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Ten Mile Creek Neighborhood H.O.A. takes over DeSoto

By Marland Mosley, Jr
Contributing Writer

It always feels like a cheap shot when people are slighted and bombarded with fees out of nowhere. Whether you're an existing or new homeowner, getting told information decades later can feel like a slap in the face. When you buy a home, typically you're supposed to have all the documents and information on the different regulations over what you can do in those homes.

DeSoto residents are highly upset about their new H.O.A. regulations. On Thursday, July 20, 2023, at a meeting held by Daniel Cruz and Byron Bradford in the Blue Bonnet Room in DeSoto, there were plenty of upset residents raving about the discomfort of being ambushed with an H.O.A. Some said they do not want their neighborhood to be dominated by H.O.A.s. Others pursued the option of trying to amend the ordinance, while keeping the phases maintained. A resident said if the city is already cutting the grass, no homeowner should be paying a voluntary fee. It seems egregious to both pay taxes and then pay an H.O.A. to oversee what was already funded.

Neither Bradford nor Cruz, wants anything to do with the H.O.A. Bradford calls the situa-



Residents of DeSoto felt blindsided by H.O.A. regulations and voiced their displeasure at a recent meeting in DeSoto. (NDG file photo)

tion a double tax, in a sense that the residents pay their city tax and then pay the H.O.A. to do the same maintenance that the city had already done.

Also, some owners who bought their homes in 2003 and 2004 had never received any documents pertaining to the H.O.A. According to Sylvia Hines of Metro News, Bradford was never notified that he was moving into an H.O.A. area. Some DeSoto residents simply don't want an H.O.A. because they don't feel they had a choice to either accept or reject it. It is normal for people who are forced into accepting something to be hesitant.

The phases 3A and 3B consist of streets, such as Strayhorn Drive, Sage Wood Drive, and Turtle Point

Court. The homeowners that live on these streets are not in favor of an H.O.A., so they want it removed. Bradford also says that he's waiting for the city to reach out in terms of taking further steps. He feels that if this situation is to be dissolved, it should be 3C that should be made H.O.A. and leave 3A and 3B out of it.

Cruz also had this to say regarding the meeting. "Don't just take the builder's word. Have them state in writing whether or not there is an H.O.A." Documentation should also state whether the H.O.A. is active or inactive, and whether participation is voluntary or mandatory, he said. It's terrible

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People In The News ...



Charles W. Cherry II



Claude Cummings

NDG Quote of the Week: "Truth is powerful and it prevails."

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Charles W. Cherry II

Charles W. "Chuck" Cherry II, a prominent figure in the fight for social justice and a staunch supporter of the Black Press, has died.

According to the Daytona Times, the retired attorney and publisher of the Daytona Times and the Florida Courier passed away on Saturday, July 15, at the age of 66.

The newspaper called Cherry an influential voice in the community, who dedicated decades to running the editorial operations of the papers before



retiring in 2020.

"Charles was not only a good person, but an individual who fought hard to bring truth to light about any situation," said NNPA Chair Bobby Henry, the

publisher of the Westside Gazette in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"Charles was also a dear fraternity brother," Henry related.

"He truly spoke truth to power without any hesitation. He was a lover and faithful soldier of the Black Press. Indeed, he was a soldier without a sword."

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said the entire association of Black publishers were saddened by Cherry's death.

"On behalf of the NNPA, we express our profound sympathy and condolences

to the family of one of the NNPA's stellar publishers and leaders, Charles W. Cherry II," Chavis stated.

"Attorney Cherry was a fearless person and a renowned freedom fighting publisher," Chavis added.

The Daytona Times noted that Cherry also counted as an accomplished author, speaker, radio broadcaster, and strategic business planning consultant.

In 2019, Cherry founded 623 Management, Inc., a company focused on developing and disseminating messaging to Black America, with a particular emphasis on understand-

ing and reaching Florida's Black population through a comprehensive marketing strategy, the newspaper reported.

He was a sought-after speaker on Black history and civil rights, both in Daytona Beach and beyond.

Born on August 6, 1956, in Daytona Beach, Charles W. Cherry II was the son of Julia T. Cherry and Charles W. Cherry Sr., the founder of the Daytona Times and Florida Courier newspapers.

His father was also a past president of the Florida NAACP and a former Day-

tona Beach city commissioner.

Chuck Cherry graduated from Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach and went on to receive his B.A. degree in journalism from Morehouse College in 1978.

During his time at Morehouse, he followed in his father's footsteps by pledging Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Cherry continued his education at the University of Florida, earning both an M.B.A. and J.D. in 1982.

"His involvement at Morehouse included serv-

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Claude Cummings

St. Louis, Mo. – In an historic election, Claude Cummings Jr. was elected as president of the Communications Workers of America by delegates to the union's 79th convention and Ameenah Salaam was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Cummings is the first Black man elected as CWA President. Salaam, who was elected by acclamation, is the first Black woman to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Cummings succeeds Chris Shelton who stepped down after serving as pres-



ident for eight years and spending 55 years mobilizing, representing, and organizing with CWA.

Since 2011, Cummings has served as vice president of CWA District 6, representing more than

45,000 members in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

A Houston, Tex., native, Cummings started his union career when he went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (now AT&T) in 1973 and worked as a Frame Attendant and Communications Technician, maintaining systems for NASA, among other corporate customers. Prior to his election to District 6 Vice President, he was President of CWA Local 6222 representing more than 8,000 members, having served previously in other leadership positions

in the local, including Vice President. Cummings was the first Black man elected to all these positions.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Salaam started her union career when she went to work for Diamond State Telephone in 1991 as a customer service representative. She was elected as a CWA Local 13100

steward and served as Vice President of the local until September 1997 when she joined the CWA national staff. As an assistant to outgoing CWA President Chris Shelton, she has played critical leading roles in organizing, bargaining and mobilization campaigns, supporting staff and pushing CWA's

core mission forward with effective strategic planning and fiscal responsibility.

The Communications Workers of America represents working people in telecommunications, customer service, media, airlines, health care, public service and education, manufacturing, tech, and other fields.

Tupac Shakur

Authorities in Nevada have rekindled the investigation into the unsolved murder of rap legend Tupac Shakur, nearly three decades after his tragic death.

Law enforcement officials disclosed that they executed a search warrant earlier this week, breathing new life into the quest for justice surrounding the rap star's shooting.

The resurgence of the case follows the June announcement by federal prosecutors in the Eastern District of New York, revealing charges against a third individual in the 2002 shooting death of Run-DMC star Jam Master



Jay.

Authorities in New York said the indictment of Jay Bryant, 49, marked a significant breakthrough in the case involving the late Jason Mizell, professionally known as Jam Master Jay.

Bryant's indictment builds upon the prior

charges against Ronald Washington and Karl Jordan Jr. in August 2020, as authorities said they have tirelessly pursued leads to unravel the mystery behind the murder of the influential hip-hop icon.

Tragically, Jay was shot in the head in his recording studio in Jamaica, New York, on Oct. 30, 2002.

His death, occurring several years after the murders of Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G., also sent shockwaves through the music industry.

Meanwhile, in connection with the murder of Shakur, fatally shot on September 7, 1996, Las Vegas police confirmed

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DOING THE RIGHT THING

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Black Borrowers May Be Biggest Beneficiaries of Biden Student Loan Forgiveness

By Charlene Crowell

When the Biden Administration announced its latest initiative to reduce the nation's unsustainable trillion-dollar student debt, both borrowers and advocates rejoiced. In the coming weeks an estimated 804,000 student loan borrowers will together receive \$39 billion in federal loan debt cancellations.

These unprecedented debt cancellations are available due to systemic corrections that will now ensure all borrowers receive full credit for qualifying payments under the Department's Income Driven Repayment (IDR) plans.

More importantly, these developments signal one of the very few times that Black student loan borrowers stand to become the initiative's biggest beneficiaries. Recent data analyses underscore the extra student debt borne by Black America.

To paraphrase President Biden's reaction to national health being passed when he served as President Barack Obama's Vice President, 'This is a big deal'.

