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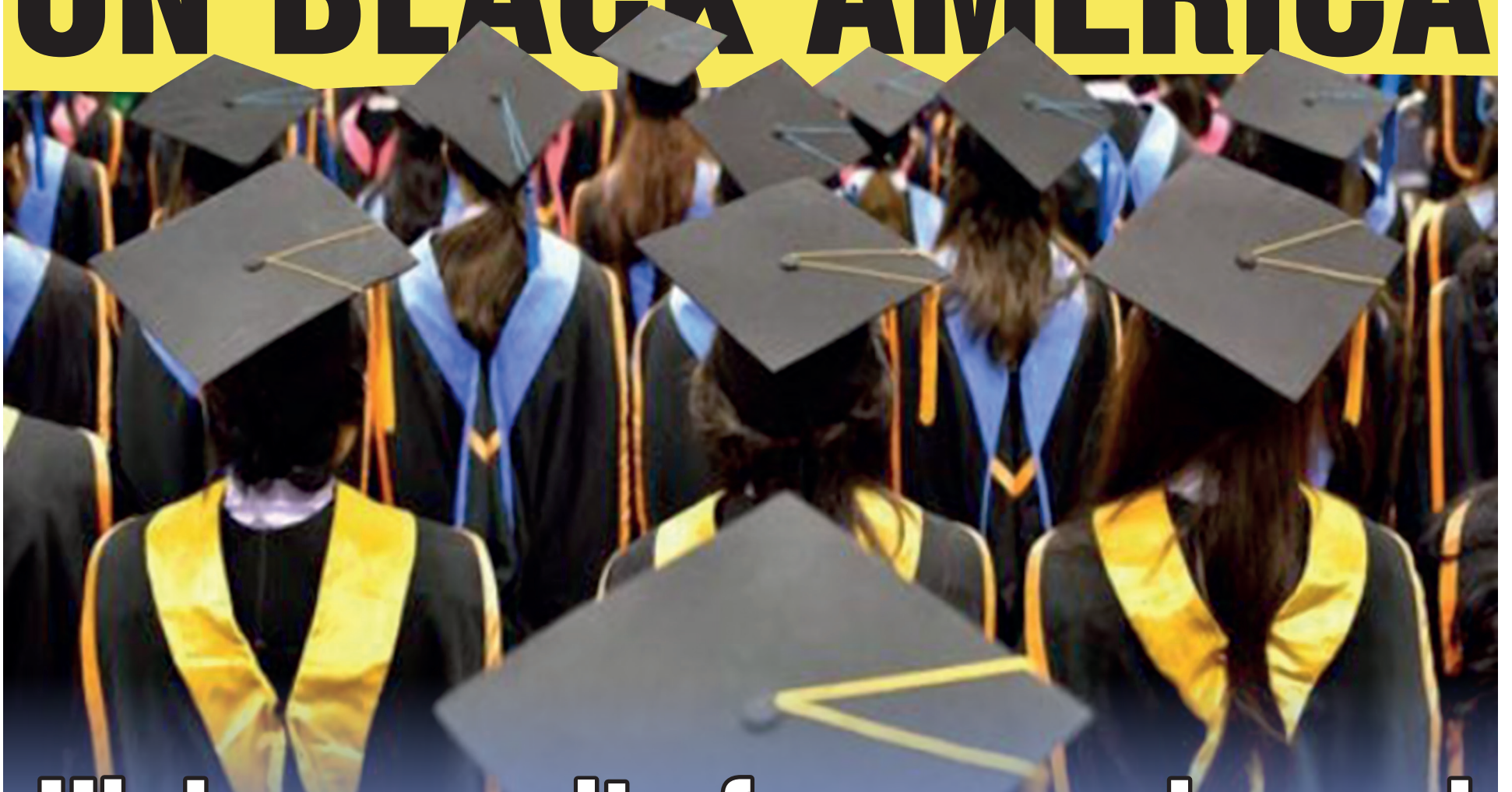
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ON BLACK AMERICA



**Higher penalty fees are charged
TO STRUGGLING BORROWERS**

**Black and Latino borrowers carry larger and disproportionate
debt burden, exacerbating the racial wealth gap.**

U.S. troops start pullout from along Turkey's border in Syria



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BEIRUT — American troops began pulling back on Monday from positions in northeastern Syria ahead of an expected incursion by Turkey into the area, the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led forces said.

The Syrian Kurdish fighters warned that Washington's abrupt decision to stand aside — announced by the White House late Sunday — will overturn years of achievements in the battle against the Islamic State militant group. In a strongly-worded statement, they accused Washington of failing to abide by its commitments to its key allies.

There was no immediate confirmation from the White House of U.S. troops clearing positions in areas in northern Syria.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, however, also said American troops have started pulling back, and a video posted by a Kurdish news agency showed

a convoy of American armored vehicles apparently heading away from the border area of Tal Abyad.

Erdogan spoke hours after the White House said U.S. forces in northeastern Syria will move aside and clear the way for an expected Turkish assault — raising concerns about the fate of Kurdish fighters who fought alongside American forces in the yearslong battle to defeat the Islamic State group.

"Following our conversation last night (with Trump), the withdrawal has started as expressed by the president," the Turkish leader said.

Erdogan did not elaborate on the planned Turkish incursion but said Turkey was determined to halt what it perceives as threats from the Syrian Kurdish fighters.

The White House, in a statement that was silent on the fate of Kurds, said U.S. troops "will not support or be involved in the operation" and "will no longer be in the immediate area," in northern Syria.

Warren pregnancy debate shows signs of sexism in the guise of scrutiny

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Earlier this week, Elizabeth Warren, a Massachusetts senator and Democratic presidential candidate, was asked about a story that she's mentioned often on the campaign trail: In 1971, when she was 22 years old and completing her first year of teaching, she lost her job once it became clear that she was visibly pregnant. It was, she tweeted, "an experience millions of women will recognize."

But over the past few days, conservative news sites and mainstream outlets either have sought

to directly refute Warren's account or have disputed it in such a way that it seems as if there's some reason to doubt that a school in the early 1970s would fire a pregnant woman. But that kind of discrimination continues today. (As The New York Times documented earlier this year, American companies still "systematically sideline" pregnant women by, for instance, passing them over for promotions.)

Warren's story, however, fits into a much larger pattern, one that will indeed be familiar to many women: It's the tradition of sexism in the guise of scrutiny.



Global peace prize awarded to Africa's youngest leader

(GIN) —

"Love is greater than modern weapons like tanks and missiles... Love can win hearts, and we have seen a great deal of it today here in Asmara."

Not many political leaders would admit to a vision of love over war and that may be why Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, was the clear favorite for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

At 43, Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali highly impressed the Norwegian Nobel Committee not only for his eloquence but for his accomplishments as the fourth prime minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia since his election in April 2018.

He sparked an historic rapprochement with neighboring Eritrea, restoring ties that had been frozen since a 1998-2000 border war. His comment, shown above, was followed by a long embrace between the two national leaders that was seen by millions. He also helped mediate a dispute between Kenya and Somalia and was helped bring together the leaders of Sudan and South Sudan for talks.

Domestically, the prime minister introduced a series of sweeping political and economic adjustments, including granting amnesty to thousands of political prisoners, discontinuing media censorship and dismissing several high-profile figures suspected to be guilty of corruption.

He gave many Ethiopians a better life and brighter future, remarked the Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee Berit Reiss-Andersen. His efforts at peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea inspired hopes of regional security and stability, remarked U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres, and his leadership "set a wonderful example for others in and beyond Africa looking to overcome resistance from the past and put people first."



Praise has poured in from all corners of the continent. African Union chief Moussa Faki described Abiy's award as a source of "great pride"—"a collective win for Ethiopians, and a call to strengthen our resolve in making Ethiopia ... a prosperous nation for all."

"It is not only great news for the Ethiopian prime minister," said Sophie Moekoena, news editor of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, "but also for the continent. When I heard who were the contenders for this prize (including Donald Trump), I knew that this one was going to Africa."

