"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America." - Congressman John Lewis



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IN MEMORIAM: Pope Francis Dies as Catholic Church's **Reckoning with Racism Remains**

By Stacy M. Brown BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent



Pope Francis, the first Latin American pontiff and a global voice for the poor, immigrants, and the environment, died Monday at age 88. Cardinal Kevin Farrell announced his death from the Domus Santa Marta, the Vatican residence where Francis chose to live instead of the Apostolic Palace. "At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the home of the Father," said Farrell. "His entire life was dedicated to the service

of the Lord and of his Church." Church bells rang across Rome as word spread. The pope had been hospitalized since mid-February with double pneumonia, marking his longest hospitalization during his 12-year papacy. Despite his declining health, he finally appeared before thousands in St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936, Francis was the son

of Italian immigrants. A former chemical technician, he entered the Jesuit order in 1958, was ordained in 1969, and rose through the ranks to become Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and Cardinal in 2001. Elected pope in 2013 following Benedict XVI's resignation, Francis quickly distinguished himself with a reformist tone. He rejected the papal palace and wore simpler vestments. He

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ACLU of Texas Sues DFPS Following the Forcible Removal of **Newborn From Dallas Couple**

American Civil Liberties Union of Texas and Jackson Walker LLP filed a lawsuit today in Travis County Dis-Rodney and Temecia Jackson, a Dallas couple whose newborn was wrongfully taken by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in the spring of 2023 – just days after the infant was born. The suit challenges several DFPS internal policies for

AUSTIN, Texas – The violating state and constitutional law and threatening the Jackson's parental

Although the Jacksons trict Court on behalf of successfully advocated to get their baby home and the case dismissed, DFPS unilaterally designated them as alleged perpetrators of medical neglect on its "Central Registry." This label continues to disrupt the Jacksons' ability to participate in daily life through volunteering, being involved at their

children's school, applying for employment, and pursuing educational opportuni-

The lawsuit states that DFPS internal rules allow the agency to assign harmful designations without fair hearings or meaningful opportunities to appeal even without evidence of abuse or neglect, and, as in this case, the evidence demonstrates parents exercising their rights and carefully attuned to their children's

well-being. These designations can carry lasting consequences, even in cases where DFPS does not pursue formal charges or court action. The lawsuit argues this practice violates the Administrative Texas Procedure Act and parents' constitutional rights.

"When our daughter was just seven days old, she was taken from our home under an invalid court order," said

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Trump Moves to Expose MLK Files - Critics Warn of Smear Campaign

By Lauren Burke



Inside of a filing cabinet with green folders and focus on confidential label (Photo by Brian A Jackson)

On January 23, three days into his second term, President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 14176, called the Declassification of Records Concerning the Assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Since then, only the records of November 22, 1963, the assassination of John F.

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Rev. Bryant and the Black Press Won't Let Target Off the Hook

By Stacy M. Brown BlackPressUSA.com Senior National Correspondent

Rev. Jamal Bryant is urging Black Americans to keep the pressure on Target by continuing the national boycott that began as a 40day economic "fast." The move, sparked by the retail giant's decision to end its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, has already cost the company an billion, estimated \$12 Bryant said. "Because of your fast, Target has lost \$12 billion," Bryant told his congregation. "I am so grateful that there is power

in unity, and we know the strength of Black economics." Since the fast began, Target's stock has plummeted from \$138 to \$94 per share, and in-store foot traffic is down by 7.9%. The boycott gained traction after Target announced it would wind down racial equity programs it introduced following the 2020 police killing of George Floyd. The company, which operates nearly 2,000 stores and employs over 400,000 people, said it

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had always planned to sunset the programs after three years. However, many saw the decision as a retreat from commitments made to Black communities.

After meeting with Target executives, Bryant confirmed that the company agreed to just one of the boycott's four major demands: fulfilling its \$2 billion pledge to support Black businesses through product placement, services, and investments in Black-owned media. The company has yet to meet demands to deposit \$250 million into Black-owned banks, reinstate DEI programs, or fund community pipeline centers at 10 HBCUs focused on teaching retail business. Bryant said Tarresponse wasn't enough. "Target cannot selectively decide which parts of our dignity they're willing to honor," he said. A growing coalition of African American leaders and organizations—including the

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA)—has continued meeting to strategize further action. At the center of the discussion is the role of the Black Press, which Target has yet to acknowledge in a meaningful way, despite more than a year of outreach by the NNPA under President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., with assistance from former U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler.

