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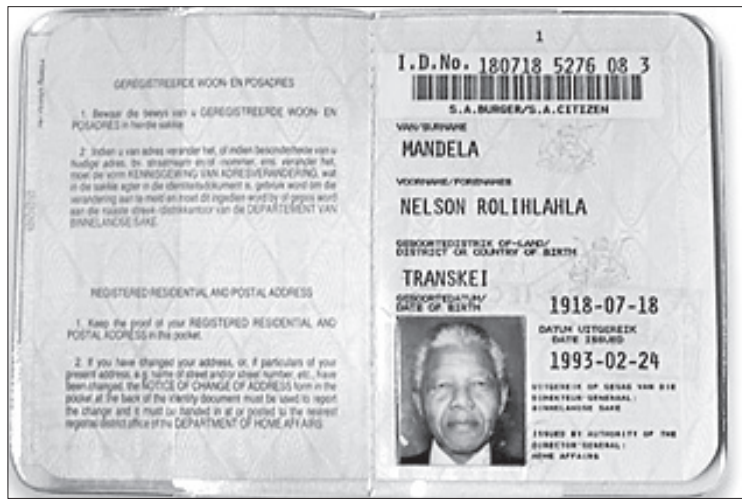
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# FANI WILLIS FIGHTS SMEAR CAMPAIGN

**Willis response to lawyers: "You've been intrusive into people's personal lives. You're confused. You think I'm on trial. These people are on trial for trying to steal an election in 2020. I'm not on trial, no matter how hard you try to put me on trial."**



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## NY Auction of Mandela's belongings slated for February suspended

(GIN)

Some 70 treasured belongings of former South Africa President Nelson Mandela are slated to travel to New York next month for an auction sale that sparked a firestorm between his eldest daughter Makaziwe Mandela-Amuah, his son and South Africa's Heritage and Resource Agency (SAHRA).

The New York auction is set for Feb. 22 but the Guernsey Auction House online announcement now carries the message "Suspended."

Items up for auction include dozens of personal items, estimated at a collective value of \$2 to \$3 million.

According to an ad placed by Guernsey Auction House, the property includes "nearly one hundred treasured items – objects that in one way or another played a role in Madiba's life – will be presented at unreserved auction.... Never offered before, these objects are coming directly from the Mandela family."

Among the items are Mandela's 1993 South African Identification book, his famous green fern-patterned "Madiba" shirt, his iconic aviator sunglasses, a gifted blanket from former President Barack Obama, sculptures, personal letters written by Mandela and even his hearing aids.

Proceeds are set to go to the construction of the Mandela Memorial Garden surrounding his final resting place. in the Eastern Cape village of Qunu, according to Mandela's daughter, where her father grew up and was buried.

"It is my wish that before I close my eyes on nature, I will honor my father with a memorial garden," said Makaziwe Mandela in an interview with the New York Times. "That's what my father would want."

But Ndaba Mandela, Nelson's

grandson, didn't agree. 'Who sells their father's ID?' Ndaba demanded to know as he slammed his aunt's plans to auction Madiba's ID and other items.

The sale was initially canceled but this December, a three-judge panel of the high court in Pretoria sided with Mandela's daughter, calling the SA Heritage Agency's interpretation of heritage objects "overbroad."

South Africa's Minister of Culture Zizi Kodwa echoed some of the concerns raised by SAHRA.

"Former President Mandela is integral to South Africa's heritage," said Minister Kodwa. "His life, experiences and legacy live in our consciousness and in the values we promote as a country... It is thus important that we preserve the legacy of former President Mandela and ensure that his life's work and experiences remain in the country for generations to come."

A similar trove of items were auctioned off last year by Guernsey in a sale called African American Historical and Cultural Artifacts that consisted of thousands of objects tracing the African American experience from the Revolutionary War and the beginnings of slavery on through the Civil Rights Movement and today's Black Lives Matter.

For now, according to the auction house online, interested bidders are encouraged to contact Guernsey's in New York at 212-794-2280 or via email at auctions@guernseys.com and/or register for online bidding at liveauctioneers.com or invaluable.com where the full auction catalogue will be posted one month before the January 28. the construction of the Mandela Memorial Garden surrounding his final resting place. in the Eastern Cape village of Qunu, according to Mandela's daughter, where her father grew up and was buried.

## Spelman College receives record-breaking \$100m gift for scholarships, academic advancement

By Stacy M. Brown(NNPA Newswire)

Renowned businesswoman and philanthropist Ronda Stryker and her husband, William Johnston, Chairman of Greenleaf Trust, have bestowed a monumental gift of \$100 million to Spelman College. The extraordinary donation is the largest single contribution ever made to a historically Black college or university (HBCU).

According to a news release, Stryker, a devoted Spelman College Trustee since 1997, has dedicated decades of her life to the advancement of women through higher education, championing opportunities for marginalized groups. The \$100 million gift coin-

cides with Spelman College commemorating 100 years since its official naming in 1924, marking a historic occasion in the institution's rich legacy.

Officials said a significant portion of the \$75 million donation is earmarked for establishing endowed scholarships to support future students. Officials continued that the move aligns with Spelman College's commitment to attracting the brightest minds and dismantling financial obstacles that may impede qualified students from pursuing education at the esteemed institution. The remaining \$25 million will go towards initiatives such as the development of an academic focus on public policy and democracy, enhancements to student housing, and the provision

of flexible funding to address critical strategic needs.

"We are invigorated and inspired by this incredible act of generosity," said Dr. Helene Gayle, president of Spelman College. "This gift is a critical step in our school's mission to eliminate financial barriers to starting and finishing a Spelman education. We can't thank Ronda Stryker enough for her selflessness and support as both a trustee and friend. There's no doubt that Spelman College is better because of her."

The \$100 million donation is a testament to Stryker and Johnston's commitment to education and a significant leap forward for Spelman College in its pursuit of becoming need-blind, Gayle remarked.



## AG James wins landmark victory in case against Donald Trump

NEW YORK – New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement after Justice Arthur F. Engoron of New York State Supreme Court ruled in her favor in her office's civil fraud case against Donald Trump, the other individual defendants, and the Trump Organization entities, ordering the defendants to pay more than \$450 million in total, which represents \$363.8 million in disgorgement and pre-judgment interest:

"Today, justice has been served. This is a tremendous victory for this state, this nation, and for everyone who believes that we all must play by the same rules — even former presidents.

"For years, Donald Trump engaged in massive fraud to falsely inflate his net worth and unjustly enrich himself, his family, and his organization. While he may have authored the 'Art of the Deal,' our case revealed that his business was based on the art of the steal.

"When powerful people cheat to get better loans, it comes at the expense of honest and hardworking people. Everyday Americans cannot lie to a bank to get a mortgage to buy a home, and if they did, our government would throw the book at them. There simply

cannot be different rules for different people.

"Now, Donald Trump is finally facing accountability for his lying, cheating, and staggering fraud. Because no matter how big, rich, or powerful you think you are, no one is above the law."