Nobel Committee Chair Reiss-Andersen acknowledged that

"no doubt" this year's prize would be seen by some as "being awarded too early" but stressed the commission's belief that it was "now" that Abiy's efforts deserved recognition and needed encouragement.

Still, Abiy's work was "far from done," said an Amnesty International spokesperson, and cautioned that still-present tensions within Ethiopia, a mosaic of ethnic, linguistic and religious groups, "threaten instability and further human rights abuses."

Indeed, Abiy's attempts to introduce reforms have been accompanied by a surge in violence—often along ethnic lines amid long-simmering tensions—that has partly been blamed for the displacement of an estimated three million people. The prime minister, himself, has already survived an apparent assassination attempt.

Abiy will receive the award in December in Oslo.

Montgomery elects its first Black mayor in 200 years

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In the two centuries since its founding, Alabama's capital of Montgomery and the birthplace of the civil rights movement has never had a black mayor.

That changed Tuesday when Montgomery County probate judge Steven Reed won a runoff election to become the first black mayor of the city founded in 1819. He defeated television station owner David Woods by more than 16,000 votes.

"Let the record show tonight, above all ... what we can do when we come together in this city and we build around positivity, around opportunity, and all the things that tie us together versus those things that keep us apart," Reed told supporters at a rally turned victory party.

Alabama's second-largest city is a city of contrasts. While it's the birthplace of the civil rights

movement, it was also the first capital of the Confederacy early in the Civil War, and many streets and schools still bear Confederate names.

Montgomery later became the site of Rosa Parks' famed bus boycott in 1955 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dexter Avenue Baptist church, as well as the destination of the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery protest marches that were met with brutal police violence and led to the Voting Rights Act.

Fannie Lou Hamer died of untreated breast cancer

Just last year, the nation's first memorial to the more than 4,000 victims of lynchings was opened in Montgomery.

Montgomery resident Janay Smith, 48, said her heart has not stopped racing since Reed won.

"I am a lifelong resident of Montgomery. My family, I come from maybe about four generations of activists and community



leaders. Many of those who came before me are now deceased and didn't get a chance to see this. But I'm so proud of my city," Smith said. "... My city, little bitty Montgomery, Alabama, a place known for racial tension actually came together and did something positive and historic."

Poll of likely voters shows rising student debt problems:



By Charlene Crowell,

When likely voters across the country were recently asked their opinions about student loan borrowing, 82% agreed that the still-growing \$1.5 trillion debt is a national crisis. Even when partisan affiliations were included, the solid concern for this unsustainable financial burden held strong: 74% of Republicans, 80% of independents, and 90% of Democrats.

When asked further about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)'s reduced efforts to protect students from abusive student loans and student loan services, those most concerned were Blacks, Latinx (73%), consumers earning less than \$50,000 per year (72%). Additionally, voters in early Democratic Primary States agreed at 77%, as did both women and military or veterans' households that polled 70% each.

Conducted by Lake Research Partners and Chesapeake Beach Consulting, the poll was jointly commissioned by the Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) and Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Its student loan results, released on October 2, found that recent actions by the Department of Education (DOE) and the CFPB both contributed to consumer concerns.

Higher penalty fees charged

to struggling borrowers, making it harder for state and federal law enforcement agencies to pursue wrongdoing by state loan servicers and blocked debt relief for students who were defrauded by for-profit institutions were the top DOE criticisms cited in survey.

"[T]he Department of Education seems to be making it easier for for-profit colleges and servicers to take advantage of students," said Debbie Goldstein, CRL Executive Vice President. "We need a Department of Education that holds for-profit institutions accountable for abusive practices and a CFPB with a division that protects borrowers from predatory student loan servicers."

"Without proactive regulatory action and strong state laws," continued Goldstein, "students of color will continue to carry larger debt burdens, exacerbating the racial wealth gap."

"The student debt crisis in the United States deserves greater attention and voters know it," noted Alexis Goldstein AFR Senior Policy Counsel. "Borrowers need federal authorities as allies, not as apologists for the for-profit college industry."

The disproportionate student debt burdens borne by Black and Latino borrowers was the focus of a joint research report by the NAACP, National Urban League, UNIDOS US, Leadership Confer-

ence Education Fund and CRL. Initially published this July, *QUICKSAND: Borrowers of Color & the Student Debt Crisis*, the report examined how unprecedented debt levels weigh heaviest on Black America.

Key findings from that report show that:

Today, over half of all families with Black heads of household aged 25-40 have student debt.

Black bachelor's degree graduates are unable to afford loan repayments at five times the rate of comparable white graduates. These Black grads are also more likely to default than whites who never completed a degree.

Four years after graduation, nearly half of black graduates owe more on their undergraduate student loans than they did when they received their degree; by contrast, only 17% of white graduates face this same dilemma.

Similarly findings and concerns were found in a September student loan debt report entitled *Stalling Dreams* by Brandeis University's Institute on Assets and Social Policy, a part of its Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Among its key findings:

Twenty years after starting school, the typical Black borrower owed about \$17,500 more than

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Supreme Court hears three monumental LGBTQ workplace rights cases

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The Supreme Court will hear a set of monumental cases surrounding the future of LGBT worker's rights on Tuesday. These cases are aimed to ensure LGBTQ+ people maintain employment whilst being their authentic selves publicly.

Two of the three cases — *Altitude Express Inc. v Zarda* and *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia* — center on men who say they were fired from their jobs for being gay and the third case — *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC & Aimee Stephens* — focus on a transgender woman who was fired after informing her boss she was transitioning.

Protections from discrimination was granted by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII, which bans employment discrimination,

is under consideration in these cases. The employees centered in these cases argue discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination; since who they love is only an issue because of those key factors.

"If a male employee is raising a small child and he can keep his job, but a woman has a small child and she's not eligible for continued employment that's obviously sex discrimination," said Gregory Nevins, director of the Employment Fairness Project at Lambda Legal in a statement reported by *Them*. "But it should be the case that if a man has a wife, and a woman has a wife, but only one of them gets fired for it, that's also sex discrimination. It's both sexual orientation discrimination and sex discrimination."

Press organization condemns fake massacre by Trump depicted at pro-Trump event



The White House Correspondents' Association on Sunday night condemned "a video reportedly shown" at a pro-Trump event held at a Trump resort in Miami that depicted graphic violence against journalists and various political figures.

"The WHCA is horrified by a video reportedly shown over the weekend at a political conference organized by the President's supporters at the Trump National Doral in Miami," said the statement, issued in the name of WHCA president Jonathan Karl.

"All Americans should condemn this depiction of violence directed toward journalists and the President's political opponents. We have previously told the President his rhetoric could incite violence.

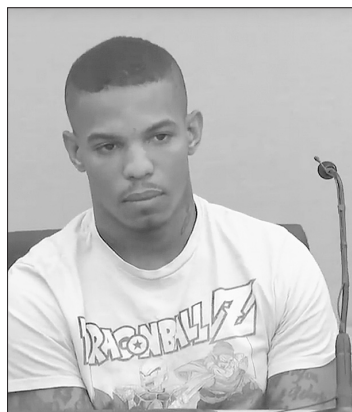
Now we call on him and everybody associated with this conference to denounce this video and affirm that violence has no place in our society.

The WHCA statement followed a report Sunday in the *New York Times* of a graphic video shown to Trump supporters at a conference at the Florida facility.

The Times report said: "The video, which includes the logo for Mr. Trump's 2020 re-election campaign, comprises a series of internet memes. The most violent clip shows Mr. Trump's head superimposed on the body of a man opening fire inside the 'Church of Fake News' on parishioners who have the faces of his critics or the logos of media organizations superimposed on their bodies."

Dallas NAACP calls for independent investigation of Joshua Brown's murder

Joshua Brown, a witness in the Amber Guyger Murder Trial was shot dead a week ago. Ms. Guyger, the former police officer, was found guilty of murdering business exec, Botham Jean, after "mistakenly" entering his apartment. According to Attorney Lee Merritt, who represents the Jean family and now, Mr. Brown's family, Mr. Brown was nervous about testifying.



