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# New maps illustrate history of racism in American politics and policies

By Lori Lee  
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Seeking the origins of racism in the U.S., scholars from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Immigration Law and Policy, working with the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, have achieved the first map to track government expulsions and policies surrounding them.

After five years of gathering and analyzing data and tracing government regulations back to 1895, the researchers produced a website they affectionately call the Million Dollar Hoods Project. The project tracks the millions perhaps trillions spent to remove people of select races from marginalized communities, the majority being nonwhite, explained Kelly Hernandez of the UCLA Center for Immigration Law and Policy



*UCLA researchers have created an interactive digital map tracing over a century of racially motivated U.S. immigration and deportation policies, revealing how laws have historically excluded, criminalized, and expelled nonwhite communities under the guise of national security and public order. (DWG Studio)*

at a September American Community Media briefing.

As the Lead Cartographer on the project, Mariah Tso from the Ralph J. Bunche Center explained, the maps on their website combine to illustrate

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### People In The News ...



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*NDG Quote of the Week:*  
"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word." - Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Ben Crump

The Conrad Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., pulsed with history and urgency as the Black Press of America gathered for its Annual National Leadership Awards and Reception.

The evening honored House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Congressional Black Caucus Chair Yvette Clarke, and Communications Workers of America President Claude Cummings Jr. Cummings Jr., who now serves on the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, put the night into sharp focus.

Speaking to the Black Press' *Let It Be Known* morning news show hosts on the Red Carpet, Cummings declared, "Democrats need to spend money now with the Black Press. The Black Press has al-



ways been that vehicle in our community that we've all needed and that has always been the trusted voice. With what's happening in Washington and what they are trying to do to our community and our history, everyone should be supporting the Black Press of America."

The words carried the sting of truth. For decades, the Black Press has stood as the trusted voice for African

Americans, telling stories ignored or distorted elsewhere.

It carried the mutilated image of Emmett Till when white newspapers looked away. It published Dr. King's words when others labeled him a troublemaker. It guided families through Jim Crow's terror and chronicled the triumphs and tragedies of migration, struggle, and resilience.

Today, two years before its 200th anniversary, this institution is fighting for its life. Then Attorney Ben Crump, known as "Black America's Attorney General," took the stage.

He did not come to flatter. He came to help, and he came with fire.

"I will ask for personal privilege because I see my leaders in the room. The National President of the NAACP, Derrick Johnson,

and Chair of the Board, Leon Russell," Crump began. "The men who I stand with this evening, I want to come and demonstrate my appreciation to them and the Black Press. Right now in America we're under attack like we've never been in our lifetime."

The weight of his words fell heavily.

"So now more than ever, we have to make sure that we have institutions that are disseminating information to our people, being the clarion call for us to be able to be ready to stand up for our children and our communities, to be ready to speak up for our children and communities, and to be

ready to fight for our children in the community. And nobody carries the Black narrative and the Black information to Black communities more passionately than the Black Press."

Crump then turned to those seated in the room.

"Y'all, right now, y'all know this attack on DEI and everything, they're cutting funding to all our institutions. And it isn't right, but part of me says that's okay. We don't need them to save us. We are going to save ourselves. We are all we need."

He reminded the room of the lessons of struggle and obligation.

"Everybody got to give a

little more when they can. If you've been blessed, you got to pass the blessing on. You just can't keep it to yourself," Crump told the packed ballroom. "Our fraternity teaches us we must lift as we climb. So tonight, I'm trying to lift as we climb to make this donation, and I pray that others will join us if you're able to. If you're able to."

"Because, like Dr. King said, we all got a role to play. The Black lawyers got a role to play. The Black doctors got a role to play. The Black bankers got a role to play. The Black insurance agents, Black fu-

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## Jimmy Kimmel

By Lauren Burke

Late-night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel has now broken a few records with his return to the air after doing battle with the Trump Administration.

The host of Jimmy Kimmel Live was removed from the air by ABC/Disney on September 17 after the Walt Disney Company, which owns ABC, said in a statement that Kimmel's show had been indefinitely pulled off the air to "avoid escalating tensions during an 'emotional moment for our country'".

The decision occurred after Kimmel commented on the suspect in the murder of Charlie Kirk, which happened on Sept. 10 in Orem, Utah. But calls to boycott ABC and Disney were widely seen on social



media. Though the precise number of cancelled Disney and HULU subscriptions is not known, there is a general estimate that the loss of subscribers was a factor in ABC's decision to return Kimmel to the air.

Kimmel returned to his show on Tuesday, September 23rd. Even though the Sinclair-owned affiliate stations refused to run the show, Kimmel was seen by over 6 million viewers on Tuesday night. Addition-

ally, the official YouTube channel for Kimmel's show broke a record.

The posting of his Tuesday night monologue now has over 14 million viewers in only 15 hours. The numbers represent a record for Kimmel, and the emotional monologue in which he talks about the importance of freedom of speech is likely to be viewed by millions more. This show "is not important," Kimmel said on Tuesday night.

"What is important is that we get to live in a country that allows us to have a show like this," he added. Talking about President Trump, he added that, "he did his best to cancel me. Instead, he forced millions of people to watch the show."

The moment of Kimmel's removal from the air has

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# Community members and immigrants' rights organizations take Trump administration to court to stop illegal arrests of immigrants

By the ACLU of D.C.

WASHINGTON - Four Washington, D.C. community members and the national immigration organization CASA sued the Trump administration on behalf of themselves and a class of similarly-situated individuals, alleging that the federal government has engaged in a pattern of illegal immigration arrests since August.

In their lawsuit, the residents challenge the administration's policy of arresting people without a warrant and without probable cause of unlawful immigration status and flight risk, as required by immigration law. Agents can arrest someone without a warrant only when they've established probable cause that the person is in the United States in violation of the law and that they are a flight risk. The filing alleges that federal agents have systematically arrested people in Washington, D.C., without a warrant and without probable cause.

Each person who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit was indiscriminately arrested without a warrant, detained, and ultimately released. The national immigration advocacy organization CASA is also a plaintiff in the case. Its members have been impacted by the illegal arrests, and the organization

has had to divert resources from its core social service work to engage in crisis response for people in detention.

The plaintiffs are represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia, American Civil Liberties Union, Amica Center for Immigrant Rights, CASA, National Immigration Project, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP.