According to the Education Data Initiative:

- Black college graduates owe an average of \$52,000 in student loan debt;

- Over half of these borrowers say their net worth is less than their student debt;

- Black student loan borrowers are the most likely to struggle financially to make a \$250 monthly payment; and

- Four years after graduation, Black loan borrowers owe an average of 188 percent more on their debt than whites.

Further, as of June 1, 2021 – long before this new initiative, only 157 borrowers received forgiveness from the Education Department, despite the fact that thousands more were also eligi-

ble, according to the federal Government Accountability Office (GOA). This office also found that about half of more than \$1 trillion in outstanding federal student Direct Loans are being paid by borrowers using IDR plans.

Now, federal loan borrowers who have reached the equivalent of either 20 or 25 years of qualifying months will be benefit. Additionally, loan payments made prior to a loan consolidation will also be counted toward forgiveness.

"My Administration has worked hard to secure the largest increases to Pell Grants in a decade, fixed broken loan programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness and created a new income-driven repayment plan that will cut undergraduate loan payments in half and bring monthly payments to zero for low-income borrowers," said President Joe Biden on announcing the action.

"By fixing past administrative failures, we are ensuring everyone gets the forgiveness they deserve, just as we have done for public servants, students who were cheated by their colleges, and borrowers with permanent disabilities, including veterans," added Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

Borrowers receiving notifications in the coming days include those with Direct Loans or Federal Family Education Loans held by the Department (including Parent PLUS loans of either type) who have reached the necessary forgiveness threshold as a result of receiving credit toward IDR forgiveness for any of the following periods:

- Any month in which a borrower was in a repayment status, regardless of whether payments were partial or late, the type of loan, or the repayment plan;

- Any period in which a

borrower spent 12 or more consecutive months in forbearance;

- Any month in forbearance for borrowers who spent 36 or more cumulative months in forbearance;

- Any month spent in deferment (except for in-school deferment) prior to 2013; and

- Any month spent in economic hardship or military deferments on or after January 1, 2013.

Discharges will begin 30 days after emails are sent. Then, borrowers will receive a second notice – from their loan servicer – after their debt is discharged. Those receiving forgiveness will have repayment on their loans paused until their discharge is processed, while those who opt out of the discharge will return to repayment once payments resume.

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The Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) applauded the Administration for forgiving hundreds of thousands of loans through the improved income-driven repayment program. It commended the action as a

critical step but highlighted the need for more work to be done.

"We look forward to working with the Administration to develop additional programs and regulations that will make the repayment of federal student loan debt fairer and more affordable," said Jaylon Herbin, director of federal campaigns at CRL. "Hard-working Americans pay for a broken student loan system that was supposed to be designed for them. Instead, banking and education industry lobbyists turned it into a cash cow for themselves, skyrocketing tuition costs and telling low-and-middle income families not to worry, 'the debt will pay for itself.' More than two decades later, these borrowers were still paying their loans."

"Working people with student loan debt have been made collateral damage by a dysfunctional student loan system," said Persis Yu, Deputy Executive Director and Managing Counsel with the Student Borrower Protection Center.

Tom Shapiro, a Brandeis University professor and author of several reports examining the nation's nagging racial wealth gap, offered in earlier research a succinct summary of Black America's financial disparities.

"As somebody who has looked at racial wealth inequality for a long time, I didn't have to think long and hard about why that would be the case," Shapiro says. "African American and Latinx student borrowers finish higher education at a lower rate and come out with higher debt. So, they pay more for college and get less out of it."

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Black women with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy have increased stroke risk

BOSTON (Newsweek) — African American women in the United States face a significantly greater load of preeclampsia during pregnancy and stroke compared to white women. However, nearly all available research on the correlation between these two medical conditions has been conducted solely on white women.

A recently released study, led by researchers from Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and Slone Epidemiology Center, examines data spanning 25 years and involving 59,000 Black women from the Black Women's Health Study (BWHS). Published in the New England Journal of Medicine Evidence, the study reveals



Researchers estimate a 66% increased long-term risk of stroke. (Mulyadi / Unsplash)

that Black women with a background of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDOP) have an approximate 66% heightened long-term risk of stroke.

“Our findings could provide a partial explanation for the disproportionately high occurrence of stroke among Black women compared to other populations,”

said Dr. Shanshan Sheehy, corresponding author of the study and an assistant professor of medicine at the school, as well as an investigator at the Slone Epidemiology Center.

Preeclampsia, which impacts around 2 to 8% of pregnancies, is the second most common cause of maternal mortality globally. Among Black women in the United States, the incidence of preeclampsia and eclampsia is 60% higher compared to white women (with 70 cases per 1,000 deliveries reported for Black women in 2014, as opposed to 43 cases per 1,000 deliveries for white women). Additionally, there has been a concerning rise in severe preeclampsia rates among

Black women in recent years.

The researchers examined data from U.S. Black women who were part of the BWHS. The study included 42,924 participants who had previously given birth and did not have any pre-existing cardiovascular disease at the start of the analysis. Biennial questionnaires were utilized to gather information on preeclampsia, gestational hypertension, stroke, and other relevant conditions. To verify self-reported cases of stroke, medical records were requested and subsequently reviewed by neurologists.

During the period from 1995 to 2019, a total of 1,555 strokes occurred, with 310 of them reported

among 4,938 women who had a history of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDOP). Women who indicated a previous occurrence of HDOP were estimated to have a 1.66 times higher risk of stroke compared to women who had given birth but did not experience those pregnancy complications. Specifically, for women with a history of preeclampsia, the estimated hazard ratio (HR) was 1.53. This association was observed among both younger women (under the age of 60) and older women. Furthermore, it was evident in women who were not overweight during their early adulthood, as well as in women

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Taking good care of teeth may be good for the brain

MINNEAPOLIS (Newsweek) — Taking good care of your teeth may be linked to better brain health, according to a study published in the July 5, 2023, online issue of Neurology®, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. The study found that gum disease and tooth loss were linked to brain shrinkage in the hippocampus, which plays a role in memory and Alzheimer's disease. The study does not prove that gum disease or tooth loss causes Alzheimer's disease; it only shows an association.

“Tooth loss and gum disease, which is inflammation of the tissue around the teeth that can cause shrinkage of the gums and loosening of the teeth, are very common, so evaluating a potential link with dementia is incredibly important,” said study author Satoshi Yamaguchi, PhD, DDS, of Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. “Our study found that these conditions may play a role in the health of the brain area that controls



Poor dental health is linked to decline in brain volume. (Jesse Orrico / Unsplash)

thinking and memory, giving people another reason to take better care of their teeth.”

The study involved 172 people with an average age of 67 who did not have memory problems at the beginning of the study.

Participants had dental exams and took memory tests at the beginning of the study. They also had brain scans to measure volume of the hippocampus at the beginning of the study and again four years later.

For each participant, re-

searchers counted the number of teeth and checked for gum disease by looking at periodontal probing depth, a measurement of the gum tissue. Healthy readings are from one to three millimeters.

Mild gum disease involves probing depths of three or four millimeters in several areas, while severe gum disease involves probing depths of five or six millimeters in several areas as well as more bone loss and can cause teeth to become loose and eventually fall

out.

Researchers found that the number of teeth and amount of gum disease was linked to changes in the left hippocampus of the brain.

For people with mild gum disease having fewer teeth was associated with a faster rate of brain shrinkage in the left hippocampus.

However, for people with severe gum disease having more teeth was associated with a faster rate of brain shrinkage in the same area of the brain.

After adjusting for age, researchers found that for people with mild gum disease, the increase in the rate of brain shrinkage due to one less tooth was equivalent to nearly one year of brain aging. Conversely, for people with severe gum disease the increase in brain shrinkage due to one more tooth was equivalent to 1.3 years of brain aging.

“These results highlight the importance of preserving the health of the teeth and not just retaining the teeth,” Yamaguchi said. “The findings suggest that

retaining teeth with severe gum disease is associated with brain atrophy. Controlling the progression of gum disease through regular dental visits is crucial, and teeth with severe gum disease may need to be extracted and replaced with appropriate prosthetic devices.”