"The State knew Joshua Brown didn't want to testify due to concerns for his safety. He fled to California when the trial began. They threatened him with jail if he didn't return. He went straight from the airport to the court. Dallas County has a duty to protect him. They failed," wrote Atty. Merritt on social media.

Aubrey C. Hooper, President, Dallas NAACP, issued the following statement:

"The Dallas NAACP is calling for a prompt, yet full and thor-

ough independent investigation of the murder of Joshua Brown by an outside agency, preferably the Dallas County Sheriff Department or the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.

"The timing and emerging details surrounding Joshua's premature death are peculiar at best. I am urging law enforcement to fully evaluate and establish if any con-

nections exist between his death and his role in the Guyger trial. If such a legitimate connection exists, we are asking that all necessary law enforcement agencies provide appropriate protection for all other parties that might be at risk.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brown family as they struggle through Joshua's death and seek answers for his senseless murder. We call upon the community leaders, public officials, faith leaders, and community members to work in solidarity to work to reduce this spike in violent crimes in Dallas. This tragic murder further emphasizes that public safety is larger than just law enforcement and the need for a comprehensive and holistic plan. Joshua's death shows that we must move expeditiously."

At press time, two arrest warrants have been issued said Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.



Carper hosts roundtable at DSU to discuss critical federal funding for HBCUs

U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-Del.) joined Delaware State University's Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Tony Allen, faculty and students to discuss the Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act – a bipartisan, bicameral bill that provides critical funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The FUTURE Act, introduced by Senators Doug Jones (D-Ala.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.), would renew \$255 million in annual mandatory funding for all minority-serving institutions, including HBCUs. These funds lapsed last month at the end of Fiscal Year 2019.

At Delaware State University, this federal funding helps to support, among other things, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and teacher education programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"There is simply no question that these funds are a good investment. The money provided through the FUTURE Act helps to train the students of today for the workforce of tomorrow," said Senator Carper. "At a time when millions of jobs are going unfilled because people do not have the necessary skills, this funding ensures that students graduating from Delaware State University, and other HBCUs around the country, are ready to step up to the plate and build lasting

careers. From ensuring that we have more teachers of color in our elementary school, middle school and high school classrooms to providing the training needed to excel in the fields of science, math and engineering, this funding is a smart investment that will bolster our workforce and our economy. I want to thank Senators Jones and Scott for leading the charge and introducing this bipartisan bill, and I look forward to continue working to make sure we renew this smart funding in short order."

The FUTURE Act would ensure that DSU would continue to receive approximately \$890,000 annually, which funds the following main programs:

\$270,000 for the Revitalizing Excellence and Expectations in Math and Science Program

\$264,000 for the Teacher Education Program Enhancement Program

\$174,000 for the Improving Library Services and Research Support Program

\$73,000 for Campus-Wide Classroom/Laboratories Facilities and Technology Upgrade Budget

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U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-Del.) joined Delaware State University's Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Tony Allen, faculty and students to discuss the Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE

Cop who shot, killed Black woman in her home resigns

NorthStarNewsToday.com(TriceEdneyWire.com)

– Aaron Dean, a Fort Worth, Texas, police officer who shot to death a Black woman during what was supposed to be a wellness check, has resigned from the police department.

Interim Fort Worth police chief Ed Kraus named Dean and announced his resignation this morning during a news conference.

Dean shot to death Atatiana Koquice Jefferson, 28, on Saturday by firing a gun through the bedroom window of her mother's home. Jefferson died at the scene. Kraus said he intended to fire Dean, but he submitted his resignation.

Dean faces criminal charges



Atatiana Koquice Jefferson

as well as possible civil rights violations and "no longer has the protections of state civil service law," Kraus said.

The department had placed Dean on administrative leave following the shooting. Dean had been a member of the Fort Worth police department since April 2018.

Dean never identified himself as a police officer and he never knocked on Jefferson's door to

learn if she was okay, Kraus said.

Jefferson was playing video games with her nephew when the deadly shooting occurred. A neighbor called the police to make a wellness check because the front door was open.

Lee Merritt, the attorney for the Jefferson family, said the door was left open to cool down the house. Jefferson graduated from Xavier University and was planning to apply for medical school.



Aaron Dean

Poll of likely voters shows rising student debt problems:

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their white peers;

The typical Black student loan holder in their 30's, has negative total wealth of \$10,700 compared to whites who are close to breaking even; and

About half of all Black borrowers and a third of all Latinx borrowers wind up defaulting on their student loans within 20 years.

With researchers and consumers agreeing that student debt is at crisis levels, the larger question

becomes: What – as a nation – are we prepared to do about it? And if so – when?

With 44 million people affected by student loan debt, this trillion-dollar issue should not be ignored but rather vigorously debated as part of the 2020 elections in the interest of our collective futures.

"We need a racial equity filter for solutions to reverse the consequences of our current privatized high education financing regime," states Brandeis' *Stalling Dreams*. "We need a return to strong

public investment in higher education that acknowledges the societal benefit on an educated public."

In other words, if you're drowning in student debt, your education is working against you – instead of for you. It's time for a new paradigm in American education.

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El Paso mass shooting suspect pleads not guilty in 22 deaths

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Police have said Patrick Crusius of Dallas confessed to the Aug. 3 mass shooting and that he targeted Mexicans. Some two-dozen people survived the attack with injuries, and two of them remain in the hospital, hospital officials said.

Crusius walked into the courtroom wearing a dark suit, white shirt and glasses. He was sworn in, waived the reading of his indictment and pleaded not guilty. The entire hearing lasted less than three minutes.

Around 80 members of the



public crammed into the courtroom on the top floor of the El Paso County Courthouse to

witness his first appearance. A handful wiped away tears as Crusius pronounced his plea.

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Editorial

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By Julianne Malveaux

Nothing just about 'Justice'

- Twenty-one-year-old Deandre Sullivan overslept one morning. Selected to serve on a jury, he was supposed to report by 9 a.m. He didn't awaken until 11 and figured he'd have to pay a fine for his no-show. But hours after he failed to appear, he was hauled into a West Palm Beach, Florida court. There, Judge John Kastrenakus sentenced him to 10 days of incarceration, a fine, 300 hours of community service, and probation. At the time of his sentencing, the judge complained that Sullivan held the court up for 45 minutes. So for 45 minutes, he gets ten days or 240 hours. The young man had a

spotless record, was a caretaker for his disabled grandfather, and was a model citizen. He is also a young black man, the kind of man who is too often devalued by white supremacists. After all, how many businessmen or women has Kastrenakus sentenced to jail time for being jury no-shows?

Weeks after young Sullivan served his time, his sentence was vacated, and Kastrenakus offered condescending comments about the young man's future. Despite the voided conviction, his arrest record remains on-line. From my perspective, Kastrenakus has no business being a judge. Maybe ten days in jail would shift his kaleidoscope and make him more compassionate.

While Deandre Sullivan overslept, Felicity Huffman overstepped her boundaries big time. She paid to get her daughters into college and was exposed for her corrupt behavior when law enforcement caught on to a college admission scam in which dozens of wealthy white parents participated. While young Black people on elite campuses are often disparaged as being "unqualified", privileged white people can

hide behind their privilege and get away with it. Huffman was sentenced to a mere 14 days in jail, perhaps because she owned up to her crimes. She shed the white-girl victim tears (I'm so sorry, cause I got caught) that we are so accustomed to seeing. I am so tired of seeing folk offer sympathy, empathy, and a break for crying white women. Huffman was fined \$30,000, which is a slap on the wrist for someone of her wealth. She should have been fined an amount that pinched, if not hurt. How about a six-figure fine, used for college scholarship funds for those who are less privileged than her coddled daughters?

