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National Archives to display Emancipation Proclamation and 'Juneteenth' General Order No. 3, June 18-20

The original Emancipation Proclamation will be on display, along with General Order No. 3, at the National Archives in Washington, DC, from June 18 to 20, 2024. Special extended exhibit hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Timed ticket entry is available but not required. Reserve a ticket at recreation.gov.

"The Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3 are fundamental to understanding our nation's history," said Archivist of the United States Dr. Colleen Shogan. "Together, these records represent a pivotal moment in America's pursuit of a more perfect union. I'm proud to have them on display at the National Archives as we celebrate Juneteenth, and I look forward to adding the Emancipation Proclamation permanently to the Charters of Freedom in the National Archives Rotunda soon."

In celebration of Juneteenth and the viewing of the Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3, join us on Tuesday, June 18, at 3 p.m. ET in the McGowan Theater for interactive performances. Verbal Gymnastics Playback Theater will engage the audience with innovative storytelling. Come share stories of what Juneteenth means to you and see how the theater group's actors, musicians, and storytellers creatively use improvisation to play



While the Emancipation Proclamation was officially released on January 1, 1863, most slaves didn't hear about it at the time. Juneteenth, which began as a celebration in Texas, marks the time of realization when the world changed for African Americans. (NDG Composite Image)

back what is shared. This event is free and open to the public.

Please check www.archives.gov for additional information.

The National Archives Building in Washington, DC, is located on Constitution Avenue at 9th Street, NW. Free admission and fully accessible. Metro: Yellow or Green lines, Archives/Navy Memorial station. Reserve timed entry tickets on Recreation.gov.

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Featured Document Display: The original Emancipation Proclamation - East Rotunda Gallery

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached the third year of the Civil War. Lincoln's proclamation, which declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free," was "a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing rebellion." The Proclamation also

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People In The News ...



Rev. James Lawson, Jr.



Claudia Sheinbaum

NDG Quote of the Week: "Laundry is the only thing that should be separated by color."
- Author Unknown

Rev. James Lawson, Jr.

Rev. James Lawson Jr., a foundational figure in the Civil Rights Movement and an original Freedom Rider, passed away at 95, his family announced on Monday. Lawson, who dedicated his life to advocating nonviolent protest, died on Sunday in Los Angeles following a short illness.

Lawson's commitment to nonviolence and civil rights profoundly impacted the movement. He was a close adviser to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who hailed him as "the leading theorist and strategist of



nonviolence in the world." During a three-year stay in India, Lawson's studies of Mohandas K. Gandhi's independence movement significantly influenced his understanding of nonvio-

lent resistance.

Born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on September 22, 1928, and raised in Massillon, Ohio, Lawson's early experiences with racism and the contrasting influences of his parents—his father, an itinerant African Methodist Episcopal minister, and his Jamaican-born mother, who believed in resolving conflicts peacefully—shaped his lifelong commitment to nonviolent resistance. At age 10, an incident where he slapped a white child who had insulted him was a pivotal moment. His mother's admonishment that love and

intelligence were stronger than hate left an indelible mark on him.

Lawson's activism began in earnest as an Ohio Oberlin College student. After spending 13 months in prison for refusing to register for the draft during the Korean War, he met King in 1957. The two young pastors quickly bonded over their admiration for Gandhi's ideas. King urged Lawson to use these ideas in the American South due to his firsthand experiences.

In 1960, Lawson orchestrated sit-ins that led to the desegregation of public accommodations in Nash-

ville, one of the first major Southern cities to do so. His workshops trained activists, including future leaders like John Lewis, Marion S. Barry, Diane Nash, James Bevel, and Bernard Lafayette, to withstand violent reactions from white authorities.

Lawson's activism placed him at the heart of several key events in the Civil Rights Movement. In 1961, he was one of the first Freedom Riders arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, for attempting to integrate interstate bus and train travel. During the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" march in Selma,

Alabama, he was among the protesters beaten by authorities at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. In 1968, while pastoring in Memphis, he persuaded King to support the city's striking sanitation workers. King's assassination followed shortly after, and years later, Lawson visited James Earl Ray, King's convicted assassin, in prison. Lawson ministered to Ray and publicly supported theories suggesting Ray had been framed.

Throughout his career, Lawson remained steadfast in his commitment to non-

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Claudia Sheinbaum

By Wayne Campbell and Francine Mclean
The AFRO

"For the first time in 200 years of the republic, I will become the first female president of Mexico. I do not arrive alone. We all arrived, with our heroines who gave us our homeland, with our ancestors, our mothers, our daughters and our granddaughters."

— Claudia Sheinbaum

Women have played a fundamental role in Mexico's independence, reform and revolution.

Unfortunately, they did not have a right to politi-



cal participation. Finally, women in Mexico got this fundamental right to vote on October 17, 1953. Their struggle began during the Mexican Revolution, with the starting point being the First Feminist Congress of the Yucatan in 1916. At

that historic meeting, the women gathered there demanded equality, education and citizenship in order to build together with the men in a responsible manner.

Historically, Yucatan was the first state to recognize women's right to vote in 1923. Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as Mexico's first woman president in an historic landslide win. Mexico's official electoral authority said preliminary results showed the 61-year-old former head of government of Mexico City winning between 58 percent and 60 percent of the vote in the June 2 election. It was a landmark vote that saw not one, but two wom-

en vying to lead one of the hemisphere's biggest nations.

Sheinbaum's election will see a Jewish leader at the helm of one of the world's largest predominantly Catholic countries. Mexico has a population of over 129 million people. In a country with one of the highest rates of mur-

der against women in the world, Sheinbaum's victory underscores the advances women have made in the political sphere.

Both of her parents were scientists. Sheinbaum studied physics before going on to receive a doctorate in energy engineering. Sheinbaum is accustomed to breaking the prover-

bial glass ceiling. In 2018 she became the first female head of government of Mexico City, a post she held until 2023, when she stepped down to run for president.

Nearly 100 million people were registered to vote in the election, but turn-

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Hope Wade

By Mell P
NY Carib News

In honor of Women's History Month for the third consecutive year, East Ramapo Central School District rolled out an exclusive series of videos celebrating the vital role women in the community have had in our society: The East Ramapo Central School District Regent Judith Johnson Sheroes Series.

Among the honorees this year was Jamaican-born Hope Wade, founder of Hope Wade Designs and creator and executive producer of Rockland Fashion Week, who was selected for the 2024 video because



of her strong support of her community, her belief in "giving back," and her mentorship of high school students who have an interest in fashion.

She has crafted gowns for Miss Jamaica World, Miss Jamaica Universe, Miss Jamaica Nation, Miss Intercontinental pageants,

and various other international competitions. Wade's creations enjoy a significant celebrity following. Her designs have been donned by Academy and Grammy Award-winner Darlene Love during performances for former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House.

Wade responded to this honor saying, "To be called a Sheroe in any capacity is humbling but to think that your name is esteemed in the same light as Regent Judith Johnson is daunting. And I think what really got to me was that the video would be shown to all the students in the E. Ramapo

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Stop asking Black student athletes to fix america's DEI mess

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The AFRO

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Back in early March, in a statement released on social media, legendary Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith blasted his alma mater, the University of Florida, for eliminating its diversity, equity, and inclusion program. Smith warned minority athletes at Florida to "please be aware and vocal" about the decision the university was making, which in essence meant closing the doors on students of color.

A few days later, NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson asked "current and prospective" student-athletes to "reconsider any potential decision to attend, and compete at a predominantly white institution in the state of Florida." He pointed out that "these institutions reap considerable financial benefits from the very individuals they fail to stand by in matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion."

So, should Black athletes

refuse to attend schools that defund DEI?

After all, today's athletes command major coin when it comes to NIL (name, image, and likeness) dollars. Their ability to enter the portal and transfer to other universities without repercussion could, if leveraged correctly, have a tremendous influence on how universities handle DEI.

The question came up again this week for me after news broke that the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, plans to divert the school's entire \$2.3M DEI budget toward public safety and policing.

Basically, UNC "said that the opposite of funding DEI programming is funding police," writer, researcher, and Harvard Kennedy fellow Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman wrote on X this week.

North Carolina brought in nearly \$123 million in revenue from athletics in 2022. If every Black athlete at the school refused to play until the DEI budget was restored, that would undoubtedly put pressure on the school.

But even though today's college athletes are in a prime position to effect change around DEI at universities because of their platforms, power, and heavy influence, is this really their responsibility?

Who should stand up for DEI?

"I don't think it is their responsibility" says Leashia Lewis, assistant athletic director for diversity equity and inclusion at Villanova University. "They have an opportunity to use their platform and voices to make change, but it is also the responsibility of athletic departments to support them in doing that. My question would be, are athletic departments willing to

or in a position to support student-athletes when they have something to say or want to fight for change?"

There's also the reality that Black athletes of the past were fighting for basic civil rights, which made it easier to think from a collective standpoint.

"The risk of being a social justice activist and using your platform is different now. Many student-athletes are not willing to take the risk," Lewis says.

"The risk is playing time, reputation, belief that your coach may see you as an outcast —, especially if you are not the superstar. There is also their personal branding, and NIL deals they may not want to risk. Especially for football and basketball players who have the highest platforms. Some of them are not prepared to take that risk."

How did we get here?

The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, opened a floodgate of pledges to support DEI across corporate America and beyond. Companies and universities jostled to be first in line to beat their chests and voice their support and commitment to increasing opportunities to hire, accept, and retain people from underrepresented, underprivileged, and less advantaged communities.

I was always skeptical. I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop. And now it has — falling harder than Humpty Dumpty ever did.

In 2023, Florida, under the leadership of Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis, became one of the first states to enact a law restricting DEI efforts. It banned the state's public universities from spending money on DEI initiatives and placed restrictions on how educators could discuss discrimination in manda-

tory courses. Texas, North Carolina, and North Dakota passed similar bills later in the year. So far in 2024, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Alabama have passed bills that are set to go into effect July 1.

