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The threat to our elections from a growing dominance of artificial intelligence

By Lori Lee
NDG Contributing Writer

As artificial intelligence (AI) technology has evolved, it has become so easy to use that what formerly required a studio and production team now costs very little and can be achieved in a few simple clicks. Improved access to AI and its ability to reach a tremendous number of people, makes it a powerful tool, which in the wrong hands, could overwhelm and confuse the public leading up to the Fall elections.

We will see AI coming at the public at an increasingly fast pace in this election, said Jinxia Niu, program manager for Chinese for Affirmative Action, a nonprofit civil rights organization. With the vast number of videos circulating demonstrating how to generate fake videos, AI has made it all too easy to saturate our information waves with false narratives.

The truth is under assault every single day, said Jonathan Mehta Stein, executive director of California Common Cause. The organization is a state initiative, which works to protect democracy rela-



Ethnic communities have been overwhelmed with AI campaigns, creating a huge need for fact-checking organizations to combat the flood of disinformation targeting communities of color. (DWG Studio)

tive to technology within California.

Just this week, the Department of Justice disrupted a Russian campaign that used fake social media profiles to promote pro-Russia propaganda. The campaign, operated by a single individual, generated thousands of fake posts, noted Stein, successfully targeting different races in regions across the country.

Now, it is a relatively simple matter for practically any individual to amplify their voice with

the new, easy-to-use tools that are widely accessible. This means any conspiracy theorist, anyone running for political office, or any foreign state can easily undermine our elections, said Stein.

Artificial intelligence is an amazing tool that can be used to generate sometimes artistic, and sometimes bizarre creations, he said. The technology can range from simple algorithms used by companies like Netflix to make

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NDG Quote of the Week: "I was raised to believe that excellence is the best deterrent to racism or sexism."

- Oprah Winfrey

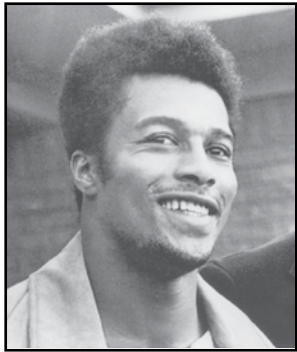
Duane Thomas

Longtime Dallas Cowboys fans will be quite familiar with Duane Thomas, who passed away on Sunday in Sedona, Arizona.

No cause of death was announced as of press time, Thomas was 77 years old.

While he wore the number 33, he was a hometown hero, having been born and raised in Dallas.

He was a standout running back at Dallas Lincoln before heading off to college at West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) where he played under Joe Kerbel, the



AP / Wikipedia

winningest coach in that school's program history. While at West Texas, he shared the backfield with Eugene "Mercury" Morris, who also went on to a professional career and played

in three Super Bowls.

Thomas was taken by the Dallas Cowboys in the first round of the NFL draft in 1970.

He got his first start for the Cowboys in the fifth game of the season, after which he sprinted to the top of the rushing charts, and earned the honors of Rookie of the Year. He tallied 803 rushing yards that season, right behind Rushing Champion Larry Brown of the Washington Redskins. But Thomas did it in only 151 carries, and would later become the first rookie to gain more than 100 yards in a playoff

run.

After a contract dispute and an unsuccessful attempt at a trade deal with the New England Patriots, Thomas returned to Dallas in time to score the first touchdown at the new Texas Stadium.

Also due to the contract dispute, Thomas went notably silent during his second season with the Cowboys, refusing to speak to the media. However, his performance on the field created plenty of noise.

Thomas led the league with 13 touchdowns during the season, 11 of them being scored on the ground

(also top of the league). He gained 95 rushing yards and a touchdown in the Dallas Cowboys' first ever Super Bowl win, beating the Miami Dolphins 24-3. He was named All Pro for the season.

Notorious writer Hunter S. Thompson remarked of Thomas' performance that season, "All he did was take the ball and run every time they called his number—which came to be more and more often, and in the Super Bowl Thomas was the whole show."

According to the official Dallas Cowboys website, Thomas rushed for a total

of 1,596 yards with an average of 4.89 yards per carry with the Cowboys, adding "the Cowboys' record is 4.85 (DeMarco Murray, 2011-14), only because Thomas didn't qualify with enough attempts."

He was then traded to the San Diego Chargers, but never played for that team. He went on to play two seasons for the Washington Redskins in 1974-75.

Thomas released a memoir, "Duane Thomas and the Fall of America's Team" in 1989 and was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Gov. Tim Walz

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has learned that Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential candidate, has chosen Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate after much speculation and a whirlwind of last-minute vetting and interviewing candidates.

As of Monday, August 4, reports suggested that Harris had narrowed her choices to Walz and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro. Other considered candidates include Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Arizona Senator Mark Kelly.



Walz provides the ticket with a diverse and extensive background. His career spans over two decades in the Army National Guard, including deployment overseas after the 9/11 attacks and a dedicated period as an educator and coach. His

political journey began with a surprising victory over a six-term Republican incumbent in 2006, during a Democratic wave year. Walz maintained his seat in a typically red district until he ran for governor in 2018, after which the seat reverted to GOP control.

During his tenure as governor, Walz has faced significant challenges and navigated a series of political and social upheavals, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the murder of George Floyd, which sparked global anti-racist protests. Despite criticisms and complaints, Walz's leadership led to a Democratic trifecta in Minnesota

by early 2023.

Forbes Magazine highlighted Walz's appeal as a moderate Democrat with a working-class background and rural roots, making him an attractive option for independents and moderate Democrats. Former Senator Heidi Heitkamp praised Walz for his relatable life

experiences, which align with many rural Americans.

Walz's political career began with a stint on former Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign. His transition from teaching on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where he met his wife, Gwen, to

teaching in China and later at a high school in Mankato, Minnesota, set the stage for his political aspirations.

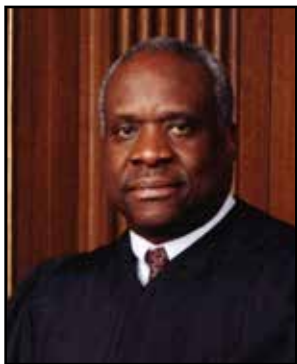
As governor, Walz's accomplishments include ensuring tuition-free meals at state universities, enshrining abortion rights into state

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Justice Clarence Thomas

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is under fire again. This time, it was because of the failure to disclose more private jet travel funded by Harlan Crow, a wealthy conservative donor, according to a letter from Senator Ron Wyden, a top Democratic senator.

Customs and Border Protection records indicate that Thomas and his wife, Virginia Thomas, flew between Hawaii and New Zealand in November 2010 on Crow's private jet. In his letter to the donor's lawyer, Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon, demanded more information about the financial relationship between



Thomas and Crow.

The *New York Times* reported that the inquiry is part of a more extensive investigation by Wyden, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, into the ties between Crow and Thomas. The scrutiny comes amid calls from top Democrats for significant Supreme

Court reforms, including establishing an enforceable code of conduct.

"I am deeply concerned that Crow may have been showering a public official with extravagant gifts, then writing off those gifts to lower his tax bill," Wyden wrote in his letter. He highlighted the potential conflict of interest and stressed the need for transparency and accountability.

In response, Michael Zona, a spokesman for Crow, stated that Crow's legal team had already addressed Wyden's inquiries, which they deemed legally unfounded and politically motivated. "We consider this matter settled and refer

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Kamala definitely earned it (DEI)

By Dr. Julianne Malveaux

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Vice President Kamala Harris has a political career that is classic textbook. She leveraged her legal training at the University of California into a position in the District Attorney's office. Then she ran for San Francisco District Attorney, beating the incumbent in a runoff election. She came out on top of a crowded Democratic primary for California Attorney General, and narrowly defeated her Republican opponent for the office in 2010.

She overwhelmingly beat her Republican opponent when she ran for re-election in 2014. When she ran for the United States Senate in 2016, she garnered twice as many votes as the next-highest vote getter, and in the final election earned more than 60 percent of the vote.