One of my favorite crooners, the incomparable John Legend, opined that no good is served when Huffman spends time in jail. If the so-called system were not so unjust, I might agree. But while it serves no one to see Huffman in prison, did it serve anyone to see Deandre Sullivan there? It seems that humanistic approaches to incarceration are only rolled out when the white and privileged are caught breaking the law. Felicity Huffman got a slap on the wrist. Deandre Sullivan got a life-altering experience that he would not "wish on his worst enemy."

Who does it serve that Tonya McDowell was sentenced to five years in jail and five more of probation for enrolling her child in the wrong school? The homeless woman used a friend's address to send her child to a better school and was charged with "stealing" \$15,000 of educational services. If the delivery of education were not so uneven, would she have been forced to use someone else's address for her son to get a quality education? And to echo John Legend, who is served by her incarceration?

Chrystal Mason, a convicted felon, was leading a redeemed life when she was urged to vote in Texas in 2016. Her probation officer didn't tell her she was ineligible to vote. The people who took her ballot never asked her about her status. She was sentenced to five years in jail for illegal voting in Tarrant County, Texas. Absolutely! Who was served by her incarceration?

Amber Guyger, who massacred the incandescent young Botham Jean in his Dallas apartment, apparently because she was too busy sexting her married lover to pay attention to

her intrusion into the wrong apartment, got a slap on the wrist with a 10-year sentence for murder. She could have gotten 99 years, but the jury chose mercy instead of punishment. Who does that for Black defendants? She was rewarded for her pitiful, crocodile tearful testimony with hugs, both from the murdered man's brother, but also, inappropriately, from Judge Tammy Kemp. How many Black defendants did the Black judge hug and gift her personal Bible?

The pattern is clear. White folks get a slap on the wrist if they are even charged for their crimes. Black people get the book thrown at them for even minor infractions. There is nothing just about justice in this country, and it is ready to get even more unjust. So when you pledge that flag for "liberty, freedom, and justice for all," think about who actually experiences justice.

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To his wealthy donors, Trump is their grifter



By Jesse Jackson

- To decipher President Donald Trump's presidency, apply the basic rule of politics: Follow the money. Last month, for example, Trump performed at rallies in

North Carolina and in New Mexico. He entertained adoring crowds, clad in Trump's MAGA caps and T-shirts.

The rallies got featured on Fox and other news stations. Then Trump flew to California and went to a series of big-dollar fundraisers that were closed to the public, pocketing what his campaign boasted as more than \$15 million in campaign funding, largely from anonymous wealthy donors. This is only a small part of the record campaign war chest that the wealthy are building for Trump's re-election campaign.

The press treats the overwhelmingly White, working class audiences at Trump's rallies as his "base." But they are more his marks than his base. The anonymous wealthy donors in California have a far better claim to be the base that he serves.

The donors got the tax cuts; the working people at his rallies got health care cuts. The CEOs got the roll-back of clean water and clean air regulations; his rally audiences got the fouled water and more kids with emphysema. Big oil and coal executives got lavish public subsidies; teachers and parents got cuts in school funding. Big Agra got billions in payoffs to make up for Trump's trade war; family farmers were casualties, many bankrupted by the loss of markets, with Wisconsin's small farmers suffering the worst. Auto executives enjoyed record profits; auto workers suffered more layoffs and plant closings. The rich saw their wealth soar; working people faced rising prices in housing, health care, college, cars — with incomes that didn't keep up. Trump brags on the record-low unemployment

numbers, but the jobs too often don't pay a living wage and Trump and Republicans won't even allow a vote on raising the minimum wage.

Not surprisingly, workers are beginning to protest. GM autoworkers are involved in the largest strike in years. Teachers in red states across the country have gone on strike to demand greater investment in schools. Nurses are on strike for decent wages and better staffing of hospitals and clinics. Fast food and restaurant workers have led marches for a \$15 minimum wage and a union. Young people are marching to protest Trump's refusal to address the clear and present threat posed by catastrophic climate change.

Trump regales the crowds at his rallies with scurrilous attacks on his opponents, lies and tales about his accomplishments, and

boasts about the economy. He panders to their fears, fanning racial division, railing against immigrants and Muslims and the homeless. He's pugnacious, funny and outrageous. They know he's a bad guy, but they think he's their bad guy. And that is the con. The anonymous donors who are contributing record amounts to Trump's campaign don't wear MAGA hats. They don't go to public rallies. They roll their eyes at Trump's rambling rants and racial taunts. They aren't on strike or in the streets. They are getting a great return on their investment and are happy to ante up again.

The Trump economy doesn't work for most Americans, but it works for them. Trump keeps his promises — and his payoffs — to them. They know Trump is a grifter, but he's their grifter. They are all in on the con.

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BNC a 24/7 Black news network is scheduled to launch in November



NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. (pictured at right), who participated in the teleconference, said the NNPA's partnership with the BNC is a profound win-win for Black America. (Also pictured are Former Republican U.S. Congressman J.C. Watts, chairman of BNC (left) and Jacksonville Jaguars owner, Shad Khan, who is a primary investor in the new network center

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent

In a joint teleconference broadcast live from the Four Seasons Hotel in New York's Financial District, the Black News Channel (BNC) and the National Newspaper Publishers Association announced the official launch date and time for the nation's first 24-hour, 7-days a week all-news TV channel that will focus on African American news.

The new channel promises to inform, educate, and empower nearly 50 million African Americans now living in the United States.

The potential for the network appears almost limitless.

BNC will immediately have the potential to reach 33 million households daily in all the major media markets across the nation.

Combined with the millions of readers who consume information from NNPA's Black-owned newspapers and media companies each week, the BNC could quickly become the top destination for all who want to consume African American news on TV and on mobile devices.

BNC, which officially launches at 6 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019 has agreements with Charter Communications, Comcast and DISH TV. The network already has commitments for carriage in major African American hubs like Atlanta, New York City, Chicago, New Orleans, Houston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Washington, DC, Baltimore and Los Angeles.

Tallahassee, Florida, houses BNC's headquarters, and the network will have news bureaus around the country, including Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Former Republican U.S. Congressman J.C. Watts is chairman of BNC, which is backed financially by business mogul and Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan.

"This platform will create a venue for the African American community to have a dialogue to talk about news, education and cultural things," stated Watts, who added that the network has been in the planning stage for many years.

"I had an afro when I started

this," Watts referenced.

"It's especially important to have the Black Press of America join us in this venture. I bet most people don't realize that there are 223 African American-owned newspapers in the NNPA, and that's content for us," Watts stated.

"We suffered a big blow with the loss of Ebony and Jet, publications I grew up reading. But I still read the Black Press in Oklahoma City, growing up."

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., who participated in the teleconference, said the NNPA's partnership with the BNC is a profound win-win for Black America.

"This year marks the 192nd year of the Black Press of America. Black Americans striving for excellence in all fields of endeavor give life to our culture that attracts and impacts all people. We set trends for ourselves and others," Chavis stated.

"We're not a cursed people, and we are a blessed people. We continue to strive for excellence, and to have Shad Khan announced as a primary investor for the launch and sustainable development of the BNC is of major significance," Chavis noted.

Kahn told NNPA Newswire that the decision to back BNC was easy once he looked at the mission and the business model.

"I am a big believer in the fact that we have a number of communities, obviously especially the African American community, who are underserved," stated Kahn, a magnate in the auto equipment industry.

In addition to the Jaguars, he owns the Fulham Football Club of the English Football League, All Elite Wrestling, and the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto.

"I hope that as time goes on, this becomes a bridge to connect all the cultures, including obviously south Asian. But I do believe there is an undeniable calling for everything the Black News Channel will deliver to African American television audiences, who have historically been underserved in an era where networks have otherwise successfully targeted news to specific demographic groups and interests. My decision to invest is an easy one because we get to an-

swer that calling," Kahn explained.

Both Watts and Kahn promised that BNC will give a voice to the varied experiences of African Americans and will not just tell a segment of the story but will tell the entire story.