Yamaguchi said future studies are needed with larger groups of people. A limitation is that the study was conducted in only one region of Japan, so the results may not be generalizable to other locations.

The study was supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Keio University; Japan Arteriosclerosis Prevention Fund; Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare; Teikyo University; Pfizer Japan; Bayer Yakuhin; Chugai Pharmaceutical; Daiichi Sankyo; Astellas Pharma; Takeda Pharmaceutical; Health Care Science Institute; Health Science Center; and Takeda Science Foundation.

Learn more about Alzheimer's disease at Brain-and-Life.org, home of the American Academy of Neurology's free patient and caregiver magazine focused on the intersection of neurologic disease and brain health. Follow “Brain & Life®” on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The American Academy of Neurology is the world's largest association of neurologists and neuroscience professionals, with over 40,000 members. The AAN is dedicated to promoting the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care. A neurologist is a doctor with specialized training in diagnosing, treating and managing disorders of the brain and nervous system such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke, migraine, multiple sclerosis, concussion, Parkinson's disease and epilepsy.

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Biden signs proclamation establishing national monument honoring memory of Emmett Till

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

President Joe Biden plans to sign a proclamation on Tuesday, July 25, establishing a national monument honoring Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Black teenager whose tragic lynching in 1955 ignited a nationwide outcry against racial injustice and discrimination.

Named the "Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument," the historic memorial will span three sites in Illinois and Mississippi, symbolizing locations that played a central role in Till's heartbreaking story.

"The new monument will protect places that tell the story of Emmett Till's too-short life and racially motivated murder, the unjust ac-



Named the "Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument," the historic memorial will span three sites in Illinois and Mississippi, symbolizing locations that played a central role in Till's heartbreaking story. (Photo via NNPA)

quittal of his murderers, and the activism of his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, who courageously brought the world's attention to the brutal injustices and racism of the time, catalyzing the civil rights movement," White House officials explained.

The three sites that will be part of the monument are the Roberts Temple Church

of God in Christ in Chicago, where Till's mother held an open-casket funeral to display her son's brutalized body; Graball Landing in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, believed to be the location where Till's body was retrieved from the Tallahatchie River; and the Tallahatchie County Second District Courthouse in Sumner,

Mississippi, where Till's murderers were acquitted.

Till's tragic story unfolded in August 1955 while visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, two white men, allegedly kidnapped, brutally beat, and lynched him for allegedly whistling at a white woman.

The men's trial, which occurred before an all-white jury, ended in their acquittal, sparking outrage and disbelief nationwide.

However, in a later interview with Look Magazine, Bryant and Milam admitted their responsibility for Till's heinous murder, revealing the justice system's deeply flawed and biased nature during that era.

As Till's story continued to gain national attention, the brave actions of his

mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, became a driving force behind the Civil Rights Movement.

She insisted that her son's casket remain open during the funeral, allowing the world to witness the brutality of racial violence and the stark realities of America's rampant racism.

Photographs of Till's battered and mutilated body were published in Jet Magazine, impacting the collective consciousness, and mobilizing people across the nation to fight against racial injustice.

Earlier this year, Carolyn Bryant Donham, the white woman whose false accusation against Till triggered the events leading to his lynching, died at the age of 88.

Donham passed away in Westlake, Louisiana, while

receiving hospice care, according to a death record from the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office.

President Biden's decision to establish the national monument is seen as crucial to acknowledging and preserving the painful history of racial violence in the United States.

By commemorating Emmett Till's life and the legacy of his courageous mother, the monument will serve as a reminder of the immense sacrifices made by those who fought for civil rights, and it will stand as a beacon of hope and a call to action against ongoing injustices.

Administration officials said the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument would symbolize resilience, progress and the enduring fight for a more equitable society.

Renowned Civil Rights attorney Ben Crump and co-counsel Ray Hamlin set to 'unveil shocking revelations' in Malcolm X assassination conspiracy

By Stacy M. Brown
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Celebrated civil rights attorney Ben Crump, alongside co-counsel Ray Hamlin, have announced that they will unveil bombshell developments in the alleged assassination conspiracy of Malcolm X.

A media alert said the event, planned for Tuesday, July 25, promises to shed new light on the tragic event that shook the nation more than half a century ago.

The attorneys filed a notice of claim earlier this year, signaling their intent to sue various government agencies, including the

NYPD, for their alleged involvement in the assassination and subsequent fraudulent concealment of evidence related to Malcolm X's murder.

They are expected to reveal that they've successfully uncovered a conspiracy to kill the legendary leader.

Malcolm X was assassi-

nated on February 21, 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City, at the age of 39.

The circumstances surrounding his death have long been disputed, with allegations of connections

to federal and New York government agencies, including the FBI and CIA, generating widespread controversy.

A turning point came in 2021, when two men previously convicted of

Malcolm's assassination had their convictions overturned.

The Manhattan district attorney and lawyers for the men revealed that a me-

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enough that the residents feel blindsided about being in an H.O.A area, but to not be notified and to not have a choice is unacceptable.

The H.O.A form details a lot of the prohibitions regarding the Desoto area, such as air conditioning units being prohibited, as well as outdoor drying of clothes and the burning of trash outdoors.

These residents are paying an H.O.A. fee to be instructed on what they can and cannot do. When the NewRoc Services was con-

tacted, a lady by the name of Azalea Fuentes said, "I'm not in charge of that property; you'd have to contact the property manager."

With or without a straight answer, there's no denying that the H.O.A. is putting restrictions on people's livelihoods. All in all, DeSoto residents are in utter disbelief that they're in an H.O.A. area. They're upset at the fact that they weren't even notified that they were in an H.O.A. area, on top of having to

pay a fee to keep up the same maintenance the city was once doing.

These residents are hard-working, tax paying citizens, like anyone else. The very least that should happen is that they're notified of what's going on in their neighborhood. The residents are asking that, moving forward, they need to be informed on what's happening, or if push comes to shove, they'll leave. It is expected to be a tedious process and take more than an email, but the residents will stop at nothing to make their voices heard.

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Principal goes above and beyond to take students on more excursions

Principal Dawna Duke is taking learning on the go at Thomas C. Marsh Preparatory Academy thanks to recently getting cleared to drive a school bus for Dallas ISD.

Duke said she realized how expensive it is to use a school bus due to the cost of paying a driver and how limited field trips are if they have to be completed by a certain time, so she decided to step up and take on a bus driver role herself to make active learning more accessible. As a licensed bus driver, she can use a district bus.

Now that she has her commercial driver's license (CDL) approved in the state of Texas, she said she is looking forward to



Dallas ISD students to take more outings thanks to Principal Dawna Duke at Thomas C. Marsh Preparatory Academy (Dallas ISD)

expanding her students' horizons. Marsh already had a reading buddies program in place, through which they have taken six to 10 students to elementary schools in their feeder pattern to

read to younger students. Now they can double the participation and continue building great relationships with their neighbors.

The campus was also awarded a \$21,000 grant

through Texas State Parks to take students camping overnight at Cedar Hill State Park in the fall and in the spring of the 2023-2024 school year, and Duke said driving the bus herself will

make a huge impact.

"For a lot of our students, it's the first time that they have been camping ever," Duke said. "To rent a charter bus for an overnight trip is very expensive and would suck up a lot of the funds from that grant, so my goal is to drive the bus, camp with them, and then bring them back after the trip is over. Just having access to the school bus will likely be able to double our participation."

This is not the first time Duke has driven a bus. She said she has had an active CDL since she was an 18-year-old taking students on daily field trips as part of an after-school program; she just was not certified to drive a school bus for Dal-

las ISD.

To get that certification, she had to complete her medical clearance, a Dallas ISD onboarding program, the state driving test, a certification course, and a driving record check—all while managing her responsibilities as a principal, but Duke said all her hard work is paying off.

"We don't know what we don't know as kids," Duke said. "By giving them exposure and access to activities that aren't in their day-to-day lives, it gives them opportunities to dream, think about what they want to be when they grow up, and see that the future is right in their hands. They just have to get these experiences."