The Vice-President's electoral history is well-known, and I recount it for a reason. Kamala Harris earned increasing responsibility by running for office and winning. There is no diversity, equity and inclusion in electoral politics.

The only way you move up is to get more votes than your opponent. If there is any DEI in the Harris record, it's Definitely Earned It.

Tennessee Congressman Tim Burchett made headlines by describing our Vice-President as a "DEI hire", describing her as "checking all the boxes". Her electoral record refutes that fact. The Vice President didn't just drop out of a coconut tree, to paraphrase her. She has worked for every office she has earned. To be sure, she was selected to serve as President Biden's running mate. But she would not have been selected had she not been elected so many times.

If the rabid Republicans stuck to describing our Vice President and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee as DEI, that would be an ill-placed slur. But former President Trump and his equally woman hating Vice President have stooped even lower, describing our Vice President as "garbage", "bum" and "crazy."

Throw a little "San Francisco liberal" in there

to complete the predictable cocktail of slurs and attacks. No one is surprised by the Trump slurs, as the former President is amazingly consistent in his approach to his opponents. Indeed, the inarticulate nature of his slurs leads one to question his mental competency and suggest that he be tested for his comprehension. One wonders how his verbal vomit will survive any international negotiations.

Trump's Vice presidential nominee JD Vance has the same relationship with truth as his boss, Mr. Trump, does. In making his case against "childless cat ladies", he accuses Democrats, including Vice President Harris, of being "anti-family", but it is Democrats that have advocated pro-family policies, including the child tax credit that would lift millions of children out of poverty. Like Trump, Vance does not mind telling outright lies.

Kamala Harris is used to the lies, the slurs, the white male disdain. She's had to deal with that through much of her career, as most women in power have. Trump is an expert at dis-

paraging women, attacking their looks (Carly Fiorina, E. Jean Carroll), their clothing (Nicky Haley), their mental acuity (Nancy Pelosi) and more. All I say to these rabid Republicans is, "bring it". Vice President Kamala Devi Harris is time enough for you. Mr. Vance has described the Harris candidacy as a "gut punch" to the Trump-Vance ticket.

Instead of campaigning against a Biden they'd described as "old" and feeble, they've got an opponent who is young, energetic and vital. Instead of debating the Biden who failed to challenge Trump on his incessant lies in the late June debate, he will be debating the prosecutor who sliced and diced Brett Kavanaugh during his Supreme Court confirmation hearing. Vice President Harris is not a gut punch, she is a knockout punch. She has definitely earned the nomination of her party, and indeed the presidency.

DEI, indeed! Definitely earned it!

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Win With Black Women applauds Vice President Harris' selection of Tim Walz as her running mate for the 2024 election

Win With Black Women, the organization that has mobilized a groundswell of support behind Vice President Kamala Harris' candidacy, responded to her decision today to tap Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her running mate on the 2024 ticket. Governor Walz brings a wealth of experience and proven leadership, demonstrated through his effective governance during critical times, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the George Floyd protests.

Jotaka Eaddy, Founder

of #WinWithBlackWomen, stated, "Governor Walz has consistently prioritized the health and safety of Minnesotans - something we know he will take to the next level as vice president. We have seen him become a strong surrogate for Vice President Harris over the last several weeks. Governor Walz has shown he is ready to stand alongside the first Black female President to support her in leading our nation. As Donald Trump and his allies continue to undermine our fundamental rights, we need

leaders who can turn vision into reality and transform adversity into progress. Governor Walz will be a strong partner to Kamala Harris to counteract the dangerous political agenda of the Republicans."

Under Governor Walz's stewardship, Minnesota has emerged as a national leader in job growth, ranking 5th in the country, with the lowest unemployment rate nationwide. His groundbreaking \$1.9 billion Local Jobs and Projects Plan has created thousands of post-pandemic jobs and

delivered significant relief to small businesses and the Black community. The plan features over a billion dollars in tax relief, including a substantial \$1.36 million tax cut, providing crucial support to those hit hardest by the economic challenges of the pandemic.

Governor Walz's tenure has also been marked by his steadfast commitment to advancing social justice and protecting vulnerable communities and communities of color. Minnesota

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Mental health problems often go undetected in youth who die by suicide

(Newswise) — Three out of five youth who died by suicide in the U.S. did not have a prior mental health diagnosis, signaling missed opportunities to identify children and adolescents for suicide prevention strategies, including therapy or medications to treat depression.

This finding comes from an analysis of over 40,000 suicides by youth of 10-24 years of age from 2010 to 2021, recorded in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Violent Death Reporting System. Results were published in the journal JAMA Network Open.

“We discovered that certain youth who died by suicide were less likely to have a documented mental health diagnosis, including those who used firearms,



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were of minoritized race or ethnicity, males, and children younger than 14 years of age,” said co-author Jennifer Hoffmann, MD, MS, emergency medicine physician at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and Assistant

Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. “Our findings point to the critical need to increase equitable access to mental health screening, diagnosis, and treatment for all youth.”

Dr. Hoffmann and colleagues found that two out of three suicides by firearms – the most common method used by youth in this study – lacked a preceding mental health diagnosis. The authors high-

light the need to increase barriers to firearm access, especially given the impulsive nature of many youth suicides. They note that an estimated 22.6 million U.S. children live in households with firearms, and 4.5 million are exposed to firearms stored loaded and unlocked.

“To reduce the risk of youth suicide by firearms, counseling is needed to encourage parents to store firearms in the home safely. These messages should be delivered in community and school settings, in addition to doctors’ offices,” said Dr. Hoffmann. “Secure storage laws, also known as child-access prevention laws, have also been demonstrated to reduce firearm suicide rates, and more states need to enact this

type of life-saving legislation.”

Dr. Hoffmann also emphasized that to help prevent suicide, parents should talk more with their kids, especially with preteens and boys, about potential worries or distressing events kids might be experiencing.

“Stressful life circumstances can be risk factors for youth suicide, even in the absence of a mental health diagnosis,” she added. “It is also important to bring preteens and teens in for a wellness check every year, so their pediatrician can screen for mental health issues.”

Co-authors from Lurie Children’s also include Elizabeth Alpern, MD, MSCE, and Karen Sheehan, MD, MPH.

Something to chew on before you sink your teeth into those gummy vitamins

Newswise — Whether in the grocery aisle, at the pharmacy, or at a dispensary, little gummy treats containing vitamins, supplements, or THC have become ubiquitous. But do the benefits of gummies (and closely-related chewies) outweigh the risks they can pose to oral health?

Here’s some advice from Aikaterini Papathanasiou, professor and chair of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine’s Comprehensive Care Department, and Cheen Loo, professor and chair of Pediatric Dentistry at the School of Dental Medicine.

We hear all the time that sticky substances, especially those containing sugar, are bad for our oral health. Is that true?

Papathanasiou: Sticky substances that contain sugar can create oral health issues—especially issues related to the teeth, such as decay.

Loo: The bacteria in our mouth break down sugars and produce acid, which causes cavities, and that stickiness is also important.

Do chewables and gummies affect other parts of the mouth, or just the teeth?

Papathanasiou: Chewables and gummies can mainly affect teeth, but they can also affect the gums around the teeth because sticky residuals stay between or around the teeth and near the gums. Gummies can also loosen fillings and crowns. If a patient has a new filling or a temporary crown and starts chewing on a gummy, it could pull out the filling or crown.

Are gummies and chewables as much of a risk to oral health as candy?

Loo: Because of the sugar content, I think gummies probably have the same risk as candy. Chewables are a little less risky because they’re less sticky. And there’s another alternative: dissolvable vitamins that do not contain sugar. They typically use plant-based sweeteners that don’t cause cavities, instead of sugar. They’re tablets that dissolve in water, or there’s a kind that kids can let dissolve in their mouth.

Do the benefits of gummy

or chewable vitamins and supplements mediate their oral health drawbacks?