Chavis stressed that any agreement with Target must include investment in Black-owned media, including outlets like BlackPressUSA.com, Washington Informer, Philadelphia Tribune, and Chi-Defender. dissemination of this message and narrative is only accurately done by the Black Press in 2025 and beyond," Chavis said. For nearly 200 years, the Black Press has played a pivotal

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Who Is Out of Bounds With Student-Athletes, NIL, and the NCAA?

By James B Ewers Jr. Ed.D



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The NCAA is the governing body for college athletics in America. It has a long history since its inception in March 1906.

This longevity has served the NCAA well. It has provided a template for athletic engagement for athletes, coaches, athletic directors, and presidents.

Membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association requires colleges pay their monetary dues. Championships are played at all three levels, namely, Division I, II and III.

Some of these championcollege campuses across the country. At the Division I level, finals events are held on neutral sites. For example, the Women's Final Four basketball games were played at the Amalie Arena in Tampa,

It is the highlight of a student-athlete's career to say

they have played in the NCAAs. The memories made will last a lifetime.

The realization usually comes after your playing days are over. I played in an NCAA regional tennis tournament in New Jersey many years ago.

There is now unprecedented publicity around the NCAA. Television rights have lined the coffers of the NCAA and conferences as

That is in part why you have seen colleges changing conferences, especially at the Division I level. For example, the University of Maryland once in the Atlantic Coast Conference is now in the Big Ten Conference. The University of Texas once in the Big 12 Conference, is now a member of the Southeastern Conference.

It is safe to say that these schools have gained much from aligning themselves with other conferences.

History says student-athships are held on different letes only received athletic scholarships. They usually consisted of tuition, room and board. Some critics have long said that this paradigm was unfair because the college athletes were making money for someone else, namely the colleges and the conferences.

Now there is a change in

what college athletes are receiving. Many student-athbecoming millionaires while still in college.

They are being paid to perform and to render their services to the colleges. College sports have taken a turn these days. What turn depends upon your viewpoint and maybe your experiences.

While I am a traditionist, I believe college athletes should be paid.

Let's be clear. Studentathletes have made money for their colleges and coaches over the years.

Coaches' contracts were tied to the number of wins they recorded. They still are along with bonuses.

In a funny yet very serious way, a coach's livelihood is dependent upon young men and women, many in their teens. Duke University star basketball player, Cooper Flagg is eighteen years of

Name, Image, and Likeness began in 2021 when the NCAA created a policy saying that student-athletes could benefit from their NIL. At present, the NIL train has left the station without a con-

Recently, Tennessee quarterback Nico Lamaleava signed an NIL agreement reportedly worth 8 million. He wanted more. Tennessee said no and according to reports will be signing with UCLA. Colin Cowherd of Fox Sports was the first to report this

The transfer portal has now become an athletic expressway to more riches, acclaim, and fame for student-athletes. Every day, you see college athletes who you thought would leave for "greener" pastures.

Should Name, Image, and Likeness agreements be regulated in some way?

Craig Robertson, a former New Orleans Saints linebacker, believes it should.

He said, "Transparency and protection of the studentathletes should be the main priority. The billion-dollar question is how? A lot must be agreed upon over the different conferences and divisions to make it work. A commissioner (separate from the NCAA and presidents) should be in place to help govern the conferences. Players should have a representative and association to help govern NIL from faulty deals and ensure compliance. The college game is at a point where it should mirror the NFL game. It's time to start getting ready for it."

What Robertson said makes a lot of sense. Let's get onboard.

The President's Budget, The People and The Congress

By: Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



Dr. John E. Warren

that President Trump has used his control of the House and the Senate to get his budget cuts, which will take life threatening funds from the American people to give tax cuts to his wealthy friends, it is time to stop talking about the cuts and work to restore the losses. To this end, three things must be done to save Healthcare, Social Security and any essential programs illegally cut or reduced by the Administration's action. First, for every specific

program cut, there must be legislation introduced in the House of Representatives to restore those dollars. It will take time to draft the number of legislative measures involved, but it can be done. Each Bill, when referred to the appropriate Committee, which in this case will be the House Ways and Means Committee, should immediately become the subject of a Discharge Petition with all 213 Demo-

cratic Members signing and hopefully at least 5 Republicans, which would force the measure to the House Floor for a vote. Mike Johnson as Speaker can not block a

Discharge Petition, unless there has been some recent change under the House Rules.