The decision issued today by Justice Arthur F. Engoron grants the following relief:

Donald Trump and the other defendants are ordered to pay more than \$450 million in total, which represents \$363.8 million in disgorgement and pre-judgment interest;

Donald Trump, Allen Weisselberg, and Jeffrey McConney are each banned from serving as an officer or director of any New York company for three years;

Allen Weisselberg and Jeffrey McConney are additionally banned from serving in a financial management role in any New York company for life;

Donald Trump, Jr. and Eric Trump are banned from serving as an officer or director of any New York company for two years;

Donald Trump and his companies are banned from applying for loans from any New York bank or financial institution for three years;

A new, Independent Director of Compliance role will be created at

the Trump Organization to ensure the company establishes internal protocols and meets financial reporting obligations; and

The current independent, external monitor will continue to oversee the company's financial dealings and ensure this fraud cannot continue.

Following a three-year investigation, in September 2022 Attorney General James filed a lawsuit against Donald Trump, a number of Trump Organization companies, and senior executives for engaging in years of financial fraud and illegal conduct.

In September 2023, before this trial began, Justice Engoron issued a ruling granting Attorney General James' motion for partial summary judgment, finding that Donald Trump and the defendants committed fraud by falsely inflating the value of his assets.

Today's decision and order that Donald Trump and the other individual defendants also engaged in illegal conduct and that relief against the defendants is necessary to prevent further fraudulent and illegal conduct comes after 11 weeks of trial, which concluded with closing arguments last month.

A copy of the decision is available for download here.

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## Biden-Harris Admin. unveils ambitious plans for equity, racial justice across federal agencies

The White House said these plans include measures to increase access to federal contracting dollars, address discrimination in the housing market, promote environmental justice, tackle health disparities, bolster civil rights enforcement, and combat bias in technology.

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire)



The Biden-Harris Administration has unveiled its Equity Action Plans for federal agencies in a continued push for equity and racial justice. This release marks the first anniversary of President Biden's second Executive Order on Equity, outlining strategies to address systemic barriers and promote inclusivity in policies and programs.

Since taking office, officials tout how the administration has championed an equity and racial justice agenda, ensuring equal opportunities for all communities. However, they acknowledged that, despite progress, historical disparities persist in laws and public policies, hindering the advancement of underserved communities.

In a Fact Sheet released on Wednesday, Feb. 14, administration officials said the White House has actively implemented two historic Executive Orders on equity, the President's Investing in America Agenda, and key legislation to advance opportunity and fulfill Biden's promise of America for everyone.

"Since day one of our administration, President Biden and I have been fully committed to ensuring that every person in America has equitable access to opportunity and the ability to thrive," Vice President Kamala Harris remarked.

On the first anniversary of the second equity executive order,

federal agencies, including all cabinet-level agencies, released their 2023 equity action plans. The White House said these plans include measures to increase access to federal contracting dollars, address discrimination in the housing market, promote environmental justice, tackle health disparities, bolster civil rights enforcement, and combat bias in technology.

The administration also released a White House Progress Report on Equity, showcasing over 650 actions taken by agencies since the release of their 2022 Equity Action Plans. The actions range from increasing access to federal funding for small, disadvantaged businesses to addressing health disparities and promoting fairness in the justice system.

In her statement, Harris celebrated the past year's accomplishments and reiterated the commitment to addressing remaining barriers. "Together, we will continue to advance equity across the federal government, not only in hiring and appointments but in the historic investments we are making in communities that had been overlooked for far too long," she stated.

The Equity Action Plans focus on critical areas, including improving the financial health of underserved businesses and communities, ending gender-based workforce discrimination, addressing discrimination in home appraisals, and expanding safe, accessible, and affordable transportation.

Efforts also target health disparities, making childbirth and the postpartum period safer and combating child food insecurity. Officials said the administration remains dedicated to environmental and climate justice, tackling environmental injustice, and delivering on the Justice40 Initiative.

Recent accomplishments include:

- Supporting disadvantaged farmers.

- Ensuring contracting opportunities for small, disadvantaged businesses.

- Expanding mental health support services for students.

- Fostering community development in rural and tribal communities.

To explore the Equity Action Plans in detail, visit [www.performance.gov/equity](http://www.performance.gov/equity).

## Historic White House gathering celebrates descendants of Civil Rights icons

Prominent figures such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Emmett Till, Thomas Jefferson, and Sally Hemings were scheduled to attend.

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire)

In a Black History Month event at the White House on Tuesday, Feb. 13, Vice President Kamala Harris addressed the descendants of some of the most influential civil rights leaders from the 1950s and '60s, along with other foundational historical figures. The gathering marked the first time many of those families convened in the same room.

Prominent figures such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Emmett Till, Thomas Jefferson, and Sally Hemings were scheduled to attend.

Harris praised the descendants as "extraordinary American heroes" who embody the promise of the nation and the Constitution. "They've passed the baton to us," Harris remarked during her address.

Stephen K. Benjamin, the director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, outlined the administration's initiatives, including an executive order related to police accountability and President Joe Biden's signing of the law establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

The group, known as "The Descendants," gathered to pay homage to their familial legacies in celebration of Black History Month. One of the coordinators, Joshua Jordison, revealed that discussions to bring this diverse group together began several years ago. "It was amazing that many of them had never met," he said.

While invitations were extended to other notable families, some could not attend due to scheduling conflicts and other factors. According to Kenneth B. Morris Jr., a descendant of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, the goal of The Descendants is to lead the nation in a spirit of collaboration and community.

"This historic event marks the beginning of coalescing The Descendants' families and like-minded leaders and organizations to catalyze transformative positive societal change amongst the most significant challenges faced by our country," Morris emphasized.



Beyond the White House reception, a series of activities were planned for the descendant families in Washington on both Tuesday and Wednesday. The itinerary included stops at the U.S. Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, the Supreme Court, and a tour of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Additionally, there were dinners and opportunities for group dialogue.

Ernestine "Tina" Martin Wyatt, a great-great-great-grandniece of Harriet Tubman, was among those to express excitement about meeting the descendants of fellow freedom fighters. "It's an equal collaboration. We are all coming together," Morris asserted.

Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.) enjoys the program during the White House Black History Month Celebration with the descendants of historical Black figures/Courtesy Rep. Terri Sewell

Nearly 100 other guests, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus and administration officials, attended the event. Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), a featured speaker, commended the families for their personal sacrifices and tireless work to preserve and protect their ancestors' legacies. "At a time when our fundamental freedoms are once again under attack, we are grateful to President Biden not only for convening this event but for his commitment to furthering the progress that our foremothers and forefathers fought and died to achieve," Sewell stated.



## Rep. James Clyburn steps down from House leadership

During an interview on Sunday, Feb. 18, Clyburn, 83, expressed his continued disdain for former President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" mantra, asserting that the country is already great but needs to ensure accessibility and affordability for all citizens.

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire)

Longtime South Carolina Democratic Rep. James Clyburn has announced his resignation from his House leadership position, effective immediately, while simultaneously committing to run for reelection. Clyburn, a staunch supporter of President Joe Biden, said he aims to focus on conveying the message of inclusivity and unity that defines the greatness of the United States.