The University of Texas and Alabama are both ranked in the top five of the AP Top 25 College Football Poll. According to USA Today's tracking, in 2022, these schools brought in over \$239 million and \$214 million, respectively.

Translation: Athletes most definitely have some pull.

Athletes have always been on the frontlines.

Athletes and college students have almost always been on the frontline of change. Many professional athletes, such as Muhammad Ali, Bill Russell, Jim Brown, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Colin Kaepernick, Tommie Smith, and John Carlos, took stances but also sacrificed their personal lives and careers.

"Historically, athletes have used their platforms to speak for justice or to make change and bring attention to injustices that are in our society," Lewis says.

"Much of the DEI work in athletics right now has existed as a result of athletes speaking up in response to Colin Kaepernick in 2017 taking a knee and also in response to George Floyd being murdered," she says.

As everyone knows, though, Kaepernick's football career was destroyed by his decision to protest.

Is this what we are expecting of today's college athletes?

What if they are prepared to take that risk?

"Right now, the climate in college athletics across

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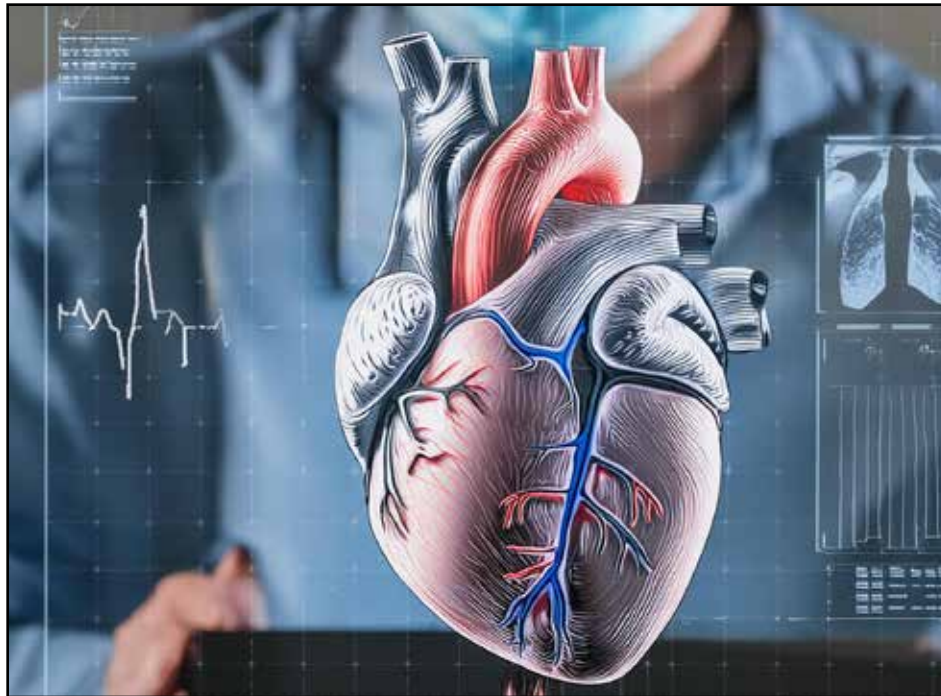
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New AI tool finds rare variants linked to heart disease in 17 genes

(Newsweek) New York, NY — Using an advanced artificial intelligence tool, researchers at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai have identified rare coding variants in 17 genes that shed light on the molecular basis of coronary artery disease (CAD), the leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide.

The discoveries, detailed in the June 11 online issue of *Nature Genetics* [DOI: 10.1038/s41588-024-01791-x], reveal genetic factors impacting heart disease that open new avenues for targeted treatments and personalized approaches to cardiovascular care.

The investigators used an *in silico*, or computer-derived, score for coronary artery disease (ISCAD) that holistically represents CAD, as described in a previous paper by the team in *The Lancet*. The ISCAD score incorporates hundreds of different clinical features from the electronic health record, including vital signs, laboratory test results, medications, symptoms, and diagnoses. To build the score, they trained machine learning models on the electronic health records of 604,914



individuals across the UK Biobank, All of Us Research Program, and BioMe Biobank in this comprehensive meta-analysis.

The score was then tested for association with rare and ultra-rare coding variants found in the exome sequences of these individuals. In addition, the research team conducted further investigation into the discovered genes to study their roles in causal CAD risk factors, clinical manifestations of CAD, and their connections with CAD status in traditional large-scale genome-wide association studies, among other factors.

“Our findings help us understand how these 17 genes are involved in coronary artery disease. Some of these genes are already known to influence heart disease development, while others have never been linked to it before,” says Ron Do, PhD, senior study author and the Charles Bronfman Professor in Personalized Medicine at Icahn Mount Sinai. “Our study shows how machine learning tools can uncover genetic insights that traditional methods might miss when comparing cases and controls. This could lead to new ways to identify biological

mechanisms of heart disease or gene targets for treatment.”

Because they occur in only a small percentage of individuals, rare coding variants may have a significant impact on disease risk or susceptibility when present. Therefore, studying these variants is essential to understanding the genetic basis of diseases and can inform therapeutic targets.

The study was driven by the challenges faced, over the last decade, in identifying rare coding variants associated with CAD using traditional methods relying on diagnosed cases and

controls. Diagnostic codes’ limitations in capturing the complexity of CAD prompted the researchers to explore new avenues of investigation.

“Our previous *Lancet* paper showed that a machine learning model trained with electronic health records can generate an *in silico* score for coronary artery disease, capturing disease across its spectrum,” says lead author Ben Omega Petrazzini, BS, Associate Bioinformatician in Dr. Do’s lab at Icahn Mount Sinai. “Based on these findings, we hypothesized that the *in-silico* score for CAD could reveal novel rare coding variants related to CAD by offering a more holistic view of the disease.”

Next, the investigators plan to further investigate the role of the identified genes in CAD biology and explore potential applications of machine learning in the genetic study of other complex diseases, as part of their ongoing efforts to advance understanding of disease mechanisms, discover new treatments, and improve patient outcomes.

The paper is titled “Exome sequence analysis identifies rare coding variants associated with

a machine learning-based marker for coronary artery disease.”

The remaining authors of the paper, all with Icahn Mount Sinai except where indicated, are:

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Gov. Newsom: ‘California is making progress in Fentanyl fight’

By Bo Tefu and
Joe W. Bowers Jr.
California Black Media
LA Focus

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that state law enforcement authorities seized 5.8 million pills containing fentanyl across the state since the beginning of the year.

The California National Guard Counterdrug Task Force partnered with local and federal law enforcement to seize illegal fentanyl off the streets and at ports of entry along the Southern border, according to Newsom.



Two weeks ago, the State Senate passed the bipartisan Safer California Plan to address the fentanyl crisis and reduce crime in communities statewide.

Senate President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) has co-authored 15 bills focusing on crime prevention in local communities. Ten of the bills focus on evidence-based prevention and treatment solutions that address substance abuse and the fentanyl crisis.

Pro Tem McGuire said the bills, “will help curb the deadly fentanyl epidemic,” and reduce community-based crimes that impact people across the state.

CalGuard Major General Matthew Beavers worked alongside law enforcement partners to tackle the fen-

tanyl crisis in the state.

“The volume of seizures we’re enabling and supporting demonstrates our commitment to denying operating capital to drug cartels and making California safer,” said Beavers.

Before the Senate’s package of bills passed, Gov. Newsom compiled a master plan designed to tackle the growing fentanyl and opioid crisis in California. The master plan provided a framework that addresses drug trafficking, supports overdose prevention efforts, and holds the pharmaceutical industry accountable.

“Illegal fentanyl has

no place in our neighborhoods. California is tackling this problem head-on by holding drug traffickers accountable and increasing seizures, while at the same time expanding access to substance abuse treatment options and providing life-saving, affordable reversal medicine to Californians statewide,” said Newsom.

The Newsom administration has also launched an online resource and tools for residents seeking help with prevention and treatment methods for fentanyl and opioid-related substance abuse at opioids.ca.gov.

Oklahoma Supreme Court dismisses Tulsa Race Massacre survivors' lawsuit

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

The Oklahoma Supreme Court dismissed a case filed by the last two remaining survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre on Wednesday, June 12, casting doubt on racial equality campaigners' aspirations for justice and reparations for one of the most heinous acts of racial violence in American history.

The nine-member court upheld a previous ruling by a district court judge in Tulsa, stating that the plaintiffs' grievances, although legitimate, did not fall within the purview of the state's public nuisance statute. "We further hold that the plaintiff's allegations do not sufficiently support a claim for unjust enrichment," the court declared in its decision.

Attempts by the Black



The nine-member court upheld a previous ruling by a district court judge in Tulsa, stating that the plaintiffs' grievances, although legitimate, did not fall within the purview of the state's public nuisance statute. (Photo via NNPA)

Press to contact both parties were unsuccessful.

Lessie Benningfield Randle and Viola Fletcher, two survivors who are both over 100 years old, filed the lawsuit in 2020 to compel the City of Tulsa and other parties to make amends for the destruction a white mob caused to the thriv-

ing Black neighborhood known as Greenwood. On May 31 and June 1, 1921, the mob, which included individuals hastily deputized by local authorities, looted and set fire to the district, famously dubbed "Black Wall Street."

The massacre resulted in the deaths of up to 300

Black Tulsans and forced thousands of survivors into internment camps managed by the National Guard. Today, only remnants like burned bricks and part of a church basement remain of the once-thriving 30-block area.

Benningfield Randle and Fletcher, along with

the now-deceased Hughes Van Ellis, sued to secure what their attorney termed "justice in their lifetime." Van Ellis, affectionately known as "Uncle Redd," was a WWII veteran and a symbol of resilience who died last year at age 102. The lawsuit was grounded in Oklahoma's public nuisance law, arguing that the massacre's legacy of racial disparity persists in Tulsa to this day.