Second, the American engaging people, weekly rallies across this Nation in hundreds of thousands, should begin to read the names each week each Republican Member of Congress who either refuses to sign the Petitions, remains silent and votes against the measures in spite of their expressed concern for the impact of the cuts on their Districts.

The third and final action is for the hundreds of thousands of protesters demonstrating each week, to organize within their Congressional Districts, campaign to replace and or Recall those members who remain silent on the restoration votes and take actions to reverse the many Trump Executive Orders, which the Congress has the power to do.

All future speeches should only be to provide facts for the proposed actions against members of the House and Senate who have failed to remember their Oath of Office: "To Uphold and Protect The Constitution of the United States, So Help Me. God."



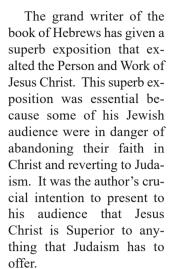




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Living by Biblical Faith

Hebrews 11:4-7



demonstrated unequivocally that Christ is Superior to the Prophet (Hebrews 1:1-4) because Christ is the Finality of God's Revelation; Christ is Superior to Angels (Hebrews 1:5-2:18) because Angels were created by Him; Christ is Superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6) because Moses was just a servant in the house, but Christ was over the house; Christ has a Superior Priesthood because the Aaronic succession of Priests died but Christ's Priesthood is Eternal.

In the previous warning section, the writer discussed the theme of living by faith in Hebrews 10:37-39. Brothers and Sisters, as we traverse these mundane shores of 2022 and 2023, we must understand that God wants us to live by faith. Every person who has been made righteous by God must live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38). It is crucial that we walk by faith "and not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7).

By way of review in Hebrews 1:1, the author has given to us a description of biblical faith. He stressed that faith is the basis of one's hope to receive the eternal promises of God. Biblical faith underlies our hope; faith anchors our hope. Faith gives us assured confidence that what we are hoping for will be a reality. The object of our faith is God and God's promises are as sure as His Person. The "things hoped for" are things expected or looked for! Brothers and Sisters, not only is faith the "substance or assurance or certainty of things hoped for, but it is the evidence or proof of things not seen."

In verses 2-3, the writer

expounded to his readers that their ancestors, Israel's elders, had obtained a good report. The elders were commended by God because they walked by faith. By faith, we know that his vast universe was framed by the direct fiat of God! (v. 3).

In verses 4-7, the author discloses the experience of three Old Testament worthies who lived before the flood – we call them antediluvian saints. Abel is mentioned first in verse 4, for his life demonstrates "the way of faith." Abel represents the righteous man referred to in Hebrews 10:38. Abel met God's approval because he offered to God a superior sacrifice. Abel's sacrifice pointed to Christ, for God had made it clear the way to Himself: "without shedding of blood, there is not remission of sin" (Hebrews 9:22). We must come to God on His basis, not presenting our works as Cain. By faith Abel's bloody sacrifice was acceptable to God; moreover, even death could not extinguish his testimony!

In verse 4, not only did Abel's life demonstrate the way of faith, Enoch's life in verse 5 demonstrated the walk of faith. Enoch's life was pleasing to God because he walked with God by faith. According to Genesis 5:22-23, Enoch, the father of Methuselah, walked with God for way over three centuries. In a wicked age, an age characterized by wickedness and death, God rewarded Enoch by removing him from this earth's scene. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." The lives of these Old Testament worthies demonstrate to us that we can only please God by continual confidence that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek

Him (v. 6).

Not only do we see the way of faith demonstrated in the life of Abel in verse 4, the walk of faith demonstrated in the life of Enoch, but in verse 7, we see the witness of faith demonstrated in the life of Noah. Noah became an heir of righteousness by faith. He preached during a dark and

dismal period, for mankind was exceedingly wicked. Genesis 6:5 serves as a testimony to the wickedness of Noah's age, for Genesis 6:5 states: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." For 120 years, Noah preached, warning his age that God was going to destroy the earth by a flood, but his only converts he won was his family! He was instructed by God to build an ark, an ark that measured to be 450 ft' long, 75 ft' wide

Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

world.

