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Everywhere” ~ Dr. Martin L. King



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Silhouette of a soldier with USA flag against the sunset
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Trump Turns the Military Inward, and America Confronts Its Oldest Fear

By Stacy M. Brown
Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

The Posse Comitatus Act was born in 1878. It was short, a single sentence, but it carried a promise: soldiers would not patrol American streets. Its origin was poisoned by the retreat from Reconstruction and the rise of Jim Crow, but its meaning grew larger. It became a vow that liberty cannot live where rifles enforce the law of civilians.

Donald Trump has ripped that vow. He sent

California National Guard troops into Los Angeles, not with the governor's consent but against it. He leaned on a statute written for rebellion when no rebellion existed. He placed armed men in neighborhoods where citizens protested his policies, and in doing so, he showed his intent: not to protect the people but to remind them of his power.

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Republicans Shutdown Government

By April Ryan



Dictatorship vs Democracy (Photo credit by **Douglass Rissing**) /NNPA

Democrats and Republicans are both pointing fingers, saying the shutdown is the other party's fault. The government shutdown means that money has stopped flowing, and there is no continuing resolution to continue the funding for the government. Republicans are in charge of the House, Senate, and White House and do not want to open borders or focus on healthcare to expand the Affordable

Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Firings are expected after an Office of Management and Budget memo during this shutdown, with no end in sight. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries went on social media after midnight, saying, "Democrats are on duty, ready to sit down with anyone, any time, and at any place to reopen the federal government and pass a spending agreement that meets the

needs of the American people."

However, Jeffries chastises Republicans, saying they are not a "credible partner" right now. He goes on to say, "We will not support a partisan republican spending bill that guts the healthcare of the American people. Not now! Not ever! In a statement, the Congressional Black Caucus emphasized" Today, our country is facing a crisis entirely of the Republican

Party's making and, unfortunately, Black communities will be forced to bear the brunt of their political games." During the 2018-2019 shutdown, the longest government shutdown in the nation's history, the Postal Service, Medicare, and Social Security payments continued. Still, according to reports, some SSA services could

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Assata Shakur Remembered: A Voice of Struggle, a Legacy of Love

By Stacy M. Brown



Black Liberation Army Member Assata Shakur, also known as Joanne Chesimard (IMBD)Website Tags and Keywords: Photo Credit/NNPA Files

The passing of Assata Shakur has left a deep void in those who saw her as more than a revolutionary. She was a mother, poet, and symbol of liberation whose life embodied struggle and sacrifice. On Black Press USA's Let It Be Known morning news show, journalist and commentator Thandisizwe Chimurenga spoke about Shakur's death and her legacy. "My heart literally skipped a beat," Chimurenga said. "I have known Assata's daughter and husband for over 30 years. I immediately called to see if it was true. I was so

saddened when he said that it was true."

Born JoAnne Byron and once known as JoAnne Chesimard, Shakur became a leading member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. She was targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO program, convicted under disputed circumstances in 1977, and sentenced to life in prison. In 1979, she escaped and was granted asylum in Cuba, where she remained until her death. "I purposefully refrained from going into journalism mode," Chimurenga said. "The only

question I asked was had she been ill. He said, Yes, she had been ill. My heart was broken for them because losing a parent, losing your mother, you are never prepared for that. And I was heartbroken for me, being, as Assata says, an African woman in America, that she was no longer physically here with us."

For Chimurenga, Shakur's exile carried both sorrow and triumph. "I liked knowing that she was physically walking around free in Cuba, away from the clutches of the U.S. government," Chimurenga said. "I

was absolutely saddened that I had never taken myself down to Cuba and tried to find her and interview her as a journalist. But at the same time, I was rejoicing in the fact that for close to 50 years, she remained free of the United States criminal injustice system." Her words shaped generations of activists. "It is our duty to fight for our freedom," Shakur famously stated. "We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains." That

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EDITORIAL PAGE

My Day

“History, Opinion and Sense”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

The Dallas Morning Newspaper is now in reset, recovery model, and gone. The sale of The Dallas Morning News to the Hearst Corporation Media Conglomerate was completed and announced to the global public recently. The rumors had strong circulation, especially after their home office on the west side of Downtown Dallas was vacated and sold.