The plaintiffs contended that the city's history of racial tensions and the economic fallout from the massacre still reverberate, citing the lack of compensation for victims by the city and insurance companies. The lawsuit sought an exhaustive accounting of the property and wealth lost or stolen during the massacre, the construction of a hospital in north Tulsa, and the establishment of a vic-

tims' compensation fund, among other reparations.

In reflecting on Van Ellis's legacy, advocates emphasized his lifelong commitment to seeking justice for massacre survivors. "He bravely served America, even as he spent a lifetime awaiting atonement related to the Tulsa Race Massacre," Oklahoma Democratic Rep. Regina Goodwin stated after Van Ellis's death. "Mr. Ellis urged us to keep fighting for justice. In the midst of his death, there remains an undying sense of right and wrong."

Rocky Dawuni, a three-time Grammy-nominated artist, also paid tribute to Van Ellis, remarking on his indomitable and uplifting spirit. "Uncle Redd had a larger-than-life presence. His life and story have become part of our collec-

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Project 2025 and election-year hate group spike pose risks for people of color

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

People of color have made unprecedented progress in policymaking during the Biden-Harris administration. This has been overlooked in the misinformation, disinformation, and support of convicted felon and presumed GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump by well-known and influential African Americans such as Ice Cube, Stephen A. Smith, Rep. Byron Donalds, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas,

Ben Carson, Sexxy Red, Snoop Dogg, Don King, Mike Tyson, Ye, Killer Mike, Azealia Banks, Lil Wayne, DaBaby, Kodak Black, Chief Keef, Benny the Butcher, and Waka Flocka Flame.

All that progress likely will come to a grinding halt if Trump and his far-right supporters, who are running on a dangerous manifesto, win reelection. Republicans and Conservatives want to take America back to the days of Jim Crow and beyond.

And those concerned say the proof is in the proverbial

pudding as white nationalist and anti-Black, Hispanic, and LGBTQ groups have surged to record levels in the United States, fueled by the mainstreaming of hard-right politics ahead of a presidential election cycle, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center

The SPLC, which has published an annual report since 1990, documented 835 active anti-government groups, up 133 from 2022's count, and 595 hate groups, an increase of 72 over the previous year's figure. Notably, white supremacy hate groups saw a 50% surge

in 2023, the highest jump ever recorded by the SPLC, growing to 165 from 109 in 2022. However, white power and neo-Nazi rallies across the U.S. decreased to 143 in 2023 from 191 in 2022.

The SPLC also noted a 33% rise in anti-LGBTQ

organizations over the last year, bringing the total to 86.

"What we're seeing now should be a wake-up call for all of us," said Margaret Huang, SPLC's president and CEO, on a call with reporters. "Our 2023 report documented more hate and

anti-government extremist groups than ever before. With a historic election just months away, these groups are multiplying, mobilizing and making, and in some cases already implementing, plans to undo democ-

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School District. Wow! (I had the honor of meeting her once when I was invited by President Michael Baston of Rockland Community College to a breakfast at the college.)"

In 2022, East Ramapo rolled out the heroes series for the first time, and it was so well received by the administrators, principals,

teachers, students and community members. Each year since, the committee of devoted community members has been working with the District to identify new heroes, compile their impressive bios, and produce several heroes videos for East Ramapo students to view and appreciate.

The members of the East

Ramapo Central School District Regent Judith Johnson Sheroes Series include: Carole Anderson, Anita Cunningham, Jean Fields, Drusilla Kinzonzi, Teri Mersel, Charlotte Ramsey, and Robin Wren, along with District team of Ellen Andriello, Executive Director for Elementary Schools and Dr. Augustina West, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools.

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Examining Brown vs. Board of Education, 70 years later

By Rev. Norman Franklin
The Cincinnati Herald

• The *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision in 1954 altered the social landscape in America, challenging segregation and promoting equality.

• Despite progress, current setbacks include extremist rhetoric, restrictive voter legislation, and efforts to prohibit accurate history in school curricula.

The *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision handed down by the Warren Court in 1954 changed the social landscape in America. Particularly in the southern region where Jim Crow laws mandated separation of the races.

The Fourteenth Amendment armed the former slaves with the constitutional rights of due process of law and equal protection of the law.

The Fifteenth Amendment gave the new citizens the right to vote. [Editor's note: The 15th amendment, ratified on Feb. 3, 1870, gave the right to vote to all male citizens regardless of their ethnicity or prior slave status].

It was well into the twentieth century before the Fifteenth Amendment was



George Edward Chalmer Hayes, Thurgood Marshall, and James Nabrit Jr. in 1954 winning the *Brown vs. Board of Education* case, 1954. (Photo: New York World-Telegram & Sun Collection at LOC. / via NNPA)

fully exercised. It took decades of struggles, protest and demonstrations, and murder before the apartheid south was bought under the law of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Blacks would use the intent of these laws to challenge systemic social and political attitudes prohibiting the exercise of their constitutional rights.

The law was subject to interpretation. Interpretation of the law lays on the altar of perspective. For example, the recalcitrant White culture encoded Jim Crow laws to defy the rule of the new social order. Blacks, never obsequious, used the intent of the law to fight back.

Homer Plessy challenged Jim Crow laws that prohibited Blacks from the use of public facilities,

from riding the same buses, and attending the same schools as Whites. Plessy refused to give up his seat to a White man on a train. He was jailed.

The Fourteenth Amendment case, *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, was argued before the US Supreme Court in 1896. Perspectives interpreted the law. In an 8-1 vote, the Justices upheld Jim Crow.

The majority agreed that the amendment was meant to enforce equality, which they viewed as political equality, but not social. "If one race be inferior to the other socially, the Constitution of the United States cannot put them upon the same plane."

That perspective of "one race inferior" and separate but equal accommodations, governed well into

the twentieth century.

The errant perspective of "intent of the law" employed to uphold separate but equal became the primary argument of the NAACP Legal Defense Team. Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall won a string of victories before the Supreme Court against Jim Crow laws.

They argued the intent of the law to defeat discrimination in institutions of higher education. The separate but equal and equal protection clauses were successfully argued in four cases before the Supreme Court from 1936 to 1950.

The string of victories sharpened the strategic genius of NAACP lead counsel, Thurgood Marshall.

Marshall had five cases before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1952. Each challenged the constitutionality of state-sponsored segregation in public schools.

The Supreme Court consolidated the five cases under *Brown vs. Board of Education*.

Separate school systems for Blacks and Whites were inherently unequal, Marshall argued, and therefore violated the "equal protec-

tion clause" of the Fourteenth Amendment.

He also introduced sociological data from social scientist Kenneth Clark. The data showed that segregated school systems tended to make Black children feel inferior to White children.

The unanimous decision, delivered by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren on May 17, 1954, ruled that state-sanctioned segregation of public schools was a violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution and was unconstitutional. Chief Justice Warren stated, "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

The decision changed the landscape of public education and gave the name of Thurgood Marshall a coveted place in history. We pause to celebrate his legacy of audacious genius; we pause to celebrate 70 years of the transformative *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision.

But we can only pause. Reflection is needed amid setbacks trending in the toxic sociopolitical environment eroding social

progress today.

In many ways, the sociopolitical environment is as toxic now as in the era that required the *Brown vs. Board of Education* fix.

These setbacks are trending: extremist rhetoric in the political arena; restrictive voter legislation; the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) gutting the 1965 Voting Rights Act; SCOTUS gutting Affirmative Action; state legislatures' move to make Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statutes in education, government, and private industries that receive federal funds, illegal; and legislative moves to prohibit the sharing of accurate history in K-12 school curriculum because it makes some uncomfortable.

Setbacks

But we are better prepared to stand our ground and push back against efforts to roll back progress. The legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall resonates with this generation of leaders.

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AI goes underwater: transforming coral reef conservation

(Newswise) — Coral reefs, nurturing hubs of marine biodiversity, are grappling with mounting threats from environmental shifts. Traditional monitoring techniques, often laborious and invasive, are proving inadequate in the face of rapid ecological changes. Enter deep learning, a frontier technology that, when coupled with underwater imaging, offers a non-invasive solution poised to transform our approach to coral reef management and

understanding.

A recent review published in *Geo-spatial Information Science* on May 1, 2024, illuminates the profound impact of deep learning on enhancing underwater coral image segmentation. Spearheaded by a collaborative team from Wuhan University, this study employs cutting-edge AI to markedly elevate the precision and efficiency of coral reef surveillance, arming environmental scientists and conservationists

with powerful new analytical tools.

The research pivots on the creation and assessment of a novel, densely annotated dataset, engineered for the semantic segmentation of coral images—a critical task for the precise demarcation of coral from other underwater features. This dataset facilitated a thorough examination of both established and emergent deep learning models, evaluating their capacity to perform under real-world

conditions.

The study's meticulous analysis of these models' map-generating capabilities is pivotal for monitoring shifts and assessing the vitality of reef environments. The team delved into an array of sophisticated machine learning strategies, including convolutional neural networks and semantic segmentation techniques, tailored to surmount the unique challenges of underwater imaging, such as fluctuating light

conditions and visual impediments.

Dr. Hanqi Zhang, a co-author of the study, remarks, "Incorporating deep learning into the segmentation of underwater coral images is a game-changer for our capacity to monitor and act on environmental threats to coral reefs. This innovation empowers us with a rapid and precise means to chart and evaluate the well-being of these indispensable ecosystems."

The study's revelations

are set to have a significant ripple effect across the fields of marine biology and conservation. With the advent of refined image segmentation methodologies, specialists are now empowered to produce high-resolution coral reef maps with greater accuracy and efficiency. This leap forward is instrumental in formulating vigilant monitoring and conservation strategies, vital for the endurance of coral reef ecosystems.