"We will inform, educate, inspire, and empower the African American community," Watts added.

BNC will have three primary anchor teams who will host the network's evening newscast, morning newscast, and mid-day D.C. Today Live broadcast. In addition to primary anchor teams, BNC also will have high-profile expert contributors who will add commentary and information to each newscast.

The network will work with historically black colleges and universities to ensure that all African Americans have a voice.

A BNC correspondent will examine life on the HBCU campuses and explain why the experiences students have at these institutions of learning are so meaningful in the cultural development of many students' lives. The weekly one-hour program will focus on what is happening at HBCUs that is good, positive, and uplifting.

Additionally, one of the many topics will include Sickle Cell Diseases, the blood disorder that disproportionately affects African Americans.

Veteran TV anchor Kelly Wright, who will host a 6 p.m. show on BNC, said his inaugural program would include a segment on the NNPA's missing black girls national series.

That series spotlights the more than 424,000 African American women and girls who have gone missing in the United States over the past half-decade.

"We're not looking to be Republican or Democrat. There will be current affairs, but we are culturally specific to the African American community. MSNBC, Fox News, CNN may have African American faces on their news shows, but they are not necessarily covering the community from a cultural perspective," Watts stated. "We're not looking to be left or right. We will be authentic and true to enriched and diverse African American experience."

Oprah says no regrets about not marrying or not having children

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Oprah Winfrey has dedicated her life to giving back and helping others and she's content with how that's worked out for her.

The billionaire media mogul says she has "not one regret" about choosing not to have kids or not getting married to her longtime beau Stedman Graham, in PEOPLE's extraordinary Women Changing the World issue.

Winfrey admits that while she once thought about tying the knot and having babies early on, she believes if she had gotten married, she and Graham, 68, wouldn't be together today.

"At one point in Chicago I had bought an additional apartment because I was thinking, 'Well, if we get married, I'm going to need



room for children," says Winfrey.

But she says her work hosting The Oprah Winfrey Show gave her insight into the lives of others and saw "the depth of responsibility and sacrifice that is actually required to be a mother," which served as the catalyst that helped change her mind about motherhood.

Texas school bus driver praised for mowing the Lawn at His Students' Bus Stop

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Jerry Martin Jr., a local bus driver for a school district in Texas, is being applauded for mowing the tall grass and weeds at his young passengers' bus stop. He says he did it so that the students he pick up won't have to stand in tall grass while waiting for the bus.

Martin apparently noticed during his route one day that the students are waiting in the grass as high as their waists at one of his bus stops in a vacant house's yard. After finishing the route, he reportedly went home just to get his lawnmower and returned to the bus stop to cut the grass.

But it was not the first time he has done that.

"Oh, I've done it several times," Martin told KWTX. "But this time someone just took a picture."

The picture was posted by Copperas Cove ISD on their Facebook page. They also said that the bus stop near Williams Ledger Elementary School was located at a property that had been vacant for years, the reason why the lawn was unkempt.

The officials are praising Martin who did not wait for anyone else to do it and went above and beyond his responsibilities as a bus driver because he cares for his community.

"It was about knee high and I'm



6 feet tall," Martin said. "It wasn't just grass. The weeds had popped up all over the place and they had like sticker things on there and I didn't want the kids worried about getting bitten by a chigger."

The post has received a lot of positive comments, including those from Martin's former passengers who agreed that he has always been good-natured.

"He was my bus driver way back when. He truly is an amazing person," one former student wrote.



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On the scene

Stars come out for Tyler Perry Studios Grand Opening

By Audrey J. Bernard

ATLANTA, GA — A-list luminaries were out Saturday night, October 5, 2019, to attend the grand opening of Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta which took place on his sprawling 330-acre lot. The gala opening marked the acclaimed director, screenwriter, producer and playwright making history as the only Black man to own a major movie studio in the U.S. The star-studded opening was attended by **Oprah Winfrey, Cecily Tyson, Taraji P. Henson, Jill Scott, Whoopi Goldberg, Tika Sumpter, Keshia Knight Pulliam, Spike Lee, Ava DuVernay, Beyoncé and Jay Z, Halle Berry, Kelly Rowland, Michelle Williams, Tina Knowles Lawson, Viola Davis, Samuel L. Jackson, Debbie Allen, Phylicia Rashad, David Oyelowo, Chris Tucker and Patti LaBelle** along with politicians such as **Bill & Hillary Clinton, Rep. Maxine Waters, Rep. John Lewis, Bernice King and Stacey Abrams**. The formal dinner included entertainment by **Jennifer Hudson and Mary J. Blige**. The most profound statement of the evening — which summed up everything — was said by **Tiffany Haddish**: “Every time that I came in to work here at Tyler Perry studios, it was the biggest smile on my face. Cause I know the history of this place — It was a Confederate union military base,” Haddish recalled. “Trying to keep us enslaved. Now it’s owned by a black man.” (Photos by Getty Images)



Tyler Perry



Tiffany Haddish



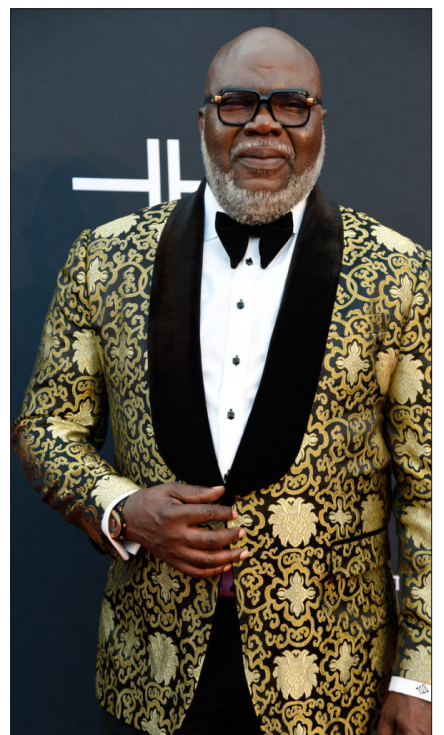
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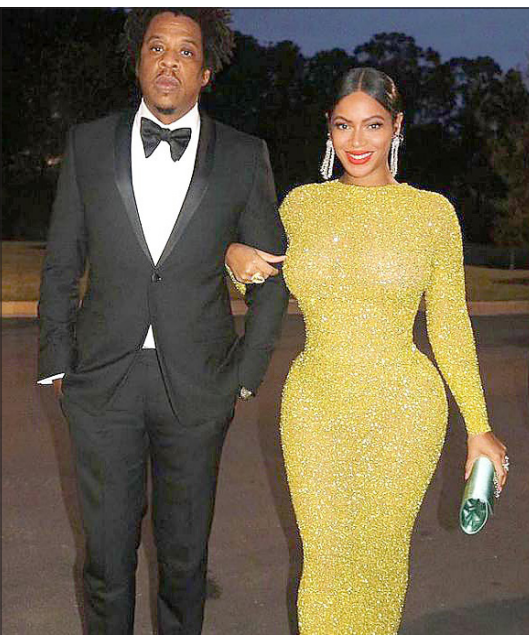
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Remembering

Diahann (beloved “Julia”) Carroll

By Daniel Kreps

Diahann Carroll, the groundbreaking actress who starred in “Dynasty” and “Julia,” has died at age 84. She was one of the first Black actresses to have a major role on television.

Carroll’s daughter Suzanne Kay confirmed that her mother died at home in Los Angeles following a long battle with cancer, *Variety* reports.

“Diahann Carroll walked this earth for 84 years and broke ground with every footstep. An icon. One of the all-time greats,” Filmmaker Ava DuVernay tweeted. “She blazed trails through dense forests and elegantly left diamonds along the path for the rest of us to follow. Extraordinary life. Thank you, Ms. Carroll.”

An Academy Award for Best Actress nominee for 1974’s “Claudine” and the first Black actress to win a Tony Award for Best Actress for the musical “No Strings” in 1962, Carroll is best known for her trailblazing role as a single mother in the sitcom “Julia.”