As I close, Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to witness during this dark and decadent age in which we live. We need to tell those in this age that they have a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. We need to witness, telling others that: "For the wages of sin is death; but the

and 45 ft' high. For 120

years, the only ones that be-

lieved his message was his

family. Noah's life of faith

was still fruitful because his

witness condemned the

gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Tell them further: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Tell them finally that revelation demands a response: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." In our previous unsaved condition, aren't you glad that God redeemed us?

The hymn writer wrote: "Love Lifted Me"

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry
From the waters lifted me
now safe am I

Love lifted me, love lifted me

When nothing else could help Love lifted me

May God Bless!

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condemned economic exploitation, called for urgent action on climate change, and made the inclusion of migrants, the poor, and LGBTQ+ Catholics central to his mission. However, his papacy also deepened tensions within the Catholic Church, especially in the

United States. While Francis urged compassion and social justice, many American Catholics—particularly white conservatives—supported political figures whose policies ran counter to the pope's teachings.

In a February op-ed for the National Catholic Reporter, writer Alessandra Harris addressed the disconnect: "We are living in a time when self-professed Catholics are not only turning a blind eye to evil but have elected and are supporting President Donald Trump, who is against diversity, against immigrants, against the poor." Harris cited a long history of racism in the Church, from segregation and exclusion

in Catholic schools and neighborhoods to the silence of Church leaders during Jim Crow and beyond. She noted that 59% of white Catholics voted for Trump, writing that "the Catholic Church is once again siding with white supremacy or hoping to benefit from its proximity to whiteness at the expense of

people who are Black, Native, noncitizens and LGBTQIA+." Though Pope Francis spoke forcefully against racism, xenophobia, and exclusion, the institutional Church in the U.S. has often lagged behind his moral calls. "Trampling upon a person's dignity is a serious sin," Francis once said—a prin-

ciple he lived by and preached consistently. Now, as the Church prepares for its next chapter, many are left wondering whether his vision of inclusion will take deeper root or fade with him. "His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of his Church," said Cardinal Farrell.

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK -(Solution, will appear on page 5, May 1)

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14. *Common or of Good Feelings
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18. Speak up
19. *Holiday or weather
21. *Butter or tape
23. Zeppelin lead-in
24. *Batman's or Cod
25. What, in Oaxaca
28. Whimper
30. Smells
35. Defender of skies
37. Like debatable point
39. *Stem to or parent
40. *Ill at or up
41. Famous fabulist
43. Brain wave
44. Opposite of digest
46. "Will be," to Doris Day
47. *Kitchen or or swim
48. *Willie or Mandela
50. To, archaic
52. Had a meal
53. Voyeur's glance

1. Bursas 2. *Rowing ____ or ___ cut
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64. Past participle of bear

65. Go wrong

67. Empower

69. Barn sound

68. Assumed name

70. Fair attractions

72. Coniferous tree 73. Baker's raiser

71. Catch one's breath

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60. *Grammatically ____ or ___ answer

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HEALTH

Talk. Test. Treat.

Parkland experts urge open conversations about sexual health

Sexual health is an important part of overall well-being, yet some individuals may be uncomfortable discussing it with their partners or providers. With more than 2.4 million cases of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) reported in the United States in 2024, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is more important than ever to break the stigma and take control of your health.

That's why Parkland Health experts like HIV test counselor Armando Quiroz, Senior Registered Nurse, Heather Lemna, ACRN, BSCN, and Case Manager, Shanikwa Broadhead, LCSW, emphasize the importance of the *Talk. Test. Treat.* initiative.

This program encourages open conversations with patients, their providers, and their partners, regular testing, and proper treatment to help people stay safe and healthy. "They are the three pillars that bring everything together," says Quiroz.

Talk: Open conversations can save your life. Talking about sexual health is the first step to staying safe.

"Talking involves being honest with your partners, being honest with the provider, and having that conversation," Quiroz explains.

"It's good to talk about what HIV is because people have this misconception that they will die, but that's not the case," adds Broadhead.

Test: Know your status. Getting tested is simple and quick. The Parkland Adult Comprehensive Care Engagement and Support Services (ACCESS) Clinic offers rapid tests with fast results both in the clinic and in the community. Testing helps detect STIs early so they can be treated right away. "Testing is important not just for knowing your status, but if there's any doubt, it gives you reassurance," Quiroz says.