So, why does this matter? The history of Downtown Dallas is a major part of this playbook. Briefly, and when I have more time, there was a ‘major league force’ in my young adult Dallas life. Her name was Mable Chandler. Chandler was a celebrated, brilliant educator, Superintendent of Sunday School at Greater New Zion Baptist Church, where every Sunday morning, I had to meet her promptly at 9:15 AM as the musician for the Sunday School. I said ‘promptly!’ Chandler incorporated the Sunday School lesson with the history of blacks in America. She often talked about ‘Frog Town’ in Dallas and the property black families owned on Elm Street in Downtown Dallas.

Sidebar: Now, this history is not factually recorded on or in any accounting of Dallas. Note my email address, where I will give you the oldest churches in South Dallas for a possible ‘true grit’ spoken word.

So, why does this matter? History Matters! Number one is access. The 145-year-old Dallas Morning News was located close to the African American, South, and West Dallas communities. The largest and most saturated target audiences were the Dallas communities. In ‘big business everywhere,’ it is the community, which equates to people and then money. These audiences (community numbers) were South Dallas and West Dallas. Having the Dallas newspaper close to South Dallas gave us access to the editorial board. I can remember being there on three(3)occasions (compliments of Edna Pemberton primarily), concerning and on behalf of the black community. And I am happy to say those visits were successful and are now etched in Dallas History. The Dallas Morning News had close ties to the community. It was family-owned for the lion’s share of its tenure.

What else matters? Dallas is unique in that there are several African American family-owned newspapers with credible tenure. Financial support of these businesses is what matters because there is so much history among us that we have not covered. If African Americans paid for ads in our papers and paid for subscriptions....that alone would promote African American businesses to higher ground. In addition, the illusion that we amplify the most is that ‘people do not read anymore’. That is



Dr. J. Ester Davis

a falsehood propelled by more cell phone ads. My thoughts are that the younger generation may not read or\ cannot read, but America’s population of older Americans records that we read.

And finally, the sale of the Dallas Morning News to Hearst Corporation has a boatload of wonder.

While there is a slate of mergers, buyouts, et cetera all across our great nation, there is consumer welfare first, and sometimes, despite the cost, it just does not fit. There is the observation that Dallas News Corporation will become a private company and its shares will no longer trade on Nasdaq.

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Is There A Ceiling To What College And Professional Athletes Make These Days?

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D

goal for would-be athletes. If you could receive a scholarship, that would lessen the financial burden on parents and grandparents.

Of course, colleges and coaches were making huge sums of money, not student-athletes. All of this has changed now.

According to reports, Arch Manning, the Texas quarterback, has the largest NIL deal. It is valued at \$6.8 million. He has deals with EA Sports, Red Bull, and Uber. By any stretch, that is a lot of cash.

Last year, Shedeur Sanders, then quarterback for Colorado, had an NIL value of \$5.1 million. He is now a rookie quarterback with the Cleveland Browns.

Livvy Dunne, a former gymnast at LSU, has been making millions of dollars on deals with Crocs, Vuori, and Invisalign. Angel Reese, formerly a basketball player at LSU, has major NIL agreements. In fact, her NIL money is more than her contract with the Chicago Sky, a WNBA team.

NIL critics believe there is an athletic crisis when it comes to paying student-athletes. Well, the fact of the matter is that it may be true, but these companies are willing to pay them.

When you think of Name, Image, and Likeness agreements, you will usually think only of Division I athletes. However, there are Division II and Division III student-athletes who are taking advantage of this windfall.

Some of them that have made deals include Jack Betts (football, Amherst College), Connor Printz (basketball, Claremont McKenna College), Kaylee Murphy (former basketball player, UC Santa Cruz), Jada Byers (football, Virginia Union) and Jayden Beloti (basketball, Elizabeth City State University). Virginia Union University and Elizabeth City State University are HBCUs.

The NIL policy began in July 2021. Records show that Deion Sanders was the first NIL athlete. He received professional baseball earnings from the New York Yankees while he was still playing football at Florida State University.

Since 2021, hundreds of student-athletes have inked NIL deals. The landscape looks quite green for future deals. High school student-athletes are now becoming more assertive as they try to make some money, too.

Professional sports contracts are even more lucrative. Reports are confirmed that Juan Soto of baseball’s New York Mets signed a 15-year \$765 million dollar contract in December 2024. That figure surpasses the \$700 dollar contract that another baseball player, Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers signed earlier. Basketball player Jayson Tatum signed a \$315 million dollar contract with the Boston Celtics.