Biden-Harris Administration releases data on \$39 Billion in loan forgiveness for 804,000 borrowers

WASHINGTON -- Last week, the Department of Education began notifying impacted borrowers they were eligible for automatic loan relief.

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) today released state-by-state data on the number of borrowers who are eligible for automatic loan relief under fixes to Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans implemented by the Biden-Harris Administration to ensure all borrowers have an accurate count of the number of monthly payments that qualify toward forgiveness. On Friday, the Department started notifying 804,000 borrowers who

have a total of \$39 billion in Federal student loans that will be automatically discharged in the coming weeks. Today's data show how many borrowers and the total amount that is eligible for relief in each state and territory as a result of this action. Since the beginning of the Biden-Harris Administration, the Department has approved more than \$116 billion in student loan forgiveness for more than 3.4 million borrowers.

The discharges announced last Friday are part of the Department's commitment to address historical failures in the administration of the Federal student loan program in

which qualifying payments made under IDR plans that should have moved borrowers closer to forgiveness were not accurately accounted for. Borrowers are eligible for forgiveness if they have accumulated the equivalent of either 20 or 25 years of qualifying months depending on their loan type and IDR plan. Friday's action is a result of the Biden-Harris Administration's implementation of the payment count adjustment announced in April 2022.

Residents of Texas, California and Florida are in line for the most student loan forgiveness, each state with approximately \$3 bil-

lion set to be forgiven. Texas borrowers are expected to receive \$3.1 billion in student loan forgiveness.

On Friday, President Biden said, "I have long said that college should be a ticket to the middle class - not a burden that weighs down on families for decades."

"Starting today, over 800,000 student loan borrowers who have been repaying their loans for 20 years or more will see \$39 billion of their loans discharged because of steps my Administration took to fix failures of the past. These borrowers will join the millions of people that my Administration has

provided relief to over the past two years - resulting in over \$116 billion in loan relief to over 3 million borrowers under my Administration.

But we're not stopping there. My Administration has worked hard to secure the largest increases to Pell Grants in a decade, fixed broken loan programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and created a new income-driven repayment plan that will cut undergraduate loan payments in half and bring monthly payments to zero for low-income borrowers. And, when the Supreme Court made the wrong decision, I immediately announced

a new plan to open an alternative path to relief for as many borrowers as possible, as soon as possible.

"Republican lawmakers - who had no problem with the government forgiving millions of dollars of their own business loans - have tried everything they can to stop me from providing relief to hardworking Americans. Some are even objecting to the actions we announced today, which follow through on relief borrowers were promised, but never given, even when they had been making payments for decades. The hypocrisy is stunning, and

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ing as president of its Interfraternity Council, Basileus of the Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a Student Government Association representative, and a four-year track letterman in the high jump," the newspaper reported.

After being admitted to the Florida Bar in December 1983, Cherry worked as a former Fort Lauderdale

city and South Florida state prosecutor, practicing law for 21 years.

However, upon the passing of his father, Charles W. Cherry Sr., he returned to journalism and newspaper publishing as his primary occupation.

Cherry served as general counsel to the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale for over

a decade and held the role of general manager for the family-owned radio station WPUL-AM.

Additionally, he hosted the station's popular "Free Your Mind" radio show.

His influential column, "Straight, No Chaser," was a weekly staple in the Florida Courier, earning Cherry numerous Florida and national awards.

In 1994, he authored

and published "Excellence Without Excuse: The Black Student's Guide to Academic Excellence," which has been widely used as a textbook in college-preparation classes and seminars.

He also co-wrote "Fighting through the Fear" in 2016 with his Morehouse College roommate and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brother, C. David Moody Jr. of Atlanta.

Cherry is survived by his two children, Chayla Cherry, a recent graduate of Spelman College and a recipient of a Master's in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and Charles W. Cherry III, a student at Morehouse College.

He is also survived by his former wife, Lisa Rogers Cherry of Fort Lauderdale, his brother Dr. Glenn Cher-

ry (Dr. Valerie Cherry) of Tampa, his sister Cassandra Cherry Kittles (Willie Kittles) of Daytona Beach, his nephew Jamal Cherry (Dr. Sierra Cherry) of Houston, Texas, his great-niece Mila Cherry of Houston, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles W. Cherry Sr., his mother, Julia Mae Troutman Cherry, and a daughter, Chip Happy Cherry.

Largest transit-oriented development in DFW breaks ground in Carrollton

The City of Carrollton and its partners broke ground on EVIVA Trinity Mills, a five-story mixed-use blend of residential and retail/restaurant spaces within the vibrant and sustainable urban development at Trinity Mills Station.

EVIVA Trinity Mills is an important part of a 25-acre Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) made possible through a public/private partnership between the City of Carrollton, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), The Integral Group developers, and Koa Partners. The building will feature more than 430 multi-family units and live/work spaces.

"This is the third monumental milestone of the catalyst Phase I development," Carrollton Urban Development Director Ravi Shah said. "The first milestone was the approval in April 2020 for a 125,000-square foot, six-story class A office structure to serve as the marquee building within the new development; and the second was the three-acre green park esplanade. Approved in December 2020 and now complete, the esplanade runs the length of the property and comprises the area between the Class A office buildings on the north side of the development and EVIVA's retail offerings and luxury apartment homes to the south.

Shah said EVIVA Trinity Mills will continue the City of Carrollton's and DART's objectives to create a sustainable, vibrant, livable mixed-use district with a variety of high-density residential, office, and retail uses along with a central public space while incorporating enhanced pedestrian amenities and supporting transit ridership. The billion-dollar live/work/play environment will eventually grow from the Phase 1 25-acre TOD to

a 300-acre hub for DFW.

"Trinity Mills Station is the largest publicly owned transit-oriented development site in North Texas and the most connected," Carrollton Mayor Steve Babick said. "It is also the only transfer hub in the DFW Metroplex connecting the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) A-Train commuter

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Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. retires as president and CEO of Rainbow PUSH Coalition

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

Tributes have continued to pour in for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who announced on July 14 his retirement as President and CEO of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the influential civil rights organization he started decades ago to carry on the struggle for equality and justice that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought heroically. The organization said Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III will succeed Jackson.

"The promise of America is that we are all created equal in the image of God and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives. While we've never fully lived up to that promise, we've never fully walked away from it because of extraordinary leaders like Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.," President Joe Biden stated.

"Throughout our decades of friendship and partner-



Ordained by Rev. Clay Evans on June 30, 1968, Jackson received his Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2000. (Photo via NNPA)

ship, I've seen how Reverend Jackson has helped lead our nation forward through tumult and triumph."

The President continued, "Whether on the campaign trail, on the march for equality, or in the room advocating for what is right and just, I've seen him as history will remember him: a man of God and of the people; determined, strategic, and unafraid of the work to redeem the soul of our nation."

One of Jackson's comrade in the civil rights struggle, National Newspaper Publishers Asso-

ciation (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., echoed Biden's remarks.

"On behalf of the NNPA, representing the Black Press of America, I am so pleased to issue the NNPA's highest regards and respect to the Honorable Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.," Chavis remarked.