"On my way to a life-saving dialysis appointment, I was detained by ICE one mile from the hospital. They ignored my U.S. driver's license and left me without critical treatment that day, putting my health in immediate danger," said Elias, a CASA member. "I was detained for over eight hours without food or access to my necessary medicine. Since then, I have lived in fear that I could be torn from my family and deported to a place where I cannot get the medical care I need to survive. No one should be treated this way. I am standing up in this lawsuit to make sure ICE is held accountable and stops these unlawful arrests from destroying more lives."

"Families should not have to live in fear that simply walking to school, going to work, or attending a doctor's appointment will result in being abducted

and dragged away by federal agents without cause," said Adina Appelbaum, program director of the Immigration Impact Lab at the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights. "ICE's wide-sweeping arrests in D.C. are not just cruel; they are blatantly unlawful. No one, including federal agents, can operate above the law, and the government must be held accountable. This lawsuit seeks to ensure that immigrant families in the District are treated with the dignity, fairness, and due process that every community member deserves."

The lawsuit has been filed as a class action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The residents seek a court ruling to prevent the government from conducting such unlawful arrests against them and others in the future.

"The government's policy and practice of arresting people without probable cause are illegal and have disrupted everyday life in the District," said Aditi Shah, staff attorney with the ACLU of the District of Columbia. "The policy and practice disregard important limits Congress has established for immigration arrests and have sown terror among immigrant communities and neighborhoods in D.C. Federal agents, like the rest of us, must follow the law."

In August, President

Trump declared a "crime emergency" in D.C. that led to significant deployments of federal law enforcement agents, including ICE agents, to patrol the District and invoked a clause in the Home Rule Act that allowed the Department of Justice to direct the Metropolitan Police Department to assist with immigration law enforcement. While the declared emergency period has expired, the federal government has continued its aggressive immigration arrests in the District.

"For weeks, immigrant communities in D.C. have been living in a state of terror and disruption caused by a policy of indiscriminate targeting being carried out by immigration officials," said Yulie Landan, staff attorney with the National Immigration Project. "D.C. residents deserve better. Through this lawsuit, our plaintiffs seek the court's intervention to put an end to this dragnet enforcement, which is not only unlawful but also cruel and inhumane."

"CASA members who live and work in D.C. are being targeted by immigration officials simply for existing," said Ama Frimpong, legal director at CASA. "With this lawsuit, our members are making it clear: they have had enough of the federal government's lawlessness and

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# Study links life adversity to early alcohol abstinence symptoms and possible clinical outcome

(Newswise) — Among people in treatment for alcohol dependence, the severity of withdrawal symptoms during early alcohol abstinence may be affected by the life adversity they have experienced, a small study suggests. “Cumulative adversity” is the sum of an individual’s challenging and traumatic life circumstances. This chronic wear and tear is associated with a range of health outcomes—including substance use disorders, where the effects of stress are known to underpin craving and relapse.

Early abstinence is associated with shifts in mood, anxiety, sleep patterns, cardiovascular function, and other physiological pro-



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cesses. While acute alcohol withdrawal is well understood, early abstinence symptoms and their impact on treatment are not, and they may be key to clinical outcomes.

For the study in Alcohol: Clinical & Experimental Research, investigators worked with data from 34

participants undergoing inpatient alcohol treatment, categorized into high-adversity and low-adversity groups, and 38 light social drinkers (controls). They examined cravings, withdrawal symptoms, mood, and cardiovascular measures during the patients’ initial three to four weeks

of abstinence, and assessed whether cumulative adversity influenced the severity and trajectory of their withdrawal.

When admitted to treatment, the high-adversity patients reported, among other adverse circumstances, an average of 15.2 traumatic life events, compared to 6.1 in low-adversity patients and 5.3 in controls.

Those with higher cumulative adversity had more severe abstinence symptoms (on all measures) compared with the control group, and (on most measures) compared with the low-adversity participants. The high-adversity patients reported more anger/hostility, fatigue/inertia, con-

fusion/bewilderment, and withdrawal symptoms than those with lower adversity, even after accounting for recent alcohol and tobacco use, and began treatment with more intense alcohol cravings.

Although these heightened symptoms resolved, they may be important indicators of clinical outcomes, including relapse, dropping out of treatment, and medication effectiveness. Cardiovascular measures were within the normal range for both patient groups. However, differences included a slightly elevated and persistent heart rate pattern among the high-adversity participants compared to the low-adversity group.

This, too, may flag greater vulnerability to craving and relapse.

The findings suggest that cumulative adversity may influence individual responses to starting alcohol abstinence, contributing to a combination of symptoms that may be associated with outcomes. Cumulative adversity and tracking early abstinence symptoms may therefore help inform personalized treatment approaches for alcohol use disorder. Traumatic stress may have a particularly disruptive impact, underlining the importance of addressing trauma early in recovery.

Additional research is needed.

## A Step Forward: New smart shoe insert could improve mobility for people with walking problems

(Newswise) — Maintaining balance while walking may seem automatic — until suddenly it isn’t. Gait impairment, or difficulty with walking, is a major liability for stroke and Parkinson’s patients. Not only do gait issues slow a person down, but they are also one of the top causes of falls. And solutions are often limited to time-intensive and costly physical therapy.

A new wearable electronic device that can be inserted inside any shoe may be able to address this challenge. The device, developed by Georgia Tech researchers, is made of more than 170 thin, flexible sensors that measure foot

pressure — a key metric for determining whether someone is off-balance. The sensor collects pressure data, which the researchers could eventually use to predict which changes lead to falls.

The researchers presented their work in the paper, “Flexible Smart Insole and Plantar Pressure Monitoring Using Screen-Printed Nanomaterials and Piezoresistive Sensors.” It was the cover paper in the August edition of ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces.

### Pressure Points

Smart footwear isn’t new — but making it both functional and affordable has been nearly impossible. W.

Hong Yeo’s lab has made its reputation on creating malleable medical devices. The researchers rely on the common commercial practice of screen-printing electronics to screen-print sensors. They realized they could apply this printing technique to address walking difficulties.

“Screen-printing is advantageous for developing medical devices because it’s low-cost and scalable,” said Yeo, the Peterson Professor and Harris Saunders Jr. Professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering. “So, when it comes to think-

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# Trump and GOP drive shutdown while families face soaring premiums

By Stacy M. Brown  
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MAGA Republicans have shut down the government once again after lawmakers failed to strike a deal to keep the lights on, leaving hundreds of thousands of workers without pay and millions of Americans facing the possibility of losing affordable health care. At the center of the crisis is a dispute over Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Democrats are demanding that subsidies be extended and that deep Medicaid cuts be reversed. Republicans, led by President Donald Trump, have rejected those



calls and pushed ahead with a funding bill that excludes the protections. The result is a standoff with devastating consequences.