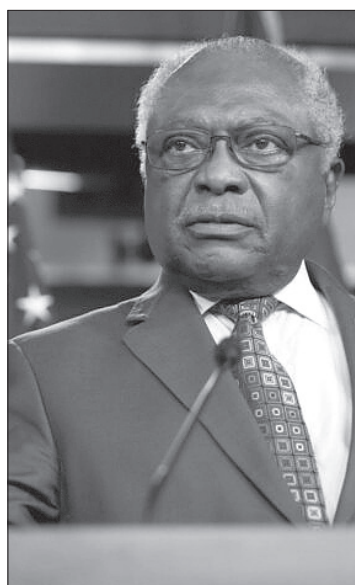
During an interview on Sunday, Feb. 18, Clyburn, 83, expressed his continued disdain for former President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" mantra, asserting that the country is already great but needs to ensure accessibility and affordability for all citizens. He encouraged Biden to emphasize his experience, wisdom, and commitment to maintaining connections with the American people

during the upcoming presidential campaign.

"I am fond of saying, this is a great country in no need of being made great. We just got to figure out ways to make this country's greatness accessible and affordable for all of our citizens. And Joe Biden is doing that. And we have got to stay focused on that," Clyburn stated emphatically.

Clyburn, who had previously announced his intention to seek reelection, also reiterated that he's only stepping aside as assistant Democratic leader, which marks the end of his influential tenure in House leadership. The move comes amid years of speculation about Clyburn's retirement and the subsequent race to fill the void in the majority Black 6th Congressional District, covering substantial parts of the Interstate 95 corridor, Northeast Columbia, and North Charleston.

Expressing gratitude for the trust placed in him by colleagues throughout his career, Clyburn acknowledged the changing political landscape and his role in shaping it. Last year, he played a pivotal role in moving the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary to a leading position. He collaborated



with Republican Governor Henry McMaster to expand broadband access to rural South Carolina.

The departure of Clyburn from his assistant Democratic leader role represents a broader shift in leadership dynamics, completing the transition from the era of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, of California, to a younger generation led by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

"I am deeply grateful for the confidence my colleagues have placed in me throughout my career," Clyburn stated.

## Black social media reacts to deputy shooting of distressed Black woman

In December, Deputy Ty Shelton and another officer arrived at the home of 27-year-old Niani Finlayson who reported a domestic violence incident, noting that her boyfriend had abused her nine-year-old daughter.

By Stacy M. Brown(NNPA Newswire)



The “white lady walks into the police station, and then shoots it up and still is alive.” Also, “she called for help and ended up dead. My gosh, our system is jacked.” Black people, “we must wake up. What we have here is classic case of a Klansmen disguised as someone who is supposed to protect and serve.”

The comments were many of the more than 9,100 on an Instagram post detailing the deadly shooting of a distressed Black woman who called 911 for assistance from an allegedly abusive ex-boyfriend. In December, Deputy Ty Shelton and another officer arrived at the home of 27-year-old Niani Finlayson who reported a domestic violence incident, noting that her boyfriend had abused her nine-year-old daughter.

When Shelton and his partner arrived, a distressed and scared Finlayson was holding a knife and threatening to stab her ex-boyfriend if he wasn't removed from the home. On bodycam footage released recently, Shelton is heard ordering his partner to taser Finlayson, but within a split second and with Finlayson's daughter just a few feet away from her mother, Shelton unleashes four shots into the Black woman who was pronounced dead a short time later.

Reacting to the body-worn camera footage, the victim's father, Lamont Finlayson, expressed dismay at the shooting.

“When you look at the bodycam, you just have to shake your head and say, ‘Oh my God, what happened? What happened?’” he told KTLA-TV's Lauren Lyster. “They're supposed to be there to save her life, not to kill her. You throw the taser down and just

automatically go for your weapon within one second. When I look at that, I'm saying, ‘Why is he still on the force?’ Where does this guy come from, where's his training?”

In response to the case, the sheriff's department said that with all deputy-involved shootings, there is a thorough review process, including by the Office of the Inspector General, the L.A. County District Attorney's Office and more, where every aspect of the shooting is evaluated.

However, it wasn't the first time that Shelton was involved in a domestic incident that turned deadly. According to the Instagram post, Shelton was also involved in the killing of Michael Thomas, 61, under similar circumstances.

In the aftermath of Finlayson's shooting, the Sheriff's Department said its investigation continues as Finlayson's family started the process of suing the department and county for \$30 million. “As she sought to be protected, instead she was executed,” said Brad Gage, an attorney representing Finlayson's family. “Niana was sitting on the ground when she was shot in the back. Niani was obviously upset that this man had injured her and her daughter but did not take any violent actions.”

Authorities are asking anyone with information regarding the case to call LASD's homicide detectives at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be submitted to L.A. Crimestoppers at 800-222-8477.

“They immediately treated her as the hostile one,” Instagram user “afrocrypt” wrote. “No attempt to calm anything.” Another user, “cymuzik,” posted about the deputy, “Trained to kill.”

## DOJ exposes critical failures in federal prisons leading to inmate deaths

The report, covering the years FY 2014 through FY 2021, scrutinizes 344 deaths in BOP institutions and points to a multitude of issues, notably suicides, homicides, accidents, and a concerning number resulting from unknown factors.

By Stacey Brown(NNPA Newswire)



A scathing report released by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz unveiled a disturbing pattern of operational and managerial deficiencies within the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), shedding light on the alarming rate of inmate deaths. The report, covering the years FY 2014 through FY 2021, scrutinizes 344 deaths in BOP institutions and points to a multitude of issues, notably suicides, homicides, accidents, and a concerning number resulting from unknown factors.

Suicide Epidemic: BOP's Alarming Shortcomings Revealed

Suicides emerged as the predominant cause of death, constituting over half of the 344 cases investigated. The DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) identified recurring policy violations and operational failures contributing to inmate suicides. Among the highlighted deficiencies were lapses in staff completion of inmate assessments, inappropriate Mental Health Care Level assignments, and the heightened risk associated with single-celled inmates. The report uncovered a lack of coordination among staff departments, hindering the provision of necessary treatment and follow-up for distressed inmates. Furthermore, a glaring oversight revealed that the BOP failed to provide evidence of completing the required mock suicide drills essential for staff readiness. The report found that, despite a significant drop in the overall inmate population, plummeting from 214,149 in 2014 to 144,448 in 2021, the number of suicides within the BOP system surged.

The report also spotlighted BOP-run facilities failure to conduct mandatory “mock suicide drills.” Investigators said 67 out of the 194 BOP facilities were unable

to provide evidence of running a single mock suicide drill between 2018 and 2020, violating the required three drills per year, one for each shift.

Insufficient Emergency Response: BOP Staff's Failures Exposed

The OIG's findings underscored significant shortcomings in the BOP's response to medical emergencies, with almost half of the inmate deaths reviewed reflecting inadequate reactions. From a lack of urgency and unclear radio communications to issues with naloxone administration in opioid overdose cases, the report paints a picture of systemic failures compromising the safety and well-being of inmates.

Information Void Hinders Prevention: BOP's Limited Understanding of Inmate Deaths

A critical revelation emerged regarding the lack of available information about inmate deaths, hampering the BOP's ability to prevent future fatalities. The report exposed the BOP's inability to produce required documents following an inmate's death, limiting their understanding of circumstances leading to deaths and impeding the identification of preventative measures. The OIG also highlighted the absence of in-depth action reviews for inmate homicides or fatalities resulting from accidents and unknown factors, further limiting the BOP's capacity to learn from these tragic incidents.