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Juneteenth events slated for annual celebration at William Blair Jr. Park

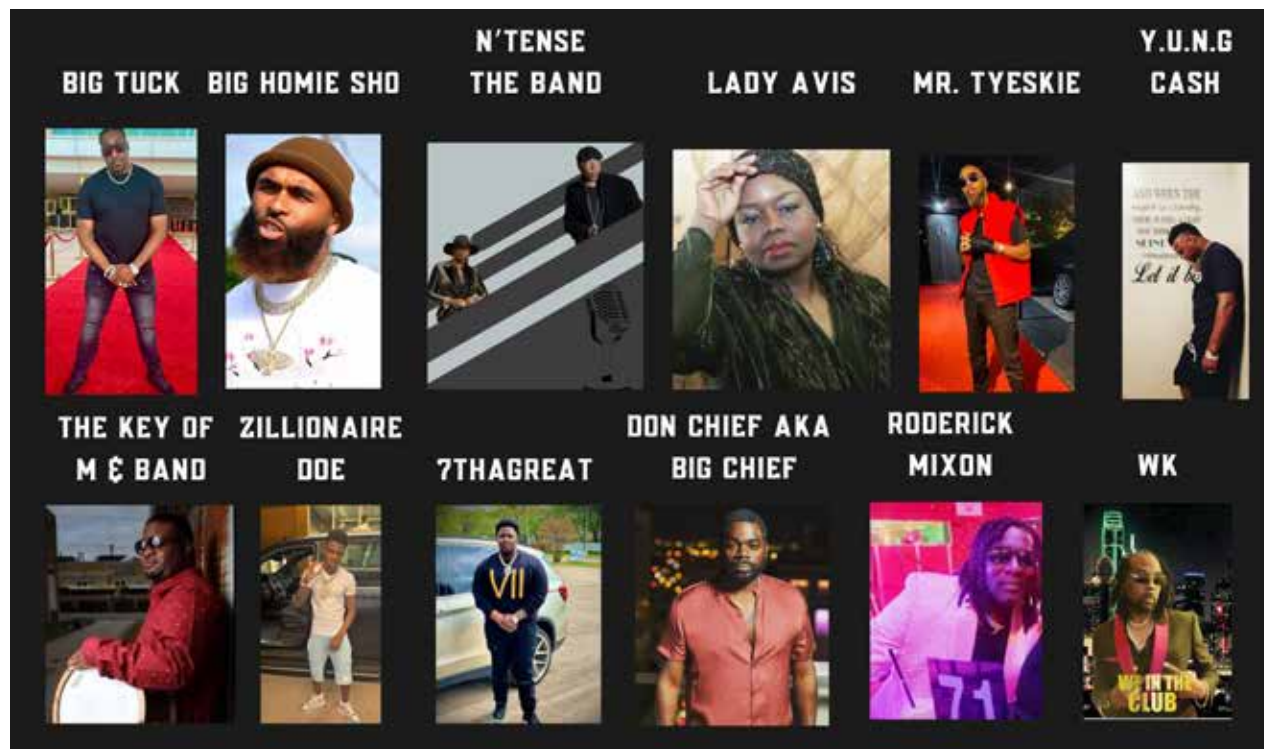
Juneteenth has now become a nationally-recognized date on the American calendar, but it has been a big tradition here in DFW for quite a bit longer.

One of the premiere events in the South Dallas Community has become the Freedom Celebration March and ensuing Juneteenth Festival at William Blair Jr. Park (formerly Rochester Park).

The march route is approximately 1.2 miles and will commence at Lincoln High School and will end inside of the William Blair Jr. Park. The march will begin at 2 p.m. from the high school, participant can arrive anytime before that.

The Juneteenth Festival will begin promptly at 4pm. Anyone with vehicles that will participate in the march are advised to leave their vehicles at the park.

The festival in the park



will feature vendors, games and music from a lineup of a dozen artists. Additionally, from 4-10 p.m. the 4th annual Juneteenth Festival Fishing Competition

will be held. It is open to those aged 6-12 and will be capped off with a \$250 prize for the largest fish, and another \$250 prize for the most fish caught.

On June 19th, the 25th Blair Memorial Juneteenth annual William-Jordan Golf Tournament will be

held at the Golf Club of Irving. It will be a 4-Mat Best Ball Scramble Back format and the cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a team. Hole sponsorships are available for \$300. Included are green fees, range balls, food during and after rounds as well as gift bags including shirts. Prizes will be awarded for first through fourth place.

A mixer will be held the night before the tournament at Cu'Noma Cigar Lounge (917 N Joe Wilson Rd #101 in Cedar Hill) beginning at 6 p.m. Organizers request an RSVP for this event to get a head count.

For more information on participating in any of these events, email elitenewsblair@aol.com.

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out appeared to be slightly lower than in past elections. Voters were also electing governors in nine of the country's 32 states, and choosing candidates for both houses of Congress, thousands of head of government positions and other local posts, in the biggest elections the nation has seen.

Jewish ancestry

Sheinbaum, whose Jewish maternal grandparents immigrated to Mexico from Bulgaria fleeing the Nazis, had an illustrious career as a scientist before delving into politics. Her paternal grandparents hailed from Lithuania. An estimated 50,000 Jewish people live in Mexico. The majority are settled in Mexico City and its surroundings, with small communities in the cities of Monterrey, Guadalajara, Tijuana, Cancún, San Miguel de Allende and Los Cabos.

The first Jews arrived in Mexico in 1519 along with the Spanish colonization. The community began to grow substantially by the

early 20th century, as thousands of Jews fled from the Ottoman Empire to escape instability and antisemitism.

International conflict

Sheinbaum's win also comes at a significant time as the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip has displaced more than one million Palestinians and left more than 35,000 people dead, according to officials in Gaza. Since the beginning of the war last year, Sheinbaum has condemned attacks on civilians. She even called for a cease-fire and said she supports a two-state solution.

Without a doubt Sheinbaum is Andrés Manuel López Obrador's political protégé. She started her political career as his environmental minister after he was elected head of government of Mexico City in 2000. She has been unwaveringly loyal ever since, even supporting his pro-oil energy agenda despite her environmental background.

It is often said that while

Sheinbaum lacks López Obrador's charisma and popular appeal, she has a reputation for being analytical, disciplined and exacting. Most importantly, she has promised to support López Obrador's policies and popular social programs, including a universal pension benefit for seniors as well as providing cash payments to low-income residents. Under Mexico's constitution, presidents can only serve one six-year term.

This is indeed a proud and momentous moment for gender equality and female empowerment not only for the region but the entire world. Mexico is known for its strong patriarchal structures. Sheinbaum's election to the presidency speaks volumes regarding the advancement women have made in Mexico since Universal Adult Suffrage.

The election of Sheinbaum will undoubtedly provide hope to thousands of Mexican girls in particular and girls in general that their biological sex is not an indicator of what they can achieve.

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Systemic racism by way of municipal bond, who profits, who loses

by Allen R. Gray

“Systemic racism is a machine that runs whether we pull the levers or not...” —Ijeoma Oluo

When one speaks of systemic racism it is nearly impossible to fully understand its scope and complexities without first understanding its sheer magnitude and guises. Municipal bonds, for instance, are more than just a means of funding school improvement and street repairs. There are levels to the bond system that reach as high as the federal government and financial institutions and as low as a small city or college. Though, no matter how high or low the bond package may go, in the end we all—Black and white, rich and poor—will be covering the check. It doesn't matter if we voted for it or not. It doesn't matter if we directly benefit from the bond or not.

The essential worth of a bond can surely be measured by the morals, ethics and intent of the bureaucrats responsible for the distribution of the funds

Before the release of Dr. Destin Jenkins book “The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City”, investment bankers and insidious bureaucrats seemed to be impervious to the notion that the municipal bonds used to support and develop cities, states and even universities—were a major contributor to the systemic racism affecting African Americans. That all changed when Jenkins pulled the lid off a \$4 trillion market whose operation has remained clandestine over the past decades. Now, money managers, bankers, analysts, government-finance officials and others want to know what Jenkins knows about their cash cow.

One thing that Jenkins has proven after a decade spent studying financial topics and their societal effect is that with municipal



bonds there are clear winners and losers.

Muni bonds were born on wall street along with variety of variety of other foreign and domestic bonds, and it is there that the financial harvest begins.

Municipal Bond Winners

Institutions like Siemens Financial Services and others sit atop the heap of those reaping the benefits.

The most prominent winners are the at-no-risk investors who can best afford it. The typical bond investor is a household that has a huge income. The muni bond is appealing, because it's a no-risk loan that is guaranteed by city taxes; and the interest the investor earns is totally tax-exempt. It is exclusively a rich man's game

Municipalities win because they receive a paycheck, sometimes in the billions, to do with as they please. The specific use of the bond money is listed as a proposition prior to voting, but when the voting polls are closed, and the funds are dispersed city officials have the discretion to do as they please. The historical use of the funds has been to further enhance the part of town that needs it the least and is devoid of Blacks. Cities have the liberty to play a game of slight of hand with bond money. First, there is a proposition that is sold to voters; then there is an agenda carried

out that is not in the view of unsuspecting voters.

The next group of winners are construction firms that contract to perform the tasks and services for the city. Firms owned and operated by almost solely by white men are pocketing upwards of 90% of the money—and allotted funds white men don't ingest is consumed by shadow companies owned by their white wives.

People on the white side of town benefit from beautification and street improvement projects that tend to make their drive home that much smoother and their entertainment that much more enjoyable.

Who could ask for more?

Then there is the other side of town, where the losers are losing big.

Municipal Bond Losers

Jenkins' research unearthed a situation that unfolded with the Jackson, Mississippi airport in 1963. Federal funds were slotted to be issued to Jackson for improvements to be made to its hub, but those funds were conditional. Jackson would have to end its segregated hiring practices at the airport. Because of those conditions, the city decided to refuse those federal funds and paid for the improvements, instead, with a municipal bond package. That meant those same Blacks Jackson, Mississippi refused to

hire would then be paying for a site where they were scarcely allowed to visit let alone work.

In mid-20th century San Francisco muni bonds were used at great length to worsen racial disparities in the city. Bonds were used to broaden the city's cultural scene and expand parks in the areas accessible mainly (or exclusively) to whites. Jenkins discovered that areas inhabited mainly (or exclusively) by Black San Francisco residents “were continuously deemed unworthy of debt.” Although, those Blacks,

too, were unceremoniously responsible for paying back those loans with their taxes.