"I have known and worked with the Rev. Jackson all of my adult life as a fellow freedom fighter in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference,

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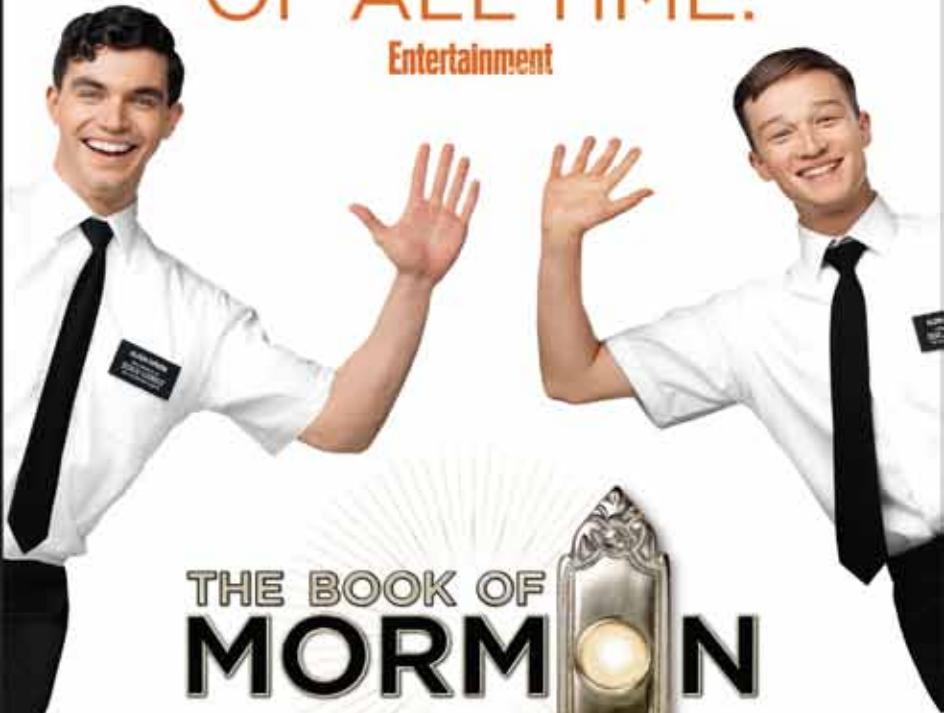
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Toosii takes the stage in Dallas on August 3

Toosii is bringing the “Naujour Tour” to Dallas, appearing at Gilley’s on August 3, 2023.

Nau’Jour Lazier Grainger, better known by stage name Toosii, is a rapper, singer, songwriter, who is best known for his TikTok-viral song “Favorite Song.” His debut studio album, Poetic Pain, released in 2020, peaked at number 17 on the Billboard 200.

Toosii grew up in Syracuse, New York, but relocated to Raleigh after be-

coming a serious musician. He began recording music at age 16 as an escape from issues he experienced as a child, including homelessness.

His lyrics remain personal, offering his audiences a glimpse into his life.

As his stage name, he took a spinoff of his childhood nickname “Toota,” after adding two “i’s” because he said you need two eyes to see the vision.

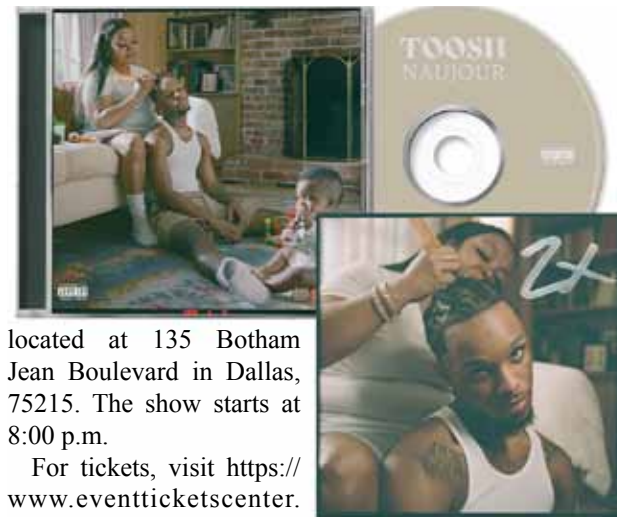
Discovered by South Coast Music Group (Da-

Baby), Toosii got his break when he signed with South Coast in 2019 for the re-release of the track “Red Lights.” This was followed by “Who Dat” and 13-track “Platinum Heart” mixtapes in the winter of 2020. Later that year, Toosii released a third album, “Poetic Pain” under Capitol Records. The album, features “Love Cycle,” which debuted at number 17 on the Billboard 200 chart in the Fall of 2020. In early 2021, the track was certified gold by

the Recording Association of American.

On May 7, 2021, in gratitude to his audience, Toosii released his seventh 13-track mixtape, “Thank You for Believing,” which features Mulatto, Key Glock, and DaBaby. The tape’s title shows “gratitude to those that had faith in him and helped get him where he is today.”

Toosii will perform on August 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Southside Ballroom at Gilley’s, The venue is



located at 135 Botham Jean Boulevard in Dallas, 75215. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.

For tickets, visit <https://www.eventticketscenter.com/toosii-dallas-tickets>.

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they executed a search warrant on July 17.

Executed in the nearby city of Henderson, the new warrant has left the public curious about the nature of the search and the specific locations involved.

A police spokesperson refrained from providing additional details regarding the recent progress in

the case, including the potential identification of a suspect.

The 25-year-old rapper was traveling in a black BMW driven by Marion “Suge” Knight, the founder of Death Row Records, as part of a convoy of about ten cars, supposedly en route to a nightclub following the Mike Ty-

son versus Bruce Seldon championship fight at the MGM Grand.

The police confirmed that no other occupants were in the car at the time.

At an intersection near the Las Vegas Strip, while the BMW sat at a red light, a white Cadillac carrying four individuals pulled up alongside it.

That’s when one of the occupants opened fire, unleashing a barrage of bullets into the passenger side of Knight’s car.

Sitting in the passenger seat, Shakur sustained four

gunshot wounds, at least two of which hit his chest.

A bullet fragment grazed Knight himself or shrapnel from the vehicle.

Following the attack, Shakur was rushed to a hospital, where he battled for six days before succumbing to his injuries.

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Pharcyde brings its eclectic LA sound to Big D tonight

American alternative hip hop group, The Pharcyde, will perform at House Blues on July 27, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

The Pharcyde is a group composed of the original four members Imani, Slimkid3, Bootie Brown, and Fatlip.

The group, out of South Central L.A. in the late 80s, became famous for its funny, clever, hip hop, with songs like “Drop,” “Passin’ me By” and “Runnin’.”



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The Pharcyde released “Labcabincalifornia” in the Fall of 1992 as a fol-

low up to its landmark “Bizarre Ride II The Pharcyde,” which brought the group

fame on MTV.

The Pharcyde will soon be celebrating the 20th anniversary of its second album “Labcabincalifornia.”

The group recently released a digital, remastered version of the original album, with 40 songs, including remixes and rare Jay Dee instrumentals (The Bicycle Music Company/Concord Music Group).

Pharcyde works collaboratively as well, most recently releasing Hardson’s

collaborative EP with DJ Nu-Mark (of Jurassic 5).

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. at The House of Blues, located at 2200 N. Lamar Street in Dallas, 75202. This is an All Ages event. Scheduled support: TBA for VIP seating, please contact HOBDallasVIP@LiveNation.com, and upgrade your experience at sevenrooms.com. To purchase tickets on the day of the event after 5PM, please

visit the House of Blues Box Office at 2200 North Lamar Street in Dallas.

The Box Office is open 2 hours prior to door time on show days. Closing hours vary per event. All sales are subject to increase the day of the show. Support acts are subject to change with-out notice.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://concerts.livenation.com/>.

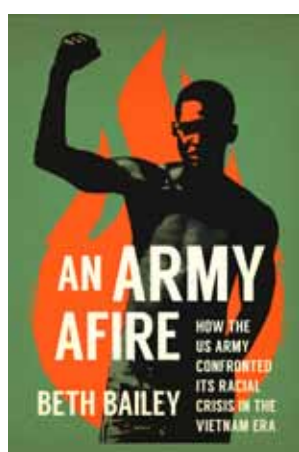
NDG Book Review: ‘An Army Afire’ gives insight to an ugly history

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Spine straight, shoulders back, arms at sides, feet pointing front.

Atten-SHUN! There you stood with your fellow soldiers, all in formation, upright and alert, waiting for words of release from your position. Chevrons on a uniform indicates who has rank and can set you “at ease.” Ribbons are significant, pins can tell tales but, as in the new book “An Army Afire” by Beth Bailey, skin color should have no bearing here.

From the beginning,



“Black men... fought in America’s armies” though, for decades, they did so mostly in segregated units. Occasionally, the idea of equality surfaced before

Harry Truman moved to desegregate America’s military but nothing lasted and separation of races in the ranks continued until serious efforts were put forth. Even then, some experts continued to predict “massive resistance to racial integration.”