Operational Challenges: A Recipe for Disaster

Long-standing operational challenges such as contraband interdiction, staffing shortages, outdated security systems, and

staff non-compliance with policies were identified as contributing factors in nearly one-third of inmate deaths. The report singled out 70 inmates who died from drug overdoses, emphasizing the pressing need for comprehensive reforms to mitigate these risks.

Recommendations for Reform: BOP's Pledge for Change

The OIG proposed 12 recommendations to address the root causes of inmate deaths. In a show of unity, the BOP has pledged to implement all the recommendations, signaling a commitment to rectify these systemic issues, and upholding its duty to ensure inmates' safe and humane management.

The report concluded that chronic understaffing contributed to multiple failures in the BOP. “The report is an urgent call to action. No family should ever have to receive a call that a loved one has died while incarcerated simply because a facility was understaffed, under-resourced or out of compliance with BOP policy,” Inimai Chettiar, Deputy Director for the Justice Action Network, said in an emailed statement.

“There is strong bipartisan support for comprehensive oversight of our nation's prisons, and it is long past time for congress to enact the kind of transparency and accountability that will prevent deaths like these in the future. We are encouraged by Senator [Dick] Durbin's prompt commitment to hold a hearing in the wake of the report's release. Families of the deceased, and those whose sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters are being detained in federal facilities right now deserve immediate attention.”

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# Whites must feel the direct pain from white supremacy



By David W. Marshall  
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The meaning of being “woke” is simple. It means being awakened to the needs of others. Being “woke” is understanding something you may not have previously understood while now arriving at the point of acceptance. It means to be well-informed, thoughtful, compassionate, humble, and kind. Being “woke” is having an eagerness to make the world a better place for all people. While the backlash against “wokeism” is growing, many people fail to understand its simplistic meaning. Others fully understand it, but they find that the rightful

outcome of social justice is too uncomfortable to accept.

As we celebrate Black History Month this February, we cannot forget how Black history remains a valuable piece of American history; the two are intertwined. Regarding professional sports, sports will never be immune from the historical impact of social and cultural issues. One example is Jack Kemp and the 1965 AFL All-Star football game. Kemp was a nine-term Republican Congressman from Western New York. His racial awakening was evident long before “wokeism” became common in modern politics. Before his political career, Kemp was once a star quarterback in the old AFL (American Football League).

Kemp earned the AFL Most Valuable Player award in 1965 after leading the Buffalo Bills to a second consecutive football championship. He played in the AFL All-Star game seven times during his 10-year career. He was also co-founder of the AFL Players Association. Despite his success on the football field and later in politics, little is known about his role in the 1965 AFL All-Star Game boycott. The 1965 boycott was often referred to as “The Stand” and remains an unfamiliar story of Black history.

Following the completion of the 1964 AFL season, the 1965 AFL All-Star game was scheduled to be

played in New Orleans, a city hungry for its own professional football franchise. Leaders of the host city were faced with an awkward balancing act. They wanted to show representatives from the AFL and the NFL (National Football League) that New Orleans could support its own franchise but had to do so in the racially charged South during a period shortly after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. City sponsors assured AFL representatives that the city would be safe for its Black players. Unfortunately, a different story unfolded once players began arriving in the city.

Many Black players were quick to realize that Jim Crow was still alive and well despite the new law that banned discrimination based on race. The players were repeatedly denied cab service or taken to the wrong locations. One group found themselves stranded for more than three hours. Players were constantly refused entrance to restaurants and other nightspots. The verbal threats and harassment were relentless. Therefore, it was just a matter of time before the continuous humiliation and disrespect overshadowed any excitement or desire to play in the exhibition game. Eventually, the players met to decide whether to leave the city or participate in the game.

Initially, all of the white players who attended the meeting wanted

to play. There was no consensus among the Black players. Some wanted to play, and others were ready to leave; then leadership took over the meeting. Several of the Black veterans spoke up with passion. The New Orleans experience was no longer about a football game or the pride of being named an All-Star. It was about human dignity and respect. Later that day, each of the Black players packed their bags and returned home. Several white players did the same, but only after white veterans Ron Mix and Jack Kemp made the case directly to them. Ron Mix told them, “I want to play the game; however, I respect what the Black players are going through, so I’m not playing.” Jack Kemp echoed those same sentiments when he spoke. The next day, the AFL commissioner, realizing the magnitude of the problem, announced the game would be played in Houston rather than New Orleans.

The 1965 AFL All-Star game represented the first-ever boycott of a host city by professional athletes of any sport. Years later, many players saw their careers shortened or negatively impacted by their participation in the walkout. But the long-term financial consequences on a city still struggling with its hate-filled traditions were profound. “The Stand” was a total surprise and embarrassment to a

proud New Orleans community. Having an empty Tulane Stadium on the scheduled day of the All-Star game was a powerful statement against white supremacy while serving as a major wake-up call to the New Orleans establishment. It forced the city to reflect upon itself and move toward making hard social changes to be seriously considered for a professional football team. Ultimately, the city was awarded the New Orleans Saints NFL franchise.

Later in his political career, Kemp said that the pain and humiliation he felt for his Black teammates in the 1960s became “etched in my memory” and that when he got into politics, he pledged to be their “voice” in the Republican Party. William H. Gray III, who once served in the House of Representatives with Kemp, and who later became president of the United Negro College Fund, said Kemp’s overture is “record-breaking” for a Republican. “The Stand” proved that for white supremacy to die, ill-willed whites must consistently feel the direct pain resulting from their hate and injustice. We know that will likely never happen with the current anti-wokeism, anti-DEI, and anti-CRT movements.

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# Editorial - Opinion



By Dr. E. Faye Williams  
(TriceEdneyWire.com)

## Right to be angry

things. So, from where does all this hatefulness come? Why are we now known as “angry Black women?” As soon as Fulton County DA Fani Willis was determined to be this smart Black woman who was doing so well that she was certain to be able to rightly convict “The Donald” and his crew that participated in helping to cover things up for him as it’s clear he “just wanted the top election official in Georgia to find 11,700 ballots to help him win the state! It’s recorded. What more proof is needed to find “The Donald” guilty of trying to steal an election? That’s the crime!

DA Fani Willis—a smart, well-qualified Black woman—was the person with the charge to tell the man, “You can’t do that Donald. People have to vote and be legally counted to add to the number of people voting for you.” He didn’t like that because he thinks even

though he’d lost the election, he should be able to do anything he wanted to do to get enough votes. The truth was too much for the man!

He’d been accustomed to doing whatever he wanted to do like lie, cheat, steal, and rape women to get what he wanted. One woman by the name of E. Jean Carroll had just taught him that is not the way things work. New York Atty. General Tish James—another smart Black woman— was in the process of showing him you don’t sit around and blame your friends, let them go to jail for you, and bully judges to have your way. Now, “The Donald” found out that all women are not crazy, dumb, or incompetent. He’s paying a heavy price finally.