It's common practice with muni bond lending institutions to conclude that if an area isn't predominantly white, then that area is not worth investing in.

In 2013, Detroit, Michigan had no other resolve but to file for bankruptcy. Jenkins credits years of a continuous stream of white flight as the vehicle that dealt the detrimental blow that feel city. Now with the city mostly barren of white folk, muni bonds could not and would not be used to

save the city from its financial woes. Bond capital is not merely used for parks and roads, those funds have also been used to support the safety and security of some citizens, generally done to the detriment of other citizens.

In 2014 after a police officer involved shooting of a Black teen in Ferguson, Missouri, the justice Department reported that the city depended heavily on fines and penalties to boost its finances. It was this need to generate finance

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The Ultimate Sunday Service to include the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in a presentation where gospel meets classical 7pm Sunday, June 23, 2024 (Courtesy image)

Project Unity and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra announce TOGETHER WE SING

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and Project Unity announce Together We Sing, the annual musical and special event fundraiser benefitting Project Unity’s signature community programs. In its fourth year, this incredible evening will blend gospel and classical music, inspire unity with multi-faith musical collaborations. This year’s event will be Sunday, June 23 at The Morton H. Meyerson Center, 2301 Flora Street in Dallas. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a General and VIP reception at 6 p.m. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets for the performance start at \$49 and are available now at dallasymphony.org or projectunity.net.

The soul-stirring concert performance will feature multi-platinum Stellar Award-winning gospel recording artist Marvin Sapp; 2024 American Idol contestant Odell Bunton, Jr.; a special tribute to National Christian and Gospel Recording Artist and Sweetheart Mandisa, who recently passed away; a multi-faith musical moment; a special performance by the world-renowned Dallas Black Dance Theatre to music composed by DSO’s Vice President of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Impact, Glyne A. Griffith, II and Mel-

vin Wellington Lightford; Hollywood-famed orchestrator and conductor Leon Lacey; the Dallas Symphony Orchestra; and the show-stopping 200-voice Unity Choir comprised of choruses from more than 20 religious and faith organizations, and more.

The annual Together We Awards will also return this year with a special award presentation to Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Sr. Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, and serves as United States Senator. Rev. Warnock is being honored for his work to unify multi-faith leaders across our nation to leverage the power of love and empathy for diversity, equity, and inclusion through his non-profit work, Multi-Faith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration. Project Unity developed this honor to recognize champions who are working tirelessly to create new paths to confront and dismantle racism. Rev. Warnock and other honorees will be celebrated during the Together We Awards reception at 6 p.m. and presented during the concert.

Title sponsors for the event include Communities Foundation of Texas, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Project Unity.

Together We Sing will benefit Dallas-based non-

profit Project Unity, a collaborative effort of programming and events hosted in partnership with segments of the Dallas community including faith, business, civic, philanthropic, grassroots and government entities. Project Unity and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra have collaborated in multiple events, including Gospel Goes Classical in 2019, Together We Sing in 2023 and a Unity Concert presented at the Meyerson Symphony Center in 2020 that honored those who lost their lives to racial violence and injustice.

“We are very excited for our ongoing partnership with the DSO and to have the opportunity to bring performers and audience members of all backgrounds together to promote unity,” said Richie Butler, founder of Project Unity. “I can’t think of a better way to move forward in our mission of togetherness than through music.”

The partnership between Project Unity and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra blends community and music,” said Debi Pena, chief administrative officer of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. “We extend an invitation to everyone in Dallas to join us to witness the transformative force of music in fostering unity.”



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Puttshack turns up its tech-infused mini golf summer experience with 'Summer Vibes To The Max' campaign

Multi-pronged campaign will feature new RTD Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop

Puttshack, the world's first and only tech-infused mini golf experience, is cranking up summer vibes to the MAX with exclusive limited-time-only deals, all the '90s hip-hop feels – and a special summer drink menu bringing real West Coast cool direct to Puttshack.

Beginning June 3rd, Puttshack venues will feature Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop – the debut ready-to-drink signature cocktail from Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg's new premium spirits company – marking the first feature collaboration with a national beverage brand for Puttshack.

"As a tech-forward company that's obsessed with creating the best guest experience, we are always innovating our game and finding new programs, new partners, and new ways to welcome everyone in," says Susan Walmesley,



Puttshack COO & CMO. "Puttshack is about bringing everyone in to play, and connecting with Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop – which has just hit the market – is a perfect way to kick off the season for summer fun in our venues."

Guests can enjoy Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop cans on the course, BOGO mini golf on Mondays, throwback videos on Wednesdays, a "Maxed Out" national sweepstakes, and a limited summer-ready cocktail. Both brands are

excited to celebrate summer with such a no-brainer combo of a great game and great beverage to share with friends – leveraging their shared value of "changing the game": via mini golf and competitive socializing for Puttshack – and of course through the indelible mark that icons Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg have left on music and pop culture.

"Puttshack and Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop make for a perfect partnership – nothing pairs better with high-tech mini-golf

than a sip of a smooth, laid-back all-natural cocktail, courtesy of two groundbreaking icons," says Rocco Milano, EVP Sales of Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop.

Any great party needs more than great drinks. Puttshack is amping up the offers to get guests out of the heat and into its indoor tech-forward mini golf experience with a little something for everyone.

Maxed Out Mondays

This summer, Puttshack is keeping the weekend vibes going with Maxed Out Mondays. We'll be kicking off each week with our limited-time-only cocktail, The Lowrider, and Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop canned beverages on the course to fuel your game. We are also offering a buy one, get one free mini golf game with code: MAXEDOUT to all Puttshack Perks members for use every Monday

throughout the summer. What's more, we're rewarding high scores! Any guest who scores 550 or higher on Mondays will be emailed a \$50 digital gift card for use toward any Puttshack purchase on a future visit.

Wayback Wednesdayz

We love to dial up the nostalgia with Wayback Wednesdayz at Puttshack, and this summer we're taking it back to the 90s. Prepare to relive the golden age of hip-hop, as we pump up the jams with music videos featuring icons like Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre. Also, Puttshack is offering \$10 off \$50 or more to guests who dine in with the promo code: WAYBACK.

Singles Nights

Whether you're looking to find the gin to your juice or just down for a laid-back night of mingling, we've got you covered. Select Puttshack venues will host singles mixers and speed-

dating events this summer. Sip on our specialty cocktail, The Lowrider, or share a bucket of Gin & Juice by Dre and Snoop beverages with your new, or hopeful, boo. Check local Puttshack venue pages for more details.

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Biden-Harris administration celebrates Juneteenth with concert and new initiatives to honor Black history

By Stacy M. Brown
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The White House planned to mark Juneteenth with a vibrant celebration on the South Lawn on Monday, June 10. The celebration would feature performances by celebrated African American artists, including Gladys Knight, Raheem DeVaughn, Patti LaBelle, Charlie Wilson, and Doug E. Fresh. Over 2,000 guests, including President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, were expected at the event, which officials said emphasized the Biden-Harris Administration's dedication to preserving and honoring African American history.

Since taking office, Pres-

ident Biden and Vice President Harris have prioritized advancing racial justice and recognizing Black history as an essential component of American history. The White House said the dedication is reflected in significant actions such as signing the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, establishing the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, and posthumously awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom to civil rights icon Medgar Evers.

Amid efforts to combat attempts to rewrite history and undermine racial progress, the administration hosted a live-streamed event featuring officials, artists, civil rights leaders, and scholars to discuss fed-

eral initiatives to protect African American history. The gathering highlighted ways the public can commemorate Juneteenth and emphasized the broader historical significance of African American experiences.

In conjunction with the celebration, the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities organized the second annual Juneteenth National Independence Day event in partnership with the White House. The large-scale concert also honored Black Music Month, showcasing African American musical legends and underscoring the cultural importance of this federal holiday.

Harris declared June 19, 2024, one of three National

Days of Action on Voting, focused on enhancing voter engagement and safeguarding voting rights. The White House noted that National Days of Action will also occur on August 6 and September 17, 2024.

Aligned with Biden's Executive Order on Promoting the Arts, the Humanities, and Museum and Library Services, several federal agencies announced new initiatives to protect African American history and culture. The National Archives Museum will display the original Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3 from June 18 to June 20, 2024, while the National Park Service will offer free entrance to park sites on Juneteenth.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has launched a digital repository to deepen public understanding of African American history. Additionally, NEH will establish a nationwide program celebrating Juneteenth, leading to a grand 160th-anniversary celebration in 2025.

In response to the rising incidence of book bans targeting historically marginalized groups, the U.S. Department of Education announced it had appointed a coordinator to address the impact of such restrictions on civil rights. The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity will host events emphasizing the importance of culturally relevant edu-

cation.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) plans to announce new recipients of the NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship, celebrating the contributions of African American musicians to jazz. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will highlight projects that preserve African American history as part of its "250: All Stories. All People. All Places initiative."

The administration said it has significantly invested in preserving African American history through infrastructure and preservation projects. The Department of Interior's National Park Service (NPS)

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Supreme Court says 'Yes' to consumer protection, 'No' to payday lenders 7-2 decision upholds CFPB's funding

By Charlene Crowell

A recent 7-2 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court gave consumers a long-sought victory that ended more than a decade of challenges over the constitutionality of the agency created to be the nation's financial cop on the beat.

The May 16 decision in the case formally known as Consumer Financial Protection Bureau v. Community Financial Services Association of America LTD, ET AL refuted arguments by the billion-dollar payday lending industry that CFPB was unconstitutional because its funding is derived directly from the Federal Reserve instead of Congress' annual appropriations.

The majority opinion, written by Justice Clarence Thomas, concluded, "The statute that authorizes the Bureau to draw money from the combined earnings of the Federal Reserve System to carry out its duties satisfies the Appropriations Clause."

Two additional concurring opinions underscored this conclusion. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court and its newest member, addressed why legislators created the CFPB.