By the mid-1960s, when Black Americans were fighting for civil rights and Black soldiers were being drafted into the Army to fight in Vietnam, the issues of equality seemed to expand on two continents. Maj. Lavell Merritt made news in 1968 when he took

the Army to task, forcing President Johnson to see “that we do have race problems.” In the months to come, “Racially charged violence exploded through-

out the army...”

“By... the 1970s,” Bailey says, “race was tearing the army apart.”

This didn’t go unnoticed by politicians; in fact, Sec-

retary of Defense Robert McNamara “did mean to use the full power of the Department of Defense to

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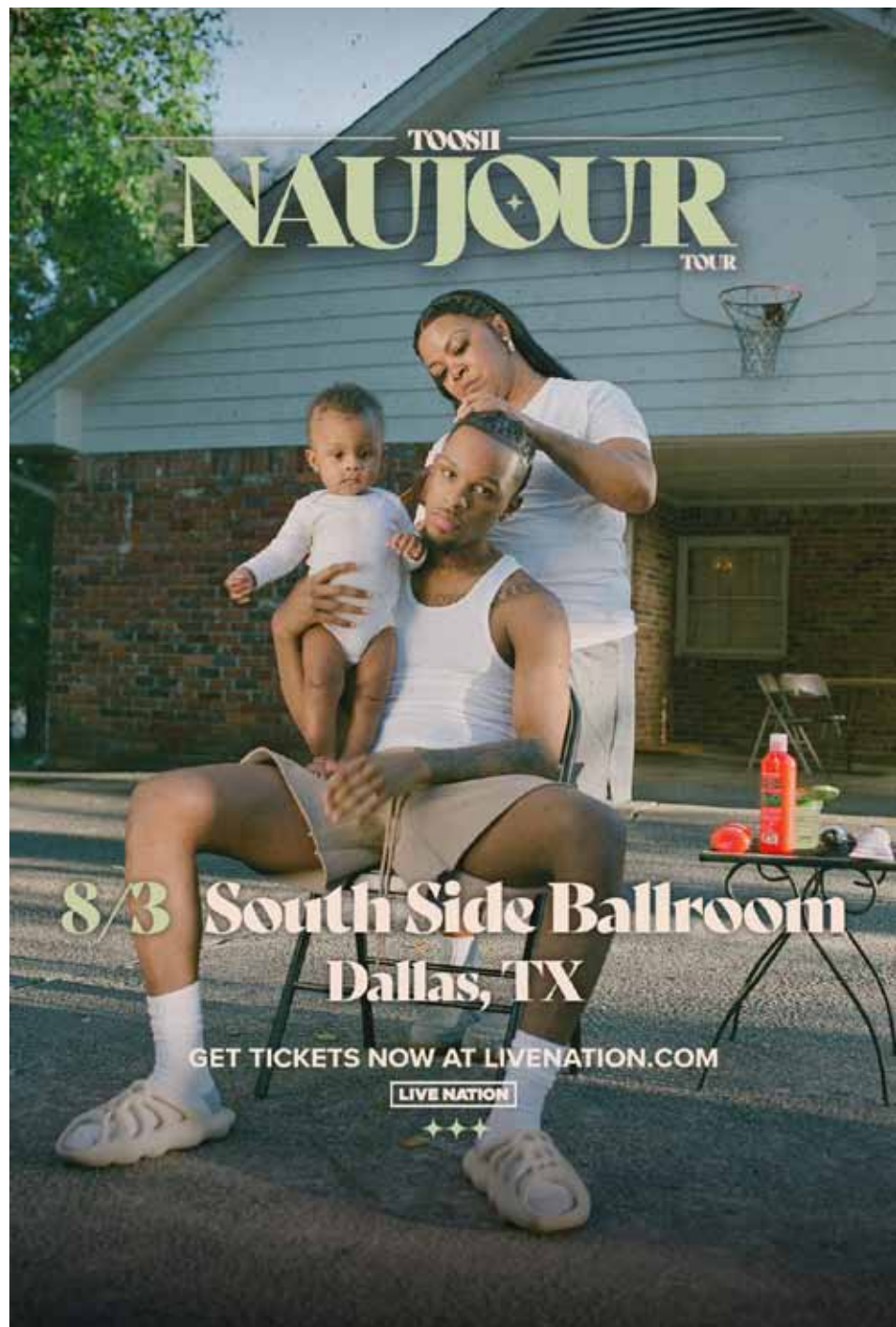
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\$20 million in grants awarded for Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP)

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced that it will award \$20 million to 47 communities to help improve public transportation options in areas experiencing long-term economic distress. FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) program provides support to state and local governments, transit agencies, and nonprofit organizations to create better transit for residents with limited or no transportation options. By creating jobs and opportunity through infrastructure investment, the Biden-Harris Administration is investing in America.



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"Transit is the great equalizer, providing rides for those who do not have a car or cannot drive, and particularly in rural and Tribal areas, having access to an affordable, reliable bus ride can mean the difference between isolation and opportunity," said FTA

Administrator Nuria Fernandez. "FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty Program is about forging connections for people who need accessible transit the most."

The grants are specifically awarded for studies to improve transit in Census-defined low-income areas.

The program also supports coordinated human service transportation planning to improve mobility and access or provide new services, including paratransit.

"Across the country, people who live in low-income rural, urban, and Tribal communities are less likely to own a car and more likely to rely on public transit," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Through this program, we are bringing affordable, accessible public transit to the very communities that need it the most, making it possible for more people to access jobs, resources, and opportunity."

Investments from the Areas of Persistent Pov-

erty program can be used to support efforts to initiate transit service, as well as improve service and modernize fleets, from procuring low- and no-emission buses, to launching scheduling apps and improving bus stops. They also deliver on our commitments to invest in projects that provide benefits to communities with environmental justice concerns.

Some of the selected projects include:

- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will receive \$536,155 to plan and design two new transit facilities in East and Southwest Dallas that will enhance safety, environmental sus-

tainability, quality of life, and community connectivity in the surrounding neighborhoods along the bus routes that access the two locations. DART will engage the community and stakeholder organizations to ensure that transit facilities become an integral part of the communities they serve to benefit residents and the broader community.

- The Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority in Connecticut will receive \$450,000 to conduct a planning analysis targeting underserved communities. It will develop policy and

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NAACP, Rainbow PUSH, United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, and the National African American Leadership Summit."

Chavis continued: "Rev. Jackson's transformative 'Run Jesse Run' presidential campaigns in the 1980s irreversibly changed America for the better.

"The Black Press resolutely salutes Jesse Jackson's outstanding national and global leadership, and we pledge to keep fighting for freedom, justice, equality, and equity."

Jackson, a renowned figure in the fight for civil rights, founded PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) in 1971 and established the National Rain-

bow Coalition in 1984.

In 1996, the two organizations merged to form the powerful and influential Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

According to his official biography, Jackson was born on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina. He graduated from the public schools in Greenville and then enrolled in the University of Illinois on a football scholarship. Jackson later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University and graduated in 1964.

He began his theological studies at Chicago Theological Seminary but, according to his bio, deferred his studies when he started working full-time in the Civil Rights Movement

with Dr. King. Ordained by Rev. Clay Evans on June 30, 1968, Jackson received his Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2000.

For his work in human and civil rights and nonviolent social change, Jackson has received over 40 honorary doctorate degrees and frequently lectures at major colleges and universities, including Howard, Yale, Princeton, Morehouse, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford and Hampton. He was made an Honorary Fellow of Regents Park College at Oxford University in the UK in November 2007 and received an Honorary Fellowship from Edge Hill University in Liverpool. In March 2010, Jackson earned induction into England's prestigious Cam-

bridge Union Society. In April 2010, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

In October 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed Jackson as Special Envoy of the President and Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa.

"Jill and I are grateful to Rev. Jackson for his lifetime of dedicated service and extend our appreciation to the entire Jackson family," Biden added. "We look forward to working with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition as he hands the torch to the next generation of leadership, just as we will continue to cherish the counsel and wisdom that we draw from him."