DA Willis finally said enough is enough. She said, “I have the right to defend myself,” and under

oath, she made it clear she takes care of herself and no matter how salacious prosecutors tried to make her, they will never be able to prove she somehow needed to have a man she was seeing take care of her. She paid her way with money she earned apart from the man she was dating at the time. Atty. Nathan Wade confirms that.

Several elderly white men and a white woman tried to project what they would have done onto DA Willis. They haven’t proved she did anything illegal. She did what most Black women were taught. Even when you go on a date, you take your dollar. As for keeping cash around the house, most of us were taught to do that. Her Dad taught her to do that, and so did my Mom. Those of us who’ve gone to school, highly educated ourselves, and earned a great job, don’t ask for men to pay our bills.

We pay them ourselves.

Some have said Fani shouldn’t have been angry, but you need to put yourself in her shoes as so much irrelevant information from Trump’s friends was being thrown against her, without proof, to destroy a smart Black woman to save a well-known bad actor. As a Black woman, I stand with DA Willis, and I pray she will spend the rest of her life without fear fighting for justice and winning.

When a Black woman is angry, you can bet there’s good reason. What we feel for the meanness against us just because we are successful Black women hurts.

Still, it doesn’t stop the great work we so often do for our people, and it often even benefits those who try to destroy us!

Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq. (Ret.) is President of The Dick Gregory Society.

Let’s get this straight. There was a time when Black women were depended upon to take care of other people’s children, cook their food, clean their homes, and do other unmentionable

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# Black History Month

## Civil rights leader Benjamin Chavis explores democracy, its inter-relation with education, community, business and politics at Phila Tribune Black History Awards Luncheon

Chanel Hill Tribune Staff Writer

Civil rights leader Benjamin Chavis delivered a powerful keynote speech on Thursday at The Philadelphia Tribune Christopher J. Perry/Carter G. Woodson Black History Awards Luncheon.

The theme for his speech was American democracy and how it relates to education, community, business, and politics.

Chavis is currently the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, an organization that focuses on supporting and advocating for publishers of the nation's more than 200 Black newspapers.

"One of the things that I learned from Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement was to not let anything or anybody break your spirit," Chavis said. "There is a lot going on in some of our communities that is trying to break our spirit."

"I'm glad that Pennsylvania as a state has not joined Florida as a state to ban books and change the curriculum to deny the truth not just for Black youth, but for white youth," he said. "Everybody deserves high quality education and there should be no attempt to deny equal education."

Chavis also spoke about the upcoming presidential election and charged the audience to make a difference by voting.

"There have been not only attempts to keep us from voting, but I'm concerned about social media and the distribution of content targeting young people and having them think that voting is not important," he said. "I want us to be mindful of what's going on, but also realize how important the right to vote is."

Approximately 300 people attended the event at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. NBC10 anchor Fred Shropshire guided the program.

Attendees were welcomed by Robert W. Bogle, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Tribune. Tiffany Thurman also spoke on behalf of Mayor Cherelle Parker, who was unable to attend the event due to illness.

"This gathering is a stark reminder of the rich and diverse tapestry of African-American history in our beloved city," said Thurman, who is chief of staff for the Parker administration.

"As we come together to commemorate the legacy of Perry and Woodson, we pay tribute to their resilience, determination and contribution to the African-American community that has left a lasting mark on the city's identity," she said.

"Your stories are intertwined with the essence of Philadelphia. A city that has stood as a beacon of liberty and justice for all."



Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro praised The Tribune during his speech for being an accurate source of news.

"I want to applaud The Philadelphia Tribune for getting out accurate information at a time where there is misinformation in

political discourse and in the news cycle," Shapiro said. "The Philly Tribune is a source that we need and you can trust."

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By Don Thomas

## “One Love” opened Valentine’s Day earning \$14 million

By Malia Mendez

“One Love” opened bigger than projected, earning \$14 million — the best Valentine’s Day midweek take ever, Deadline reported. The film also earned a Rotten Tomatoes audience score of 95% — although it was less popular with critics, whose aggregate rating currently sits at 44%. But it wasn’t stats or profits that brought Ziggy Marley to his first film project, he told Billboard in an interview. David Nesta “Ziggy” Marley, 55, is Bob Marley’s eldest son and was only 12 when his father died in 1981.

“My father’s story, it carries a message with it” the Grammy winner said. “I think now is the time for this message of one love to be put in the global view.” “One Love” narrows its focus to a formative chapter of Bob Marley’s life that coincided with a period of fierce political divisions in Jamaica. The movie chronicles the singer and political activist’s near assassination in Kingston in 1976 and his subsequent trip to Europe to record and tour his ninth studio album “Exodus,” released in 1977. The biopic concludes as the singer returns to Jamaica for the One Love Peace Concert in 1978, which drew over 30,000 attendees.

Ziggy Marley said this season of his father’s life “made him decide what his purpose was.” The screenplay quotes almost verbatim from Bob Marley: “If my life is for myself, I don’t want it. My life is for people.” “This is who Bob Marley is,” Ziggy Marley said. “We don’t need for [sic] tell a story from birth to death to know this.” Still, there were some scenes Ziggy Marley struggled to part with, including one in which the Wailers fight and break up.

“When you start editing a movie, it kind of unfolds and tells you what it wants to be,” he said, and scenes like this one just “didn’t fit.” But in the case of the band’s break-up, he added, smiling, that it will be



(L-R) Ziggy Marley and Kingsley Ben-Adir (who portrays Bob Marley) wearing tank tops while standing on the set of the “One Love”. (Photo: Chiabella James/Paramount Pictures)

released as a deleted scene in the future. Piecing the film together, Ziggy Marley said, was a negotiation between his vision and that of Director Reinaldo Marcus Green.

Ziggy Marley first approached Green when he was still editing “King Richard” — the biographical sports drama about Richard, Venus and Serena Williams that went on

to win Will Smith an Oscar in 2022. But it wasn’t his work on “King Richard,” which hadn’t yet been released, that got Ziggy Marley’s attention. It was “Stone Cars,” a 14-minute, low-budget short Green had filmed in South Africa nearly a decade prior.

“I liked the authenticity of it,” Ziggy Marley told Billboard. “I liked

the grit, how it looked, and I liked that it was being real to that culture.” That authenticity carried into the musician’s relationship with the director, who was brutally honest with the singer from the moment he saw the first script. “He’s in it for the real thing,” Ziggy Marley said, “not like somebody to come, like, tell you what you want to hear or lift

up your ego, but working to what is the best thing for the film.” Green was always respectful of the Marley family’s commitment to “telling the story how we wanted to tell it,” Ziggy Marley said.

That meant filming in Jamaica where half the film takes place — the other half unfolds in England — and hiring mostly Jamaican actors, or actors who have Jamaican heritage, including Lashana Lynch, who plays Bob Marley’s wife Rita Marley. In the end, the studio employed more than 400 Jamaican cast and crew and more than 1,800 background actors to deliver 25 days of filming on the island, CEO of Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Brian Robbins said at the movie’s Jan. 23, 2024 premiere in Kingston.

