act which capped the cost of insulin on Medicare, and a decades long movement of Americans pressuring Big Pharma to finally lower costs and put people over profits.

Living with diabetes is difficult no matter who you are, but there are countless examples of Black Americans being disproportionately impacted by diabetes due to lack of access to treatment and preventative care. The costs that are associated with insulin and other forms of diabetes care make this illness more than twice as deadly for Black Americans. It's clear there is still

more work to do to extend the savings of the Inflation Reduction Act, including the prices Medicare negotiates, to everyone. I promise to keep working to lower costs.

As the son of a breast cancer survivor, I know first-hand the hardships that working families face when trying to access the health care and medication they need. Nobody should have to choose between buying the medicine they need to live a healthy life or putting food on the table. I am proud of the progress we have made so far in providing North Texans and Americans across the country with increased affordable access to indispensable medications.

As long as I'm in Congress, I'll keep fighting to lower costs and increase access to affordable health care for every North Texan.

Critical Race Theory and unburying history

By Allen R. Gray

George Santayana was the first to espouse that "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

For the African American experience, though, it is not a matter of merely remembering the past, it is, in fact, a matter of knowing that certain historical events even occurred as it seems that more Black history is buried than is revealed.

So becomes the controversy that promoting Critical Race Theory just might expose the true and insidious face of American systemic racism.

Unfortunately, contemporary learners at all levels of education have become caught in the cross-tide created by Critical Race Theory detractors and those hoping to present a history that

hasn't been whitewashed.

The question then becomes: Is a history that has been culled truly history or is it more a fabled narrative slanted in favor of whites.

Critical race theory presents a means of understanding how American systemic racism has shaped its policies and laws in ways that have as many negative impacts on Blacks in 2023 as it did at the beginning of the 1900s.

The danger then becomes when a misinformed young Black man assumes American freedoms and liberties are meant for him. That he has the right to walk or jog down the street or stand aimlessly on a street corner without violent retribution from overzealous policemen.

Or as in the case of the all-Black 24th Infantry Division stationed in Hous-

ton, Texas at the start of the 20th Century came to discover that they had the right to defend America—but they did not have the right to defend themselves in America's racial structure.

Houston, Texas 1917:

With the new construction of Camp Logan in Houston, the 24th Infantry Division out of New Mexico was sent to Texas to guard the construction site. The soldiers of the all-Black unit had not yet been fully indoctrinated in the southern ways of racial interactions.

Before long, the soldiers' forays into town left the soldiers subjected to constant harassment and abuse by the Houston Police Department. Soldiers were being pistol-whipped, shot at, and arrested without just cause. On one such occa-

sion, a soldier attempted to make peace with Houston PD on the behalf of a Black woman accused of harboring a soldier. The soldier's act of reconciliation led to him being pistol-whipped, shot, and taken into custody by the Houston PD.

The news reached that reached Camp Logan, though, was that the soldier had been shot and killed, which did not bode well with the other Black soldiers.

The 24th decided to do what soldiers are trained to do—what men do when set upon unjustly—they rallied the troops (156 strong) and marched into town to exact their own brand of justice. What resulted was labeled as the Houston Riot.

This "riot" took place during one the bloodiest

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Reproductive factors in women contribute to risk of cardiovascular disease

(NewsWise) -- An earlier first birth, a higher number of live births, and starting periods at a younger age are all linked to a higher risk of cardiovascular problems in women, according to new research.

The study, led by Imperial College London researchers, provides evidence for a causal relationship between sex-specific factors and cardiovascular disease in women, and identifies potential ways to mediate this increased risk.

The study is the most comprehensive analysis to date of reproductive factors specific to women and their links to a range of cardiovascular diseases, including atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rate), coronary heart disease, heart failure, and stroke. The researchers hope it will help doctors to better understand and monitor women's risk factors and intervene where



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appropriate.

Researchers from Imperial's National Heart & Lung Institute, University of Cambridge and Yale School of Public Health analyzed genetic data linked to women's age at first birth, their number of live births, their age at their first period (menarche), and their age at menopause. They looked at previous studies involving more than 100,000 women.

Observational research has previously identified that some reproductive

factors are associated with cardiovascular disease for women in later life, but such studies are limited as they have been unable to support a causal relationship.

By using a statistical technique called Mendelian Randomization, the researchers were able to show a link between the genes that predict reproductive factors and the risk of multiple cardiovascular diseases. This type of analysis enables researchers to cut through the noise

of factors such as diet, economic background and physical activity levels that can otherwise complicate the overall picture, and so it points to causal links.

The analysis showed that earlier first birth, a higher number of live births, and earlier menarche were associated with a higher risk of atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease, heart failure, and stroke in women. However, it did not find an association between the age of menopause and cardiovascular disease.

The researchers also found that much of the increased risk for earlier menarche resulted from this factor being associated with women having a higher body mass index (BMI). This means that lowering a person's BMI could help to reduce this risk. The increased risk for earlier first birth could be partly limited by acting on tradi-

tional cardiometabolic risk factors, such as BMI, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

Dr Maddalena Ardissino, lead author of the study, from the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College London, said: "Women are often mischaracterized as being at low risk for cardiovascular disease, leading to delays in diagnosis. Even when they are diagnosed, they tend to receive less targeted treatment than men."

"This study shows a clear link between reproductive factors and cardiovascular disease. This doesn't mean that women should worry if they've had their period at a young age, or if they had an early first birth. Our research shows that the additional risk of cardiovascular disease can be minimized if traditional risk factors like BMI and blood pressure are well-controlled. These

findings highlight the need for doctors to monitor these risk factors closely in women and intervene where needed."

Dr Fu Siong Ng, senior author for the study, from the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College London, said: "Many of the previous studies on cardiovascular disease have focused on men, but our research shows that there are sex-specific factors that influence the risk for women."

"While we cannot say exactly how much these factors increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, our study shows that reproductive history is important and it points towards a causal impact. We need to understand more about these factors to make sure that women get the best possible care."

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and most tumultuous times for Black folk in America when a brutal wave of 33 major white supremacist terrorist attacks occurred in America between 1915 and 1949. The most brutal years, though—the period between 1915 and 1919—came to be known as Red Summer.

In the wake of the riot over eleven civilians and five policemen were killed. Five Black soldiers were also dead when the shooting finally ended.

The remaining soldiers then became defendants in one the largest courts-martial in American history,

where almost two hundred witnesses testified over twenty-two days and more than two thousand pages of transcripts were generated.

The decision was swift and decisive.

The army found 110 of the African American soldiers guilty. On December 11, 1917, 13 to 18 of those soldiers with hanged at a location just outside of San Antonio. Sixty-three other Black soldiers received life sentences in federal prison.

Two white officers also faced courts-martial, but they were released without further penalty. Not one white civilian or policeman

faced a jury.

It is these gaps in America's history that have lifelong educator Dr. Jacquelyn Cook Kyle concerned about the way students are being educated by the omission of historical facts.