"As the Court explains, in response to the devastation wrought by the 2008 financial crisis, Congress passed and the President signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Pro-



tection Act... Drawing on its extensive experience in financial regulation, Congress designed the funding scheme to protect the Bureau from the risk that powerful regulated entities might capture the annual appropriations process," wrote Justice Jackson.

During the Financial Crisis, millions of Black and Latino borrowers suffered home foreclosures because they were targeted with high-cost, unsustainable mortgage loans, even though many were eligible for other lower-cost loans. But those were not the only predatory financial product foisted upon people of color.

Payday loans that lure financially-strapped consumers with promises of easy cash can still be found in profusion in most urban areas across the country. The payday industry's billion-dollar profits typically are generated on loans of \$350 or less. With high fees that create deepening cycles of re-borrowing, these loans disproportionately affect

Black and Latino borrowers who earn \$40,000 or less per year, and do not have a college degree. Research by the CFPB found that payday lenders collect 75 percent of their fees from borrowers who take out more than 10 loans per year.

In the absence of federal regulation, 20 states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to cap payday lending interest rates at around 36 percent annual percentage rate (APR), or required other measures to eliminate long-term debt traps for consumers. Further, since 2005, no state has authorized the expansion of traditional storefront payday lending.

But for the remaining states without reasonable rate caps, triple-digit interest on payday loans continues. Many of these states also have large numbers of minority residents. For example, Texas allows payday APRs as high as 662 percent, similar to Missouri (652 percent), Mississippi (572 percent), Wisconsin (537 percent), and Nevada

(548 percent).

Against this backdrop, it remains important for CFPB's work in support of financial fairness to continue. Consumer advocates' reactions to this key decision were understandably jubilant.

Massachusetts U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, broadly considered the chief strategist for CFPB's creation during the Obama Administration, said the court decision is a noteworthy development:

"For the last decade, the consumer agency has fought the big banks and predatory lenders that try to cheat hardworking people. As of this week, the CFPB has returned more than \$20 billion in ill-gotten funds to American families," said Warren. "This isn't the last attack on the CFPB we'll see from Wall Street, the banks, and their Republican allies....The CFPB

will keep on doing its work to slash junk fees, fight giant banks when they cheat people, and level the playing field for everyone in this country."

Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, Senior Strategist at Faith in Action and Founding member of Faith for Just Lending, said the ruling was as much a moral victory as it was a victory for public policy.

"This Supreme Court decision, which aligns with the moral compass of Proverbs 22:22, has sided with the least of these by protecting the CFPB. This decision is a testament to our shared commitment to not rob the poor because they are poor and to not crush those in need in court," said the Rev. Dr. Gould.

And for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), Nadine Chabrier, Senior Policy and Litigation Counsel at CRL, said this

consumer victory should be used as a springboard for even more consumer protection efforts.

"Even with this decision, we must keep fighting to defend our consumer watchdog agency in the courts and in Congress as some industry actors sue and lobby to preserve illegal financial discrimination, billions in unlawful junk fees, and other exploitative behavior," said Chabrier. "The nonstop crusade to undermine the CFPB goes against the wishes of the American people, who overwhelmingly support the CFPB's work. The anti-CFPB campaign is an attempt to throw sand in the gears of financial justice and it must be rejected."

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violence, even as segments of the Black community shifted towards militancy and separatism. His activism extended beyond civil rights to include opposition to the Vietnam War, support for labor unions, gay rights, expanded abortion access, and liberalized immigration policies.

In 1974, Lawson became the senior pastor of Holman

United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, where he served until his retirement in 1999. His teachings continued through his role as a visiting professor at Vanderbilt University, which had expelled him 46 years earlier for his activism. Vanderbilt invited him back in 2006 and requested his papers for their archives.

Rev. Lawson is survived

by his wife, Dorothy Wood, his son, John C. Lawson II, a brother, and three grandchildren. His son, C. Seth Lawson, died in 2019. His life and work are a testament to the nonviolent resistance's power and the ongoing struggle for social justice.

"If Dr. King was our modern-day Christ, James Lawson was John the Baptist," Rev. Mark Thompson stated.



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Denny's invests \$3.3 million in holistic approach to feeding people: body, mind and soul with launch of Nationwide Community Alliance

SPARTANBURG, S.C., June 2024 – Denny's (NASDAQ: DENN), America's diner, announced today that it is elevating its decades-long commitment to communities nationwide by forming an alliance with 14 influential civic and educational organizations. The alliance is central to the brand's Community initiative.

Denny's groundwork for the Community initiative began over three decades

ago when the company partnered with the NAACP, HACR, and 24 diverse civil rights organizations and nonprofit groups to drive positive change in the communities it serves. These efforts include over \$2 billion in investments in diverse-owned businesses and donations exceeding \$2.5 million in scholarships. Denny's unwavering commitment to nurturing its workforce and addressing societal concerns takes a monumental leap

forward with the launch of Community.

To amplify its dedication to feeding people: body, mind, and soul, Denny's launched Community, a collaborative initiative dedicated to social change and forging strong alliances with trailblazing advocates, globally recognized civil rights leaders, and influential community and civic organizations representing historically marginalized communities. Denny's will

center its efforts around five key pillars: human and civil rights, business diversity, education, community involvement, and the cultivation of an inclusive leadership pipeline, in collaboration with its national and community partners.

The Denny's Community initiative is a five-year partnership with organizations including: the St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law, Hispanic Association of Colleg-

es and Universities, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR), League of Latin American Citizens, NAACP, National Urban League, National Action Network, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, and more.

Under the Community banner, Denny's will allocate a total of \$3.3 million for a multi-year commitment to its partners and support organizations to deploy local initiatives in

cities and towns across the nation. These efforts include serving hot meals to underserved neighborhoods and groups via the Denny's Mobile Relief Diner (MRD), which operates as a fully functional kitchen on wheels and travels across the nation, enhancing charitable giving programs, natural disasters, and emergency relief efforts.

Another key pillar in the

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that caused over-jealous, callous police officers to shoot and kill the unarmed youth. Their actions, Jenkins argues, were more about finance and segregation than safety.

The Justice Department report stated, "Many officers appear to see some residents, especially those who live in Ferguson's predominantly African-American neighborhoods, less as constituents to be protected than as potential offenders and sources of revenue."

Black construction companies are also on the losing end of the muni bond game. Project funds that are in essence the product of guarantees generated from the security provided by tax dollars rarely find their way into the pockets of Black businessmen. Yes, there are laws requiring a certain percentage of those tax-generated public dollars to be spent with minority-owned companies—but rich white women are also considered as "minority" business owners.

Muni bonds are not just exclusive to cities and states, colleges and universities can also borrow in the same way that a city might. Whereas white colleges stand to gain in the way a city might gain from a muni bond, Historical Black College and Universities (HBCUs) were offered a sampling

of what systemic racism is all about. So much so, that in April 2021, a Congressional hearing was held to review an academic study published by researchers from Florida State University, the University of Notre Dame, Duke University and the University of Southern California.

The hearing labeled "Examining the Role of Municipal Bond Markets in Advancing and Undermining Economic, racial, and Social Justice" revealed some startling results about the creditworthiness of HBCUs. Like cities that seek a muni bond loan, colleges are also issued a credit rating that is used to provide or deny a loan. Credit ratings are also used to determine at what interest rate at which the loan will be paid back.

The study showed that states in which HBCUs paid the highest fees and interest rates also had the highest levels of "anti-Black racial animus."

A subsequent study looked at some of the outstanding bonds existing as of April 2022. That study found that areas with predominantly Black residents were paying a combined total of roughly \$900 million a year in extra interest. This is the social phenomenon known as "the Black tax."

The authors of the 2021

Congressional study suggested that Congress make HBCU bonds tax-exempt the same way it is being done for the high-dollar investors. Congress listened to that suggestion intently...but that tax exemption for HBCUs has not happened yet...And it may never happen.

Legal scholar Stacy Seichsnaydre agrees that something must be done to monitor the distribution of muni bond funds.

"Every development project powered by public subsidies should be required to demonstrate who benefits and how; whether it is perpetuating segregation or whether it is restoring choices and opportunity denied under law in prior decades. A required equity impact statement not only inches toward remediation and repair, but also prevents infliction of further injury."

Jenkins contends that the enormous financial windfall provided to banks, lenders and investors is being realized at the expense of those citizens who are marginalized and can least afford it. Jenkins would have us ponder this thought: If bonds are a good thing, why haven't they been used to improve conditions in Black neighborhoods? The answer to that question is that Black neighborhoods are deemed to be unworthy of investment...But Blacks still

have to pay in the end.

Moody's Investors Service is a company that touts itself as a "champion" of diverse perspectives and as including diverse voices to make smarter decisions as to "transcend traditional silos and structures." The company provides municipalities with the credit ratings used to determine if a city is worthy of a muni bond loan and at what interest rate. At the company's broad behest in 2022, Jenkins provided them with suggestions on how they might update their method of rating a city's creditworthiness.

Jenkins wrote to them that along with assessing the risks of cybercrimes, pandemics and natural di-

sasters, Moody's should consider a city's "democracy risk." He contends that if a city has restrictions on voting rights that might lead to a court case that could eventually invalidate a bond deal, that city should be issued a poor rating.

Jenkins also suggested that police misconduct should be considered in a city's rating, because that misdeed could also lead to a court case that could cost a city millions of dollars.

On the other hand, with municipal bonds becoming the safety net of cities as of late, a lending institution that is making billions of dollars with little to no risk just might say, "Why change at all?"

This is the sum total of

systemic racism. There have been and will always be winners, who are the one-percenters and white folk in general, and there have been and will always be targeted losers, who are the disregarded taxpayers that are paying for the privilege of being discriminated against.

If nothing else, Jenkins' book provides us with a vehicle that allows us to put a face to that nebulous entity called systemic racism, the machine that runs whether we pull the levers or not.