Loo: For children, it is important to provide good nutrition, and if that’s not possible with their regular diet, then it is important to have the supplements. Ideally, they should be taken with or after the meal, not as a snack.

Papathanasiou: It would be better to avoid any gummies or chewables when possible, but the benefits of vitamins and supplements often outweigh the oral health drawbacks. It is important to consider other available options, including tablets and unsweetened alternatives. People should consult their primary care physician and their dentist. More specifically, they should ask their dentist about any concerns based on their oral health status, and if there are any concerns, find out how to maintain optimal oral health. For example, the dentist might prescribe a high-concentration fluoride

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ACLU launches major voter education campaign on abortion rights

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The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), in collaboration with the ACLU Voter Education Fund and ACLU of Wisconsin, has announced a new seven-figure voter education campaign. The initiative aims to inform voters about candidates' positions on abortion rights in the upcoming 2024 U.S. Senate race and state legislative races across Wisconsin.



The campaign will commence with a six-week radio advertisement featuring Wisconsin U.S. Senate candidates Eric Hovde (R) and Tammy Baldwin (D),

highlighting their stances on abortion rights. Although the ACLU said it does not endorse or oppose candidates, the effort by

the ACLU Voter Education Fund seeks to provide voters with essential information on where candidates stand on crucial issues, particularly abortion rights.

“The ACLU is engaging in these races because there’s too much at stake in this election – most notably the right to essential, lifesaving healthcare,” said Esete Assefa, chief political advisor at the ACLU. “Our goal is to ensure that Wisconsin voters have access to comprehensive information about where candidates land on abortion rights, enabling them to make an informed decision when they head to the polls.”

The \$1.75 million campaign aims to reach over 1 million Wisconsin voters. It will target Assembly

Districts 21, 26, 53, 61, 85, and 89, focusing on voter education about abortion rights. Additionally, the ACLU of Wisconsin has sent candidate questionnaires to all state assembly and Senate candidates to assess their positions on access to contraception and IVF, classroom censorship, and marijuana legalization, among other critical issues.

The campaign is part of the ACLU’s broader \$25 million effort to safeguard and advance fundamental rights during the 2024 election. Officials said the pri-

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Biden and Harris celebrate return of Americans freed from Russia

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Late Thursday night, August 1, President Biden and Vice President Harris welcomed home Americans freed from Russia in a historic prisoner swap. The White House emphasized Biden and Harris’ commitment to reuniting every wrongfully detained or held hostage American with their families, showcasing a significant diplomatic achievement.

Officials said a complex negotiation involving sev-

en countries culminated in the release of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, Alsu Kurmasheva, and green-card holder Vladimir Kara-Murza. The exchange, which took place at the international airport in Ankara, Turkey, saw 24 prisoners transferred from the United States, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, and Russia.

It also took place nearly 20 months after WNBA star Brittney Griner was released from a Russian penal colony in exchange for Viktor Bout. “Great

day. It’s a great day. It’s a great day,” Griner said. “We’ll talk more about it later. But head over heels happy for the families right now. Any day that Americans come home, that’s a win. That’s a win.”

Biden highlighted the unprecedented nature of the deal, marking the first time since the fall of the Soviet Union that Moscow freed prominent dissidents as part of a swap. In total, 16 people were released from Russian custody, including political prisoners who had endured years of suffering and uncertainty.

“Today, three American citizens and one American green card holder who were unjustly imprisoned in Russia are finally coming home: Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich, Alsu Kurmasheva, and Vladimir Kara-Murza,” Biden announced. “This deal that secured their freedom was a feat of diplomacy. We’ve negotiated the release of 16 people from Russia, including five Germans and seven Russian citizens who were political prisoners in their own country.”

The President thanked

the allies who supported the tough negotiations, including Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, and Turkey. “This is a powerful example of why it’s vital to have friends in this world whom you can trust and depend upon. Our alliances make Americans safer,” he stated.

Biden also noted that Harris played a vital role in helping secure the release of the detainees. “They and their families have shown incredible courage in the face of atrocious and devastating circumstanc-

es,” Harris said. The vice president and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee condemned the sham trials and long prison sentences imposed by Russian authorities, calling it an “appalling perversion of justice.”

Harris also noted the inclusion of Russian political prisoners in the exchange, emphasizing the United States’ support for freedom fighters in Russia. “Earlier today, I spoke with Aleksey Navalny’s

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Bloomberg Philanthropies announces \$600 million gift to Historically Black Medical Schools

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In a monumental move to address the underrepresentation of Black physicians in the United States, Bloomberg Philanthropies has announced a \$600 million donation to the endowments of four historically Black medical schools. Officials said the donation is part of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Greenwood Initiative, which aims to advance racial wealth equity and address systemic underinvestment in Black institutions and communities.

Howard University College of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, and Morehouse School of Medicine will each receive \$175 million, while Charles R. Drew University of Medi-



Photo via NNPA

cine & Science will receive \$75 million. Additionally, Bloomberg said \$5 million in seed funding will support creating a new historically Black medical school in New Orleans, the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine. The historic investment will more than double the endowments of three medical schools, significantly boosting their financial stability and capacity to educate future Black physicians.

A recent study highlighted the need for such support, revealing that only 5.7% of U.S. physicians identify as Black or African American. This is despite Black Americans comprising 13% of the population. According to research, treating Black patients by Black doctors results in better health outcomes and more frequent medical care. For instance, Black patients are 34% more likely to receive preventative care if they see

Black doctors.

The four historically Black medical schools receiving funding reportedly graduate around half of all Black doctors in the U.S. but have been traditionally underfunded due to systemic inequities, including lower federal and state support. Since the early 1900s, discriminatory practices and the impacts of the Flexner Report have led to the closure of 10 Black medical schools in the United States. The financial boost from Bloomberg Philanthropies should have a transformative impact.

Michael Bloomberg, the former New York City mayor, Democratic presidential candidate, and founder of Bloomberg LP, will formally announce the donation at the National Medical Association's annual convention.

"This gift will empower new generations of Black doctors to create a healthier and more equitable future for our country," Bloomberg said.

In 2020, Bloomberg Philanthropies granted \$100 million to these same medical schools to reduce the debt load of enrolled students facing severe financial burdens exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Valerie Montgomery Rice, president of Morehouse School of Medicine, noted that the 2020 gift relieved an average of \$100,000 in debt for each student, significantly enhancing the school's ability to fundraise and support its students.

Denise Smith, deputy director of higher education policy and senior fellow at The Century Foundation, emphasized the importance

of such philanthropic gifts. She pointed to MacKenzie Scott's donations to HBCUs in 2020 and 2021 as pivotal in sparking increased support from other large donors. "Donations that have followed are the type of momentum and support that institutions need in this moment," Smith told the Associated Press.

Dr. Yolanda Lawson, president of the National Medical Association, expressed relief upon hearing about Bloomberg's gift, especially in light of the Supreme Court's recent decision striking down affirmative action and attacks on programs promoting inclusion and equity.

"This opportunity and this investment affect not only just those four institutions but our country's health and future," Lawson asserted.

Early childhood education endures during natural disasters

AVANCE-Houston, a leading national non-profit organization working to transform the lives of underserved, under-resourced families, has experienced two major natural disasters in recent months: a derecho and then Hurricane Beryl. The executive director, Luz Flores, shared that out of their 18 centers, only six had power. Staff and families were similarly affected, with many lacking basic utilities during a time of an extreme heat warning.

AVANCE's Head Start program is for children three to five years of age. The program prepares young children to enter kindergarten by helping them develop mentally, socially, emotionally, physically, and ultimately, school ready. Its Early



AVANCE-Houston has experienced two major natural disasters in recent months: a derecho and Hurricane Beryl, which damaged its facilities for young children. (Photo via NNPA)

Head Start program promotes healthy prenatal outcomes and enhances the development of infants and toddlers from 6 weeks old to 3 years old and pregnant women, to create a healthy family environment. This program is offered in two different settings:

- Early Head Start Center-based is where services are in child development

centers. More than half of the children are enrolled in center-based services, five days per week for at least six hours per day.