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bring about change." There was progress, but there was a story behind every bit of forward movement: the army wasn't the only place where issues of racism lurked. Racism continued in the whole country and until the problem was addressed off-post as well as on, here and abroad, inequality would be around despite everything the Army tried to do.

Even today, with a vol-

unteer army in America, Bailey says "Fundamental questions remain. New questions have emerged. But the affirmative actions to which the US Army committed itself in the 1970s continue to provide the institutional framework for solutions."

Here's a sentence you should not take lightly: "An Army Afire" is probably not going to be anybody's idea of a beach read. It's

interesting, but it will demand a fully-engaged brain or you'll be lost within a few pages.

Part of that may come from the non-linear way that this tale is told. Author Beth Bailey shares a wide story that necessitates some looseness in timeline, which can both clarify and confuse, depending on a reader's previous knowledge of the subject. That's not to say that you need to be a PhD to read this book, but a walking knowledge

of the Vietnam War and/or politics from the Johnson and Nixon administrations will help.

Having said that, though, surprisingly, a casual browsing through this book may yield a reward, too, in the small stories that stack up to make a bigger picture for veterans or for fighters for equality. "An Army Afire" is history, and heavy-duty at that, but it still might capture your attention.

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The City will be offering a Boards and Commissions Information Session on Thursday, August 24, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Representatives at the information session will answer questions about each board.



The City of Plano needs volunteers to serve on a board or commission. (Clark Tibbs / Unsplash)

Most of the City of Plano's standing board, commission, and committee appointments are made during the annual process (July through September). Applications may be submitted at any time and

will be considered should openings occur during the year. In addition to boards and commissions, the City Council may, from time to

time, appoint short-term committees for special purposes.

All appointees to City of Plano boards, commissions, and committees must be residents of the City of Plano for at least 12 months. Current and valid voter registration is also required. Applicants for final decision-making boards cannot have financial interest in a contract with the City. All Council appointed board, commission, and committee members adhere to a Code of Conduct.

All appointments are made at the discretion of the City Council. In gen-

eral, it is the Council's policy to appoint persons to a maximum of two terms on any board, commission or committee. Members who do not maintain at least 75% attendance of regular meetings may be removed from office.

If you are interested in contributing to the community, we eagerly await submission of your application and upload a brief video introducing yourself and speaking to your skills and qualifications that you believe will contribute to the success of the board/commission to which you are applying. In addition

to a video, you may also attach your resume or another type of document speaking to your qualifications/skills, or fill out the "Qualifications" section located below your board/commission choice. If you are interested in serving on the Plano Housing Authority, please complete a separate boards and commission PHA application.

Go to Plano.gov/BoardsAndCommissions to view the list of openings. Applications are due Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023. For additional information, please contact the City Secretary's or council member's office.

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who were overweight or obese at that time.

The American Heart Association (AHA) has recently updated its guidelines to include pregnancy complications as risk factors for stroke. However, these recommendations primarily rely on data derived from women of Northern European descent. Recognizing the need for more comprehensive research, especially regarding women from underrepresented populations, the AHA has emphasized the importance of further studies on the risk of stroke in women. By doing so, they aim to enhance our understanding of stroke risk factors across diverse populations and provide more targeted and inclusive recommendations.

Dr. Sheehy commented on the study findings, stating, "Our research offers evidence that a woman's pregnancy history can be a crucial factor in assessing and preventing long-term stroke risk." She emphasized the significance of considering the history of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDOP) when developing cardiovascular screening recommendations, especially for Black women. By incorporating

this information, healthcare providers can better tailor preventive measures and risk assessment strategies for this specific population.

The study received funding from multiple sources, including the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, Dr. Aparicio, one of the researchers involved, is supported by an American Academy of Neurology Career Development Award and the Boston University Aram V. Chobanian Assistant Professorship. These funding and support initiatives have contributed to the successful execution of the study and the advancement of research in this field.

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McKinney Housing Authority Amendment to the 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 ANNUAL MODIFICADO 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 June 27, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069
Tuesday July 25, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069
Tuesday August 22, 2023	4:30pm	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Merritt Homes Community Center	1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069

A draft of the proposed Amended 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, August 22, 2023 at 4:30pm – Merritt Homes community center.

DOI announces nearly \$18 million to support and expand local outdoor recreation in Texas

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior announced the distribution of \$17,884,174 to the state of Texas today as part of the \$295,582,830 granted this year from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to all 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Recent changes to the LWCF Manual guides directs states to work more closely with Tribes and clarify eligibility to ensure all federally recognized Tribes can take part in and support future public outdoor recreation and conservation projects. The funds from this year's distribution will be available until fiscal year 2025.

"The Land and Water

Conservation Fund helps further President Biden's commitment to investing in America's lands and waters, expanding access to the outdoors, and safeguarding the environment," said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. "These grants, matched primarily by state and local governments, will inspire collaborative conservation and improve equitable access to the outdoors for all."

Along with this year's LWCF distribution, the National Park Service is releasing an update to the LWCF Manual that directs states to work more closely with Tribes and underserved communities during the development of their Statewide Comprehensive

Outdoor Recreation Plans, a requirement for eligibility to receive LWCF funds. It also prioritizes the creation of parks in underserved communities. While Tribes were already eligible to receive LWCF grants, the changes to the Manual are intended to clarify this availability and encourage Tribal governments to apply for these funds.

"All communities are deserving of local outdoor recreation," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. "Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the National Park Service is proud to help communities and local governments upgrade and create new outdoor spaces that are most beneficial

and enriching to their community, so that everyone is able to take part in outdoor recreation close to home."

Since its inception in 1965, LWCF has funded \$5.2 billion to support more than 45,000 projects in every county in the country. At no cost to taxpayers, LWCF which is administered by the National Park Service, supports increased public access to and protection for federal public lands and waters — including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas — and provides matching grants to Tribal, state and local governments to support the acquisition and development of land for public parks and other outdoor recreation sites.

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ticulous 22-month investigation found evidence of prosecutorial misconduct where prosecutors withheld key evidence that might have led to their acquittal.

Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, both members of the Nation of Islam at the time of the killing, spent decades behind bars for the murder.

Malcolm's daughters had formally requested authorities reopen the murder investigation based on new evidence.

Ilyasah Shabazz, one of the icon's six daughters, emphasized the importance of pursuing evidence that could provide deeper insights into the truth behind the tragic event.

The most recently re-

vealed evidence included a deathbed letter of confession from a former police officer, Raymond Wood, who allegedly claimed that the New York police and the FBI conspired in Malcolm's murder.

Wood asserted that his job was to ensure the arrest of Malcolm's security team days before the fatal shooting in Manhattan.

Malcolm had distanced himself from the Nation of Islam at the time of his death, which some speculated added complexity to the motives behind the assassination.

"Any evidence that provides greater insight into the truth behind that terrible tragedy should be thoroughly investigated," Shabazz said in 2021.

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the disregard for working and middle-class families is outrageous. "As long as I'm in office, I will continue to work to bring the promise of college to every American."

Eligible borrowers were notified by the Department starting last Friday that they qualify for forgiveness without further action on their part. Discharges will begin 30 days after those emails were sent.

"For far too long, borrowers fell through the cracks of a broken system that failed to keep accurate track of their progress towards forgiveness," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona on Friday. "By fixing past administrative failures, we are ensuring everyone gets the forgiveness they deserve, just as we have done for public servants, students who were cheated by their colleges, and borrowers with permanent disabilities, including veterans. This Administration will not stop fighting to level the playing field in higher education."

The Department will continue to identify and

notify borrowers who reach the applicable forgiveness thresholds every two months until next year when all borrowers who are not yet eligible for forgiveness will have their payment counts updated. Any month counted for this purpose can also be counted toward PSLF if the borrower documents qualifying employment for that same period.