Robbins also said Paramount made significant investments in Trench Town, the backdrop of Bob Marley’s childhood — including the construction of an outdoor learning pavilion and security booths at the Trench Town Primary school. “In my heart of hearts, it was like Bob doing this for the community,” Ziggy said. While the film’s more somber scenes won most moviegoers over — including Rita, who shed tears during the film’s premiere — the ones Ziggy says he loves most showcase Bob Marley’s unusual, and often ill-understood, humor. “Those type of moments just make me laugh and say, ‘Yeah, that’s exactly how it was with Bob.’”



Actors Kingsley Ben-Adir (Bob Marley) and Lashana Lynch (Rita Marley) in gripping scene from “One Love”



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# International

## U.S. cuts African trade benefits hurting the poor

(GIN)

A trade preference program that lets African countries export products to the U.S. tariff-free has been suspended for Ethiopia, Mali and Guinea. President Joe Biden ended the benefit over alleged violations of human rights violations.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is deeply concerned by the unconstitutional change in governments in both Guinea and Mali, and by the gross violations of internationally recognized human rights violations by the Government of Ethiopia and other parties amid the widening conflict in northern Ethiopia," the U.S. Trade Representative alleged on its website.

The trade program, known as AGOA, (the African Growth and Opportunity Act), has been the cornerstone of U.S. efforts to cultivate deeper economic relations with sub-Saharan Africa since 2000.

But many experts fault the program, charging it failed to live up to expectations. After an initial rise in trade, the region's exports to the U.S. stagnated.

Gas and oil have dominated AGOA exports since 2001 and nearly 90 percent of non-energy U.S. imports from Africa in 2022 came from only 5 countries.

South Africa contributes the majority of exports—platinum, cars, car parts, and gold—at more than 56 percent in 2021.

Enacted in 2000 by President Bill Clinton, AGOA was seen as a way to boost growth and bolster democratic ideals across the continent.

Clinton claimed it would strengthen the U.S. economy by opening markets with "hundreds of millions of potential consumers" to American producers and help African countries develop and diversify their economies.

Out of forty-nine potential beneficiaries in the region, only thirty-five countries signed up. Now, fourteen are suspended, including Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Uganda, Niger, Gabon, South Sudan, Zimbabwe and the Central

African Republic.

Biden now plans to remove four more countries this year, citing human rights violations in the Central African Republic and Uganda, and failures to protect political pluralism and the rule of law in Gabon and Niger amid coups d'état earlier this year.

Mauritania, however, will regain its status for "measurable progress on worker rights and eliminating forced labor." This despite findings by Amnesty Int'l and Human Rights Watch that authorities continue to restrict human rights and subject journalists, bloggers and political activists to intimidation, arbitrary arrest and detentions. Anti-slavery laws are not enforced and a draft law on violence against women has not been passed.

Since the U.S. removed Uganda from the AGOA trade deal, Uganda now has to find alternatives to plug the gap of nearly \$10 million in export revenue.

According to AfronomicsLaw in association with the African International Economic Law Network, the

suspension of AGOA shifts the goal from promoting economic development through increased US-Africa trade to achieving narrow geopolitical interests.

Countries with bad human rights records will not necessarily change their practices because of trade sanctions.

When Ethiopia was cut from AGOA, its human rights record did not improve and poverty increased in Ethiopia. Approximately one million jobs were lost and some 200,000 low-income families were hurt—primarily women who had nothing to do with government.

Uganda maintains that terminating its AGOA status would harm farmers and small businesses in this impoverished African country.

Denying countries AGOA eligibility will harm vulnerable groups who are not responsible for the policies their governments are accused of, say Afronomics lawyers. Farmers, small enterprises and laborers who are not the authors of US-criticized policies suffer when AGOA eligibility is suspended. w/pix of African apparel workers.



## Kenyan women rally against gender-based violence

(GIN) –

Hundreds of women dressed in black gathered in Kenya's capital this week at a vigil dubbed "Dark Valentine" to protest the rise in femicides in the country.

More than 16 cases were reported by police and local media since the start of the year.

"We are losing so many women, so many girls," said Merlin Kawira, a student and founder of an on-campus mental health support group call Africa Arts and Mental Talks. "So today most of us have come here to ensure that we end femicide."

On a day traditional for celebrating love, students gathered to remember the victims of femicide by lighting candles, chanting names of those killed and holding red roses.

The Valentine's Day protest comes on the heels of a march last month when thousands took to the streets calling for an end to the scourge and for Kenya's notoriously backlogged justice system to deal seriously with domestic violence.

Grace Wangari, age 24, is one of 16 Kenyan women who died allegedly at the hands of their partners since the start of 2024. Last month, 26-year-old Starlet Wahu was stabbed to death by a man alleged to be part of an extortionist criminal ring that targets women through dating sites.

Less than two weeks later, another woman was drugged and dismembered by a man she had arranged to meet in a rented flat, with her body discarded in plastic bags.



This week's vigils are expected to be the country's largest commemoration yet of the victims of gender-based violence.

"The reality of any woman living in this country [is] you always live under the banner of fear, because we've grown up with this. It's ahistorical to say it's a recent spark that has sent people over the edge," says Muthoni Maingi, one of the conveners of the nationwide protests.

Hashtags like #WeAreNotSafe, #StopKillingWomen and #EndFemicideKE are trending in Kenya.

They reflect an intense national debate over a series of murders that have rocked the country. In the month of January, 30 women were murdered, according to data compiled by the grassroots organization Usikimye (Swahili for "don't be silent"), whose mission is to end gender-based violence, working with other feminist and human rights groups.

The Kenya Police Service does not track murders by gender.

Grace Wangari's mother said she was haunted by recent discoveries about her daughter's life. She recalls with sadness how she had promised to send her money to move to a new apartment. Wangari had two daughters, who now live with Susan Wairimu. As she watches her granddaughters play, Wairimu wonders if things could have played out differently.

At least 500 femicide cases have been recorded in Kenya since 2016. A majority of the killings follow systematic domestic violence, according to the platform Africa data hub, which says femicide cases are probably heavily under-reported and miscategorized, due to inadequate coverage.

"We are holding the vigils to remind the country that in [what are supposed to be] circumstances of safety and love, a lot of women meet their demise," says Maingi.

## Superstar runner dies in late night car crash

(GIN) –

Kelvin Kiptum, a superstar of long distance running and the first man to run the marathon in under 2 hours, died tragically in a late night car crash in western Kenya.

He died along with his coach, Gervais Hakizimana, when he veered off the road into a ditch and hit a large tree, the authorities said. He and Hakizimana were killed instantly. A third person in the car, Sharon Kosgei, was injured.

Kiptum was 24 years old. His record of world records began with his first marathon in Valencia, Spain, in 2022, with a winning time of 2:01:53. At the London Marathon in 2023, he crushed the field to win in 2:01:25, the second-fastest time in history, 16 seconds short of the world record of 2:01:09 held by Eliud Kipchoge, also of Kenya.

Finally, he broke a new world record at the Chicago Marathon, obliterating the world record with a score of 2:00:35

Kiptum was born on Dec. 2, 1999, in Chepsamo, Kenya. As a young man, he worked as a goat

herder and trained as an electrician before deciding to become a runner.

In an interview with the BBC, coach Hakizimana recalled the little boy herding livestock barefoot. "It was in 2009, I was training near his father's farm, he'd come kicking at my heels, and I would chase him away."