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Act on Your Theology

I Peter 1:6-9



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Peter is the Greek translation of the Aramaic Cephas, which means a stone, is writing to Christians scattered throughout the five provinces of Rome. These believers were suffering severely for their faith. In the midst of being severely persecuted, Peter laid down the theological foundation for encouragement. In the face of their present persecution, Peter encourages these saints by

rehearsing to them that God the Father chose them according to His fore knowledge, in essence, they are God’s elect; they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit; they are atoned by the blood of Jesus (v. 2). As he contemplated God’s grace, Peter praised God because He is the author of salvation and the source of hope (v. 3). Believers are the recipients of new birth that resulted in a

living hope. We have a living hope because we have a living Saviour. The word “living” means that it is sure, certain and real. Our living hope assures us that we have an indestructible inheritance that will not perish, spoil or fade (v. 4). Our inheritance is guarded, but the heirs born in to that inheritance are shielded by God’s power (v. 5). Based on the salvific

truths in verses 3-5, Peter says that our living hope results in present joy. Peter stressed that a Christian’s joy is independent of his circumstances. Peter encouraged his readers to put their knowledge into practice. Their response to the tremendous theological truths taught so far should be that they would greatly rejoice. In the face of the various difficulties that we face, we are re-

sponsible to turn to God in faith. Solid faith in God turns sound doctrine into sound practice. Though trials may cause us temporary grief, solid faith in God will cause us to experience joy. In verse 7, various trials will test our faith: (a) our faith is purified by fire much as gold is refined by fire; (b) trials prove the reality of our faith. Genuine faith not only has value,

but it will also bring praise, glory and honor to Christ. Sure hope is anchored in Christ, though we do not see Him, we love and believe in Him. We are filled with inexpressible joy. We can rejoice because we are going to experience the full significance and final consummation of our salvation (v. 9).

May God Bless!

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

- **How 'woke' went from an expression in Black culture to a conservative criticism**
By **TERRY TANG** Associated Press

The expression "stay woke" started out as an affirmation for African Americans. In the past decade it has been used by some Republicans — and some Democrats — as a pejorative for people thought to be too "politically correct," another term that took on negative connotations as it gained wider use. "Woke" has come up in cultural and political firestorms. Eight months into his second term, President Donald Trump pledged to review content at the Smithsonian Institution for being "WOKE" and where "everything discussed is how horrible our Country is, how bad Slavery was." At the beginning of this year, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declared in his State of the State address that government would keep "woke agendas" out of universities and K-12 schools, including "woke gender ideologies." On Tuesday, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said he was ending the "woke" culture in the military, saying the service has been hamstrung by political correctness. He referenced diversity efforts, transgender troops, environmental policies and other disciplinary rules. "America is no longer woke under President Trump's leadership. The word 'woke' represents radical ideologies

- that are used (to) divide the American people and harm our country," Liz Huston, a White House spokesperson, said in a statement.
- **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM BENEFIT GALA LIGHTS UP THE PEROT MUSEUM WITH INNOVATION AND IMPACT**
Proceeds Support Vital Financial Aid, Ensuring All North Texas Students Can Access the Wonders of the Perot Museum

DALLAS (September 30, 2025) – One of Dallas’ most anticipated philanthropic events of the year, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science’s annual Night at the Museum, returns on Saturday, November 8, 2025. The event promises to be an unforgettable evening of wonder and discovery. All proceeds from the gala will directly benefit the Museum’s financial aid programs, which provide critical financial assistance impacting hundreds of thousands of individuals annually through field trips, outreach programs, and discounted admission and memberships. Shelly Dee, a Perot Museum Board Member and global advocate for education, will chair Night at the Museum alongside her husband, Michael Dee. Together, they bring a shared commitment to expanding educational access and inspiring curiosity in future generations.

- **FBI fires agents photographed kneeling during**

2020 racial justice protest, AP sources say
By **ERIC TUCKER** Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has fired agents who were photographed kneeling during a racial justice protest in Washington that followed the 2020 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers, three people familiar with the matter said Friday. The bureau last spring had reassigned the agents but has since fired them, said the people, who insisted on anonymity to discuss personnel matters with The Associated Press. The number of FBI employees terminated was not immediately clear, but two people said it was roughly 20. The photographs at issue showed a group of agents taking the knee during one of the demonstrations following the May 2020 killing of Floyd, a death that led to a national reckoning over policing and racial injustice and sparked widespread anger after millions of people saw video of the arrest. The kneeling had angered some in the FBI but was also understood as a possible de-escalation tactic during a period of protests. The FBI Agents Association confirmed in a statement late Friday that more than a dozen agents had been fired, including military veterans with additional statutory protections, and condemned the move as unlawful. It called on Congress to investigate and said the firings were another indication of FBI Director Kash Patel's disregard for the legal rights of bureau employees.