She was the first Black actress in a non-stereotypical role to lead a network series. “Julia” ran for three seasons from 1968 to 1971, following its debut season, Carroll earned a Golden Globe for Best Actress.

During a career that spanned 7 decades, Carroll also appeared in films like 1954’s “Carmen Jones,” 1974’s “Claudine” (earning her a Best Actress Oscar nomination) and 1997’s “Eve’s Bayou,” as well as roles in TV series like “A Different World,” “White Collar,” “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Dynasty,” in which Carroll played the diva Dominique Deveraux in a reoccurring role.

Carroll told *People* magazine in 1984 of her “Dynasty” role, which marked her career comeback after retiring from acting in the late ‘70s,



(Photo: 20th Century Fox Tv/Kobal/Shutterstock)

“They’ve done everything [on the show]. They’ve done incest, homosexuality, murder. I think they’re slowly inching their way toward interracial. I want to be wealthy and ruthless... I

want to be the first Black bitch on television.”

“The power and impact of Diahann Carroll is immeasurable,” *Grey’s Anatomy* and “Scandal” Creator Shonda Rhimes said in

a statement to *Rolling Stone*. “As the first, she escorted the TV drama into the 20th century. Her Julia Baker is queen mother to Olivia Pope’s existence. Her Dominique Devereux is fairy

godmother to Olivia’s fierce style. Because of her, I could. Writing her as Preston Burke’s mother was the honor of a lifetime. Knowing her was everything. A hero has gone to glory.”



Diahann as “Julia”



Diahann and James Earl Jones in “Claudine”



Diahann as Dominique Devereux in “Dynasty”

Health

Dancing can reverse the signs of aging

Posted By Don Thomas

As we grow older we suffer a decline in mental and physical fitness, which can be made worse by conditions like Alzheimer's disease.

A new study, published in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, shows that older people who routinely partake in physical exercise can reverse the signs of aging in the brain, and dancing has the most profound effect.

"Exercise has the beneficial effect of slowing down or even counteracting age-related decline in mental and physical capacity," says Dr Kathrin Rehfeld, lead author of the study, based at the German center for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Magdeburg, Germany.

"In this study, we show that two different types of physical exercise (dancing and endurance training) both increase the area of the brain that declines with age. In comparison, it was only dancing that led to noticeable behavioral changes in terms of improved balance."

Elderly volunteers, with an average age of 68, were recruited to the study and assigned either an eighteen-month weekly course of learning dance routines, or endurance and flexibility training. Both groups showed an increase in the hippocampus region of the brain.

This is important because this

area can be prone to age-related decline and is affected by diseases like Alzheimer's. It also plays a key role in memory and learning, as well as keeping one's balance.

While previous research has shown that physical exercise can combat age-related brain decline, it is not known if one type of exercise can be better than another. To assess this, the exercise routines given to the volunteers differed. The traditional fitness training program conducted mainly repetitive exercises, such as cycling or Nordic walking, but the dance group were challenged with something new each week.

Dr Rehfeld explains, "We tried to provide our seniors in the dance group with constantly changing dance routines of different genres (Jazz, Square, Latin-American and Line Dance). Steps, arm-patterns, formations, speed and rhythms were changed every second week to keep them in a constant learning process. The most challenging aspect for them was to recall the routines under the pressure of time and without any cues from the instructor."

These extra challenges are thought to account for the noticeable difference in balance displayed by those participants in dancing group.

Dr Rehfeld and her colleagues are building on this research to trial new fitness programs that have the potential of maximizing anti-aging effects on the brain.



Senior couple dancing in the living room

"Right now, we are evaluating a new system called 'Jymmin' (jamming and gymnastic). This is a sensor-based system which generates sounds (melodies, rhythm) based on physical activity. We know that dementia patients react strongly when listening to music. We want to combine the promising aspects of physical activity and active music making in

a feasibility study with dementia patients."

Dr Rehfeld concludes with advice that could get us up out of our seats and dancing to our favorite beat. "I believe that everybody would like to live an independent and healthy life, for as long as possible. Physical activity is one of the lifestyle factors that can contribute to this,

counteracting several risk factors and slowing down age-related decline.

"I think dancing is a powerful tool to set new challenges for body and mind, especially in older age." This study falls into a broader collection of research investigating the cognitive and neural effects of physical and cognitive activity across the lifespan.



Businessmen and businesswomen dancing in office lobby

Obscure political outsider heads for the presidency in surprise Tunisian upset

(GIN) –

Exit polls are pointing to landslide win for a conservative law professor in an upset for the political establishment and the elites.

Mr. Kais Saied, 61, an unlikely leader for the nation's restless youth, promised to hand more power to young people and local governments. An expert in constitutional law, he taught in the Tunis faculty of judicial and political sciences from 1999 to 2018.

Several of his former students praised Saied, in interviews with the Times of Israel, saying that beneath his tough exterior is a devoted teacher.

"He could spend hours outside class time explaining a lesson or helping us understand why we'd received a certain grade on an exam," one of his students tweeted.

"I am so happy and proud of our democracy," said Rania Gnaba, 32, a financial analyst who was draped in a Tunisian flag. "Saied is going to make sure the laws of the Constitution are respected. He's going to fight against corruption."

Saied became a household name when he became a regular political commentator on TV during the drafting of the constitution adopted in 2014.

Preliminary data showed that Saied, nicknamed "Robot Man" for his stiff manner, obtained more than 76 percent of the vote to beat Nabil Karoui, a media mogul whose brash style and business-minded image reminded Tunisians of President Trump.



"We Tunisians are angry at the previous president and governments," Saoussen Attia, 35, told Sudarsan Raghavan of the Washington Post. "They failed us. Today, our dinar is collapsing and corruption is everywhere. Young people like me want a Tunisia that looks like the United States or France."

As polls closed, Tunisians filled the streets of the capital, honking their car horns, chanting Saied's name and waving Tunisian flags. Fireworks erupted over the crowds.

Voters had chosen between two diametrically opposite candidates: Karoui, a multimillionaire TV station owner who campaigned from a prison cell, and Saied, an obscure academic who hardly campaigned and had to borrow money to register

as candidate.

"I am fed up with the political system," said Najwa Sassi, 45, an employee in a pharmaceutical lab who voted for Saied in Tunis's upscale enclave of Les Berges du Lac. "But I never expected that we would elect a political outsider. This makes me proud of our democracy."

Tunisia was the birthplace of the 2011 Arab Spring launched by an unemployed college graduate who publicly committed suicide when he was unable to find a job. Soon after, dictator Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali was overthrown.

Voters hope the new president will uproot poverty, battle corruption, and build a better government that can provide health care, education and other basic needs.

Japan's fertility crisis worsens as births fall sharply

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Japan's fertility crisis is worsening, with data from the first seven months of this year showing the sharpest drop in births in 30 years, according to preliminary government data.

Births fell 5.9% from January to July year on year, as the pool of women of childbearing age shrinks and more women delay having children or decide not to have them at all, figures from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare show.

During this period, the total number of births was 518,590. For the whole of 2018, the official tally of births was 918,397, a figure which however excludes babies born to foreigners in Japan and Japanese babies born abroad.

The decline in births is "happening faster than official projections had envisioned," said

Yasushi Mineshima, a spokesman for the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research.

Japan's birth rate has been falling since the late 1970s. In 2005, it reached a record low of 1.26, but then seemed to be on a path of recovery until it started to fall again in 2016, according to government figures. By 2018, it was at 1.42.

To maintain a stable population, countries need a fertility rate of 2.1. Last year, it was 1.72 in the United States but only 0.98 — or less than one baby per woman — in South Korea, where fertility rates have fallen to their lowest level since records began.

Mineshima believes Japan's crisis is due to a shrinking pool of women of childbearing age. "The children of baby-boomers are reaching their late 40s, which is causing a radical drop in births," he said.