- In Early Head Start Home-based, services are mostly delivered in a family's own home, along with planned group socialization activities.

Both Early Head Start home- and center-based

include educational, developmental, nutritional, mental health and wellness, social and prenatal support services. With over 2,000 families served by nearly 400 employees, AVANCE has overcome significant hurdles because of the severe weather, including power outages, disrupted communications, and insurance claim difficulties. Despite these challenges, Luz emphasized the resilience and dedication of their team, who worked from home and assessed the situation via crisis teams. They sent out surveys to understand the impact on families and disseminated critical information through their mobile app and social media, both in English and Spanish.

Luz highlighted the importance of prioritizing

employees' well-being, stating, "If employees can't take care of themselves and their families first, they can't take care of others." She remains optimistic, expressing gratitude for her resilient and committed staff, her resourceful Advisory Board, and other organizations, including the National Head Start Association (NHSA), for their continued support.

"NHSA always reaches out, and they're always available to help," said Luz. "When we were hit with these storms, they checked on us, provided resources, and helped us find funding sources." When natural disasters impact member Head Start and Early Head Start programs, NHSA is there to help with recovery through the Disaster Relief Fund. The funds are

available for the program, employees, and families. The importance of this fund cannot be overstated, especially as more named storms and hurricanes are expected this season based on the National Hurricane Center's early forecast.

Programs that experience a natural disaster are encouraged to apply for the Disaster Relief Fund. This resource can provide essential support during challenging times, helping programs, employees, and families recover and rebuild. NHSA applauds Luz and her team for their courage and commitment to charting a path out of this crisis for AVANCE and the families while dealing with the impact of the hurricane personally. Their resilience inspires all in the face of adversity.



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Allred leads bipartisan push to counter PRC investment in Africa releases mid-year report online

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Representatives Colin Allred (TX-32) and Young Kim (CA-40), members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, introduced the Stopping PRC Environmental Exploitation and Degradation Act (SPEED) Act to combat the negative environmental, ecological, and public health effects of investments linked to the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Africa.

The PRC has become Africa's largest trading partner, creditor, and source of foreign direct investment through the Belt and Road Initiative. The PRC's debt-trap diplomacy, often executed through corporations, can be destructive and harmful to local communities and key biodiversity areas.

"We cannot allow the People's Republic of China and Chinese-linked companies to continue their exploitation of African nations



as they subject their people to harmful ecological and public health risks," said Rep. Colin Allred. "The bipartisan SPEED Act will strengthen U.S. policy, authorize sanctions and hold the Chinese government accountable for the adverse environmental, ecological and public health incidents

occurring in Africa."

"The PRC's Belt and Road Initiative coerces developing nations to fall into Xi Jinping's debt-trap diplomacy but also exposes vulnerable populations to harmful ecological, environmental, and public health risks," said Rep. Young Kim. "We cannot al-

low Xi Jinping to get away with growing his global power and violating international environmental and labor laws in the process. I am proud to lead the SPEED Act to counter the Belt and Road Initiative and hold the PRC accountable for its exploitative practices, deliberate environmental degradation, and threat to African communities' livelihoods."

The SPEED Act would counter PRC influence in Africa by:

- Establishing that it is U.S. policy to oppose the actions of PRC-linked entities that do not abide by host country, international environmental protection, and labor laws in their exploitation of natural resources in Africa;

- Requiring a strategy from the State Department and USAID detailing how the U.S. will work with sub-Saharan African countries to remediate environmental disasters caused by

PRC companies; and,

- Allowing for sanctions on PRC-linked entities that are responsible for adverse environmental and public health incidents on the African continent.

Mid-Year

Report Released

This week Allred also released a "mid-year report" for his constituents, outlining his activity for the first six months of 2024.

The report covers work for North Texas on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee. It also highlights constituent services as well as work to lower costs, bolster Texas's infrastructure and create jobs.

2024 Midyear Report highlights include:

- Over \$50 million in federal benefits and money returned to North Texans
- 475 cases closed helping North Texans with federal agencies

- Responded to more than 18,400 constituent letters

- 566 bills cosponsored in the 118th Congress, 75% are bipartisan

- Over \$91 million for Texas airports to modernize terminals

- Helped secure \$250 million for Texas Solar For All Coalition to support workforce training and support minority and women-owned businesses

- \$80 million for Southern Gateway Park and other park projects to reconnect communities

- Delivered over \$16 million for 15 community projects including Dallas Police, DFW Airport and UTD

A PDF of the full report is available for download at <https://allred.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/allred.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Rep.%20Allred%202024%20Midyear%20Report%20FV.pdf>

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film recommendations to more complex systems that can predict crime or help sustainable energy systems run smoothly. AI can also save manpower, which could help local government serve the public more efficiently, he added.

Even so, AI can have devastating effects. Take the last Presidential primary, when a spoof robocall using an image of Joe Biden directed New Hampshire Democrats not to vote. And a May 2023 deep fake even set off a dip in the stock market after convincing investors momentarily that the Pentagon was under attack.

Dangers may be most evident at the local level while fakes targeting higher offices will most likely be exposed quickly. Deep fakes targeting local officials or state representatives will take longer to surface, said Stein, making political impacts greater in state or local communities.

As the election draws near, new fake media websites are emerging, like the Miami Chronicle, a fake local news site created by Russian intelligence to carry propaganda. Stein recommends people be on the lookout for these sites, as well as fake county election sites attempting to confuse or influence voters.

Targeted for centuries, voters of color and immigrants face particular threats as political players attempt to make it harder for these groups to vote. Stein said AI technology brings new and crafty ways to achieve such goals.

Examples include multiple deep fakes that have been circulating to create a false narrative that the former president has more support in the Black community than he has.

As Niu explains, ethnic communities have been overwhelmed with such campaigns, creating a huge

need for fact-checking organizations to combat the flood of disinformation targeting communities of color.

AI technology continues to grow, making images and audio more realistic, adds Stein, and unless people know what to look for, it will be difficult to tell whether the images are real. Upon close examination, people may look idealistic almost cartoonish, with every hair in place. Certainly, perusing images on a small phone screen or quickly scrolling through Twitter, will make spotting such images very difficult.

Such misinformation campaigns are not unique to the U.S., said Stein. In India, deep fakes have emerged front and center as voters are bombarded with millions of fake videos surrounding the elections. Candidates have begun to embrace the fakes as a means of keeping up with the race, including candidates who prefer not to use them but feel they have no

choice.

India serves as an example of what could happen if the public is not educated on AI technology, said Stein.

Political information found on social media should be approached with skepticism, Stein warns, and images too good to be true should be scrutinized, especially when reposting. Stein urges that when people see an image of political leaders in an activity that could harm them, they should get out of the social media environment and check the story with an objective or trusted media source.

A common goal of players who seek to mislead about politics is to saturate society with so much misinformation that people don't know what to believe, added Brandon Silverman, policy expert on internet transparency and former CEO of CrowdTangle, a social analytics tool acquired by Facebook.

And the vast majority of

such misinformation falls into a gray area. Silverman refers to the use of information that is not literally untrue and doesn't break any rules, but that is simply misleading. It's the difference between saying the moon is made of cheese and that some people are saying the moon is made of cheese, he explained. There is a tremendous amount of misinformation that is achieved in this way, he said.

As the issue peaks, social media platforms are walking away from the responsibility of addressing the problem, Stein added. Youtube, Meta and X have all stopped labeling and removing posts that repeat Trump's claims about the 2020 election. Twitter has stopped utilizing a tool that identifies disinformation on its platform, while Facebook has made some fact-checking features optional. And all of the platforms have laid off key members of their trusted safety and civic integrity teams.

If social media platforms aren't going to take responsibility for the problem, Stein asked, whose job is it to protect our communities?

The current saturation of AI in our political discourse requires policy changes, said Stein. The State of California has legislation in the works that would offer some protections. Yet building a system to track political disinformation is more difficult than just flagging certain words, he said. Deciphering intended meaning in political discourse is complicated, requiring a great deal of work.