Officials told Black Press USA that the shutdown will furlough roughly 750,000 federal employees each day in an already compromised economy, with Trump's administration warning that many will not simply be

furloughed but permanently laid off. A memo from the Office of Management and Budget directed agencies to prepare not only for temporary cuts but for reduction-in-force notices that would erase positions. Entire programs that fall outside of Trump's priorities are at risk of being dismantled.

Democrats blocked the

Republican plan after warning that allowing the subsidies to expire would make health insurance unaffordable for millions of working families. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said the fight is about protecting ordinary people from financial ruin. They stated that Trump is ignoring the suffering of Americans and instead is "obsessively posting crazed deepfake videos" while refusing to negotiate in good faith.

The financial stakes are clear. According to new research from KFF, premiums for many families are already expected to rise by

more than 100 percent if enhanced tax credits are not extended. Nearly 24 million Americans who buy their own coverage could see their costs double or even triple. For low-income enrollees, the losses would be crushing. A worker in Texas making \$23,000 annually would see premiums jump from zero to \$920, an amount equal to nearly a quarter of their annual food budget. Moderate-income households face even starker realities. A 60-year-old couple in Florida earning \$85,000 would lose more than \$16,000 in tax credits and see premiums soar by \$21,000 in a single year. Their coverage would con-

sume nearly one-third of their income.

The increases come at a time when families are already under strain from inflation. Rising food, housing, and utility costs are combined with health expenses to push working households closer to the brink. The burden will fall hardest on small business owners, farmers, and gig workers, groups that Republicans often claim to represent. KFF analysis also shows that Black Americans, who disproportionately rely on ACA coverage, will be among those most severely affected.

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# ETK Scholarship serves students who have overcome adversity to study at Dallas College

More than 27 years after Erin Tierney Kramp lost her public battle with cancer, the foundation created in her honor continues to transform lives at Dallas College. Since then, the Erin Tierney Kramp (ETK) Foundation has supported 58 students, who have shown resilience through adversity.

This year, the Dallas College Foundation announced four new ETK Foundation Scholars: Paige Davis, Emmanuella Iwuji, Eboni Johnson and Beverly Veloz. Their stories of courage and overcoming adversity are detailed below. They join continuing Dallas College students Beniela Djereke, Cichez Dounley, Amanda Moore and Justina Ojiemudia who were previously selected to receive Erin Tierney Kramp scholarships.

The students not only receive funds for tuition and



(Left to Right) Paige Davis, Emmanuella Iwuji, Eboni Johnson and Beverly Veloz have all been rewarded for their tenacity to succeed with a special scholarship from Dallas College. (Dallas College)

books for six consecutive semesters but participate in leadership programs, professional development and cultural and social events. They get one-on-one support from an ETK Foundation mentor and have access to mental health counseling.

"The Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Foundation remains strong and vibrant 27 years after its formation," said Founder and President Michael D. Brown. "We are con-

tinuously inspired by our incredible recipients who have demonstrated courage and perseverance in the face of their adversities and marvel at the success our past recipients continue to achieve. We are proud to provide a pathway to success through education for our current recipients and continue to expand other programs and services to enhance their psychological and cultural well-being as well. We welcome this year's new recipients to the

ETK family."

## Paige Davis

A single parent to three children, Paige Davis has faced many adversities in her journey back to higher education. "Returning to college after years away from school was a leap of faith, especially with the weight of responsibility on my shoulders. I've battled depression, self-doubt and loneliness, often putting my own needs aside to make sure my children were supported and loved,"

said Davis.

"I committed to healing, growing spiritually and becoming a woman who leads by faith and perseverance. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA, while balancing work, parenting, ministry leadership and full-time coursework," she said. She hopes her story of survival and resilience will encourage others and empower them to rise from hardships and pursue greatness.

Davis' goal is to earn an Associate of Arts degree at

Dallas College and transfer to a university to study business. Her ultimate career goal is to become a business director and lead a team with excellence, integrity and innovation.

## Emmanuella Iwuji

Diagnosed with sickle cell anemia at birth, Emmanuella Iwuji also suffered from sleep apnea and frequent hospital stays that disrupted her social and academic life. Her move to the United States at age 11 was a turning point in her life.

Before her father died, Iwuji promised him she would continue to work hard despite her challenges. "I live every day in honor of that promise," she said. Though she continues to struggle with sickle cell flare-ups, she refuses to let it define her. "This scholar-

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ing about commercialization and mass production, screen-printing is a really good platform because it's already been used in the electronics industry."

Making the device accessible to the everyday user was paramount for Yeo's team. A key innovation was

making sure the wearable is thin enough to be comfortable for the wearer and easy to integrate with other assistive technologies. The device uses Bluetooth, enabling a smartphone to collect data and offer the future possibility of integrating with existing health

monitoring applications.

Possibilities for real-world adaptation are promising, thanks to these innovations. Lightweight and small, the wearable could be paired with robotics devices to help stroke and Parkinson's patients and the elderly walk. The high number of sensors could make it easier for

researchers to apply a machine learning algorithm that could predict falls. The device could even enable professional athletes to analyze their performance.

Regardless of how the device is used, Yeo intends to keep its cost under \$100. So far, with funding from the National Science Foundation, the research-

ers have tested the device on healthy subjects. They hope to expand the study to people with gait impairments and, eventually, make the device commercially available.

"I'm trying to bridge the gap between the lack of available devices in hospitals or medical practices and the lab-scale devices,"

Yeo said. "We want these devices to be ready now — not in 10 years."

With its low-cost, wireless design and potential for real-time feedback, this smart insole could transform how we monitor and manage walking difficulties — not just in clinical settings, but in everyday life.



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# Banks that identify fraudsters increase loyalty, retain more defrauded customers than others who never were compromised

(Newswise) Financial institutions are constantly fighting off fraudsters who steal money from customer accounts. Banks spend millions each year to figure out who was responsible and keep customers from leaving; however, in most cases it's nearly impossible to figure out who committed the fraud.

Should banks continue pouring resources into investigations that don't lead to accountability? The short answer is yes, according to



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Vamsi Kanuri, the Viola D. Hank Associate Professor of Marketing at the University of Notre Dame's

Mendoza College of Business. In a new research study, Kanuri found that if a bank can't tell a customer

who was responsible for a fraudulent transaction, that customer loses trust, closes their account and leaves the bank.