Treat: Stay healthy and protect others. "Treatment is important so that we're healthy and not transmissible to another person," Lemna said. "Without treatment, it can lead to detrimental things down the road. Early treatment is key not only for yourself but for your partner and community." Broadhead adds, "Sex is a natural part of life, we just have to be safe about it"

Take control of your sexual health. Visit the ACCESS Clinic in the Moody Outpatient Center, 5151 Maple Ave., Suite 2A, Dallas, 75235, and learn more about STIs at www.parklandhealth.org/sexual-health.

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role in American life, particularly for African Americans. From its inception in 1827 with Freedom's Journal, the Black Press has informed, educated, and empowered Black communities while countering the negative portrayals that dominate mainstream media. As documented by the Oxford Bibliographies, the Black Press has served as "agents of social change" and "defenders of shared values and interests." During Reconstruction and Jim Crow, Black iournalists like Ida B. Wells used the press to expose racial violence and injustice. Wells' work documenting lynchings and countering white supremacist propaganda laid the foundation for the Black Press to serve as a vital corrective force in American media. That legacy remains just as urgent today. Modern studies show that negative portrayals of Black people in media lead to harmful outcomes, from overcriminalization and over-sexualization to negative health effects and social exclusion. The Black Press continues to challenge that narrative.

Cheryl Smith, publisher of Texas Metro News and Garland Journal, said the importance of the Black Press cannot be overstated. "If we look back at every period in our lives since its inception, we can see how significant the Black Press was," Smith said. "We need to see it and believe it every day we get up, and I promise you, we will be stronger, more vibrant, and more powerful people." The NNPA currently represents more than 200 Black-owned newspapers across the country, continuing a legacy that is nearly as old as the United States itself. As America nears its 249th birthday, the Black Press marks 198 years of continuous service. "The largest Black population in American history are now openly and unapologetically demanding freedom, justice, equality, democracy, and equity," Chavis said. "And the only media institutions that have always stood with us are our own." As Bryant calls for continued boycott efforts, he and Chavis are reminding Black America that real leverage comes not only from what it refuses to accept—but also from what it insists on valuing.

Quinn Minute

Aunts, uncles, and cousins

By Rix Quinn

My friend Mel just got back from an aunt's funeral, where he met family members he did not know he had.

Personally, I've met more relatives at funerals than I have at weddings... but maybe it's because wed-

dings require an invitation.

Last month, my uncle told me that my third cousin had died. No, two cousins didn't die before her. She was my third cousin because our great-grandmothers were sisters. Confusing,

huh?

The word "removed" just means a different generation. So, my first cousin's children would be my first cousins once removed.

I had not met the deceased, but her obituary photo looked just like my uncle...but without the beard.

beard.

I went to her memorial service so I could mingle with familiar relatives, plus meet new ones. As one of

my buddies says, "You need

to know cousins in several states, so you can travel cross-country for free."

The deceased cousin was 97, and she had lived a busy life. She'd been married four times, each one an upgrade from her prior spouse.

At one time she'd also been a softball umpire. Maybe that's why she married so much. When a husband disputed her decision,

band disputed her decision, she just called him "out." Since the funeral was at

the grave site, attendees

then walked to a nearby large tent for a reception. I've never seen so many familiar-looking folks whose names I didn't know.

I talked to several second cousins, third cousins, and even one old guy who looked like he'd wandered over because he smelled coffee.

After the event, I remembered what an old friend told me: "Any time an event serves food outdoors, you'll see lots of aunts."



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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Apr. 24

Friday, Apr. 25

Saturday, Apr. 26

Sunday, Apr. 27 Monday, Apr. 28

Tuesday, Apr. 29

Wednesday, Apr. 30



H-80°

70%

H -81° L -70°



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85° 40%

H - 83° L - 71° 60%

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Simone Biles, Mondo Duplantis and Real Madrid win Laureus sports awards

MADRID (AP) — Simone Biles and Mondo Duplantis were named sportswoman and sportsman of the year at the Laureus world sports awards on Monday.

The American gymnast won three gold medals and a silver at the Paris Olympics, while the Swedish pole vaulter won a second Olympic gold medal and raised his own world record two times

Real Madrid, the Champions League and La Liga winner last season, was the world team of the year, while young Barcelona forward Lamine Yamal won the world breakthrough player award.