It seems that for those who rely strictly on social media to get their news, AI has the power to create a false reality that is too easily believed by the masses. It is a problem that has perhaps grown too big for policy solutions, and it may be up to trusted leaders and the media to help make communities aware of the problem.

Central Fire Station opening soon in the Historic Irving Heritage District

The new Central Fire Station will soon reopen its red bay doors in the Irving Heritage District. With more than two years of planning, public input meetings, design and construction, the Irving Fire Department (IFD) is almost ready to welcome its newest fire station at 137 E. Second St.

Central Fire Station is in the location of the former “Old Central” building, which served as a function-

ing fire station from 1932 to 1985.

The new building mirrors the historic charm of its neighbor, the Heritage Senior Center, with arched bay door frames, dark bricks and limestone accents. The station also nods to its historic roots by incorporating wharf lighting, similar to what was used to illuminate “Old Central,” along with a designated area for its collection of artifacts from the Irving Fire

Department.

The new station will feature an area for the public to visit and view historic pieces of the former station, along with Irving firefighter memorabilia. In the future, the IFD plans to dedicate a memorial space honoring past generations of firefighters on the east side of the facility.

The two-story, \$8 million facility features living quarters on the ground level, sleeping quarters

upstairs and two brass fire poles to access emergency vehicles from the upper level, and houses a crew of four firefighters and a fire engine. The station, strategically located between Fire Stations No. 1, 2 and 3, will add additional staff support and decrease response time for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Visit CityofIrving.org/Fire for more information on the IFD.



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law, banning conversion therapy, and protecting gender-affirming healthcare. Recently, he defended those measures against right-wing criticism, emphasizing the importance of accessible healthcare and education.

In May, Walz expanded

voting rights in Minnesota for an estimated 55,000 formerly incarcerated residents.

While he has faced backlash from Minnesota Republicans over his stance on gender-affirming care, Waltz has also been criti-

cized for recent comments targeting political opponents.

Meanwhile, Harris’ presidential campaign has continued to gain momentum, securing significant endorsements and unprecedented financial support. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW),

the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and the United Auto Workers (UAW) have all endorsed her candidacy.

Fueling Harris’s campaign is a historic fundraising effort. More than \$310 million was raised in July alone, marking the largest

single-month haul of the 2024 cycle. That brought her campaign’s total fundraising to over \$1 billion, surpassing previous records and outpacing the Trump campaign.

As the Democratic National Convention approaches, Harris and Walz’s campaign seeks to capi-

talize on the momentum. “We know the hard work required to secure a victory in November, and we are committed to seeing it through,” Harris’ campaign manager, Julie Chavez Rodriguez, declared after the record-breaking fundraising month. “When we fight together, we win.”

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Senator Wyden to our previous correspondence,” the statement read. Zona also insisted that Crow had always adhered to applicable tax laws.

Thomas has previously argued that he did not need to disclose personal hospitality gifts from friends who had no pending cases before the Supreme Court. By law, Supreme Court justices are required to fill out an annual financial disclosure form listing outside income sources and gifts. However, Thomas’s form for 2010 does not mention any flights on Crow’s jet.

Wyden drew attention to this discrepancy by pointing out that Thomas had updated earlier records to include additional international travel that Crow had provided. “To date, Justice Thomas has never disclosed this private jet travel on any financial disclosure

forms, even though Justice Thomas has amended disclosures to reflect other international travel on Mr. Crow’s private jet,” Wyden wrote.

The controversy surrounding Thomas’s undisclosed travel highlights broader calls for Supreme Court reform. President Joe Biden has recently advocated for substantial changes, including a constitutional amendment to limit presidential powers and ensure former presidents are not immune from federal criminal proceedings. In an op-ed, Biden emphasized the need for reforms to restore public trust in the judiciary.

“I served as a U.S. senator for 36 years, including as chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. I have overseen more Supreme Court nominations as a senator,

vice president, and president than anyone living today,” Biden wrote. He stressed that current issues undermine public confidence in the court’s decisions, affecting personal freedoms.

Biden’s proposals include term limits for Supreme Court justices, suggesting 18-year terms to prevent any single presidency from exerting prolonged influence. He also called for stringent ethics requirements for Supreme Court justices, like those governing other federal judges.

President Biden is set to discuss these proposals further in a speech at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the Civil Rights Act. The event, initially planned for mid-July, was postponed following an alleged assassination attempt on former

President Donald Trump at a Pennsylvania rally.

Despite the presidential push for the reforms, passing such legislation through a divided Congress remains a significant challenge. Senate Democrats strongly support Biden’s

proposals but acknowledge the political hurdles ahead. Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris has endorsed Biden’s call, emphasizing the importance of restoring public confidence in the judiciary.

“Our democracy de-

pends on the integrity of our institutions,” Biden stated. “This is not just about reforming the Supreme Court—it’s about safeguarding the future of our nation. We must act now to ensure justice and fairness for all Americans.”

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Marvin Sapp at the live recording for his new album, *Then & Now*. May 31st, 2024, Kingdom Valley Ministries in Chicago. (Photo Courtesy Elev8 Media & Entertainment)

Marvin Sapp releases new album - 'Then & Now' on Aug. 30

New Single – 'He Was There' – Going to Radio Aug. 12

Gospel music luminary Marvin Sapp is set to release his 16th album, *Then & Now*, on August 30th. It will be the second album released on Elev8 Media & Entertainment, his independent label.

Recorded live at Valley Kingdom Ministries, *Then & Now* is Sapp's 16th album release. During the evening of the recording, Sapp dazzled the capacity crowd with powerful new songs as well as refreshed favorites from his more than 30-year career in music.

For almost two hours, Sapp – accompanied by a powerhouse band and extraordinary background vocalists – kept the crowd on its feet. The energy in the room was electrifying the entire evening. *Then & Now* is the culmination of that memorable night: a collection of live music from Marvin Sapp, pristinely mastered for perpetuity.

"I'm really proud of this album; I think it sounds incredible," says Sapp. "I enjoyed working with some new creatives who helped me bring to life this vision of doing a record that feels like a live Marvin Sapp concert – with some tried and true favorites sprinkled

in with new songs. On the back end, I enlisted veteran mixers to ensure a high-quality sound – that's where the magic happens when it comes to producing a live record. I can only hope that everyone who listens to it is blessed by it, but I had an absolute blast



recording *Then & Now*.

One of the new creatives that Sapp worked with was Curtis Lindsey. Although Lindsey has been a member of Sapp's band for over a decade, he took the helm as Music Director for this project.

"Marvin Sapp is a legend. I was humbled and honored for him to bring me on as music director. It was a highlight of my career. Recording in my hometown of Chicago, a

place that also loves Marvin Sapp, added to the joy of bringing *Then & Now* to life," says Lindsey.

Marvin Sapp is known for delivering rich live recording experiences that translate into musical masterpieces. His platinum-selling album *Thirsty* was

recorded live, in addition to *Here I Am* (2010), *You Shall Live* (2015), and *Chosen Vessel* (2020).

Then & Now will soon be added to his masterful "live album" discography.