President Biden and the Department have also taken steps to help borrowers access affordable payments going forward. The Department recently issued final regulations creating the most affordable payment plan ever—the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan. The SAVE plan will cut payments on undergraduate loans in half compared to other IDR plans, ensure that borrowers never see their balance grow as long as they keep up with their required payments, and protect more of a borrower's income for basic needs. A single borrower who makes less than \$15 an hour will not have to make any payments. Bor-

rowers earning above that amount will save more than \$1,000 a year on their payments compared to other

IDR plans. Benefits from the SAVE plan will start becoming available this summer.



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Out to Pastor: As If I Really Could

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Have you ever had the feeling that you've been hoodwinked? You can't point out the specifics, but something deep inside suggests you have been.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had a wonderful vacation at St. Augustine, one of our favorite places to go.

Something happened toward the end of our vacation that led me to suspect I was hoodwinked, but I couldn't unwind the situation yet.

The toilet in our bathroom had clogged, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage went to the front desk to get a plunger.

She brought the plunger back to our room and for several minutes tried fixing our toilet. I heard her in there working on it, but she didn't seem to be able to fix it, which surprised me.

I walked by the bathroom, looked in, and said something stupid, "Can I

help you with that?"

The problem with that question was the response from my wife. "Yes, you can. Come in here and see if you can unplug the toilet."

I had no expectation of fixing this problem; I just wanted to sound friendly. After a few severe plunges, all of a sudden, the toilet was unplugged and working perfectly.

Looking at me, my wife said, "Wow, you fixed it. You did a great job."

Not realizing or noticing the hoodwinked element of what she was saying, I smiled and responded, "I'm so glad I could help."

Driving home the next day, she mentioned several times that she was truly grateful for the wonderful job I did with the toilet.

After an hour of driving and listening, I sensed something was wrong. I could not put my fingers on it, but I felt something was wrong somewhere in the atmosphere I was living in.

We returned from our trip, unpacked, and returned to our routine.

The next day about the middle of the morning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came to my office and said, "I was wondering, could you come and help me with something?"

A leg on one of her tables needed to be replaced, and she could not unscrew the bolt that held it together.

Looking at me, she said, "Do you think you could unscrew that bolt for me?"

I have screwed up many things, but very few have I unscrewed. So I picked up the wrench, and after several minutes of struggling, I finally got it loose. I smiled at my wife and said, "There you are, my dear." Then I walked back to my office.

For the next several days, she called me to help her fix something, and most of them I could not fix. Maybe I can unscrew a screw or a bolt, but that's the extent of my fix-it ability.

At supper that night, she

smiled at me and said, "I still can't get over how you fixed that toilet on our vacation."

As she smiled at me, I saw some twinkle in her eye that caused me to think something was amiss. I'm not skilled in the hoodwinking business, but I was beginning to think that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was. She is excellent in many things, and I'm beginning to understand that if anybody can hoodwink me, it is her.

Am I being hoodwinked? And if so, what do I do about it?

I had to think this thing through in developing a plan that would work. She can see through many things, so I had to develop something to the far right of her seeing ability.

I devised a plan but did not think I could go through with it. After all, there would be a lot of plotting and, eventually, a drop or two of blood. But it might be worth it if I do it cor-

rectly.

Not too long after, she called on me for another fix-it project. I had gone over this plot in my mind 100 times and was hoping it would work.

She appeared at the door of my office one morning and asked, "Can you help me fix something? I've been working on it all morning. I just cannot get it right." Then she flashed a smile at me.

I flashed a smile back and followed her to her latest fix-it project. She had a dresser on the back porch she was trying to fix. One drawer was stuck, and she could not get the screw out to enable the drawer to come out.

She handed me the screwdriver and said, "I just can't get that screw out."

I sighed very deeply because I knew that it was now or never. I bent over with the screwdriver to be a little bit out of her sight, and as I was working on

the screw, I pinched my left thumb so that it would start to bleed, and then I yelled, "Ouch."

I turned around and showed her my bloodied thumb, and boy, was it painful. She looked at me rather frightened and said, "Come with me to the bathroom, and I'll fix your thumb."

Some things are worth it. I couldn't help but think of a verse in the Bible, "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" (1 Peter 3:17).

Sometimes it is better not to correct something but rather "suffer for well doing." I'm still trying to learn that.

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service to Denton and the DART Green Line light rail service to Dallas."

Located at the southeast quadrant of the President George Bush Turnpike and IH-35E interchange, Babick said this premier development area has high visibility and the potential to be a gateway to Carrollton

for not only the east-west traffic from PG&T, but also north-south commuters from IH-35E. Highway and rail connections to Dallas Love Field and DFW International Airports can be made within 20 minutes, and DART's Silver Line Regional Rail will be one stop away

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For information about the Trinity Mills Transit District development and

links to the Phase I site plan, visit carrolltontxdevelopment.com.

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planning processes that link equity with transit investment; a fleet, facility, and deployment plan to transition the bus fleet to zero-emission propulsion systems; and an educational program for residents and business owners to better inform them about transit and mobility options.

• In Mississippi, the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation will receive \$612,684 to develop a framework to expand transportation options with a commu-

nity-based transportation model allowing residents to search, book, and ride on available transit assets. The proposed plan looks to improve public transportation by improving efficiency and ensuring their system meets the needs of individuals who lack access to jobs, schools, health-care, and public services in Central Mississippi and throughout the state.

• The Cherokee Nation, located in Northeastern Oklahoma, will receive

\$576,188 to update its long-range transit plan to guide the planning, construction, and deployment of future tribal transit projects. The review will include an electric vehicle infrastructure assessment to plan for expansion and a technology assessment designed to increase user access for its 450,000 tribal citizens.

FTA received applications totaling close to \$36 million in funding requests. Projects were selected based on criteria described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:21 & 22 (KJV)

Does a bumblebee walk on the ground all the time, never flying? Can a caterpillar fly, or does it crawl all the time? If you said, "No," to either of those two questions you would be partially correct.

Actually, a beekeeper said that often when a bumblebee's wings fail to develop, as they should, the bumblebee walks on the ground for his lifetime.

The bumblebee must struggled and fight to get



fluid from its body into its wings to get them strong enough to fly.

And a caterpillar can fly, but something must occur first. The caterpillar must struggle and fight its way out of a cocoon in order to become a butterfly.

The butterfly begins life as a caterpillar, a wormlike larva that spins a cocoon for itself. For weeks, the larva remains hidden within the cocoon as it undergoes metamorphosis and in the end the butterfly emerges and flies.

As humans if we witness the struggle and fight of the bumblebee or the caterpillar, we might be tempted to

help them both to speedup the process, but that's the worst thing we could do for either one.

The struggle and fight is what enables both to fly. The bumblebee and the butterfly both need adversity to become what God intended them to be. So do humans.

The book of Job is the story of a wealthy and successful community leader named Job. He was also a righteous businessman with huge holding of livestock and real estate; read his story and see what struggles that he went through before the end of his life.

As I approach my 75th birthday on August 2, 2016,

I begin looking back on my life. I became a Christian my senior year at Prairie View A & M University.

Later, after I received my B.S. Degree I married, birthed two children, Jarrell and Sheila and started my serious studying of God's word for my spiritual growth.

As I would often tell my children, "It's only what you do for Christ that will last." Make no mistake about that statement; it is not works that guarantees eternal life, but faith in Jesus Christ and what He did for all mankind at the cross.

Since becoming a believer in Christ, my focus is obeying God, the Bible says, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:" Exodus 19:5.

Also, "Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his com-

mandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him." Deuteronomy 10:1.

Last week I was asked, "What is the greatest accomplishment that I believe I have made in my 75 years of living?" I said, "The fact that my children, their spouses and children are faithfully serving God."

And through the many prayers of their parental grandmother and my seeking to fully have faith in God and obeying His word I am proud of what God is doing in their lives.

The fact that my children

had their home built soon after marriage, they have good jobs, they drive fancy cars, etc. and etc. means absolutely nothing to God, what matters is, are they obeying and serving God.

As Christians, we must get beyond the immature notion that God is interested only in making us healthy, wealthy and happy with the status quo.

God's desire for Christians is to be more and more like Christ. I believe that is what I was born to be.

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