Critical Race Theory is crucial to education at all levels, says Dr. Kyle. She added, "We profess the sincere desire to move forward with truth, liberty, and justice for all," but we routinely overlook the truth, liberty, and justice for African Americans.

Dr. Kyle's organization Sisters With A Ph.D. (SWAP) has taken on the promotion of the recently acclaimed documentary

Betrayal of Justice: A Buffalo Soldier Story, which she says is relevant and culturally significant.

"We believe in this project," Dr. Kyle states. "More needs to be known about what actually occurred at Camp Logan."

Betrayal of Justice... is a new documentary that explores the Camp Logan tragedy and reveals why the details of this buried event resonate with today's incidents of police brutality and the aftermath.

The documentary, which was selected for viewing at the Culver City Film Festival, was directed by North Texas filmmaker Lindell Singleton, and co-execu-

tive produced by Dr. Kyle.

Dr. Kyle insists that the Betrayal of Justice... documentary illuminates a story that historically has significant gaps. The true importance of the documentary for present-day learners, she contends, is that it provides a multi-generational lens to see what actually happened at Camp Logan in 1917, and then it allows us to determine how it relates to what's happening repeatedly to young black men and women in the streets and even in their homes at the hands of the police and the judicial systems that support them.

The fight to unbury the truth is well ahead of Dr.

Kyle and others like her, who hope to present an unbridled truth of a people whose triumphs and tragedies might otherwise be forgotten.

For those seeking to quash and bury truth a headline from a 1917 Houston area newspaper would serve as a historical epitaph if they would have their say:

NEGROES ARE GONE HOUSTON IS QUIET For more buried history see: Texas' Forgotten War: Vol.-5-No.-2-Feb.-1996.pdf (northdallasgazette.com); Erasure: Vol.-5-No.-7-July-1996.pdf (northdallasgazette.com)

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coverage of the Black condition.

Frank continued as managing partner/editor of www.AboutThatCar.com,

and his nationally syndicated column appeared in the more than 230 African-American-owned newspapers represented by the

NNPA.

Additionally, Washington produced segments for ABC's Good Morning America and the Mutual Broadcasting (Radio) Network.

He also gave his opinion on The Today Show on NBC, the MBC Network, Newsweek on Air, and many radio news talk shows.

Washington was the

editor-in-chief, the editor-at-large, the managing editor, the advertising and marketing editor, the bureau chief, a correspondent, a staff writer, a reporter, a producer, and a contribut-

ing editor.

Washington's brother, James, is the publisher emeritus of the Dallas Weekly and president and general manager of the Atlanta Voice.



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Collin County voters ramp up for May 6 election

By Lori Lee
NDG Contributing Writer

Election Day for Collin County is May 7, 2023, when voters will voice their opinions on who should serve in city councils and school boards across the county.

In Plano, candidates for City Council Places 1 and 7 will run unopposed, while Places 3 and 5 will be contested.

Rick Horne, who's running against Colleen Aguilar-Epstein for Place 3, stands for quality construction and the redevelopment of expansive parking lots and underutilized retail into active mixed-use live, work and play communities. He criticizes Aguilar-Epstein as anti-business investment and anti-growth and claims she supports an approach that would stagnate the city with decaying apartments and outdated retail.

More focused on protecting property rights, Aguilar-Epstein calls for reduced taxes, which she says can be achieved through



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better budgeting while maintaining high-quality services, parks and green space. She calls for traffic studies to avoid overloading infrastructure. As her campaign website states, "All too often, developers over build, make their profits, and move on to the next town; leaving residents with increased traffic, slower police/fire/EMT response time, sporadic overcrowding in schools, and a decreased tax base per capita."

In a similar way, Place 5 candidates Brett Cooper and Shelby Williams

oppose each other on development philosophies. While Cooper takes a progressive approach, proposing a diverse live, work play environment similar to Horne, Williams calls for preserving and enhancing Plano's existing, more suburban type landscape.

Williams seeks to keep population growth modest, while preserving and enhancing Plano's suburban quality of life. Williams also supports improving DART and equipping the Plano Police Department and Plano I.S.D. to support public safety.

As a physician for Children's Medical Center and UT Southwestern, Cooper says he would prioritize policies that improve health and well-being in all stages of life. This includes improving mobility through alternative transportation options, he says on his website.

Julie Holmer (Place 7) and Maria Tu (Place 1) each run unopposed, both with roots in the community. Julie Holmer, who grew up in Plano, has been active in Plano as a small business owner and through a number of volunteer efforts. She supports small business, the arts, and competitive salaries for city staff, first responders and teachers. Maria Tu, who has lived in Plano 25 years, supports enhanced public safety, crime and traffic reduction, and wants to keep taxes low.

Plano School Board Places 4, 5, and 7 will also be decided on May 6. Place 4 candidates include Tarrah Lantz, Lydia Ortega and Margaret Turner-Carrigan.

Place 5 candidates are Michael Cook, Khalid Ishaq, and Greg Jubenville. The race between Katherine Chan Goodwin, Simon Salinas, Cody Weaver, and Nancy Schilreff will decide Place 7 in the school board race.

In Frisco, the Mayoral race will be hotly contested, as two candidates attempt to replace current Mayor Jeff Cheney. Software specialist Jonathan Spencer and public safety consultant Mark Piland will each run against the current mayor, in office since 2017. Spencer has lived in Plano for one year, while Piland, who served as Frisco's fire chief and emergency management coordinator, has been in the city nine years, reports local community reporter, Community Impact.

Frisco's Place 5 City Council will also be contested, with incumbent Laura Rummell running for reelection against Answer Azam. Azam, a certified public account and business owner living in the city two years, will op-

pose long-term resident and Jackson Hewitt employee Rummell, who was elected to City Council in 2022, they report.

Frisco's Place 6 seat is uncontested, with Incumbent Brian Livingston running unopposed. According to Community Impact, Livingston, a commercial banker, has held the seat since 2017.

McKinney voters will decide on two council seats -- Place 2, where Patrick Cloutier and Patrick Silva are running, and Place 2 (at large), in a race between Michael Jones, Tom Meredith and Taiwo Ajunwon. Rick Franklin will also run uncontested for Place 4.

McKinney voters will consider also a general obligation bond proposition for proposed new development at McKinney National Airport.

Richardson will elect all of six council seats, when Curtis Dorian will run against G. Scott Waddell for Place 1. Place 3 will be

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Douglas community event brings people together as political race heats up

By Yusef Toomer
NDG Contributing Writer

The Douglass community was in full effect last Saturday as a crowd of politicians and voters gathered to discuss the future leadership of the Plano neighborhood. The morning was windy and cool, as political candidates gathered for what would be a final pitch to voters, as candidates tried to convince those present to become a part of their team. The tone was surprisingly cordial despite the presence of opposing candidates.