In "Mitigating Churn After Online Financial Fraud: The Value of Blame Attribution," published in the forthcoming issue of the Production and Operations Management journal, Kanuri examined data from a major U.S. bank covering 422,953 customers over five years. The study showed that a lack of clear

answers from the bank resulted in a big increase in people who had experienced fraud leaving — 40 percent more than those who were never defrauded in the first place.

Kanuri, along with Mendoza's Sriram Somanchi and Rahul Telang from Carnegie Mellon University, showed that, surprisingly, when the bank catches the real fraudster, not only do customers feel more secure, but also 62 percent fewer leave compared with

customers who never experienced fraud at all.

"Intuitively, we might expect that any instance of fraud would harm the relationship between a customer and their bank, even if the case was resolved," Kanuri said. "After all, fraud is a serious violation of trust, and you would think it would automatically push customers closer to the exit. Yet we show the opposite in cases

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meanings within the data surrounding immigration laws and policies.

The chronology, organized into five eras, takes users through a timeline simulating the world when the data was shaped, including laws and enforcement priorities in effect and details of communities being targeted. The map tells the story with contextual details, said Tso, inviting users to zoom in on certain periods and explore specific communities.

Their map called "The Invasion of America" shows the first forced migration, when Native Americans were removed through battles and treaties through the 19th century, explained Hernández. The story is told through an animated map which helps users see the removal of indigenous people as U.S. territory expands.

The period from 1790 to 1875 traces the second forced migration when over 12 million Africans were taken from their homes and forced to come to America to be sold as slaves. It was

during the Antebellum period, said Hernandez, the era of slavery leading up to the Civil War, and this when immigration control began.

Documentation surrounding the data reveals laws passed by Congress starting in 1803 were created to establish the U.S. as a White man's republic. It was during the Haitian Revolution when "free persons of color" were targeted for exclusion. As Haitians approached Southern states, slave owners feared a similar rebellion would erupt, and this led Congress to create new laws, said Hernandez.

During the era from 1876 to 1929, the federal government took over the immigration system, she added.

"The idea that the blood of our country will be poisoned by morally contagious and deficient people, riff-raff and scum from other countries, is an idea that is all over the 1920s in immigration policy," explained professor Ahilan Arulanantham of UCLA Center for Immigration Law

and Policy.

White nationalists were pushing Congress to punish and deport as many non-white immigrants as possible, Hernandez explained, by 1929, barring many Black migrants, almost all Asian immigrants, and even criminalizing many Mexican immigrants.

Amid the dread of Jim Crow, "whites-only" signs marked restaurant windows, doors, and entries to some neighborhoods, but backdoors and side gates were always open to non-white workers, said Hernandez, this indicating Jim Crow laws were about establishing subordination and a new federal power applied to immigrants.

In the third era, Congress amends but does not end the whites-only system, explained Hernandez. The story is told in the maps. "Amend and Enforce," covering 1955 to 1990 includes the Civil Rights Movement and the 1975 Supreme Court decision Brignoni-Ponce, legitimizing racism in enforcement.

The Supreme Court up-

held this ruling just last month, when it allowed ICE, Customs, and Border Patrol to continue using race as a factor in Los Angeles enforcement operations and other parts of the Ninth Circuit.

"Deportation Nation," brings users to era five and the present. What the United States has now, said Hernandez, is the largest immigrant detention and deportation system in the world, a system built with walls of racism dating back to its origins, subsequently reinvented in 1965, according to Hernandez.

Users can click on dots within the different periods to bring up quotes from government leaders, illustrating the sentiment in which the system was created. Perhaps most stunning, the maps demonstrate the growth of racial disparities over time, added Tso.

"You can get a look at particular events and incidents that happened, court decisions, new laws, major policies that have an effect on driving what we see in the maps," said Tso.

And a key part of the map is a compass that shows users how to navigate, she said, with questions like "How does America First create a distorted view of the world? Who is racialized and how? Who is criminalized? Who is banned, barred, and capped?" These are the guiding critical questions to navigate not just this particular map, but the website as a whole, she said.

The maps fail to account for the ways the law itself has made it much easier for some people to come to this country and for some to remain, added Arulanantham. The registry is a perfect example of this. A provision still in effect today, the law, introduced in 1929, provides amnesty to those who've remained in this country unlawfully going back to a specified date and who aren't otherwise inadmissible due to committing a crime or other action. The law was enacted when a huge wave of white supremacist ideology was driving immigration policy, said Arulanantham, leading to virtually all immigration

from Asia and Africa being banned.

How could this seemingly progressive immigration law be enacted at the same time that white supremacist ideology was driving immigration policy? It's because the law overwhelmingly benefited Europeans and Canadians, said Arulanantham, who made up 80% of the people who qualified during the first decade.

They stopped updating the qualifying years in 1972, pointed out Arulanantham. If the government were to update it now, millions of people from Mexico and Central America would be able to change their status.

What was easy for Europeans has been more difficult for others, those from Mexico and Central America barred under Title 42 during the pandemic, as Ukrainians were allowed to enter. As the Biden Administration allowed in thousands of Ukrainians, many on the parole program, comparable programs for other many other countries, including Afghans and Haitians, remained incredibly harsh.



# Dallas Delivers on Offense but Defense Comes Up Empty

By Jamal Baker  
NDG Contributing Writer

Where do you even begin when discussing the Sunday night football game between the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers that ended in a 40-40 tie at AT&T stadium?

As a lifelong fan of the NFL, this was the first time I have ever witnessed a tie, and honestly one second from a win, feels more like a loss.

The sentiment from players in the locker room postgame was one of indifference and unfulfillment.

“Out of all my years of playing football, I have never heard of a tie or any of that. Honestly, you guys probably know better than me, if that’s new or something but I don’t know how to feel bro. Next week, next game I guess,” star wide receiver George Pickens said postgame.

The Cowboys came into the game missing key of-



fensive starters like CeeDee Lamb, Cooper Beebe and Tyler Booker but the offense was firing on cylinders against the vaunted Packers defense.