~ KIDS' BOOKS ~
(Solution will appear in October 9 edition)

ACROSS

1. *The Big Bad Wolf: "I'll ____ your house down"

5. Edgar Rice Burroughs' Kerchak or Kala

8. Cosine's buddy

12. Target of grand theft

13. Influencer's journal

14. Food-grinding tooth

15. Bear's hang-out

16. Like a maxi skirt

17. Get up

18. *Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for ____"

20. March Madness org.

21. Expenditure, in the olden days

22. *"Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a ____"

23. Turn pale

26. Lachrymatory agent (2 words)

30. Swimmer's distance

31. Rinse and ____

34. Consequently

35. Join forces

37. Bruin legend Bobby

38. Jury duty event

39. Per person

40. Hockey player, e.g.

42. Approximated landing time

43. What naughty children do

45. Fortification made of wagons

47. Preceding month

48. Unnecessary embellishment

50. Customs document

52. *He had a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day

56. Popular pie nut

57. Not final

58. Just a little

59. Choice dish

60. ____-do-well

61. Sudden and brilliant success

62. Doofus

63. Is, in France

64. Fail to mention

DOWN

1. Like a certain eagle

2. Oahu shindig

3. Related to ear

4. Exert persuasive powers (2 words)

5. Jennifer Aniston's movie " ____ Came Polly"

6. *Canine father in Dodie Smith's "The Hundred and One Dalmatians"

7. *Dr. Seuss: "I do not like green ____ and ham"

8. *Philosopher in American edition of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone"

9. Hipbone

10. U.S. space agency, acr.

11. *"I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas..."

13. Not serious

14. Bipolar disorder phase

19. Filthy cabbage

22. Favorite student

23. Protected steel from rust with coating

24. Hawaiian veranda

25. Long stories

26. *The Queen of Hearts baked more than one of these

27. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard ____

28. Popular gemstone

29. Type of renewable energy

32. *Janette Sebring Lowrey's "The ____ Little Puppy"

33. Pitcher's stat

36. *"One ____ and One Nights"

38. ____- ____-la refrain

40. Group of exercise reps

41. a.k.a. philosopher's stone

44. Flavorless

46. Aluminum+nickel+cobalt, magnetic alloy

48. What time does

49. Button on electrical outlet

50. Bride's cover

51. International Civil Aviation Organization

52. *Green Gables resident ____ Shirley

53. Gloom's partner

54. Evening purse

55. Wholly engrossed

56. Pipe material, acr.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Don’t wait for symptoms

National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week

Cancer often grows undetected, with no symptoms until it is advanced. But what if you could get ahead of cancer before it ever develops? Knowing your risk of cancer can give you the opportunity to act much sooner.

Every year in the U.S., more than 1.6 million people are diagnosed with cancer. Among Dallas County women, breast cancer is the most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths, based on the 2022 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment. For some women, cancer risk is passed down through family genetics.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 5% to 10% of breast cancers and 10% to 15% of ovarian cancers are hereditary.

tary. Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome is a genetic condition caused by certain gene mutations inherited from the mother or father. When the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes are changed or mutated, this increases a person’s risk of developing certain cancers. These mutations can be found through genetic testing, which helps evaluate the risk of hereditary cancer.

During National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week, September 29 to October 5, Parkland’s Cancer Genetic Counseling and Testing team highlights the importance of genetic risk assessments.

“Anyone who has a family history of cancer or notices a pattern of a cancer running in their family, whether that be breast, ovarian, colon or pancreatic

cancer, should reach out to their doctor to talk about the option of genetic testing,” said Lan Chen, MS, Certified Genetic Counselor at Parkland Health and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. “Especially a genetic counselor, who can provide that specific hereditary risk assessment.”

Genetic testing helps determine if patients are at an increased genetic risk of developing cancer. These tests can be done through a saliva or a blood sample. Once results are available, there are three types of results the genetic counselor will discuss with the patient.