The Douglass community is more diverse than ever, and it showed on Saturday, as Blacks and whites, Hispanics, Asians, and Middle Easterners gathered in the warm,



A diverse crowd gathered last week in Douglas, a neighborhood in Plano (Courtesy photo)

community atmosphere.

The gathering of opinions seemed to make voters feel appreciated, noticed, and not overlooked despite their race or political affiliation. While all worthy candidates had something to bring to the table, it was a place of community and representative of an America that is a melting pot.

Simon Salinas, on the

Plano Board of Trustees, was in attendance, along with several other candidates, including Michael Cook, who is running for School Board, Place 5.

Running for Collin College Board of Trustees place 3, Stacey Donald watched as Dewayne Gibson spoke at Douglass Center.

Margaret Turner, a can-

didate for place 4 in Plano, has been associated with the community for nearly thirty years. Her family, kids and grandchildren attend school there.

Turner is up against Tarrah Lantz for place 4, as both candidates push to represent their district in a fierce, tight competition.

Several speakers stressed the importance of each singular vote, while downplaying political bias and urging the community to get out and vote.

People at the event let their hair down despite the political race going on. Katherine-Chan Goodwin, in her campaign for Plano ISD Place 7, appeared excited to be there with David Evans, another community organizer.

The peaceful gathering represented the tightly knit

community that has built a history in Plano.

Elanor Stimpson-Evans enjoyed the event as she read a newspaper. In her late seventies, Elanor is the fourth-generation granddaughter of the first

settlers in Plano.

As members of the community engaged with each other, the genuine joy and love on each person's face was akin to a family get-together, despite the political nature of the event.

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Good news abounds in District 6 Schools



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6

Great things are happening for our students in Trustee District 6! Congratulations to the graduating seniors at Gilliam Collegiate Academy, Carter High School, and Kimball High School, who will receive automatic admission to the University of North Texas at Dallas, thanks to a partnership between the university and Dallas ISD. We are creating opportunities for

our students to attend college. I love the work we do!

Athletes excelling

As we go to press, my Kimball Knights are headed to the state championship in basketball. I am so proud of them for defeating San Antonio Veterans Memorial, 50-47, to move on and compete for the 5-A State Championship! I haven't forgotten my Carter Cowboys, who fell short of state this time but will be back in the running next year. District 6 athletes are rocking in basketball!

Congratulations also to Kimball Knight basketballer T-Johnn Brown for

passing the 2,000-point mark this season!

Shoutout to all my District 6 student-athletes who have signed up to join college rosters upon graduation. From Carter High School: Niko Johnson, Kourtney Ellis, Taiwan Ledbetter, Diontre Webber, Jerome McCristion, Julian Gates, Jemelh Chambers, Jakyre Brown, and Antonio Henderson. And from Kimball High: DaCannon Wickware. Congratulations!

Black History celebrated in Dallas ISD

I was happy to see our former African American school board members rec-

ognized during our Black History Month board meeting last month. It was a joy to see Judge Thomas G. Jones, Dr. Lew Blackburn, Bernadette Nutall, Dr. Ora Lee Watson and Ron Price receive their due at the meeting. Also recognized were Se-Gwen Tyler and Robert Price, who could not attend.

We were also blessed to hear this year's MLK Oratory competition winner Zihair Douglas, from Mar-salis STEAM Academy, deliver his speech. And the Carter High School choir sang the National Black Anthem. What a night!

Neighborhood Schools Night Out

On April 6 at 5:30 p.m., we will be highlighting our neighborhood campuses. You will be able to register for your campus and learn about the benefits of the quality schools right here in your neighborhood. For more information about this event, visit Dallasisd.org/neighborhoodschools. Opportunity is just around the corner.

A big day for family involvement

Thanks to Greg Chapman and Phi Beta Sigma, who helped us celebrate African American Parent Involvement

Day recently at their adopted school, Adelle Turner Elementary. We can always count on the Sigmas to support our students, and we are so grateful.

Thanks to our counselors

Our school counselors were honored during National School Counseling Week, and I would be remiss if I did not pay my respects to all the awesome counselors in Dallas ISD who work diligently with our scholars daily, and especially to those at Carter High who help our students dream big every day. Thank you.

Metroplex Musicians' Association honors Dallas ISD music teachers

Three Dallas ISD teachers were recently honored by the Dallas Metroplex Musicians' Association for their dedication to student success and their years of hard work in the music industry.

Nelda Washington of Clara Oliver Elementary School and Osley Cook Jr. of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School Of Innovation were both inducted into the Dallas Metroplex Musicians' Association Hall of Fame for serving the area for over 30 years. Chad Lott of Skyline High School earned a Next Generation of Music Profes-



Courtesy photo

sionals Award, which is given to professional musicians who have been in the field for less than 10 years.

The Dallas Metroplex Musicians' Association is a nonprofit that works to preserve the legacy of distinctively African Ameri-

can music, celebrate local African American musicians and award annual scholarships to students to foster their musical talent and success.

Cook, who is currently an assistant band director, has taught in Dallas ISD

for 28 years and counting. He said some of his accomplishments include taking multiple "dead" band programs and bringing them back to life at the elementary, middle and high school level and seeing his students perform at the Battle of the Bands, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades, several universities, the African American Read-In and more.

While Cook said he was excited to have been inducted into the Dallas Metroplex Musicians' Association Hall of Fame, his proudest achievement is seeing his students succeed

and benefit from new opportunities.

"The greatest thrill for me is seeing my students take these music scholarships and go to play in the college programs," Cook said. "I'm currently aware of six of my former students working as music teachers after receiving their degree in music. Plus, I have another who just graduated in December who hopes to find the right fit for the fall."

Lott said he sees his job in a similar manner. He started out in Dallas ISD as a math and science teacher and soon decided to put his

music certification to good use. Now in his fourth year as director of choirs and an AP music theory instructor at Skyline, he loves helping his students grow, thrive and find inspiration.

"I've really seen students buy into the choral culture we have created, and it has been amazing," Lott said. "I want to show them that they can do this—that they can do anything—especially as a man of color. Representation matters, and for them to see that I've done this gives them opportunities and credence to feel like they can do the same."

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History explores the Diversity of Life on Earth in Smithsonian traveling exhibition

Fort Worth, TX (March 7, 2023) — The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History announces the temporary exhibition "Life in One Cubic Foot." The exhibition follows the research of Smithsonian scientists and photographer David Liittschwager as they discover what a cubic foot of land or water—a biocube—reveals about the diversity of life on the planet. "Life in One Cubic Foot" will be on view March 18, 2023 through June 11, 2023. The

exhibition is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

A biocube—the tool at the heart of the exhibition—is a 1-by-1-by-1-foot framed cube that organisms from the surrounding environment can enter and pass through. Biocubes featured in the exhibition were placed in environments across the globe to learn what forms of life,

both known and unknown, could be found in the cube during a 24-hour period. In addition to exploring life through the exhibition, visitors are also invited to participate in citizen science and uncover the biodiversity in their backyard by creating and monitoring their own biocube.