Pickens stepped up in Lamb’s stead and had himself a phenomenal day—recording eight receptions for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

“The guy, that’s what he’s done,” quarterback Dak Prescott said of Pickens. “When I say look at his film and look at his resume — whether it’s just been in the months that he’s been

here or the time he’s had in Pittsburgh — that’s what he does, that’s who he is, and that’s what allows that chemistry to grow, is when I get a guy who I’ve seen on film make play after play, and then he shows up here ... Yeah, I mean no surprises, honestly. Super proud of him.

“He played just as I expected him to play, and what I was most impressed about is just the way that he was focused and locked in on the game, the whole game, and not only just locked in, but doing everything that he

needed to do, and doing it right.”

In what appeared to be a game where the Cowboys were clearly overmatched when the Packers jumped out to a 13-0 lead with 10:39 remaining in the second quarter, the ensuing

extra point was blocked by Juanyeh Thomas and returned to the endzone by Markquese Bell to make the score 13-2.

Riding that momentum, Prescott showed why he is considered one of the best quarterbacks in the

league—finishing with a stat line of 319 passing yards and three touchdowns, to go along with a rushing touchdown.

However, the three-time Pro Bowler is not satisfied

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# Film review: 'One Battle After Another' has its ups and downs

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA Film Critic

(\*\*1/2) The revolution will not be televised. But it's been made into a movie...

They knew what they were doing in the '60s. Helping the less fortunate escape arrest. Robbing banks. Sticking it to the man. Rebelling against military authority run amuck. And so, this group of revolutionaries, French 75, fought in the dark and battled during broad daylight. Trying to bring justice to a world gone askew. Committing crimes and political/social performance art. "I want you to create a show. I want you to create a revolutionary violence."



Back in the day, Perfidia (Teyana Taylor, A Thousand and One) was the bravest in the bunch. An Amazon warrior fearless against military forces. Also, greatly in love with her partner Bob Ferguson (Leonardo DiCaprio,). They were the king and queen of their movement. She flaunted her revolu-

tionary power and sexual prowess. In part, that led her to an odd encounter with the enemy, a Colonel Steven J. Lockjaw (Sean Penn, Milk). A mistake that led to more mistakes. And so, years, later, after Perfidia's bad choices metastasized, her legend is

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# Food trucks, fashion and fun on tap at the Plano International Festival

From food trucks to cultural fashions to fun activities for kids, there's something for everyone at the Plano International Festival where visitors can tour the world in a day. With free parking and admission, it's the perfect family outing.

The festival offers the community a rare chance to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of over



100 cultures in one place. Set in Haggard Park and the Courtyard Theater, along

15th Street and H Avenue in downtown Plano, the festival will feature a wide variety of entertainment, services and activities that everyone can enjoy:

- Food trucks will offer classic festival treats such as funnel cakes and corn dogs plus ethnic fare such as Korean bibimbap, Japanese tempura and teriyaki dishes, Thai fried rice,

Mexican street food, and sweet treats such as boba tea, shaved ice and mini donuts.

- A heritage fashion show will showcase stunning and colorful traditional attire from over 20 cultures, from Austria to Ethiopia, India, Indonesia and more.

- Free interactive children's activities such as robotics, chess, an instrument

petting zoo, craft activities and much more will be provided by the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, the SciTech Discovery Center, the Plano Symphony Orchestra, Plano Libraries and many more local clubs and organizations.

- A festival Passport activity lets kids tour the country booths and earn stamps and a prize!

- The main stage will feature continuous multicultural entertainment from every region of the world, including Spanish Flamenco dances, Egyptian belly dancing, Indian classical and folk dancing, Mexican Ballet Folklorico, Japanese sumo wrestling demos, and many more.

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## CRUMP, from Page 2

neral homes. I understand everybody can't be on the front line with the NAACP and Black Lives Matter and us, but that doesn't mean you don't have a role to play when you get a seat at the table. When you are inside the room and you have got a voice, you got a role to play. And so, you can't be afraid to speak truth to power."

He paused, then drew from the words of his fraternity brother, Attorney Billy Murphy.

"He says, Crump, in America today, we got enough African Americans who are educated. We got enough African Americans who are articulate. We got enough African Americans who are intelligent. What

we seem to lack is enough African Americans who got courage to speak truth to power. And that's what we got to have when we're facing bullies. We got to speak truth to power. We can't be scared. Just like they unapologetic in their white supremacist beliefs, we got to be unapologetic defenders of Black life, Black liberty, and Black humanity. Now more than ever. And

our actions got to match our words."

His action matched his words. Crump pledged \$50,000 to the Black Press—structured at \$10,000 a year for five years. Fifty thousand dollars for the Black Press. A seed planted in fertile ground, if others dare to water it. "And so I want to present this donation to the Black Press for \$50,000," Crump said. "Because right

now we got to support our own."

But he was not content with his own gift. He pointed the way for others. With the bicentennial of the Black Press approaching, supporters are being urged to step forward through sponsorships, advertising, and partnerships to ensure that the Trusted Voice of the Black Community remains alive. Even for Let

It Be Known, ever rising in its import to the Black Press and its growing audience, survival is paramount. There's an official GoFundMe at <https://go-fund.me/240152783>.

"That's why I'm making this donation to the Black Press," Crump declared, his words cutting with urgency. "Because right now the Black Press is needed more than ever before."



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## SHUTDOWN, from Page 5

Many already live on thinner margins and face higher rates of chronic illness. For those families, the spike in health care costs combined with the threat of Medicaid cuts could be devastating. Meanwhile, the Department of Health and Human Services will furlough nearly half of its staff. At

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, work to track disease outbreaks will continue, but prevention research will stop. At the National Institutes of Health, patients already enrolled in clinical trials will continue receiving treatment, but no new patients will be admitted to

potentially life-saving studies. The Food and Drug Administration warned that its ability to review new drug applications and medical devices will be severely impaired.

The damage extends beyond health care. National parks will remain open with skeletal staffing, risking vandalism and safety hazards. Smithsonian mu-

seums will stay open for a few days, but could eventually shut down. Federal contracts will stall, benefit payments could face delays, and agencies from education to environmental services will be hamstrung. Economists warn that the longer the shutdown continues, the greater the impact on the broader economy.

Goldman Sachs projected that gross domestic product will fall by 0.15 percentage points each week as the government remains closed, with effects rippling into the private sector and eroding consumer confidence. Wall Street already reacted with early losses as markets opened on the first day of the shutdown.

The political standoff is

showing no signs of easing. MAGA Republicans have no appetite to digest Americans enjoying affordable healthcare and have prioritized tax breaks for billionaires instead. Democrats insist there will be no deal without protections for the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid. Both sides know the stakes reach beyond the shutdown.