Pre-sales begin August 23rd everywhere music is sold digitally and www.marvinsapp.com for physical copies. Fans will also be able to purchase physical copies of *Then & Now* in any of the 35 cities of the upcoming Reunion Tour

Colin Kaepernick launches Lumi Story AI to free creators and democratize storytelling

(Black PR Wire) Las Vegas, NV – Colin Kaepernick, the civil rights activist and former NFL quarterback, today announced the launch of Lumi, a groundbreaking platform that empowers creators by providing them with the tools needed to independently create, publish, and merchandise their stories both digitally and physically. The company has raised \$4M in venture capital funding with a seed round led by Seven Seven Six, alongside Kapor Capital and Impellent Ventures, and notable angel investors like Mariam Naficy (founder of Minted), David Sze, Chamillionaire,



and tech execs from Meta, Anthropic, ContextualAI, Sleeper, Pave and more. Stories are fundamental to shaping our reality and better understanding our world. Currently, a few large corporations dominate the narrative landscape, limiting the diversity of stories told. Lumi aims to open the funnel, enabling anyone to access

storytelling superpowers, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and equitable world. Stories don't exist without creators, and we all suffer when creators can't bring their stories to life. Lumi's mission is to democratize storytelling by providing tools for creators to turn their ideas into finished products, as well

as distributing and merchandising those stories – transforming any creator into Disney. By leveraging advanced AI tools, Lumi enhances the creative process, allowing creators to focus on bringing their stories to life, while the platform handles all of the logistics. Creators have had a significant impact on AI, and they should be a primary beneficiary of its use. Creators today face significant challenges, including exploitation and lack of independence. Lumi addresses these issues by providing an end-to-end solution for storytelling, leading to more financial stability, creative control,

and ownership of their work. Additionally, as AI continues to evolve, it is essential to ensure that the resulting content reflects diverse and authentic perspectives. By empowering creators to authentically create their stories, Lumi helps ensure a more equitable future for AI. Lumi was founded out of the barriers that Kaepernick discovered publishing his own works. This included high production costs, long production timelines, and gatekeeping within the industry. These challenges generate significant friction for creators, preventing many projects from getting off

the ground. By decreasing the barrier to entry, Lumi opens the funnel of creativity to the world, enabling a new wave of diverse and innovative stories to come to life. "Lumi addresses an unnecessary dependency on gatekeepers that slows creators down," says Kaepernick, Founder & CEO of Lumi. "This allows creators to get back to what they ultimately want to do: create." The company plans to focus energy on comic book and graphic-novel creators first, a market with the need for multiple creative skill sets.

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widow, Yulia, to discuss the significance of their release," Harris said. "The United States stands with all of those who are fighting for freedom in Russia." As they celebrated the return of the Americans, both Biden and Harris stressed their ongoing

commitment to securing the release of others wrongfully detained worldwide. "We will never stop fighting for their release," Harris declared. "I will not stop working until every American wrongfully detained or held hostage around the

world is reunited with their family," Biden added. "My administration has now brought home over 70 such Americans, many of whom were in captivity since before I took office. Still, too many families are suffering and separated from their loved ones, and I have no higher priority as President than bringing

those Americans home." He concluded: "Today, we celebrate the return of Paul, Evan, Alsu, and Vladimir and rejoice with

their families. We remember all those still wrongfully detained or held hostage around the world. And reaffirm our pledge to

their families: We see you. We are with you. And we will never stop working to bring your loved ones home where they belong."

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Federal appeals court blocks SAVE program's student loan forgiveness

18 conservative states win temporary stay to deny relief to millions of borrowers

By Charlene Crowell

Higher education is believed by many to be a bridge to a financially secure future. But for the more than 43 million Americans who together owe \$1.6 trillion in student debt, that bridge gets longer and harder to cross when federal courts continue to block programs designed to relieve borrowers of the rising costs of loan repayment.

Until recently, student loan borrowers enrolled in the Education Department's Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) payments cut in half and their remaining loan balances forgiven. The SAVE Plan offered forgiveness for qualified borrowers with loans up to \$12,000 and promised that loan balances would not increase due

to accrued interest if borrowers remained current on required payments. The Plan changed income calculations so that more borrowers would qualify for reduced payments - sometimes as low as \$0. About 8 million borrowers are enrolled in the SAVE Plan.

But on July 18th, the Federal 8th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a temporary stay to halt the SAVE program. It is not yet known when a final court resolution will occur.

The decision came at the behest of several conservative state attorneys general. To date, 18 states - including those with large Black and Latino populations like Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio and Texas - have challenged the SAVE program's constitutionality, as well as President Biden's

executive authority.

"It wasn't so long ago that a million borrowers defaulted on their student loans every single year, mainly because they couldn't afford the payments," stated Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "The SAVE plan is a bold and urgently needed effort to fix what's broken in our student loan system and make financing a higher education more affordable in this country."

"Already, we've approved an unprecedented \$169 billion in relief for nearly 4.8 million Americans, including teachers, veterans, and other public servants, students who were cheated by their colleges, borrowers with disabilities, and more," continued Cardona. "And from larger Pell Grants to free community college, President Biden,

Vice President Harris, and I continue to believe that college affordability is a cause worth fighting for - and we're not giving up."

The Department simultaneously announced the following administrative adjustments for SAVE program participants:

- **Forbearance:** Borrowers enrolled in the SAVE plan are being moved into forbearance. During forbearance, SAVE borrowers will not have to make payments. The time in forbearance will not count toward Public Service Loan Forgiveness or Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) loan forgiveness. SAVE borrowers will not accrue interest on their loans during the forbearance. SAVE borrowers will be notified about their forbearance by their loan

servicers.

- **Bills and payments:** Borrowers enrolled in the SAVE Plan who have received a bill for August are being put in an interest-free forbearance - payments are not required during forbearance. Borrowers enrolled in the SAVE Plan who have not yet received a bill for August will also be put in forbearance and therefore will not receive a bill.

Borrowers affected by this court decision should hear from their loan servicers and/or the Department in coming days. Updates to these developments also will be posted at <https://www.ed.gov/save>.

The court decision was met with swift and emphatic opposition from advocacy groups.

"The role of government

is supposed to be to help its citizens, not cause intentional, undue harm," said Kristin McGuire, Executive Director of Young Invincibles, a national advocacy organization founded in 2009 that works to amplify the voices of young adults in the political process and expand economic opportunity.

"Legal challenges to forgiveness were to be expected, but it is disheartening to see our judicial system put politics over people time and time again," McGuire added. "Continually halting student debt forgiveness is reckless and cruel for borrowers, and jeopardizes the economy and the future of our higher education system."

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mary focus is on protecting and expanding abortion and voting rights across the ballot. These races are considered pivotal for achieving a pro-civil rights and liberties majority in the U.S. Senate and Wisconsin State Legislature, essential to the success of the ACLU's policy goals.

Earlier, the ACLU of Maryland launched the Election Protection campaign, a statewide effort to reduce barriers to voting and combat voter disenfranchisement, particularly for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), voters who are currently or formerly incarcerated, and people with disabilities. Officials said the Maryland campaign educates voters about their rights, advocates for equitable and accessible voting options, assists residents with questions and concerns, and addresses issues through

investigations and legal advocacy.

The ACLU of Maryland's Election Protection Hotline, (667) 219-2625, is available for residents to call with questions or concerns about voting in Maryland. Hotline staff provide information about voter eligibility, voter registration, voting by mail, early voting, Election Day, drop boxes, and more. Officials asserted that the Election Protection Team has worked diligently to reduce barriers to voting and fight against voter disenfranchisement, as documented in the 2022 Election Protection Report.

The ACLU has also made significant progress in increasing access to the ballot box in other areas, including Virginia. The organization successfully lobbied for same-day voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting in 2020,

moving Virginia from one of the most difficult states to vote in to the top half of states with expanded voting access. They have challenged unconstitutional gerrymandering efforts and joined the League of Women Voters to ensure the COVID-19 pandemic did not prevent vulnerable people from casting their ballots.

However, officials said challenges remain. The ACLU notes that Virginia retains a Jim Crow-era law that bans individuals convicted of a felony from voting for life, unless the governor restores their rights. This law, enacted in Virginia's 1902 constitution, was designed to prevent Black Virginians from voting. Overturning it requires a constitutional amendment, according to the ACLU.

They said the ACLU's ongoing efforts are "crucial for protecting and expanding voter rights and ensuring a fair and just electoral process for all citizens."