"Life in One Cubic Foot" explores life from exotic environments, like the coral reefs of French Polynesia and the alien mid-water ocean off the coast

of California to the more familiar locales, like New York City's Central Park. Hundreds of different organisms ranging in size from the head of a pin to the full size of the biocube are featured in the exhibition through collages of photographs, models, interactive elements and exhibition videos.

Biocubes in the exhibition were not only used by scientists to explore what is already known about life on Earth but also to spot-

light how much biodiversity remains for aspiring scientists to discover. Scientists estimate that there are more than 1 million species still unknown or unnamed by scientists. Environmental changes, like climate change and other man-made forces, are taking their toll on life around the world, both discovered and unidentified. Global efforts to understand the impact of these changes and answer questions about how to manage the com-

plex dynamics of wildlife and natural resources will be improved as gaps in the tree of life are filled.

After seeing how scientists use the concept of one cubic foot to understand the diversity of life in the field, visitors can learn how biocubes can be used to uncover life in more familiar places. They are invited to build their own biocube and contribute to citizen science by studying and sharing discoveries from their neighborhood habitats.

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Dallas CASA will present the Caroline Rose Hunt Cherish the Children Award May 5

Dallas CASA will host the 2023 Cherish the Children luncheon Friday May 5 at The Statler. Benefiting the children served by Dallas CASA, the luncheon will be hosted by Dallas CASA Children's Council.

Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains and supervises community members to serve as volunteer advocates for children living in the protective care of the state.

The luncheon will honor Sally Hoglund and Kristy Hoglund Robinson with the 2023 Caroline Rose Hunt Cherish the Children Award for their dedication to children who have experienced abuse or neglect. The mother-daughter pair are part of the philanthropic force that is The Hoglund Foundation, a longtime supporter of Dallas CASA.

"The Hoglund family has been with us every step of the way, helping Dallas CASA reach our goal of serving every child in need and encouraging us to make a real difference



(Above) Sally Hoglund and Kristy Hoglund Robinson. (At right) Lynn Fisher. (Courtesy photos)

in the lives of children and young adults who benefit from our advocacy," said Kathleen M. LaValle, president and CEO of Dallas CASA. "Sally and Kristy bring energy and focused vision to all their endeavors, and Dallas CASA is grateful to have benefited from their dedication and generosity."



The award, which recognizes individuals or organizations for outstand-

ing contributions helping children who have been removed from home due to abuse or neglect, is named for longtime friend of Dallas CASA Caroline Rose Hunt because of her constant dedication to the most vulnerable in our city and to helping people who could not help themselves.

Since its creation in 1989 by Sally and Forrest Hoglund, The Hoglund Foundation has injected more than \$62 million directly into the Dallas community, with grants to more than 650 agencies focused on education and family support.

The foundation's mission is the improvement of the lives of families and at-risk Dallas children with an eye toward positive and measurable difference in the community. The foundation has long recognized

programs that nurture and reward individual and family initiative and responsibility, as well as those that use creative problem-solving or collaboration.

The Hoglund family is known for their hands-on family engagement at nonprofits they support financially. Kristy Hoglund Robinson became a sworn Dallas CASA volunteer in 2015, working a complicated and complex case involving three children who remained in foster care until 2021. Robinson also serves as a Dallas CASA board member.

"Kristy never once lost sight of what mattered for these children," her Dallas CASA supervisor Larry Matthews said.

But for Robinson, serving as a sworn child advocate is simply carrying on

a family tradition of authentic community engagement. Robinson and her two sisters learned from their parents, who she calls "the perfect role models for giving back."

"Working with these kids was both heartbreaking and fulfilling, and I am forever changed by their resilience, strength and determination," she said.

The luncheon will feature speaker Cortney Jones, founder of Change1, an Austin-based nonprofit supporting youth aging out of foster care. Jones, who was served by Dallas CASA as a teenager, faced aging out after 25 placements in foster care as well as abuse and trauma. She took her challenges and channeled them into

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tagon) as a protocol and special event coordinator servicing the entire military services at the Pentagon since Honorable Caspar Weinberger under the late President Ronald Reagan's administration through the former President Barack Obama's administration.

Prior to embarking on her professional journey, Ms. Campbell-Dawkins attained a bachelor's degree in Criminology/Urban Studies from the University of Maryland in 1977. She then attained a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Finance from Washington Adventist University and a master's degree in Acquisitions and Contracts from George Washington University in 2017. Well qualified in her

career field, she holds a master's Certificate in Government Contracts and has attained the Health Counseling Certificate from the University of Maryland's Health Department.

Within the coming years, Ms. Campbell-Dawkins intends to obtain a master certificate in business strategy as well as further pursue her education at the Howard University School of Divinity. Having always been interested in natural holistic healing, she also plans to attend the Natural Science School in Illinois to pursue a doctorate in naturopathy to support the elderly and veterans. She is actively involved with the state and county's Government Clean Water Act in her community, collaborating with the

state's senators, delegates, district council members, mayor, township commissioners, and municipality. In addition, she plans to continue her missionary work through her church, providing assistance to the elderly, homeless and disabled.

Ms. Campbell-Dawkins is married to Mr. Rick Dawkins, a military retired veteran who served in the United States Navy for 24 years and later retired from the Secretary of Defense (Pentagon) as a Protocol and Special Event Coordinator servicing the entire military services at the Pentagon since Honorable Caspar Weinberger under the late President Ronald Reagan's administration through the former President Barack Obama's administration.

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Frisco approves zoning for theme park with \$12.7M in performance-based financial incentives for infrastructure improvements

Last week, the City of Frisco approved zoning to allow Universal Parks & Resorts (FTVN Corp.) to move forward to develop its 'one-of-a-kind theme park' specifically designed for families with young children, ages 3 to 11, on 97 acres of land at the northeast corner of the Dallas Parkway at Panther Creek Pkwy.

One of the biggest questions from locals is how the new park will impact traffic, reports WFAA. Transportation planners said they closely considered how traffic generated by the park would impact the already-congested area. Frisco Mayor Jeff Cheney said other potential land uses could have generated thousands more cars per day, including high-rise, office, mixed, and hotel development, which had been planned for the site, they report.

Under development standards outlined in the Special Use Permit (SUP) approved last Tuesday, the theme park will primarily operate between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, when traffic may already be high surrounding rush hour. Limited exceptions would be allowed during holidays, special events and peak seasonal periods.

Frisco also approved a development agreement providing \$12.7 million



Conceptual drawing (not intended to show what will be built)
(Courtesy photo)

in performance-based economic incentives, all funded from sales tax collections generated by the project. The incentives include \$10.7 in grants for infrastructure improvements and \$2 million in tax reimbursements issued over 20 years. City staff conservatively estimate the theme park will have a \$3 million financial impact, annually – or \$30 million over ten years – in city property and sales tax received by the General Fund.