News of Kiptum's death brought tributes from Kenya, throughout Africa and across the world of road running. William Ruto, Kenya's president, wrote on X, formerly Twitter: "Kiptum was our future. An extraordinary sportsman has left an extraordinary mark in the globe."

Kiptum's victories came at a time when nearly 300 athletes from Kenya were being punished for using banned substances, tarnishing the country's image as a running powerhouse.

As a result, the 23-year-old record-holder — who has not been accused of doping — found himself defending not only what he had done in Chicago, but what he had not. His record time, he said, was the product of running 150 miles or more per week at altitude, not the use of banned substances.

"My secret is training," he said. "Not any other thing."

World Athletics president Sebastian Coe offered his condolences. "We are shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the devastating loss of Kelvin Kiptum and his coach," he wrote. "An incredible athlete leaving an incredible legacy, we will miss him dearly."

Kiptum's survivors include his wife and two children.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, around 10,000 runners participated in a Run for Gaza marathon. Ticket sales will be used for much needed humanitarian aid for the people in the Gaza Strip

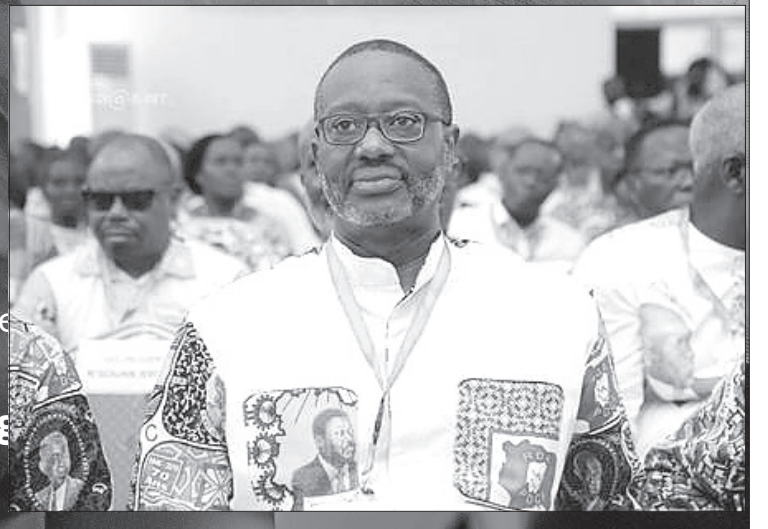
Runners from 30 different countries took part, with French participant Lauren Cocula telling the AP news: "If we don't save people in Gaza, we are going to just fail humanity as humans so I think it is important."

The event was organized by Egyptian minister of Social Solidarity Nevin Al-Qabbaj in cooperation with the Egyptian Tribal and Families Council, the Minister of Environment Yasmine Fouad and the Minister of Youth and Sports.



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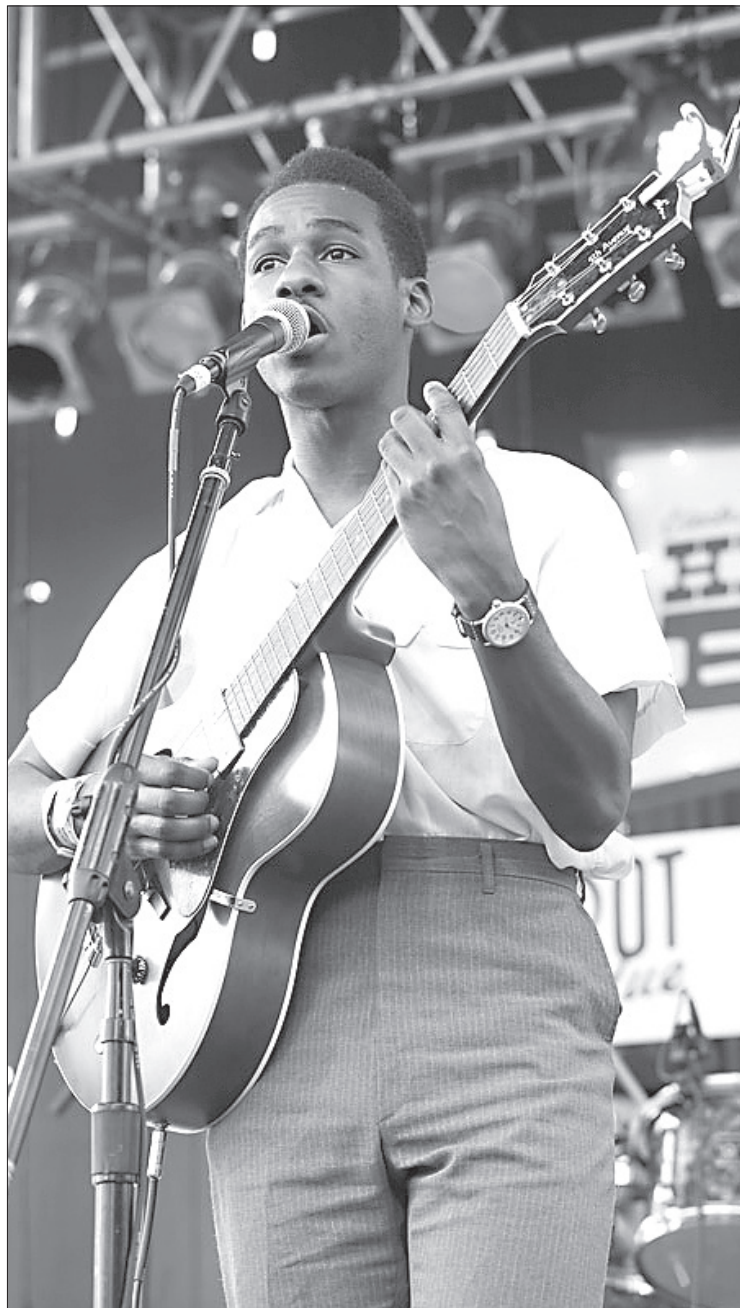
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# Disc Chat

## Leon Bridges drops “Redemption Song”



Singer/Songwriter Leon Bridges

Posted By Don Thomas

**M**arking the third single release in advance of Bob Marley: One Love (music inspired by the film), Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum selling R&B Singer/Songwriter Leon Bridges shares his cover of the Marley standard, “Redemption Song,” available at all platforms.

In conjunction with the opening of the Bob Marley: One Love Paramount pictures the 7-track EP was released on February 14th via Tuff Gong/Island Records. Comprised of seven essential compositions from the Jamaican reggae icon, the EP features contemporary covers including Kacey Musgraves’ acoustic rendition of “Three Little Birds” (released in January), and more from Wizkid, Leon Bridges, Jessie Reyez, Bloody Civilian, and Skip Marley, grandson of Bob Marley.

“Redemption Song’ is one of my favorite Bob Marley songs,” says Bridges, “and I was so honored to do a rendition of it. For me it was important to keep the spirit of the original song while putting my own spin on it. Bob Marley revolutionized reggae music and music in general and was able to make music that spoke truth in a simple and soulful way. His music transcended race and language which is something we all strive to accomplish as artists.”

The Marley family had a hand in choosing and approving all selections for the EP. This underscores the strong, enduring six-decade relationship with Island Records, the Marley family, and Jamaica, elements which are reflected in the movie as well.