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A plethora of cultural booths will showcase items and artifacts that represent each culture's unique heritage. Visitors can also shop for treasures from around the world and learn about important services offered by local community groups and civic and non-profit organizations.

The festival offers more than cultural education and entertainment. From 11am to 2pm, visitors can take advantage of free health services and screenings at the Wellness Fair. Local providers such as Texas Health Presbyterian Plano, Medical City Plano, Walmart Vision, Colgate Dental Van, and many others will be on hand to offer free services, screenings and education, such as:

- Vision and dental exams
  - Flu shots for children and adults
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  - Information and education about Medicaid enrollment
  - And many more.
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ings are free of charge and are held in the Courtyard Theater, 1509 H Ave, Plano, 75074, which is located just across from Haggard Park.

Also from 11am to 2pm, the FitZone will be holding mini fitness classes led by local coaches and trainers.

Visitors can join interactive sessions of Yoga, Pilates and more at the fitness stage, near the corner of H Ave and 16th St.

An important aspect woven throughout all areas of the festival is sustainability. As a Zero Waste event, all visitors will be guided to sort their trash at educational waste stations where the festival collects organic, recyclable and landfill waste. The festival provides all food trucks with compostable plates, bowls, cups and utensils

which can all be placed in the organic waste bins for composting. This greatly reduces landfill waste and has helped the festival consistently divert over 90% of waste from landfill, an impressive achievement for a

large outdoor event.

In keeping with the festival's Zero Waste program, a Green Village will feature DIY workshops for making cleaning materials and cosmetics at home with inexpensive and natural

ingredients. Displays and information from groups such as the Collin County Master Gardeners Association will also be on hand.

More information is at <https://www.planointernationalfestival.org/>

## ACLU, from Page 3

abuse of power. They will not be intimidated or silenced. They will continue to fight until the government is held accountable."

"The federal govern-

ment has created a culture of fear in D.C., including among U.S. citizens and immigrants with legal status," said Madeleine Gates, associate counsel at

the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. "People are justifiably afraid to go to work or even to walk their kids to school. We are determined to end this unlawful policy."

## KIMMEL, from Page 2

galvanized many entertainers in Hollywood just as it has caused pushback from elected officials on the left

and right.

The battle for media ownership and control is the deeper story regarding

Kimmel's removal and return, and what happens next as a result of the controversy is likely to have even deeper implications for freedom of speech in the U.S.



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of correct attribution: Not only do customers stay, but they also display higher levels of loyalty than those untouched by fraud. This is a real-world demonstration of the service recovery paradox, where effective handling of a failure can make customers more loyal than if no problem had occurred."

Financial institutions are increasingly faced with so-

phisticated phishing scams where perpetrators create mass email campaigns that redirect users to a fake bank login page to collect their login credentials. Fraudsters can even circumvent state-of-the-art two-factor authentication checks by taking control of users' phones through SIM jacking and inheriting the users' geographic identity using geo-spoofing techniques.

A bank that fails to catch fraudsters creates an immediate, lasting impression of unreliability, though it fades over time. On the other hand, a bank that successfully catches fraud and protects its customers earns a stronger, more permanent reputation for competence. Kanuri said this demonstrated that "how fraud is resolved shapes not only immediate reactions, but also the long-term relationship between banks and

their customers."

Not all customers react the same way.

The data revealed that factors such as tenure and how often customers interact with their bank influence their responses. Customers with shorter relationships and fewer touchpoints are more likely to leave a bank if a fraudster goes unidentified, since they don't have a long history of trust to rely on. Longer-tenured customers

or those who engage more frequently with the bank are more forgiving.

"Interestingly, when the bank successfully identifies a fraudster, these differences largely disappear," Kanuri said, "since the act of identifying the culprit provides enough reassurance to restore trust across the board."

The data, which included customer demographics, account activity, tenure, balances, interactions with

the bank and instances of fraud, as well as a follow-up experiment confirmed that what really drives customer behavior after fraud is how much they believe in the bank's ability to safeguard their accounts. When fraudsters are not identified, this undermines trust, prompting people to withdraw money, move funds elsewhere and eventually close their accounts. When they are identified, the opposite happens.

## COWBOYS, from Page 8

with his Houdini Esque performance.

"I'm unfulfilled with this — very, yeah," said the All-Pro quarterback. "You don't play the game for ties. I've told you before, I don't care about the stats. I don't care about the ups and downs, the ebbs and flows that you hear about.

"The end result [should be a] win. When you don't get that, right now, it's tough for me. In ten years, it's the first tie I've been a part of. It's hard to kind of wrap my head around, but I know I would've felt a hell of a lot worse if it was a loss; but I'm not satisfied, not that I would be if we won.

"Um yeah, it's just, it's a weird feeling."

I wrote about it last week, but the Cowboys defense is a major problem. When your offense gives you 40 points, you'd hope the Cowboys defense can hold their opponent under that number, but Dallas failed to get the one late stop to get them over the hump.

Packers edge defender

and former Dallas star Micah Parsons generated pressure all night and recorded his first and only sack in a

critical moment in overtime.

In a game where Jones and Parsons certainly

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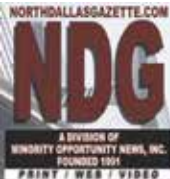
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ship will give me a fighting chance to focus on my education and keep moving forward in the face of adversity," she said.

Iwuji's goal is to complete her associate degree with a 4.0 GPA and transfer to a four-year university to study finance. "I want to be a financial analyst because I come from a community that has struggled with money," she said.

**Eboni Johnson**

The biggest challenge Eboni Johnson has faced was garnering the strength

to move forward on her own after losing the father of her three daughters. "His passing prompted me to think more seriously about how I could build a better life for us," said Johnson. "Losing someone important to you leaves a lasting impact, but I've used that pain to fuel my purpose."

She went to esthetics school, launched her own business and returned to college. Johnson balances school, running a business and raising her daughters. "It's a lot to juggle, but it's

also made me stronger and more focused," she said. "I want growth, progress and a future where I'm not always stretching myself thin to get by."

Johnson's goal is to complete a degree in entrepreneurship and leave with the knowledge and confidence to grow her business, stay ahead of trends and eventually launch her own line of products.

**Beverly Veloz**

While still a child herself, family circumstances led to Beverly Veloz taking on the role of caregiver to her four younger siblings.