Frisco's Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) approved the Special Use Permit (SUP), establishing development standards for the theme park project. The P&Z vote was followed by City Council approving the SUP and a development agreement.

"We're excited to welcome Universal to our community and look forward to Frisco families making unforgettable park memo-

ries right here at home," said Mayor Jeff Cheney. "We also want to thank our residents who made time to share their feedback about the project. Their thoughtful engagement helped shape the agreement we have today, which we believe is even better than initially proposed. We also appreciate Universal's measured approach and willingness to work with neighbors to develop a plan everyone can be proud of."

There are no 'minimum rider heights of 48 inches or greater' for any rides to align with the target audience of ages, 3 to 11. The SUP limits amusement ride height to 100 feet or less.

The SUP requires guest vehicles use Fields Parkways to enter the park; hotel guest vehicles will use Panther Creek Parkway. Employee vehicles will use Panther Creek Parkway and Frisco Street to access employee parking.

All fencing viewable from roadways surrounding the park must be fully screened using a landscape buffer consisting of shrubs and trees, ranging in 12' – 24', prior to opening the theme park.

The City of Frisco, along

with its Frisco Community Development Corporation (FCDC) and Frisco Economic Development Corporation (FEDC), also agreed to provide total \$12.7 million in economic incentives, which includes \$2 million in sales tax re-

imbursement for materials. The \$10.7 million in grants will support infrastructure improvements for streets, roads and utilities (water, sewer, electric, gas, telecommunications) related to

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decided in the race between Steven Springs and Dan Barrios. Incumbent Ken Hutchenrider is also running against Todd Hunter for the Place 5 seat at large. Three candidates will be unopposed for seats. These include Jennifer Justice in Place 2, Joe Cocoran, Place 4, and Aerfin Shamsul in Place 6. A new mayor will also be elected when Bob Dubey runs against Janet DePuy.

In Allen, Baine Brooks will run unopposed for

Mayor, as City Council Places 2 and 7 are contested. Nathan Polsky will also compete with Tommy Baril for Place 2, and a three-way race between James Holli, Bill Parker, and Brandon Villarreal will decide who is seated in Place 7.

The last day to register to vote is on April 6. General and special election is May 6, and early voting is April 24–May 2, with extended hours May 1, 2023 and May 2, 2023, 7: 00 a. m. to 7: 00 p.m.

NDG Book Review: Books about Black Women's Body Image

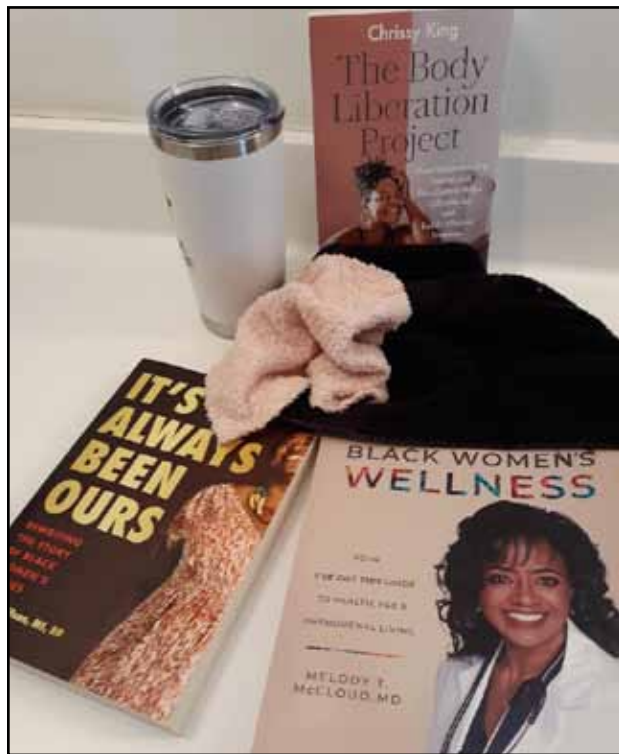
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The last two apps you downloaded were for diets. Ugh.

Friends say that you're perfect but you'd like to lose your flabby arms, your thick thighs, and a few inches from your belly. You imagine what you'd be like if you were a size 6. You wonder if you could wear skinny boots again. But before you download another app, read these books about Black women's health and body image...

There's not just one, but at least two books out this spring that ask if it isn't time for Black women to reclaim positive self-images about their bodies.

"It's Always Been Ours" by eating disorder specialist Jessica Wilson (Go Hachette, \$29.00), looks at the politics of Black women's bodies. You don't need to be told that this isn't a new thing but the true history of Black women and the harm such negativity has done may still surprise you; Wilson also pulls in the works of novelists, friends, influ-



encers, and others to get the best, most interesting look at the subject. If you want a call to action, this is it.

Along those lines, author Chrissy King says that body liberation is what Black women should strive for, and in "The Body Liberation Project" (Penguin Random House, \$28.00), she also offers ways to achieve body freedom.

What sets her book apart from the Wilson book is less history, more personal tales and thought-provoking question-pages to get readers thinking about how they've been thinking about their bodies. Again, there could be surprises in what you learn about yourself.

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Statement from the National Bankers Association on Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank

The National Bankers Association (NBA) President & CEO Nicole Elam Esq. and Chairman Robert James II released the following statement regarding Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank.

"In light of recent industry events, the National Bankers Association wants to assure consumers that your money is safe with minority banks. Minority depository institutions are very different from both SVB and Signature Bank which had high concentrations in crypto deposits and volatile venture capital. Minority banks are not

exposed to riskier asset classes and have the capital and strong liquidity to best serve consumers and small businesses. If you're looking for a place to bring your deposits and have greater impact, bring your deposits to minority banks" said Nicole Elam, President and CEO of the National Bankers Association.

"The Biden-Harris Administration, FDIC, and Federal Reserve worked hard this weekend to make sure that these bank failures are the exception, not the rule, and that all Americans can continue to have confidence in our banking

system. I also applaud bipartisan leaders in Congress for keeping stakeholders informed about how hard-earned deposits are being kept safe," said Robert James, II, Chairman of the National Bankers Association, President & CEO, Carver Financial Corporation.

The National Bankers Association is the nation's leading trade association for the country's minority depository institutions (MDIs). MDIs have always focused on safety and soundness as a part of our conservative, relationship-based business model. We

continue to monitor SVB's impact on large corporate deposit concentrations, fintech, tech companies, and larger financial institutions that have partnerships with MDIs or who have made investments in MDIs.

MDIs are in the strongest position ever to support their customers and here's why:

- **Traditional Banking Model with Diverse & Secure Assets:** MDIs are diversified in terms of their assets, predominately focused on well-collateralized loans, and are not exposed to riskier asset classes. Unlike both SVB and Signa-

ture Bank, MDIs have very limited exposure to the venture capital industry and crypto.