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Comcast commits \$35M to support hundreds of community organizations in expanding economic opportunity for the 'Team of Tomorrow'

(Black PR Wire) PHILADELPHIA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Today, Comcast announced a \$35 million commitment to hundreds of community organizations this year to help train the "Team of Tomorrow" — the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and creators — by supporting access to opportunities, technology, and digital skills. Between July 26 and September 28, Comcast NBCUniversal will bring the excitement and inspiration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 to millions. As Team USA competes to achieve their dreams, Comcast's investment will help bring the spirit of the Games to community partners who work to encourage, support, and motivate the next generation to realize theirs. This funding is part of Project UP — Comcast's comprehensive commitment to connect people to the Internet, support digital skills and jobs programs, and advance economic mobility.

"Just like athletes need to train to compete and succeed, the same is true of the next generation. Training to develop digital skills is key for emerging talent to excel in the digital economy," said Dalila Wilson-Scott, Executive Vice President

and Chief Diversity Officer of Comcast Corporation & President, Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation. "Together with our nonprofit partners, we're proud to provide opportunities across all the communities we serve to help accelerate the success of the Team of Tomorrow."

Data from the National Skills Coalition (NSC) reveals that 92 percent of all jobs require digital skills but nearly one-third of U.S. workers lack basic digital skills, especially in lower-income communities and communities of color. According to a recent survey by NSC, respondents agree that access to digital skill-building unlocks more job opportunities, higher pay, and faster career advancements with 82 percent of those surveyed supporting increased funding for digital skills training.

Comcast's investment spans supporting nonprofit partners that are making impact at scale in the areas of research, digital skills training, entrepreneurship, and creativity. This includes Jobs For the Future, which will commission new collaborative research through its Center for Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work and its Center for Racial Economic

Equity; Per Scholas, a leading tech training nonprofit that integrates technical education with professional development; 2Gether-International, which provides disabled start-up entrepreneurs with the tools and resources needed to be leaders in their respective industries; BUILD.org, a youth-focused organization that helps students to build career success, entrepreneurial mindsets, and opportunity; and Wide Angle Youth Media, which provides media arts education to thousands of youth in Baltimore, such as Josh Nass who is featured in Comcast's "Joy of Achievement" video.

In addition, there is NBCU Academy, the company's award-winning education program for developing new skills and advancing careers in journalism, media, and technology.

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North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency and the Confidence Group Partner to host inaugural Sapphire Soiree Gala celebrating North Texas entrepreneurs

North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA) is delighted to announce its collaboration with The Confidence Group, a prominent minority-owned construction and educational consultancy firm based in Dallas-Fort Worth, to present the inaugural Sapphire Soiree Gala.

This prestigious event, themed “Where Elegance Meets Opulence,” will take place on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Live! By Lowes Hotel, 1600 E Randol Mill Road, Arlington, Texas, 76011

Individual tickets are

\$200 and are available at the NCTRCA event site.

The Sapphire Soiree Gala is a black-tie affair aimed at honoring and celebrating the achievements of entrepreneurs who have significantly contributed to the North Texas economy. The gala will honor small business trailblazers, founders, innovators, and major achievers across various industries. Guests can anticipate a captivating evening featuring a silent auction, live entertainment, an exquisite dinner, networking opportunities, an exclusive VIP access lounge, and an inspiring awards ceremony.

Awards categories include:

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- Lifetime Achievement
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- Small Business Enterprise & Small Business Enterprise Concessionaire

This one-of-a-kind evening celebrating business owners will bring together a net worth of more than \$1

billion under one roof.

Isaac Barnes, CEO of The Confidence Group, expressed his excitement about the collaboration. “We are honored to partner with NCTRCA for the Sapphire Soiree Gala,” said Barnes. “Together, we celebrate and empower entrepreneurs, ensuring they have access to the opportunities and resources they need to thrive.”

NCTRCA Executive Director Angela Alexander emphasized the agency’s commitment to supporting disadvantaged, minority-owned, woman-owned, and small businesses. “Our

partnership with The Confidence Group for this gala underscores our dedication to providing resources and opportunities for business growth and success,” she stated. The Sapphire Soiree Gala promises an evening of celebration and recognition, honoring entrepreneurs who have made significant contributions to the North Texas economy.”

Three-time Emmy Award winning journalist, Vince Sims, will serve as the master of ceremonies, and bestselling author, philanthropist, CEO and founder of Williamson Media Group,

Dr. Cheryl Polote-Williamson will deliver the keynote address.

Other invited guests include Jim Ross, Mayor of Arlington; NCTRCA Founders, Sundra Davis, and Martin Burrell, owner of the Burrell Group; state officials; and city council members from various cities.

Additional 2024 gala sponsors include The Rios Group, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Parkland Health and Hospital System, Car-Con, Gorrondona & Associates, Dallas Indepen-

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toothpaste, in addition to providing oral hygiene instructions for flossing and brushing.

It sounds like it depends on each patient’s individual health situation.

Papathanasiou: Yes, and as dentists, we want to make sure that people who consume gummies brush and floss regularly, and again, take the gummy as part of a meal, rather than as a snack. Rinsing with water and chewing sugar-free gum after meals also helps: chewing gum stimulates salivary produc-

tion, which helps to neutralize acids and removes food particles. And always consider using sugar-free chewables or gummies.

What about the benefits and drawbacks of gummies and chewables for children who struggle to swallow pills but need to take medication or supplements orally?

Loo: Medication compliance is very important. Parents can ask the pharmacy about sugar-free or liquid versions of their children’s medications. A lot of liquid medications are sweetened,

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How to Act Your Age

Dr. James L. Snyder

I just celebrated another birthday. Every time I turn around, I have another birthday. I guess I'm going to have to stop turning around.

This year, I turned 73, which is a landmark as far as I'm concerned.

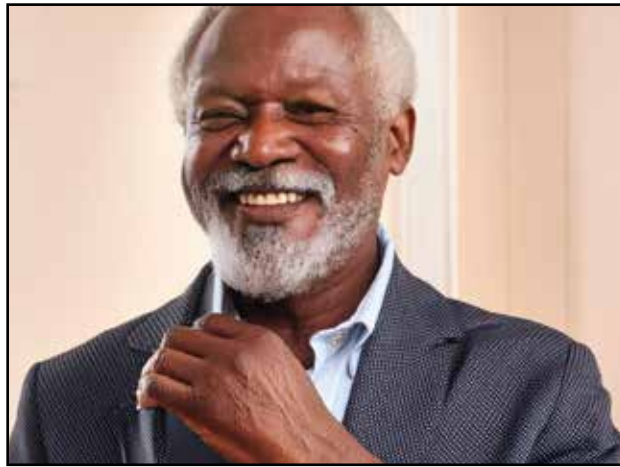
After celebrating my birthday, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked, "Do you think you'll be able to act your age this year?"

I just smiled because I didn't know what she was saying. How do you act your age when it changes all the time? It's hard to realize how old I am because my age changes every year. Just when I think I have it all under control, I have another birthday.

I remember my teenage years. It's easy to act your age when you're a teenager because you can do whatever you want.

When I turned 16, I got my driver's license, and I was rather excited to drive.

One evening, I asked my father, "Dad can I borrow your car for tonight?"



With a big smile, he said, "Yes, you can."

He gave me the car keys, and just as I went out the door to get into the car, he said, "Oh, by the way, there's no gas in the car, you'll have to go and get it filled up at the gas station."

He looked at me and smiled and I knew exactly what he was doing.

I can drive the car, but there is a cost to driving a car.

Then, when I was 21, I became a full-fledged adult. I'm not sure what that means, but I had arrived, or so I thought. I was now in charge of my life, and I was so happy about it. Nobody was ever going to

tell me what to do.

I carried this attitude around for quite a while until I realized that being an adult has a price tag to it.

All through my life, I have been trying to act my age at every level. It's been hard, but I have been trying as best I can. It seems I'm not a very good actor.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's birthday is two days after mine. I arranged it that way on purpose so that I would always remember her birthday.

We were both celebrating our 70th birthday and went out for evening supper. We made our order and then after we finished our order we had a piece of cake

brought out.

Looking across the table, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Well, my dear, how does it feel to be old?"