For further insight Dr. Jenkins see: Debt That Makes And Breaks U S Cities | Destin Jenkins #MajorityReport (youtube.com)

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Wolters Kluwer, together with the Black Nurse Collaborative, increases focus on improving advocacy for underrepresented groups in nursing

(Black PR Wire) WALTHAM, Mass.-- (BUSINESS WIRE)-- Wolters Kluwer Health recently announced a new collaboration with the Black Nurse Collaborative, (BNC) to help remove barriers and improve diversity awareness across the nursing profession. The organizations will work together on several initiatives including events, publications, and nursing resources.

"We are thrilled to kick off a relationship with the Black Nurse Collaborative

to highlight such an important area of focus for the nursing profession," said Julie Stegman, Vice President, Wolters Kluwer Health Learning & Practice. "This collaboration goes beyond diversity, equity and inclusion in nursing, spanning the opportunities for nurses from underrepresented groups to impact patient care and health equity overall."

With a continued commitment to ensure all Wolters Kluwer Health resources have broader representation,

the work with the BNC will have an immediate impact and create opportunities to ensure diverse, realistic representation of all people. For several years, Wolters Kluwer Health's nursing group has been leveraging the work of a dedicated editorial advisory board which brings together nursing instructors, students, neurodiversity experts, DE&I-focused editors, and the American Nurses Association's Scholar-in-Residence Addressing Racism in Nursing.

Moving forward, the Black Nurse Collaborative will equip these Wolters Kluwer initiatives with numerous subject matter experts to help ensure diverse authorship, reviewers, advisory board participation, and event speakers. The organizations plan to train and mentor individuals across the nursing industry to take on key career building opportunities such as submitting journal articles, speaking at events, and effective networking.

Building a support net-

work that improves the nursing profession

The Black Nurse Collaborative was founded with the purpose of bringing together nursing experts with varying skills and competencies to build and sustain a network that promotes professional growth and entrepreneurship, addresses health equity, and elevates the nursing community. The BNC aims to remove obstacles faced by Black nurses and create tangible support for its members.

"Working with Wolters

Kluwer presents our members with unique opportunities for Black nurses to influence and participate in the development of some of the nursing industry's most important resources," said Meedie L. Bardonille, Founder & President, Black Nurse Collaborative, Inc. "Having the Wolters Kluwer team speak, attend and sponsor multiple scholarships at our annual event was tremendous and shows the commitment to this powerful collaboration moving forward."

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and the Historic Preservation Fund have allocated substantial funds for these efforts, including grants to

support underrepresented communities and historic site nominations.

Federal agencies, in-

cluding the Department of Transportation, are working to document and uplift the stories of communities affected by past federal policies. The NEH priori-

tizes projects that preserve historical collections on slavery and its legacies. At the same time, the President's Committee on Arts and the Humanities will

launch initiatives to support underserved creative and cultural communities.

"Through these actions and policies, the Biden-Harris Administration re-

affirms its commitment to advancing racial equity and ensuring that America's promise is realized for all citizens," the White House said in a Fact Sheet.

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declared the acceptance of Black men into military service. By the war's end, almost 200,000 Black soldiers and sailors had fought for the Union and freedom.

As a first step, the Emancipation Proclamation promised freedom and a new beginning for several million Americans and fundamentally transformed the character of the war. It recognized the moral force behind the Union cause and strengthened the Union both militarily and politically. As a milestone along the road to slavery's final destruction, the Emancipation Proclamation has assumed a place among the great documents of the nation.

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The freedom promised in the Emancipation Proclamation was finally delivered to 250,000 people who remained enslaved in Texas two and a half years after President Lincoln's historic proclamation and two months after Union victory in the Civil War. On June 19, 1865, U.S. Maj.

Gen. Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, which informed the people of Texas that all enslaved persons in the state were now free. This day has come to be known as Juneteenth, a combination of June and 19th. It is also called Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, and it is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Emancipation, however, was not a singular event in United States history. There were many emancipation days as enslaved people obtained their freedom in the decades spanning American independence through the Civil War. They were an important element of the abolition movement, which fought to end slavery and liberate the millions held in bondage across the country. That goal was not fully realized until December 6, 1865, when the requisite number of states ratified the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, legally ending slavery in the United States.

While Juneteenth was initially celebrated primarily by people in African American communities in Texas,

nearly all states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday or observance.

On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a bill into law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.



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I Sure Miss Being A Spoiled Brat

Dr. James L. Snyder

After my last doctor's visit, I went to the Publix pharmacy to pick up new medicine. Doctors have a pill for every problem in the world—if only they all worked.

I was early at the store, and my medicine wasn't quite ready. So, I decided to walk around Publix and get a little exercise.

Walking down one aisle, I noticed a little boy who seemed to be having some problems. He was arguing with his mother, stamping his feet and telling her, "I want that candy."

It was all his mother could do to keep him from getting out of control in the store.

I smiled and went down another aisle. About 15 minutes later, I was walking down another aisle, and there was another little boy who was angrily talking to his mother, stamping his feet and telling her, "I deserve those cookies. I want them now."

I tried to ignore that, walked past them, and headed for another aisle. I must confess I was chuck-



ling and very glad I didn't have those boys in my home.

You won't believe it, but as I was walking down another aisle, there was another little boy doing the very same thing. I was unsure what he wanted because I couldn't understand him; he was Spanish. But he had the same characteristics as the other two boys.

I laughed as I went to the pharmacy to pick up my medicine and then headed for my car.

When I got home, I got a cup of coffee, sat on my easy chair, and began thinking. I couldn't get those three boys out of my head

as they were acting like spoiled brats.

As I was reflecting on those boys, I had a terrible thought. I don't know where this thought came from, and I would like to chase it down the aisle. But when I was their age, I was also a spoiled brat.

I had forgotten about that stage in my life. I leaned back in my chair and remembered those days in my childhood. At the time, I didn't think of it, but as I look back, I, too, was a spoiled brat.

When I recall those spoiled brat days, I remember just how profitable they were. I was able to get most

of the things I really wanted.

When my mother took me shopping, I remember that I put on my spoiled brat attitude and got what I wanted at the store. There were a lot of things, like candy, cookies, and even some ice cream. If I made a scene, my mother would do whatever she could to settle me down.

My grandmother was even better. I didn't have to go into too many temper tantrums before she got me what I wanted. All I had to do was stand up, look at her, and scowled very angrily, and she melted and gave me what I wanted.

Those were the golden days of being a spoiled brat. Whatever I wanted, I could get just by being a spoiled brat. At the time, I was very good at that, and I got much of what I wanted.

I'm not sure how long that spoiled brat era lasted, but I had the advantage of it all those times.

Sitting in my chair thinking about this, I had another thought.

Now that I'm married, how would The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage

deal with me reinventing my spoiled brat attitude?

Could I get what I wanted just by acting like a spoiled brat? Would she cave to all of my desires just because I was acting like a spoiled brat? Maybe I could get an Apple Fritter.

What would be a good place to reinvent my spoiled brat attitude, and how would The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage deal with it?

I spent the whole afternoon thinking about that. I had plenty of time because The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was out thrift store shopping for the afternoon.

I had to try to think back on how I invented that spoiled brat attitude that got me whatever I wanted.

Just as I was thinking about where to start, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came home.

She walked into the living room and said, "You will never believe what I saw at one of the thrift stores this afternoon. There was this little boy down one aisle that was going into some kind a temper tantrum to make sure his

mother bought him what he wanted. He sure did make a scene there in that store."

She paused momentarily, and I wasn't quite sure what she would say next, but then she said it.

"If I was that boy's mother, and he ever did anything like that with me, I would take him home, spank him and ground him for a month. Nobody has any right to act like a spoiled brat."

My question for the afternoon was finally solved.

This got me thinking about what I read in the Bible. It was something Jesus said. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

Thinking about this, would a spoiled brat like being treated the same way? I need to treat people the way I would like to be treated. Nice deserves nice.

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the country in terms of DEI is not as active as it was in 2020," Lewis says. "There are other things taking priority now like NIL, the transfer portal, unionizing the student-athlete, and having them be considered employees for the institution."

There is no definitive answer to this dilemma. If student-athletes covet their individual earnings and opportunities more than the collective justice for

the silent, minoritized, and marginalized communities lacking the power to speak up for themselves, then the conversation about risk doesn't matter.

And riddle me this: What would I have done back when I was a student-athlete in the late 1990s if I had a million-dollar NIL deal on the table?

Would I have sacrificed for the collective? If that were the case, then should I have even been asked to?

Lewis doesn't believe so. "My call to action is to the ecosystem around them," she says. "Why do they (athletes) have to risk everything for justice when we've talked so much about supporting the whole athlete and that we need to give them everything they need to perform? So, in a sense, this is a performance, and we need to give them everything they need to succeed."

This article was originally published by Word in Black.

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tive struggle as a people," Dawuni said. "His experiences give us a unique glimpse into what Black people had to endure and still have to endure to this day."

Despite the legal setback,

advocates vow to continue their fight for justice, drawing inspiration from the survivors' unwavering resolve.

"If this truly is a nation of laws and a state based on the law, then my clients,

the last-known survivors of the massacre, should get the opportunity that no one else who suffered the devastation had the privilege of," Damarion Solomon-Simmons, a National Civil Rights Attorney and founder of Justice for Greenwood, recently asserted.

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Happy Father's Day to All, Celebrate by Attending a Church



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This coming Sunday, June 16, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day; it is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

And, it is also Juneteenth weekend in Texas and other parts of the United States. Next week I will devote my column to the history of Juneteenth.

I give thanks and praises to our Heavenly Father, God for blessing my family because I believe that a family is life's greatest blessing, setup and honored by God.

The idea originated in the USA and has been officially celebrated here on the third Sunday in June since 1966, when it was put on the United State's official calendar by President Lyndon Johnson.

The exact origins of

what we now know as Father's Day are disputed, though we do know the movement for a day which celebrated fatherhood began roughly 100 years ago.