- **Well-Capitalized and Strong Liquidity:** MDIs are in the strongest position ever. The sector is exceptionally well capitalized, enjoys substantial liquidity overall, and has grown by 33% over the last three years in total assets. Nearly \$4 billion in new, permanent capital has flowed to MDIs and currently, the median MDI common equity ratio is 16.4% versus 14.8% for non-MDIs.

- **Positioned for Impact:** 77% of MDI branches are in

areas with a higher average share of minorities compared to 31% for all FDIC-insured depository institutions. According to a Dallas Fed Study in 2022, MDIs originate almost 40% of their mortgages to minority borrowers, versus only 10% by other banks. Additionally, MDIs originate 30% of small business loans to low- to moderate-income communities in comparison to 20% at community banks and 24% at large banks. Customer deposits are not only extremely safe in an MDI but are far more likely to have a positive impact in the community.

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the theme park.

The performance-based incentives will be awarded in two, 10-year phases. Phase I provides \$8.7 million, including \$1 million in sales tax reimbursements for materials. Phase II provides \$4 million, which also includes another \$1 million in sales tax material reimbursements. Performance requirements call for the park to be open for business no later than June 30, 2026 and for Universal to invest a minimum of \$550 million in project construction. Universal anticipates creat-

ing 175 full-time jobs and 1,400 seasonal, part-time jobs. The development agreement notes at least four 'immersive themed lands' designed for young children, as well as a 300-room hotel with a resort-style swimming pool. The development agreement calls for 'promotional discounts or special offers' for residents during non-peak periods at the developer's discretion. The agreement also provides a half-day park access for a city employee appreciation event once a year.

The annual property and sales tax direct benefit to the City of Frisco to be estimated to be \$3 million each year – or \$30 million over 10 years, Phase I. Staff estimates the indirect economic impact to be \$1.5 billion over ten years – and \$3.5 billion over twenty.

"The benefits of partnering with another quality, iconic brand such as Universal Parks & Resorts, are endless," said Mayor Cheney. "The tourism revenue and increase to our tax base help us maintain a low tax rate which, ultimately, improves quality of life for our residents. But

we're also looking forward to seeing our residents, especially our students, find jobs -- or even opportunities to perform -- given the creative setting and entertainment business. Again,

the chance to experience storytelling on this scale will be unforgettable."

The City of Frisco is investing more than \$201 million (\$201,987,000) on 10 major roadway con-

struction and/or improvement projects throughout the city's northern corridor. For more information related to the theme park, <https://www.friscotexas.gov/1826/Theme-Park>.

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With these books, King and Wilson advocate for the individual as well as for all Black women and if it feels difficult to you to pick between these two books, then don't. Read them together or concurrently and you'll be happier.

But okay, you love your body. Your legs, your arms, your shoulders and hair and smile – so how do you keep all that gorgeousness healthy? You can start with "Black Women's Wellness" by Melody T. McCloud, MD (Sounds True, \$26.99) and learn. Indeed,

even if you're feeling well and looking great, this book explains how to keep yourself that way, starting with what looks like healthy for a Black woman. From there, McCloud touches upon things like cancer, HIV, heart disease, and diabetes before moving on to reproductive health, sex, relationships, and mental health. It's written in real language, and everything is in simple, easy-to-understand, authentic terms created for grown-ups.

Beware that "Black Women's Wellness" isn't a

replacement for your doctor or clinic, but it's a nice question-answerer and a good launching point for knowing your body.

If these three books aren't exactly what you're looking for, be sure to ask your favorite librarian or bookseller. Admittedly, there aren't a lot of modern, new books out there about body image for women of color, but a bookish person can help you find what you need. They'll be able to put the book in your beautiful hands, your soft arms, for your gorgeous eyes.

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Advocates Rally at Supreme Court for Student Debt Cancellation

By Charlene Crowell

A February 28 rally held on the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States is believed to be the largest-ever event supporting student loan cancellation. The four-hour event featured more than 30 speakers as diverse as they were dedicated. It coincided with the court's scheduled oral arguments in a case brought by eight states that have challenged the legality of granting up to \$20K in federal loan forgiveness for eligible borrowers.

Until the nation's highest court makes its far-reaching decision, 26 million borrowers who qualified for loan forgiveness, and an additional 16 million with pending applications, remain in financial limbo, uncertain when or if the nation's highest court will allow cancellation of unsustainable student loan debt incurred in pursuit of higher education and a better life.

The future of loan forgiveness is also important to multi-generations of

families spanning grandparents and other older members helping to pay for the high cost of college by using retirement funds and/or Social Security benefits to lessen debt burdens. At the same time, younger generations are prevented from purchasing a home, starting a business, or even furthering their own education.

Billed as the People's Rally for Student Debt Cancellation, the event culminated months of mounting advocacy supporting forgiveness that revived rounds of advocacy in the aftermath of the states' legal challenge. Over the ensuing months, diverse advocates - college and university professors, civil rights organizations, public policy advocates and others - all united in defense of student loan borrowers.

"Like millions of Black borrowers denied the ability to build generational wealth, I know the burden of student loan debt," said Massachusetts Rep. Ayanna Pressley, and a member of the Congressional Black

Caucus who spoke at the rally. "I know what it is to land in default when your family is tripped up on economic hard times...The only shame is that this nation has burdened families with crushing debt."

Many other borrowers --not as widely known --also made their way to the Supreme Court steps to share their personal struggles with student loan debt.

For example, Ashley Green from St. Petersburg, Florida shared how after 10 years, her \$78,000 in loans ballooned to over \$112,000. "I've paid back

about \$58,000, so I still owe about as much as I've taken out," Green told the rally.

The NAACP's sponsorship of eight buses enabled many college students to attend and participate in related activities.

"The Justices must take this call for action seriously and consider the immense responsibility that they have to ensure the economic prosperity of the next generation," commented Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO. "The NAACP won't stop pushing until student debt can-

cellation is a reality."

Support for loan forgiveness has been years in the making, and over that time has vocally engaged broad and diverse support for student loan relief.

For example, the Brookings Institution, known for its public policy expertise, joined several public and private university scholars in a legal brief that argued for student loan relief. These academicians hold positions with: Arizona State University, Brandeis University, Brooklyn College, Dartmouth College, Southern Methodist Uni-

versity, and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) has led efforts advocating for cancellation of student debt. Through a series of consumer surveys and research, CRL has documented the disproportionate racial burden endured by Black borrowers.

Last November, CRL research found that student debt limits career choices and complicates homeownership for HBCU alumni,

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had for years."

"The findings are deeply troubling and sobering, and they compromise LMPD's ability to serve and protect the people of Louisville," said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

"We are committed to working with Louisville on a path forward to constitutional policing and stronger police-community trust. Although police reform won't happen overnight, focused effort and sustained commitment will bring us closer to transformed relationships, safe communities, and this nation's promise of justice and equality under the law."

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division added that people in Louisville deserve policing that's con-

stitutional, fair, and non-discriminatory.

"Our investigation found that the police department and city government failed to adequately protect and serve the people of Louisville, breached the public's trust, and discriminated against Black people through unjustified stops, searches, and arrests," Clarke stated.