Uganda outlaws opposition leader's trademark - the red beret

(GIN) –

The Uganda government is taking action against the popular red beret, calling it official military clothing that could earn the wearer imprisonment for life.

According to the new rule, the sale or wearing of any attire which resembles the army uniform is also banned. Prohibited items include side caps, bush hats, ceremonial forage caps and camouflaged baseball caps.

"It is prohibited to wear or use any decoration supplied or authorized for use by any member of the defense forces or any decoration so nearly resembling that decoration and likely to deceive the public," the government document said.

"Even if you had just arrived from Mars, you would have figured

that there was more to it than that," observed opinion writer Charles Onyango Obbo of The East African. "The red beret is the trademark of opposition parliamentarian Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, more popularly known as Bobi Wine, and his insurgent "People Power" movement."

The ban was most likely a move to hamstring People Power, as the country gears up for the 2021 election, wrote Onyango Obbo in a recently published piece. That's when President Yoweri Museveni will bid for a "record-shattering eighth term, two of them unelected."

"The new rule doesn't specifically mention Wine and his brigade and was not issued with a general foaming at the mouth with rage on TV or a president banging tables," the editorial writer pointed out.

"Still, it was unfashionably old school, straight out of the African



political playbook of years gone by. It comes from that time when it was treason to photograph an African government building, and certain death to take a photograph at, let alone near, a military barracks or at an airport."

Bobi Wine, who announced his run for the presidency last July, has not yet commented on the new rules. But neither he nor his followers plan to change their attire.

A tweet by a People Power follower confirmed: "So I hear Bosco (derogatory nickname for Museveni meaning 'unsophisticated') has banned the red beret. Dude is really getting sleepless nights bse of People Power. He forgets that whatever he intends for our harm just pushes us forward. I hear they also want to outlaw People Power as an illegal group. Nonsense! Keep panicking as we keep moving."

Culture

Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to Ethiopia PM, Abiy Ahmed

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The 2019 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed who made peace last year with bitter foe Eritrea.

He was awarded the prize for his efforts to “achieve peace and international cooperation.”

Mr Abiy’s peace deal with Eritrea ended a 20-year military stalemate following their 1998-2000 border war.

He was named as the winner of the 100th Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, where he will receive the award in December.

It is worth some nine million Swedish crowns (about £730,000; \$900,000).

Following the announcement, Abiy said he was “humbled and thrilled.”

“Thank you very much. It is a prize given to Africa, given to Ethiopia and I can imagine how the rest of Africa’s leaders will take it positively to work on [the] peace-building process on our continent,” he added in a phone



call with the secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

A total of 301 candidates had been nominated for the prestigious award, including 223 individuals and 78 organizations.

There had been great speculation over who would win the prize, with climate activist Greta Thunberg widely tipped as the favorite. Under the Nobel Foundation’s rules, nomination shortlists are not allowed to be published for 50 years, and the organization says any speculation ahead of the announcement is “sheer guesswork.”



Book of Toni Morrison quotations is due in December

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A book of Toni Morrison quotations is coming out in December.

“The Measure of Our Lives: A Gathering of Wisdom” will draw from her whole body of work, including celebrated novels such as “Beloved” and “Song of Solomon.”

The foreword is by Zadie Smith, adapted from a tribute she wrote soon after the Nobel laureate died in August at age 88.

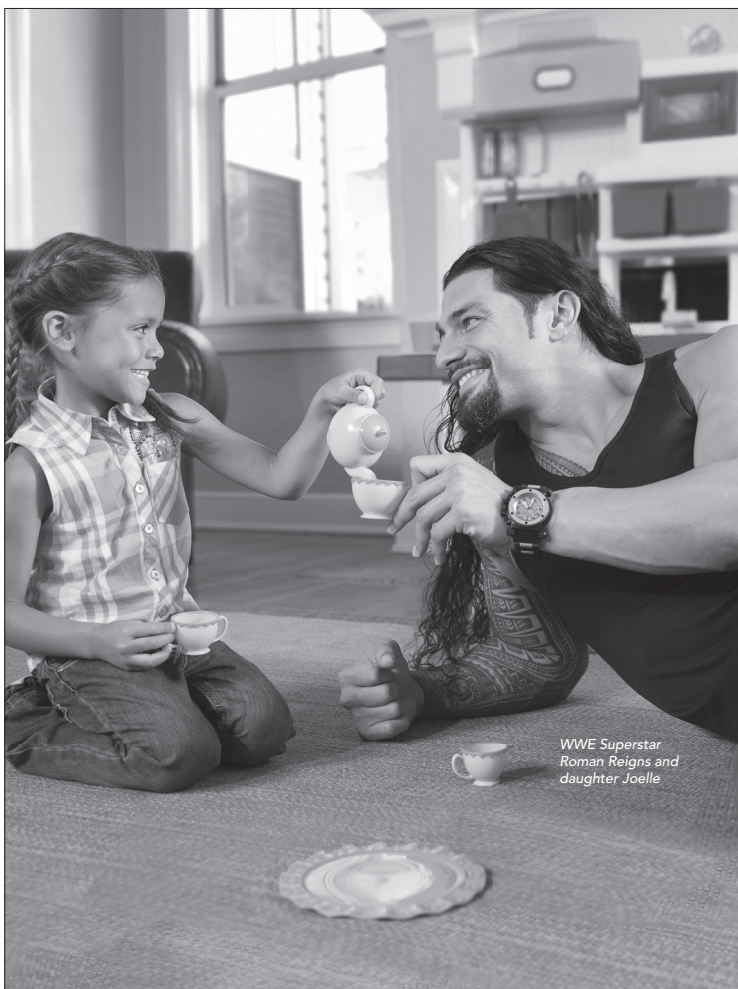
A publisher’s note describes

the book as a distillation of her major themes, including “transcendence through imagination; the self and its discontents; the vicissitudes of love; the whirligig of memory; the singular power of women; the original American sin of slavery; the bankruptcy of racial oppression; the complex humanity; and art of black people.”

The compact, 128-page compilation was put together by Erroll McDonald, executive editor and vice president of the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. He told The Associated

Press on Monday that he thought of the book as a response to the “tremendous adulation” that Morrison received after her death. He intends “The Measure of Our Lives” to serve as an introduction for new readers and an “ideal keepsake” for longtime admirers.

The book’s title comes from one of Morrison’s most famous sayings, about words themselves: “We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives.”



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Simone Biles shatters gymnastics record – wins 21st medal



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Gymnastics phenom Simone Biles became the most-medaled woman in the sport Tuesday when she won her 21st medal at the gymnastics world championships.

Biles’ gold medal at the competition—her 15th career gold, according to CBS News—helped the women’s USA team capture its fifth straight world team title.

That team effort, that team victory, was what it was all about for Biles, who was ready to celebrate.

“For all of it,” she told NBC Sports. “For the team. For the medal count. Fifth year in a row.”

Modesty aside, Biles’ record-breaking feat puts her in line to smash an even higher ceiling—by becoming the winningest gymnast, man or woman.

As CBS News explained:

Biles is now two short of Vitaly Scherbo’s all-time record of 23 [gymnastic medals] among men or women.

And Biles is favored to get one step closer to that feat with an expected victory in Thursday’s all-around final.

Now, hard as it may be for some to believe, Biles recognizes that she may not be competing for much longer. At 22 years of age, she is a true veteran among a team of teenagers.

R&B Singer Freddie Jackson receives Black Music Honors Legend Award

Freddie Jackson, is one of the most iconic R&B male vocalists of all time! His timeless classics "Rock Me Tonight (For Old Times Sake)," "Have You Ever Loved Somebody," "Jam Tonight," "Tasty Love," "You Are My Lady," and "Nice and Slow," have elevated the chart-topping crooner to legendary status!

While Jackson has earned his place as an R&B legend, he continues to tour and create timeless classics. The 4th Annual Black Music Honors recognized the living legend, presenting him with The State Farm Legend Award.