Rafael Nadal received

the sporting icon award, and American surfer Kelly Slater got the lifetime achievement award.

Brazilian gymnast
Rebeca Andrade won the
world comeback of the year
award after winning three
medals in Paris — including
gold in the floor exercise —
after recovering from anterior cruciate ligament in-

The world action sportsperson award went to Tom Pidcock, the British mountain biker who overcame a puncture to become only the second man to win back-toback Olympic titles in the cyclo-cross discipline.

Yuyan Jiang was the world sportsperson of the year with a disability.

ACLU of Texas Sues DFPS Following the Forcible Removal of Newborn From Dallas Couple

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(he/him) Rodney Temecia (she/her) Jackson. "She should have been safe in our arms. Instead, she was abruptly separated from us, losing the vital bond every newborn needs. We were left fearing for her well-being. She is now a healthy and thriving toddler, but our family is still healing from the nightmare that DFPS caused. We will never get that stolen time back. No parent should ever have to experience the trauma of being torn from their baby. We hope the court's power to hold DFPS accountable means that no other family has to endure our pain — simply for choosing midwifery."

In March 2023, the Jacksons — a Black couple living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — had wel-

comed their daughter, M.J., through a safe and planned home birth attended by a licensed midwife. At a routine follow-up visit, M.J. was diagnosed with jaundice — a common, treatable condition in newborns.

The Jacksons opted to care for M.J. at home with guidance from their midwife, who is licensed to treat jaundice, rather than admitting her to the hospital

Consequently, a pediatrician reported the Jacksons to Child Protective Services (CPS) for suspected medical neglect. Within days, state authorities forcibly removed M.J. from her parents' care under a warrant that misidentified the mother and placed the infant in foster

"The Jackson family's experience highlights how Black families are often unfairly targeted by a child welfare system that fails to understand or respect their choices," said Charelle Lett (she/her), an attorney with the ACLU of Texas. "Across Texas, Black and Brown families are disproportionately reported to CPS — even when they've done nothing wrong — due to racial stereotypes and deeply ingrained cultural biases. The Jacksons should never have had to go through this. We hope that their story can be a catalyst for change that ensures procedural safeguards for parents unjustly accused of abusing or neglecting their children."

Many Black mothers seek out alternative birth-

ing options, like midwives, because of negative experiences with medical providers who discount their experiences. Black women also face a higher risk of complications or death during childbirth, especially in

The Jacksons have submitted multiple appeals over the past two years to challenge the harmful designations placed on them by DFPS, but they still have not been able to clear their names fully.

This lawsuit aims to not only erase the Jacksons' record but also eliminate the rules and procedures that enable DFPS to impose life-altering designations without due process, perpetuating racial disparities and destabilizing families across the state.



Investing in futures: Dallas ISD high school students practice financial literacy

DALLAS — In preparation for life after high school, more than 220 Dallas ISD students from 11 high schools participated in a Financial Literacy Day event designed to strengthen their personal finance skills and economic understanding.

Hosted by the district's Social Studies department, it equipped students with foundational knowledge in key areas such as budgeting, saving, credit management, and long-term financial planning.

"Personal financial literacy is a cornerstone of independence, well-being, and stability for our students, their families, and our community," said Aaron Aguirre-Castillo, executive director of curriculum design. "By fostering this knowledge, we are collectively empowering them to make informed decisions and build brighter futures."

Through a series of in-



Photo courtesy: Dallas ISD

teractive sessions led by local community partners, students explored realworld strategies to help manage and build financial stability.

Each partner brought customized content and hands-on learning opportunities that encouraged students to reflect on their financial goals and learn tools they could apply immediately.

The Financial Literacy

Day initiative aligns with Dallas ISD's ongoing efforts to prepare students for success beyond the classroom and the district's commitment to postsecondary readiness.

As the district observes Financial Literacy Month in April, the Social Studies Department continues to develop opportunities that promote practical life skills and informed decisionmaking.





CITY OF DALLAS GENERAL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

MAY 3, 2025 7 AM to 7 PM

VOTE! To elect 14 members to the City Council of the City of Dallas!