“Bob Marley: One Love” celebrates the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. On the big screen for the first time, discover Bob’s powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary

music.” Produced in partnership with the Marley family and starring Kingsley Ben-Adir as the legendary musician and Lashana Lynch as his wife Rita, Bob Marley: One Love is in theatres and has been rated PG-13 for marijuana use and smoking throughout.

## From the heart of Rhonda Ross

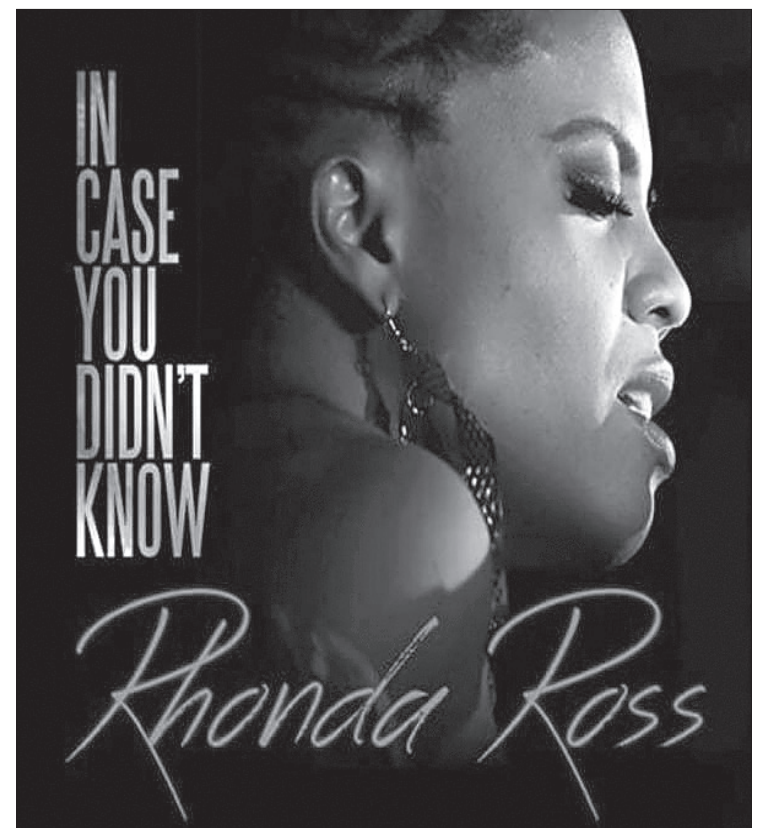


Rhonda Ross

Posted By Don Thomas

**F**rom her heart to ours, Singer/Composer Rhonda Ross will lend her voice to the faculty and students of the Williamsburg Charter High School in Brooklyn, New York on Monday, March 11th 2024 from 2-3 pm. The humanitarian and motivational speaker is the daughter of Living Legend Superstar Diana Ross and Motown Records founder, Berry Gordy, Jr., will speak on the topic of “Find Your Voice!” designed to bring out the inner greatness in our children. Rhonda’s album “In Case You Didn’t Know,” is filled with her self-composed smooth grooves that definitely deserves a listen too. Visit youtube and enjoy her awesome arrangement of the for-mentioned song, followed by several others.

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# HUD Secretary to Black press: 'We are depending on you'

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA

In an exclusive interview conducted by Greer Marshall, broadcast producer of "Let It Be Known," the National Newspaper Publisher Association's (NNPA) morning news show, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary and former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Marcia L. Fudge, discussed the transformative impact that the Biden-Harris administration's policies have had on homeownership and affordable housing for Black families.

Marshall and Fudge discussed several issues that are vital to Black Americans who find themselves at a crossroads as they endure the real and disproportionate negative impact of the nation's current state of housing.

Even in today's robust economy — or perhaps because of it — many African Americans struggle with finding and securing affordable housing, especially those who live in large cities.

While still historically low, interest rates have combined with shrinking availability and heightened competition to make homeownership elusive for many who could have easily acquired a new home and kept up with the related mortgage payments less than a decade ago.

However, according to Fudge, the administration's policies and actions can mitigate some challenges renters and homeowners face. One initiative is The Road Home, a suite of programs and services that helps families and individuals move into housing and focus on short-term solutions that lead to long-term stability.

Fudge discussed The Road Home while outlining various programs and resources available through HUD, stating, "These initiatives aim to assist with housing



opportunities and community development for Black residents, all while balancing environmental justice concerns with improving Black homeownership and housing conditions."

The programs include Housing navigation, veteran services, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, investments in short-term residences for the unhoused, and landlord programs (partial listing).

Elaborating on initiatives aimed at providing emergency rental assistance and addressing homelessness among people of color, Fudge said, "The discontinuation of the Road Home Program and intentional changes in underwriting at HUD and FHA signify a crucial shift, empowering Black and brown individuals on their path to homeownership."

The PAVE (Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity) taskforce is part of the administration's plan

to help overcome fair housing and homeownership challenges that disproportionately affect people of color. "Through the PAVE task force, we are committed to addressing appraisal bias and taking decisive legal action against appraisers who undervalue properties," emphasized Fudge.

Before her term as the nation's top housing official, while she was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio, Fudge was passionate about addressing persistent challenges with fair and affordable housing and homeownership within Black communities. As a key member of the Biden-Harris cabinet, Fudge continues to champion policies and solutions that will address the underlying cultural, economic, and societal behaviors that sustain those challenges.

"Our administration is resolute in combating appraisal bias and fostering generational wealth

building," said Fudge. As an action item, she pledged to "... actively promote HUD programs for self-sufficiency, wealth building, and assistance in core communities for Black residents."

Responding to questions about strategies for promoting generational wealth building and housing opportunities within Black communities, Fudge highlighted urban revitalization programs. "These initiatives breathe new life into urban areas, offering housing opportunities and fostering community development for Black residents." Additionally, Fudge underscored the administration's delicate balance between addressing environmental justice concerns and enhancing Black homeownership and housing conditions.

A key challenge in the successful implementation of any program is getting the word out so that beneficiaries know what re-

sources are available to them and how they can access them. Fudge asserted that as the Black Press of America, media companies that comprise the NNPA are seen by the Biden-Harris administration as critical in the discussion on policies addressing Black families' home ownership and affordable housing. "The Black Press of America will play a crucial role in disseminating information about HUD programs and resources to their audience," notes Fudge.

According to a recent statement from the White House, "Recent data show that deflation in rental markets is decelerating and more apartments are on track to be built this year than any year on record. The Administration's actions directly lead to the creation of tens of thousands of affordable housing units." The administration's Housing Supply Action Plan sites "an economy where everyone has access to a safe and affordable home."

When asked to list some of the targeted urban revitalization programs this administration has implemented to enhance housing opportunities and community development for Black residents, Fudge explained, "Our commitment to urban revitalization programs is about breathing new life into urban areas, providing housing opportunities, and fostering community development for Black residents."

Fudge has said that her real goal in her current role is to give people hope and belief that she and her team at HUD, with the support of the Biden-Harris administration, can make their lives better. On behalf of its millions of readers, viewers, and listeners, the Black Press of America remains committed to doing all it can to help Secretary Fudge's goal become a reality.

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