“The first type of result is positive, meaning the lab found a genetic marker that predisposes a patient to hereditary cancer. If the results are positive, then we have a

pretty in-depth conversation about what that means and what to do next. The second type of result is negative, meaning the lab did not find anything and there is not an increased risk of hereditary cancer,” explains Chen. “Sometimes we get back a third type of result, an inconclusive result. But up to 95% of inconclusive results eventually turn into negative results after further lab review.”

Chen mentions that these results help genetic counselors make recommendations for cancer prevention, surveillance and even treatment decisions. Though she emphasizes that a positive result does not mean the patient has been diagnosed with cancer, rather, the genetic marker found places them at a higher risk.

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Quinn Minute

Sidekicks

By Rix Quinn

If you grew up in the 1950s through the 1970s, television westerns introduced you to a thankless career.

Here’s the job description. You work for a cowboy who travels constantly and appears to have no source of income.

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guys, too.

The worst part is the social life. There’s no Top 40 music, unless they can create it on a harmonica or accordion.

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So, to sum up: No car. No phone. No bed. No bath. No soap. No shampoo. No deodorant. No cologne. No clean clothes. No music. No dance. No dates.

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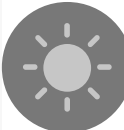
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It's hard to tell where Prescott-led Cowboys are headed after 40-40 tie against Parsons, Packers

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott is indispensable. Micah Parsons wasn't. That's as simply as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones could put it after a crazy 40-40 tie against the Green Bay Packers in Parsons' highly anticipated return to Dallas a month after he was traded.

Jones paid his quarterback, the first \$60 million man in the NFL. He wouldn't do the same for one of the league's best pass rushers, who did have a disputed sack of Prescott (it was for 0 yards) to help keep the Cowboys out of the end zone in overtime, when the teams traded field goals.

A defense now missing its best player has given up 37, 31 and 40 points in three games since an anemic first half was followed by a solid final two quarters in a 24-20 loss to defending champion Philadelphia in the NFL opener.

It's just hard to see where the Cowboys (1-2-1), who visit the New York Jets on Sunday, go from here. It's been a year since Jones decided who was the most important player to lead them where they want to go — and haven't been in 30 years.

Hours before the 2024 opener, Prescott agreed to the \$240 million, four-year extension that kicked in this season. Jones offered Parsons slightly more than \$40 million a year this past off-season — he would have been the first defensive player to hit that number — but without his agent involved. The deal never got close to done.

"It's very simple," Jones said. "Dak was indispensable in my mind. And Micah wasn't. It's that easy. And that's not personal at all."

Plenty of critics think Jones was wrong, and has been about many personnel issues since the most recent time the Cowboys won a Super Bowl, the 1995 season. Dallas is the only team not to reach an NFC championship game since then.

Brian Schottenheimer's first year as a head coach after a quarter-century as an NFL assistant began with the trade of Parsons exactly a week before that Eagles opener.

The Cowboys were a touchdown underdog at home against the Packers, and appeared on their way to a lopsided loss after a quarter before producing a second overtime thriller in two home games. Dallas beat the New York Giants 40-37 two weeks ago.

First-year defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus, a year removed from getting fired as the head coach in Chicago, is facing criticism as the big plays pile up. Prescott has belief after the defense did show some improvement in handling assignments against the Packers.

"I mean, they're playing good defense," Prescott said after throwing for three touchdowns and running for a score. "It's just the big plays here and there that put them behind and now their backs are against the wall and they're in the red zone. I've got faith in Eberflus and the rest of those guys over there stopping big plays."

What's working

Prescott has found his form of 2023, when he was runner-up in MVP voting. He entered Monday leading the NFL in yards passing at 1,119. The connection with new receiver George Pickens was the best yet even without top option CeeDee Lamb, who figures to miss at least one more game with a high ankle sprain. Pickens had 134 yards, the second most of his career, and two touchdowns. He had one two-score game in his three seasons with Pittsburgh. What needs help

Critical penalties sabotaged a defense that's already having enough trouble getting off the field. Trevon Diggs had an interception nullified when the Packers rushed a snap and got a Dallas defender running off the field for a too-many-man flag. Sam Williams sacked Jordan Love on third down, but grabbed his facemask while doing it. Second-year linebacker Marist Liufau crushed running back Emanuel Wilson well after a pass had fallen incomplete. Stock up

DE James Houston had the only sack for one of the league's worst pass rushes. But it was a big one. He forced and recovered a fumble on the same play, and Dallas scored its second touchdown in the final 41 seconds of the first half on the next play. Stock down

The Cowboys are last in the NFL in third down efficiency on defense, allowing a conversion rate of 58.2%. The Packers were 10 of 14 on third down.