"The police used excessive force, subjecting people to unlawful strikes, tasings, and canine bites.

"The police sought search warrants without justification and carried out no-knock warrants unlawfully, evading the constitution, defying federal law, and putting ordinary citizens in harm's way.

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2023 ANNUAL PLAN & SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO THE FIVE YEAR PLAN
PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

The Quality Housing & Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the McKinney Housing Authority to submit an Agency Plan each year. The PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to public housing agency (PHA) policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. There are two parts to the PHA Plan: the 5-Year Plan, which each PHA submits to HUD once every 5th PHA fiscal year, and the Annual Plan, which is submitted to HUD every year. Below is a list of meetings that are scheduled to review and discuss the Agency Plan documents for the 2023 fiscal year. Residents, the public and staff are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Autoridad de Vivienda McKinney
PLAN ANUAL 2023 & ENMIENDA SIGNIFICATIVA AL PLAN DE CINCO AÑOS
REUNIONES DARSE CUENTA

La Ley de Vivienda y Responsabilidad Laboral de Calidad de 1998 requiere que la Autoridad de Vivienda de McKinney presente un Plan de la Agencia cada año. El Plan PHA es una guía completa de las políticas, programas, operaciones y estrategias de las agencias de vivienda pública (PHA) para satisfacer las necesidades y los objetivos de vivienda locales. Hay dos partes en el Plan PHA: el Plan de 5 años, que cada PHA presenta a HUD una vez cada quinto año fiscal de PHA, y el Plan anual, que se envía a HUD cada año. A continuación hay una lista de reuniones que están programadas para revisar y analizar los documentos del Plan de la Agencia para el año fiscal 2023. Se alienta a los residentes, al público y al personal a asistir a las reuniones.

Tuesday January 24, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069
Tuesday February 28, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069
Thursday March 16, 2023	Noon	Public Hearing	Newsome Homes Community Center	1450 Amcott St. McKinney, TX 75069
Tuesday March 28, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069

A draft of the proposed ANNUAL Plan and Significant Amendment to the Five Year Plan is available for review at the MHA main office located at: 603 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX.

Comments can be submitted by hand delivery, mail, or email to McKinney Housing Authority Main Office; 603 North Tennessee Street; Attn: Roslyn Miller; McKinney, TX 75069 or info@mckinneyha.org. The final public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 4:30pm - Merritt Homes community center.

Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program accepting student applications

Connecting teens to a successful future, the Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program is accepting student applications now through Wednesday, March 22.

In its sixth year, the program immerses current high school juniors who attend Richardson ISD or live in Richardson into the professional workplace with paid internships at sought-after businesses, nonprofits and government agencies.

The program will offer part-time and full-time paid internships in a variety of fields such as technol-

ogy, manufacturing, communications, professional services, architecture, construction, education, engineering, philanthropy and more. With hours ranging from 12-40 hours per week, interns will earn a minimum of \$12 per hour.

Interns will learn crucial soft skills, such as communications and corporate protocols in the office, teamwork, technical skills and adaptability, while businesses and nonprofits benefit by connecting with the future workforce. Students will benefit from an expanded and sophisticated perspec-

tive, broader capabilities, important relationships and a crucial jumpstart as they prepare for their future.

Depending on the internship, students might get to see the day-to-day operations of a major corporation, network with various departments, help coordinate events, create social media content, manage projects and much more.

"This is a unique and tangible way for the business community to connect with its future workforce," said Kim Quirk, president and CEO, Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

"We are proud to support Mayor Voelker, Richardson ISD and the Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program as we strive to lift up our youth. We are always impressed with the caliber of students and look forward to bringing new interns on board this summer."

In addition to hosting students at their workplace, businesses can sponsor an intern(s) at a participating nonprofit, where students can learn about the important role nonprofits play in the health of a community.

The deadline for students

to apply is March 22. The program is open to current high school juniors who attend Richardson ISD or live in the City of Richardson; have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA (80%); are 16 years of age by Jun. 1, 2023; and are eligible to work in the U.S. In addition, students are required to attend one of two workforce skills training days on the morning of Saturday, March 25, or Tuesday, March 28, as well as the job fair on Wednesday, May 3, at the

Eisemann Center. (If hired, interns must attend two days of intern workplace skills training on June 1-2 at the Richardson ISD Professional Development Center.) In addition, a celebration luncheon will be held Monday, July 31. Businesses can sign up by April 13.

To apply and learn more, go to RichardsonMayorsInternships.org. Businesses can sign up now through April 13. For questions, please email info@richardsonmayorsinternships.org.

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Further research is needed to understand the extent of the relationship between reproductive factors and cardiovascular disease risk, such as whether there is a linear or non-linear relationship between a factor and increased risk.

Cardiovascular disease

has often been thought of a man's disease, as men are more likely to develop it at an earlier age than women. However, this group of diseases is a serious problem for women.

Research by the British Heart Foundation has shown that coronary heart

disease kills more than twice as many women as breast cancer in the UK each year, with more than 800,000 women in the UK living with the disease. It is also estimated that around 380,000 women alive in the UK today have survived a heart attack.

The study was supported by funding from the Brit-

ish Heart Foundation, the Medical Research Council and the National Institute for Health Research.

'Sex-Specific Reproductive Factors Augment Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Women: A Mendelian Randomization Study' is published in the Journal of the American Heart Association.

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which contributes to the nation's long-standing racial wealth gap. This report also found that the pause on student loan payments provided much-needed relief to borrowers; but its approaching expiration would create additional financial challenges for struggling graduates.

Similarly, a consumer survey commissioned by CRL found:

- The loan payment pause helped roughly 40 percent of student loan borrowers pay for daily expenses (food, gas, transportation, etc.);

- Low-income borrowers in loan forgiveness programs were more likely to skip meals and face wage garnishment throughout the pandemic; and

- The COVID-19 pandemic forced one-third of student debt borrowers to use savings or credit cards to meet overall expenses.

"Student loan debt is

both a product of the racial wealth gap and a tool that exacerbates racial inequality," said Jaylon Herbin, CRL's director of federal campaigns in a recent interview.

Although President Biden extended the pause on student loan payments until June 30, this final extension is likely to provide financial cover until the nation's highest court announces its decision on or before that date. However, payments are set to resume 60 days after expiration or once litigation has been resolved – whichever comes first.

In the interim, borrowers should prepare for payment resumption by checking eligibility for other government loan forgiveness programs, or verifying who their loan servicer is. Information from the Federal Student Aid Information Center is available by phone at 1-800-433-3243

or online. Now is also a useful time to update related documents like proof of income that can be uploaded on their servicer's website.

"The legal case for debt cancellation is sound – and so is the moral one," said Randi Weingarten, Presi-

dent of the American Federation of Teachers that represents more than 1.7 million members.

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Nothing Like A Mystery To Calm My Nerves

By James L. Snyder

Nothing calms me down more than a mystery when I have a busy week.