"I'm honored, happy, and still floating! To be honored by Black Music Honors speaks volumes and I'm so grateful to be here to receive this. Often roses are given when you're gone, I'm so blessed to receive this adulation while I can enjoy it!" said Freddie.

Currently airing in broadcast syndication on Bounce TV, the star-studded show was hosted by television and radio personality, Rickey Smiley and Grammy Award-winner LeToya Luckett-Walker. Other honorees included **Yolanda Adams** who received the Gospel Music Icon Award, culturally-conscience eclectic group **Arrested Development** received the Hip Hop Icon Award, Songstress, **Tamia**, received the Soul Music Icon Award and platinum-selling group **Xscape** received the Urban Music Icon Award presented by AT&T.

The evening featured several memorable tributes including Leon Timbo and Major who performed a special tribute in honor of Rock and Roll of Famer, Bill Withers. Avery Wilson, Tevin Campbell, and Tony Redd received a standing ovation for their performance honoring Freddie Jackson.

Additional tributes were performed by Dee-1, Jade Novah, Jagged Edge, Jekalyn Carr, Naughty By Nature, June's Diary, Keke Wyatt, Kelly Price, Le'Andria Johnson, Melanie Fiona, Travis Greene, Mali Music, 702 and more.

The night culminated with founder and chairman, Don Jackson, expressing gratitude to the honorees, presenters, and performers for making the night unforgettable. He stated, "the Black Music Honors allows us to celebrate the accomplishments of the trailblazers of African-American music."

The award show began airing in select markets on Bounce TV and is slated to air in full on October 20th. Head to the Black Music Honors website for more information or click Blackmusichonors.com/Airtimes.html to check local air dates and broadcast times.

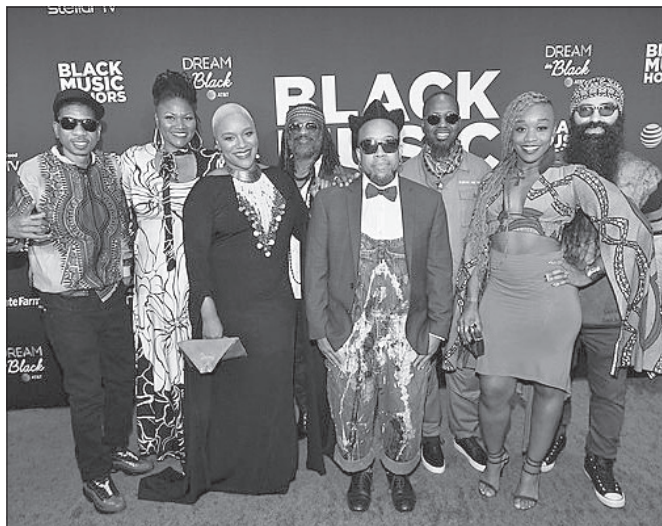
The 4th Annual Black Music Honors show is Executive Produced by Don Jackson, with Jennifer J. Jackson serving as producer and Michael A. Johnson as producer/director. State Farm returns as the Black Music Honors title sponsor, in addition to presenting sponsors, AT&T, Walmart, Chevrolet, Neutrogena Hydro Boost, StellarTV and Central City Productions, Inc.



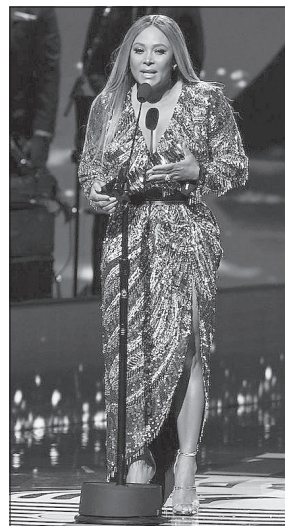
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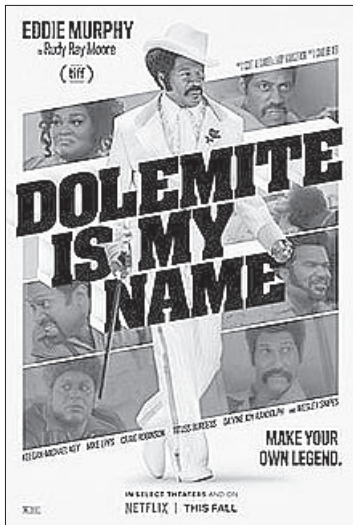
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Audrey's reel whirl

Eddie Murphy has triumphant return in 'Dolemite Is My Name'



Dolemite Is My Name Poster

From Netflix come comedic genius Eddie Murphy starring as blaxploitation star Rudy Ray Moore in *Dolemite Is My Name* which marked the big screen return of Murphy who gave up Hollywood for a quieter lifestyle. The laugh-out-loud movie with its 1970s vibe celebrated its successful release on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Westwood Regency Village Theatre for the Los Angeles premiere where guests were transported to the '70s and treated to a live performance by the almighty O'Jays. Joining Murphy on the star-studded orange carpet were *Dolemite Is My Name* co-stars Wesley Snipes, Tracy Morgan, Samuel L. Jackson, Mike Epps, Snoop Dogg, Tituss Burgess, Keegan-Michael Key, and Craig Robinson.

Dolemite Is My Name has long been a passion project for Murphy who was such a big fan of the blaxploitation star that he reached out to Moore about making the biopic before he died in 2008. "It's a great inspirational story about this man who did something incredible and people don't know about it," Murphy said in an interview on the carpet.

STORY: Eddie Murphy portrays real-life legend Rudy Ray Moore, a comedy and rap pioneer who proved naysayers wrong when his hilarious, obscene, kung-fu fighting alter ego,



Dolemite Is My Name production shot (Courtesy of Netflix)



Titans of comedy attend *Dolemite Is My Name* Hollywood premiere

Dolemite, became a 1970s Blaxploitation phenomenon. Despite clashing with his pretentious director, D'Urville Martin (Wesley Snipes), and countless production hurdles at their studio in the dilapidated Dunbar Hotel,

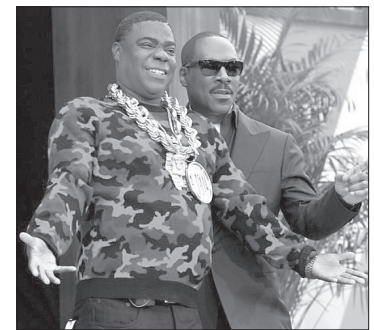
Moore's 'Dolemite' becomes a runaway box office smash and a defining movie of the Blaxploitation era." The movie also stars titans of comedy including **Keegan-Michael Key, Mike Epps, Craig Robinson, Titus Burgess,**

Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Wesley Snipes; Snoop Dogg, Luenell, and Bob Odenkirk.

DEETS: **Craig Brewer** (director); **Eddie Murphy, John Davis, John Fox** (producers); **Scott Alexander, Larry Karaszewski;**



Craig Brewer, Scott Alexander, Larry Karaszewski



Tracy Morgan, Eddie Murphy, Scott Bomar (music); Eric Steel-



Samuel L. Jackson, Elise Neal, Ruth E. Carter, Craig Brewer

berg (cinematography); **Billy Fox** (editor); **Davis Entertainment, Netflix** (production company); and **Netflix** (distributor). *Dolemite Is My Name* was released nationwide on Friday, October 4, 2019, to critical acclaim and begins streaming on Netflix **October 25, 2019.** (Photos by Getty Images)



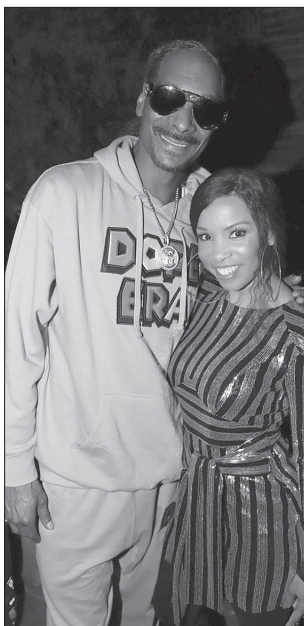
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