I reached across the table, grabbed her arm, and began to squeeze it. Looking at her, I said, "It feels rather good."

Her voice had a very sarcastic tone; she said, "Are you ever going to act your age?"

At my age it doesn't matter. I'm wondering if there's some kind of thespian school that teaches acting your age? I should take some of these classes for sure.

My problem is that when I turned 73, it was the first time I had done so. I have no idea how I should act at 73. I went to a bookstore the other day to look through the books, trying to find some book that would help me act 73. I found none.

I was tempted to write a book on that subject, but as I meditated on it for a while, I realized that by the time I finished writing a book called "Acting Your

Age at 73," I would have another birthday and be 74. What's a geezer to do?

The other day, somebody asked me how old I was. I told them that I had just turned 73, and they looked at me, smiled, and said, "You sure don't look that old."

I smiled and then walked away. Later, I began thinking about what that person said. If I'm correct, he was insinuating that I was entering my second childhood. Oh boy. My first childhood didn't turn out very well, and I don't know how my second childhood will turn out.

A lot of people are infatuated with birthdays. I don't know how many restaurants I've been at when there were birthday celebrations. Everybody was singing Happy Birthday. And I usually joined in on the celebration because sometimes I've gotten a slice of birthday cake. That's how you act your age.

As I was thinking about my second childhood, I wondered if maybe I could do a lot better this next

time. In my first childhood, it went so fast that I really couldn't keep up with anything. By the time I had caught up, I was retired.

Being retired gives you many opportunities to rehearse acting your age. I don't always get it, and I stumbled on the script, but I'm trying. When I stumble on the script, I can blame it on getting old and my memory failing.

It is very difficult to act my age. Now that I'm 73, I have moments when I want to act like I was 37 or even 25. The problem is that I didn't have enough practice being 37 or even 25.

In thinking about this I was reminded of what David said. "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come" (Psalm 71:18).

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under Governor Walz's leadership signed into the law the CROWN Act, banning discrimination based on a person's natural hair texture, and has proclaimed April 11th-17th as Black Maternal Health Week, underscoring his commitment to the Black community. He has been a staunch advocate for women's rights, codifying abortion protec-

tions into Minnesota law and establishing the state as a beacon for LGBTQ+ rights. His administration responded to the George Floyd protests in 2020, prioritizing and enacting critical violence prevention programs and police reforms, including bans on no-knock warrants and chokeholds, and has restored voting rights for

formerly incarcerated individuals.

Governor Walz's record of balancing fiscal responsibility with compassionate support underscores his dedication to building a resilient and thriving economy that works for all Americans. With Governor Walz on the ticket, Vice President Harris is poised to offer voters a compelling and progressive alternative for the future of America.

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Having Eyes for One



"Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading."

- John 6:21

The disciples were traveling across the lake to Capernaum when a strong wind arose and the waters grew rough. Suddenly they saw a figure on the water, and they were terrified until Jesus called out to them and identified Himself

Isn't that the first thing we do when unexpected calamities or even something that we have never experienced before comes into our life? We panic until we can see that God is behind these events in our lives.

In Romans, Paul tells us that, *"from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen."*



Romans 11:36.

God has an eternal filter in which nothing can touch us unless He permits it. Even Satan must have permission to touch us. And, God may even use Satan for His own ends, as in the case of Job.

God shows us a second principle in this story. The Scriptures say when the disciples were willing to take Jesus into the boat, they reached the shore where they were heading.

Christians can be faced

with some very difficult circumstances in their lives and they cannot see an immediate remedy to the situation.

The circumstances can create fear in their heart. The anxiety can begin to grow until, one day the Lord has to say, "How long do you want to keep your eyes on the circumstances instead of Me?"

Do you think I have brought you this far to throw you into the water?"

The truth can be that half-

way the Christians already their eyes are looking at the "big waves" surrounding their boat.

One day stop and think about two people walking from the room. One person can represent Jesus, the other, your circumstances. Now, your eyes on both people and as one began walking across the room in opposite directions.

The Christian will find it impossible to keep looking at each of person at the same time. Therefore, the Christian has to choose which person they would focus on.

The lesson becomes clear. The Christian could not keep their eyes on Jesus and their circumstance at the same time.

Remember God's love is everlasting and far reaching. It will touch your soul and lift your spirit.

God has give each person a gift and it is up to

that person to use their gift to shoe God's love to His people.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal." **I Corinthians 13:1**

No matter what gift I have, it could be the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

And, though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,

and thought I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity.

But rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. God is love, and we should have eyes only for Him. (Some parts of this are from **1 Corinthians 13.**)

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NDG Book Review: 'Kid Olympians: Summer' is a fun one for parents and future athletes too

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You can kick a ball harder than any kid you know.

You just haul your leg back, point your toe, and let go! You're also good at smashing a ball, swimming, running, jumping, it's all fun. Like you, lots of kids love sports, including the Olympics. And guess what? As in the book "Kid Olympians: Summer" by Robin Stevenson, illustrated by Allison Steinfeld, those Olympians were once kids, too.

Take, for instance, the famous athlete Jesse Owens, who was born at a time when Black people had very few rights. When he was 15 years old, a track coach spotted Owens' talent because young Jesse ran almost as fast as an adult could run!

Track and field star Wilma Rudolph had polio when she was young, and had to re-learn how to walk. Little Usain Bolt was such an active kid that his parents were concerned but when he was just chilling, Bolt only wanted to play arcade games.

Paralympic wheelchair racer Tatyana McFadden was born with spina bifida, which left her paralyzed from the waist down. Because of that, her first years were spent in an orphanage,



where she didn't even have clothes of her own. She was five years old when she was adopted and brought to America.

Gymnast Nadia Comăneci once tried to climb a Christmas tree, and her mother knew little Nadia needed an "outlet for her energy" so she took Nadia to the gymnasium. Swimmer Michael Phelps likewise "simply could never sit still." Megan Rapinoe was an athletic kid who learned soccer by copying her soccer-playing older brother.

And little Simone Biles? Early in life, she spent time in a foster care home where there was a trampoline to play on. When her grandparents adopted her, she was excited to find a trampoline there, too. She "twirled and flipped and somersaulted" for hours before becoming the G.O.A.T of all G.O.A.Ts.

Your child is riveted to the television this summer, cheering on their favorite athletes half a world away. Wouldn't your young fan love to know more about their favorite athletes? Sure they would, and "Kid Olympians: Summer" is the perfect companion for this year's games.

This is the book for kids who run, jump, tumble, slide, whack, leap, and twirl, because author Robin Stevenson lets children know that their heroes were once active kids, too, and that their needs to go-go-go sometimes got-got-got them into trouble. Some of the stories are funny, but most are inspiring for a variety of reasons, and will teach kids about overcoming bad situations; that there's some history to be had isn't a bad thing, either. Add in the fun illustrations by Allison Steinfeld, and you've got a book that will thrill your future Olympian long after the games are over.

Get this book for your 9-to-12-year-old, but don't feel ashamed if you find yourself paging through it quick when you have the chance. "Kid Olympians: Summer" will be fun for you, and your future Olympian will get a kick out of it, too.

profits of exploitative loan servicers over students seeking relief from excessive loan repayments that limit their financial options, courts have created further confusion in a system that already was failing to effectively administer loan repayments or provide accurate information to borrowers about the status of their loans."

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Other organizations urged the Biden administration to stand against those seeking to block this needed loan relief.

"Right-wing politicians are using the courts to wreak havoc on the student loan system and put the economic stability of tens of millions of borrowers and their families at risk, said Persis Yu, Student Borrower Protection Center's Deputy Executive Director. "Make no mistake: these lawsuits are shame-

ful political gamesmanship designed to hurt President Biden at all costs, and borrowers are merely collateral damage."

"These lawsuits reinforce an oppressive student loan repayment system that favors the interests of big businesses at the expense of low-income borrowers and borrowers of color," said Nadine Chabrier, Senior Litigation and Policy Counsel at the Center for Responsible Lending. "By choosing to protect the

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