The other afternoon I got caught up and faced some rather stressful situations. The remedy to all of this would be to watch one of those mystery movies.

One was playing that afternoon, so I decided to rearrange my schedule, enjoy the afternoon watching that mystery movie with a nice hot cup of coffee, and maybe adding an Apple Fritter to it makes it even more restful.

As I began watching this mystery, the first part is always the murder. So who was it that committed this murder? That is the detective's job to find out the murderer.

As these mystery movies begin, I like to guess who the real murderer is. I am usually wrong but don't tell anybody, especially The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Getting involved in the story, the detectives brought in one suspect they believed committed the crime.

I was getting involved when I heard someone walk into the living room; it was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She looked at the TV, then back at me and said very firmly, "He is not the murderer. The wife is the one who murdered her husband."

Then she turned around and returned to her kitchen work.

I chuckled a little because how would she know who the murderer was at this point in the movie?

Watching this, the detectives finally concluded that the subject they were interviewing was not the one who did the murder.

Then they came up with another suspect, and as they were interviewing him, a head popped into the living room; it was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. "He's not the guilty one;

the wife killed her husband; trust me on this."

Of course, if anybody knows what wives are capable of, it would be her.

I knew she was wrong about the wife killing her husband. They had interviewed this wife, who had a good alibi; the detectives crossed her off the suspect list.

They brought in several more suspects, and they were all cleared as far as the crime. Finally, they got to the place where no other suspects were in view.

Suddenly, someone appeared as a suspect that they did not see before.

That's the way a good mystery goes. The one they had seemed like a very good prospect. He had no credible alibi at the time of the murder.

The more they interviewed him, the more it seemed like he was the murderer.

Watching it, I began to agree that they finally got

their murderer. All they had to do was collect the evidence needed to convict him.

Just then, a head popped into the living room. "He did not do the killing," she said very emphatically. "As I said before, the wife killed her husband."

I did not know how she came up with that because she was working in the kitchen, and I was watching the television. So how could she know things about the mystery I didn't know?

"You're wrong," I said to her, "all the evidence points to this one they just arrested. No other person has his evidence."

She poked her head back in, and I said, "The wife is not in the picture right now. She could not have done the crime."

With one of her smiles, she replied, "Trust me. The wife did it. If I'm right, I'll bet you lunch at my favorite restaurant tomorrow."

Could I pass up some-

thing like that? All the evidence pointed to that person, and none to the wife.

"I will take you up on that bet, and I can't wait to have lunch at my favorite restaurant tomorrow."

Walking back into the kitchen, I could hear her chuckling. I had never known her to be wrong like this, and I was preparing myself for a grand celebration at my favorite restaurant tomorrow for lunch. This will be the first time I have ever won a bet against her. I must jot this down and record it because it may never happen again.

Returning to the mystery movie, suddenly, everything began to change. The man they thought did the crime had an airtight alibi, then the unthinkable happened.

The wife's alibi began to break down as the detectives re-examined the evidence; they saw it differently, to their surprise.

As it turned out, all the evidence revealed the wife

killed her husband, and she was the murderer.

I heard some chuckling from the kitchen area and wasn't going to ask what was happening. I knew exactly what was going on.

At lunch, the next day, all The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage could do was smile as she read through the menu and placed her order with the waitress.

I've never known her to order so much for lunch.

Driving home from the restaurant, I happen to think of a verse of Scripture found in Matthew 11:28-30. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

If I want real rest from my labors, it will only come from my relationship with Jesus Christ. Nothing can compromise that rest.

CASA, from Page 8

becoming a vehicle of change for children like herself. She has worked at Child Protective Services, lending her voice to create change, and is a parent of two children adopted from foster care.

"We have a choice in

how we react to adversity. I've chosen to give back and make the system better for children, youth and families who encounter the system," she said. "What I hear most from kids in care is that they don't feel heard. My dream is that they're

not only heard but also respected, loved and given a fair chance at success."

Lynn Fisher, director of corporate giving for The Rosewood Corporation, will be honorary chair of the 2023 Cherish the Children luncheon. Fisher's roles also include vice president of the Rosewood

Foundation, director of philanthropy for the Caroline Rose Hunt family and director of the Moozie Foundation, a family foundation created by Mrs. Hunt for

her grandchildren. Fisher is celebrating 38 years of service to Rosewood, Mrs. Hunt's family and the Dallas community.

Luncheon co-chairs are

Veree Brown, a Dallas CASA board member, and Kim Meth, a Dallas CASA volunteer. Both are longtime members of Dallas CASA Children's Council.

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National Women's History Month Continues



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Cathay Williams, because of an error in correctly understanding her name, became William Cathay (a male soldier.) According to an Army doctor, William Cathay enlisted in the United States Regular Army as a Buffalo Soldier in 1866.

The Army surgeon examined William Cathay, the recruit, but failed to realize that William Cathay was a female and not a male; the surgeon determined the recruit fit for duty and assigned William Cathay to the 38th U.S. Infantry; it was established in August 1866.

In March 1869, after William Cathay's disability discharge in 1868, the 38th and 41st Infantries were consolidated into the historically familiar African-American 24th and 25th Infantries.

Cathay Williams carved a small, but symbolically important place in the history of American women, in the history of Black women and in the history of the United States Army.



Dr. Patricia Bath, Pioneer in Medicine, Inventor, Doctor and Educator

To date, she is the only documented woman who served in the U.S. Army prior to the official introduction of women.

Nannie Helen Burroughs was one of the best known and well-respected women of the early twentieth century. She was called 'The Black Goddess of Liberty'. She was an educator, institution and organization-builder and a major figure in the Black church and secular feminist movement.

Burroughs became a much sought after participant, particularly by the Republican Party. When Herbert Hoover was elected President in 1928, he chose Burroughs to head a fact-finding commission

on housing. In 1909, she founded the National Training School for Women and Girls, which was renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School in 1964.

Annie Onieta Plummer was dubbed "The Dictionary Lady". In 1992, she noticed that many school children in Savannah, Georgia were not carrying any books.

On her own initiative, she invested 50 dollars in 30 pocket dictionaries and proceeded to hand them out on the street corner. Her project gained nationwide attention and was emulated in other areas and mushroomed.

Always aware of the value of education, she went

back to school at the age of 42. In each dictionary she handed out, she inscribed the motto of the United Negro College Fund, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," supplemented by her personal message, and "I challenge you not to waste yours."

Black women scientists, engineers and inventors have made important contributions to the science of chemistry.

Patricia Bath in 1988 invented the Cataract Laser Probe, a device that painlessly removes cataracts. Prior to this invention, cataracts were surgically removed. Patricia Bath founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

Marie Daly in 1947 became the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry. In addition to her research, she developed programs to attract and aid

minority students in medical and graduate school.

Mae Jemison is a retired medical doctor and American astronaut. In 1992,

she became the first Black woman in space.

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