Her family often struggled to put food on the table, and she did what she could to help provide support. Due to the weight of her responsibilities, she suffered with anxiety and depression in high school.

"I was not able to go straight to college as I was helping to contribute at home," said Veloz. "However, I never gave up on that dream, and I am now a Dallas College student."

Her goal is to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology and continue to advance in this field.

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tarnished. Now, her man Bob is a single dad raising her teenage daughter Willa (Chase Infiniti) and trying to maintain a quiet life. Slowed down somewhat by a love of weed and drink. But even within the haze of being constantly high, he is focused on keeping his daughter safe. Protected from malevolent military forces and corrupt commanders. Protected until a phone call warns him that danger is around the corner.

That's the foundation of director/writer Paul Thomas Anderson's (There Will Be Blood) take on the chaotic political scene back in the '60s that segued into the repressive '80s. When and where a bunch of anarchists, whose heyday was long over, were still hunted like prey by the military. It feels like the script, project and themes are going in several directions.

An obvious commentary on the increasingly militaristic times we live in now, where cities are being shadowed by U.S. armed forces and ICE agents. Then

there's the story about the strong radicalized woman Perfidia, who's out to save the world but is shamed by weaknesses that hurt her and those she loves. And parts of the screenplay are based on the postmodern fiction novel Vineland, by Thomas Pynchon. A tale that follows a father and daughter, descendants of '60s radical politics, as they live in Ronald Reagan's 1980s America. When counterculture waned and conservatism dominated.

That's a lot to digest. And that's the issue. Splintered ideas. A narrative that won't pull all audiences through. Yes they'll care that Bob and Willa are under attack. They'll hate Captain Lockjaw for a variety of reasons, including trying to join an elite white racist men's club that's bent on racial purification. Under normal circumstances watching protagonists trying to beat the antagonists would be enough. Not here. Something is off. Likely the distracting, half-assed political satire vibe that

may further sideline viewers' emotions. Like hearing an inside joke that's just not funny or ironic enough.

It's a miscue that affects some performances, too. DiCaprio knows how to interpret unique characters better than most. A complicated teen in The Basketball Diaries, an adventurous young man in Titanic and middle-aged-frontiersman in Revenant. He finds the nuances in the people he plays in ways others can't. He's a chameleon whose artistry is so sleight of hand you never notice him acting. Yet here, because the film has tonal issues, his half comic performance seems like wasted gimmickry. Like he's struggling to find Bob's soul.

Penn's performance meets the same fate. This is a versatile, formidable actor who has won Oscars for Milk and Mystic River. Yet his interpretation of Lockjaw, a sordid, horny and evil man, seems affected at best. The facial expressions and nervous ticks, that might have worked on a similar character in another movie, seem off. On

the other hand, Taylor adds an intensity to Perfidia that fleshes out her complex persona well. When she brandishes a rifle, runs for her life and ties up her lovers, you don't wonder if she would actually do it. You know she would.

The footage shot by cinematographer Michael Bauman (Licorice Pizza), is as mesmerizing as the intensifying musical score by Jonny Greenwood (The Power of the Dog). The rest of the tech team (production designer Florencia Martin, costume Designer Coleen Atwood, editor Andy Jurgensen), helps to evoke the time and place.

Still, it may be hard for audiences to conjure up decisive feelings, of any magnitude, for what they see. It's easy to remain distant. Detached. Observant but not absorbed. To like some of the pieces but not the whole puzzle. Yes, the revolution has been cinematized. Sometimes it's a clear vision. Sometimes not.

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# Boy, Oh Boy, What A Day It Was

Dr. James L. Snyder

Throughout my years, I have had many crazy days. I guess it's crazy days that develop character. If so, I have a lot of character.

I never had a day quite like last week. Everything seemed to go wrong for me.

When we got up, our electricity was off. It had been off for many hours, and we had a few hours left before it would come back on.

The worst thing was that there was no coffee. How can you start a day without coffee?

In a few hours, the electricity was restored. We both took a deep sigh, thinking that was the worst of the day.

I looked at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "Well, my dear, at least the day can't get any worse."

Oh, how I wish I had not said that. Because the day was beginning.

I got into my office, started working and was ready to print, and wouldn't you know it, my printer wasn't working. I thought I ran out of ink, but when I replaced it with new ink, nothing changed. My printer had died on me. I never realized how much I needed a printer until I didn't have one. I had to order a new printer, which would take a couple of days to come.

I sat down in my easy chair to drink some coffee, and The Gracious Mistress

of the Parsonage needed to run to the grocery store to pick up some items. That left me alone in the house for over an hour.

She no sooner got out the door when the telephone rang. I'm not too quick at answering telephone calls because most of them are scams. However, this call came in four times, so I thought it might be someone I knew, and I answered it.

The person on the phone asked me my name, and I told him my name, and then he said that my daughter was in an automobile accident, had broken her nose, and was in the hospital. He told me I need to talk to her attorney to work out the details of her bail money.

He gave me the name and number of the attorney, so I called him.

Before I called him, I thought I should call my daughter to see if these things are true. I'm a skeptic, and I like to verify what I'm hearing to ensure it's the truth. She didn't answer her phone. That caused me to worry because she never does that.

I called her attorney, and he explained the situation to me. It seems, and they have video proof, that my daughter ran a stoplight and hit an oncoming car. There was a lady in the car who was pregnant and had broken her collarbone. My daughter broke her nose.

I was pretty alarmed.

Then he explained to me

that my daughter needed \$6000 bail money to get her out of jail today. It had to be taken care of within an hour, or they couldn't do it until the next day.

I told him I didn't have enough money for that, I only had at best \$2500. He said, "Well, I will check with the court to see if they'll go with that. Give me a call back as soon as you can."

I hung up the phone and then called my wife, but she didn't answer. I called my other daughter, and she replied, telling me that it was probably a scam.

I called the attorney back and told him I could only come up with the \$2500. He said if I met him within an hour at Winn-Dixie, he could take care of the process there. I wouldn't have to go down to the jail.

I hung up my phone, and who was calling? You're right. It was my daughter who was supposed to be in jail.

We had an interesting conversation. She had not been out of her house all day. In fact, the reason she didn't answer the phone was that it was being charged. Incidentally, she's in the firefighters department, which was a little curious to me that "her attorney" didn't know that.

I decided to call the Sheriff's Department to obtain information about this and find out where my daughter was being held in jail. After an interesting conversation with the Sheriff's

Department, they informed me that this was a scam and was happening all the time in our county.