EARLY VOTING DATES APRIL 22, TUES ** 8 AM - 5 PM APRIL 23, WEDS 8 AM - 5 PM APRIL 24, THURS 8 AM - 5 PM APRIL 25, FRI 8 AM - 5 PM APRIL 26, SAT ** 7 AM - 7 PM APRIL 27, SUN * 12 PM - 6 PM APRIL 28, MON 7 AM - 7 PM APRIL 29, TUES 7 AM - 7 PM

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Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program Hosts Legal Clinics in May

The **Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program** (DVAP), a joint initiative of the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and local Dallas lawyers have partnered to hold free **Virtual** and **In-Person Legal Clinics in May**.

Virtual clinics are as follows:

- May 1 − DVAP and Stinson LLP − 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m
- May 8 − DVAP and Haynes and Boone, LLP − 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
- May 15 DVAP and DLA Piper 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
- May 22 DVAP and St. Mary's University School of Law 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

 May 20 DVAP Ketter Markin Programmed LAB and SMU District School of Law 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
- May 29 DVAP, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, and SMU Dedman School of Law 8:00~p.m.

In addition, DVAP will host the following in-person clinics:

Sponsored by DVAP and DOBS Legal

- Veterans Clinic, May 2, 1:30 p.m., VA Medical Center (4500 S. Lancaster Rd, Dallas). Sponsored by DVAP and Goldman Sachs
- South Dallas Clinic, May 13, 5:00 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (2922 Martin Luther King Blvd., Dallas). Sponsored by DVAP and Goldman Sachs
- West Dallas Clinic, May 22, 5:30 p.m., West Dallas Multipurpose Center (2828 Fish Trap Rd., Dallas)
- South Dallas Clinic, May 27, 5:00 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (2922 Martin Luther King Blvd., Dallas). Sponsored by DVAP and JPMorgan Chase

Virtual Clinics only: Dallas County residents who would like to apply for free legal assistance should fill out the form found online at: https://tinyurl.com/DVAPClinic. Once the form has been completed, expect an attorney's call on the respective date. Participants should watch for a call from an unknown number that should be labeled "No Caller ID" or something similar.

For legal assistance any time, contact the DBA's Lawyer Referral Service at www.DallasLRS.org. For more information, log on to http://dallasvolunteerattorneyprogram.org/. For media inquiries about these clinics, contact DVAP Director Michelle Alden at aldenm@lanwt.org.

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Kennedy has been made public. There had been year-long debates about whether the records should be released. The Kennedy records were deemed underwhelming by many who examined them, some of whom were joined to a six decades-long conspiracy theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone murderer of President Kennedy. But the long-classified documents on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., may spark a different set of issues. The civil rights icon's personal life is likely to be reviewed when the documents are released. The files, compiled between the late 1950s and Dr. King's assassination in 1968, are believed to include extensive surveillance

records, wiretaps, and psy-

chological profiles created during the height of the FBI and CIA's covert monitoring of domestic activists as part of their COINTELPRO domestic surveillance program. Even though the January 2025 executive order in part reads that "the federal government has not released to the public all of its records related to those events. Their families and the American people deserve transparency and truth," some believe that all the release of documents will do damage to the public reputation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Even though Trump announced that transparency was the reason for the executive order, the King Family assured on January 24, the day after the executive order was signed, that the real goal was character assassination.
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"The assassination of our father is a deeply personal family loss that we have endured over the last 56 years. We hope to be provided the opportunity to review the files as a family prior to its public release," the family said in an Instagram post on Jan. 24, the day after Trump's order. They know the right wing wants to smear Dr. King, and one way to do it is by putting these smears in public under the guise of transparency. If there are assassination records, release those. But smears are not assassination records," a message on Instagram read. Reports suggest the file may include allegations of infidelity, associations with individuals once suspected of Communist ties, and efforts by intelligence agencies to destabilize King's influence through covert means. Scholars warn that without context, such revelations could be easily misinterpreted or manipulated. Virgie Hoban, a historian at Georgetown University, explained in 2021 that, "the intelligence community of the 1960s was deeply invested in discrediting King. These files may say more about Hoover's FBI than about King himself." Teressa Raiford, a civil rights activist, has pointed out that the FBI, "understood that the civil rights movement was winning people's hearts and minds through the circulation of photographs and videos of nonviolent, peaceful protests," and that the reason that King's image is so vital to the overall movement means that safeguarding it is vital.

Statepoint Crossword Puzzle Solution: April 17 ~ Theme: DOCTOR'S ORDERS