Many believe that Sonora Dodd, from Washington, came up with the idea after hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1910 and wondering, not unreasonably, why fathers did not have their own day too.

Dodd and her siblings had been raised by their father as a single parent after their mother died in childbirth.

The first such "Father's Day" was held in Spokane in 1910, with a number

of towns and cities across America later following suit.

Now, Father's Day exists simply to remind everyone that dads are great. It doesn't matter if they are birth fathers, step-fathers or a stand-in father, especially if they are God fearing fathers.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith in 1957 wrote to congress: "Either we honor both our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one." In 1972 it was made a permanent national holiday by President Richard Nixon.

A "father" is one that God ordained and honors.

There are many "fathers" that are God-fearing and attempts to or tries to be the man that has compassion and humility.

He is one that prays for his family, his pastor and church. He also prays for his friends, community, neighborhood and workplace.

A praying father loves his family unconditional and is a good man at home, in his community, at his workplace, in his church, and around his friends and neighbors at all times.

Some fathers that I celebrate and honor are: My son, Jarrell Tarpley; my son-in law, William (Bill) Lott; My godly friend, Eugene H. Tinner; my uncle, Charlie Baker and my brother-in-law, David Fielding.

It is my belief that the "Secret to Happiness" for any father is: 1) Trusting God in the face

of adversity. 2) Forgetting the unpleasant things that come into life and focusing on the good things.

3) Apologizing if he believes that he has offended someone because he has learned that a sincere apology is the superglue of life. 4) Willing to admit an error; and do his best to learn from them.

5) He is willing to listen to sound advice; and ask God to help him make the right decision. 6) Keep his temper (God said to be ye angry and sin not.) 7) He will shoulder the blame.

8) Think first, pray and act accordingly. 9) He will put the needs of his family and others before his own. 10) He will pray without ceasing for family, friends, his church members, leaders of his church and leaders our country.

(Editor's Note: This column originally ran in June 2017. After working with the North Dallas Gazette for more than 20 years. Sister Tarpley passed away on May 10, 2024. We are deeply saddened by the loss.)

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NDG Book Review: Great reading for the Juneteenth season

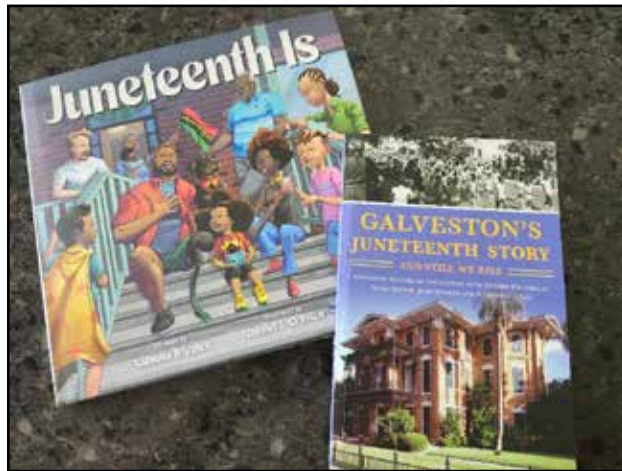
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The park shelter has been reserved.

You've told everyone where to be and what to bring (Grandma's favorite dessert!) and someone will set up games to occupy the kids. Your whole family celebrates Juneteenth, so maybe it's time to bring these two great books to your jubilee...

If you sometimes feel like you're always the last to know, then read **"Galveston's Juneteenth Story: And Still We Rise"** by **Tommie Boudreaux, Alice Gatson, Jami Durham and W. Dwayne Jones** (The History Press, \$24.99). Because sometimes, you are the last.

Some sixty years before



Terri Schlichenmeyer

the end of the Civil War, Britain and the U.S. both "banned the international trade of enslaved people..." Slavery still existed, of course, and "Galveston [Texas] was known as the largest slave market west of New Orleans..." Roughly a thousand people were en-

slaved there, and "many more... passed through the city's slave trading houses." It's estimated that "thousands" also tried to escape slavery through Galveston and Brownsville, over the Rio Grande to Mexico.

Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation proclama-

tion on September 22, 1862. The Civil War ended in April 1865. On June 19 of that same year – two months after wars' end – Black Texans finally learned that they were free. The slaves in Galveston were the last in the country to be notified.

This essential look at the history of Juneteenth goes beyond that historic day to show more of what happened in the immediate aftermath of the posting of General Order No. 3. The authors don't stop there, though: they take their narrative well into the early 20th century, through Jim Crow laws, and into modern times and today's celebrations. Complete with lots of illustrations, **"Galveston's Juneteenth Story: And Still**

We Rise" is a great book to browse and to keep around for reference.

You know your child wants to understand the history of this holiday, too, so look for the new picture book, **"Juneteenth Is"** by **Natasha Tripplett, illustrated by Daniel J. O'Brien** (Chronicle Books, \$17.99).

The morning has just started. The sun is up and today is the day for Jubilee. Everyone's heading for the park and a parade with drummers and steppers. They throw candy to everyone along the parade route. There are red, green, and black flags everywhere!

After the festivities at the park, it's time to get together with family. Juneteenth is a

time to "be thankful." It's "the ladies singing in the kitchen," an uncle's jokes (groan!), basketball in the front driveway, prayer around the table, and "generations of family recipes." And, of course, Juneteenth is a solemn time to acknowledge "things not taught in school." That's the lesson to be learned, and children ages 3 to 8 will love learning it with this book.

If these Juneteenth books aren't exactly what you're looking for, be sure to ask your favorite bookseller or librarian. They can put lots of other Juneteenth books for anyone of any age, directly in your hands. Ask for help, or be sure to put these two great books on reserve soon.

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Community initiative is promoting business diversity. Denny's is partnering with the National Minority Supplier Development Council, US Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce, National LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Women's Business Enterprise National Council, National Veteran Business Development Council, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Disability:IN.

The official launch of Denny's Community Alli-

ance took place at a press conference at the St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law. Denny's CEO and President Kelli Valade signed the Community Alliance agreement and presented a \$500,000 scholarship gift from Denny's to the College of Law in support of its commitment to social justice, with further programs and activities unfolding nationwide with the Denny's Community partner organizations.

Leaders of the coalition who attended the announcement include Benjamin L. Crump, St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law; Derrick Johnson, president of the NAACP; and Sylvia Pérez Cash, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Hispanic Association of Corporate Responsibility (HACR).

"With the establishment of Denny's Community initiative, we are continuing our work to connect with our guests and others in our communities," said Va-

lade. "Our partners are the embodiment of service and how to prioritize equity. We are honored to create this alliance that will impact and address challenges facing our society while breaking barriers to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive world for all."

"We are grateful for corporations like Denny's that recognize the vital importance of unity," said Benjamin L. Crump. "We are honored to collaborate with leaders in this new alliance and are grateful to Denny's for the scholarship support,

which will help educate the social justice leaders of tomorrow, keeping the mission of equity and justice alive for decades to come."

"The NAACP has been proud to partner with Denny's for the last three decades, working collectively towards a more diverse corporate America," said Derrick Johnson, President & CEO, NAACP. "The Community initiative is a crucial investment in those who have invested in the growth and success of the Denny's brand. We are excited to continue this journey to-

gether, executing the vision of a more equitable and just society for all."

St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law is one of America's fastest growing and most diverse law schools, with a 71% enrollment increase since 2018 and over 300 incoming students expected in fall 2024. Black and Hispanic students make up roughly three-quarters of STU's nearly 6,500 overall enrollment and that of the law school, which recently earned the second-highest bar passage rate in Florida.

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racy."

The SPLC reported an increase in in-person events and leafleting by hate groups, tracking nearly 7,000 flyer incidents last year, many featuring language derived from racist and antisemitic conspiracies.

These groups have also launched campaigns to gain influence in mainstream politics, notably through the conservative Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 manifesto which outlines aspirations for anti-abortion, anti-free press, and anti-LGBTQ priorities should presumed GOP presidential

nominee and convicted felon Donald Trump win in November. Critics warn that the comprehensive plan could have severe consequences, particularly for communities of color.

The comprehensive overhaul of the federal government outlined in the 900-page "Mandate for Leadership" includes significant policy shifts and a reimagined executive branch, covering both domestic and foreign policies, a personnel strategy, and a 180-day playbook designed to "rescue the country from the grip of the radical left," according to the project's

website.

"It is not enough for conservatives to win elections," the website states. "With the right conservative policy recommendations and properly vetted and trained personnel to implement them, we will take back our government."

Project 2025 has drawn criticism for its authoritarian nature, including during a recent House hearing on where Texas Democratic Rep. Jasmine Crockett challenged Gene Hamilton, one of the project's authors.

"It calls for eliminating the Department of Education, eliminating the Department of Commerce, and deploying the military

for the use of domestic law enforcement against protesters under the Insurrection Act of 1807," Crockett said. "It also has the repealing of Schedule F status for thousands of federal employees to allow a president to replace career civil servants with unqualified partisan loyalists. It also prohibits the FBI from combating the spread of misinformation and disinformation like Russia and China who are actively trying to interfere with American elections."

Crockett condemned the plan, stating, "I don't know why or how anybody can support Project 2025... in the United States of Amer-

ica, dictatorships are never funny—and Project 2025 is giving the playbook for authoritarianism, as well as the next dictator, to come in."

Adding to the alarm, Trump declared he would be "a dictator on Day 1" if re-elected.

Additionally, the Center for American Progress highlighted how Project 2025 would devastate local transit systems, particularly affecting communities of color and undermining economic growth. The plan proposes eliminating funding for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) core programs and discretionary Capital In-

vestment Grants (CIG) program.

"Public transit is a vital component of our modern transportation system, providing affordable, safe, and efficient mobility to millions of Americans every day," said Kevin DeGood, director of Infrastructure Policy at CAP. "Project 2025 would badly harm local transit systems that support regional economies from coast to coast and increase costs for commuters."

Rep. Crockett's warning rings clear: "Project 2025 is giving the playbook for authoritarianism, as well as the next dictator, to come in."