There was nothing I could do about it because no money had exchanged hands, so I was powerless.

I decided to call my daughter's attorney. He answered the phone. I said, "I just want to thank you for getting my daughter out of jail. I appreciate that so very much."

He answered and said, "I'm glad I could help."

Then, before hanging up, I said, "By the way, my daughter was never in jail." When I said that, he hung up very quickly.

As I hung up the phone I thought of a Bible verse. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God

is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

No matter how difficult my day, God's faithfulness

is more than enough.

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## Motivated to Move



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*"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."* **James 1: 2-3 (KJV)**

There was a young girl hospitalized for appendicitis. Her roommate was a young girl that was injured when a car hit the bicycle that she was riding.

The young girl's legs had been badly broken and the doctors performed several surgeries. She faced the strong possibility that she would never walk again.

She became depressed

and uncooperative; she cried a great deal. She only seemed to perk up when the morning mail arrived.

Most of her gifts were books, games, and stuffed animals – all appropriate gifts for a bedridden child.

One day a different sort of gift came, this one from an aunt far away. When the young girl opened the package, she found a pair of shiny, black-patent-leather shoes.

The nurses in the room mumbled something about, "People who don't use their heads," but the young girl didn't seem to hear them.

She was busy putting her hands in the shoes and "walking" them up and down her blanket.

From that day on, her attitude changed. She began

cooperating with the nursing staff and soon, she was in therapy.

One day the other young girl heard that her roommate had left the hospital.

She had walked out, wearing her shiny new shoes!

Sometimes the only motivation a person needs to change their attitude and get moving is to know that someone else believes they can.

People can learn more of your faith during the bad times than they can during the good times.

When God says "Wait" -- Most of us don't like to wait, but what about waiting on God? The psalmist grew weary of crying and waiting. **Psalm 69:3.**

The difficulty lies in our

not having control. Add to that the uncertainty of not knowing what is ahead and frustration sets in.

Waiting involves faith and trust. Waiting on God can strengthen our faith, especially when we realize that God's timetable is different from ours.

God sometimes rearranges our schedules.

*"The Lord is good to those who wait for Him and to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation for the Lord."* **Lamentations 3:25-26.**

What can we do to less the tension as we wait? We can realize that waiting and worshiping are related. We

trust and praise God as we wait.

Think of waiting as anticipation rather than anxious fear. Place expectations on God's character rather than your need.

Remember that God is faithful and much wiser than you. Remember that Abraham waited for some twenty-five years before Isaac was born.

*"Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield."* **Psalm 33:20.**

"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." Isaiah

40:31.

God Rules -- God was, is and forever will be. He is not held by time. He's eternity. He's the Father of all creation. With Him there's nothing that can't be done. He's ever present, so you cannot run.

In His love there is always forgiveness; if you ask, see, and knock you will find. Open your heart so that you are no longer blind. God wants us to know Him more each day.

He always hears us when we pray. He doesn't want to occasionally be around; He wants every step to be on solid ground.

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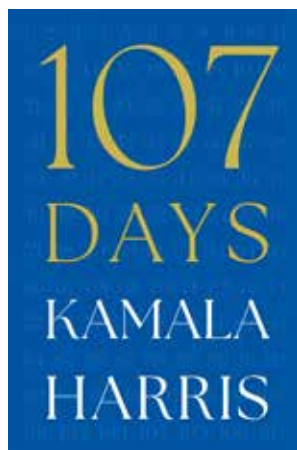
# NDG Bookshelf: '107 Days' is one for the history books

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Five minutes is all it takes to make a simple PB&J sandwich.

You can watch an episode of your favorite crime drama in an hour. In 24 hours' time, your heart will beat 100,000 times to pump roughly two thousand gallons of blood through your body. You can take a vacation in a week, set or release a new habit in three, learn a new task in a month, but in the new book "107 Days" by Kamala Harris, it takes real time to make history.

When she learned that she would ultimately be the Democratic nominee for the 2024 election, Vice



President Kamala Harris was relaxing at home with her great-nieces and a jigsaw puzzle. The phone rang; it was her "boss," Joe Biden, calling to tell her that he was halting the re-election race he'd been run-

ning for months, and was throwing his support to her.

And thus begins this open, sometimes controversial, straightforward political memoir.

In that pragmatic way you've come to expect from Harris, she says that she immediately made a few demands. She believed that timing and verbiage were key on any announcement that the Biden camp made, and she says she absolutely insisted that it be done right.

What she was about to embark upon wouldn't be easy. She understood that it would be "the shortest campaign in modern presidential history" in a country

torn by political division almost immediately after the election that made her Vice President. Oh-so-carefully but adamantly, she insists that she was loyal to Biden throughout, though she knew acknowledges trouble spots if he was tired or overstressed.

And so, she and her staff instantly began planning. The choosing of her VP offers readers a fascinating look inside the road to today's White House (or, at least part of it) – and in this, Harris explains why she didn't make certain choices.

There's a lot of frustration inside this book – at Biden and his staff for oc-

casional lack of support and recognition, at oppositional politics, at foreign governments, media, and at herself. The grievances are sometimes seething, allowing readers to conclude that the unsurprising stress of campaigning, non-stop travel, and sleepless nights while continuing to do Vice Presidential duties impacted Harris, as it would anyone. She says her "campaign was fresh, alive, vibrating with energy. It seemed like anything was possible," though her descriptions of the rigor of campaigning can suggest otherwise.

"This is not a genteel profession," she says. "You

must be ready to brawl."

In light of that avowal, you may be surprised to know that there's not an overly-excessive amount of opposition-bashing here. Yes, there's some – but Harris mostly takes Michelle Obama's "go high" stance.

Says Harris, "I do know that I tried."

Overall, throughout "107 Days," Harris shows little reticence in her stories: she is blunt, she pulls no punches, and she may leave a lot of peeved people behind. Still, if you voted Blue nearly a year ago, or if you're concerned about politics today, it's time for this book.

## TARPLEY, from Page 15

It doesn't matter if problems are big or small, hand

them to Him and He will take care of them all. He

can't love you more and won't love you less.

His Son, Jesus sits at our Father's side; and the Spirit

will help us all to abide. You can't go wrong obeying His voice; He is the truth, the way, and the only

wise choice.

*(Editor's Note: This column originally ran in October 2014. Sister Tarpley*

*passed away on May 10, 2024 and we continue to share her words every week in our print edition.)*



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