POLITICS

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Yvonne Davis
DISTRICT 111

Representative Davis Secures \$3 Million from Texas Historical Commission

State Representative Yvonne Davis (District 111) secured \$3 million from the Texas Historical Commission during the 89th Legislative session for the African American Museum of Dallas. The \$3 million grant was made available to the African American Museum of Dallas as a result of an amendment that was added to the State budget by Representative Davis.

This grant will allow the African American Museum of Dallas to continue to grow and develop long-term planning/strategies. The funds are intended as a follow-up to the programs and previous funds secured by Representative Davis during the 87th legislative session. In partnership with the African American Education and History Program, those funds would be used to develop a historical and cultural board through virtual interaction.

Representative Davis stated, "I am extremely happy to secure this funding for the African American Museum, especially with the many attempts to negate and/or rewrite history and the many contributions of our leaders, past and present. I view these funds as a second legislative success to preserve history! As the Representative for Texas House District 111, it is my vision and hope that these funds will be realized as our second effort to partner with our community institutions and secure funding resources as a catalyst to capture, preserve, and link the past to the present as it relates to African American history in Dallas and across the nation. This will be a win for the community!"

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Gov. Gavin Newsom answered directly. “We didn’t have a problem until Trump got involved. This is a serious breach of state sovereignty, inflaming tensions while pulling resources from where they’re actually needed,” Newsom wrote to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. “Rescind the order. Return control to California.” California Attorney General Rob Bonta brought the charge into focus. “There is no rebellion,” Bonta stated. “The President is trying to manufacture chaos and crisis on the ground for his own political ends.”

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, too, rejected the claim of disorder. “This is not citywide civil unrest taking place in Los Angeles. A few streets downtown, it looks horrible,” Bass said. “Those found committing acts of vandalism will be arrested and prosecuted.” History knows the moments when presidents sent troops to face citizens. Eisenhower sent them to Little Rock. Kennedy sent them to Mississippi and Alabama. Johnson sent them to Selma. Each time, the aim was to break segregation and open the door to justice. Trump’s act is not of that kind. He brings the military not to defend freedom, but to frighten those who demand it.

At Marine Corps Base Quantico, he assembled more than 800 generals and admirals. They flew in from across the world, ordered to sit and listen. “I’m thrilled to be here this morning to address the senior leadership of what is once again known around the world as the Department of War,” Trump told them. He mocked former President Joseph R. Biden Jr., praised tariffs and border walls, and declared, “We should use some of these dangerous cities as training grounds for our military.” Hegseth followed him, railing against what he called “woke garbage” in the armed forces and boasting of the officers he had already removed. “We’ve already done a lot in this area, but more changes are coming soon,” he said.

The gathering raised alarms. Lawmakers questioned its cost and its danger, packing the country’s senior military officers into one room. Critics saw a stage, not a strategy. Yet the silence of the commanders gave Trump what he wanted: the image of a military bent beneath his vision. The Posse Comitatus Act has loopholes. Congress cut them, presidents stretched them, courts blurred them. But the spirit of the law remains clear: a democracy collapses when its soldiers police its streets. Bonta named what is at stake. “The President is trying to manufacture chaos,” he said. “This is not about keeping the peace. This is about power.”

“Moving forward, those patients with a positive result need to monitor for any symptoms and follow all the prevention recommendations,” said Chen. “Instead of relying on a yearly mammogram screening alone, we encourage screenings with a mammogram and an MRI. Together, these screenings done alternately every six months offer the best chance to detect breast cancer early to treat it right away.”

Regular cancer screenings are essential for prevention, but if you have a family history of cancer, you should consider genetic testing. Talk to your doctor or a genetic counselor to learn your risk and explore options for early detection.

Parkland’s Cancer Genetic Counseling and Testing team consists of board-certified genetic counselors trained to identify high-risk patients and help them understand their risk of developing cancer, prevention, early detection and treatment options. For more information about genetic counseling services at Parkland, visit [www.cancer.parkland-health.org/cancer/genetic-](http://www.cancer.parkland-health.org/cancer/genetic-counseling-and-testing)

counseling-and-testing. Additionally, breast health services are available at Parkland’s Moody Center for Breast Health. The center provides a full range of breast screening and diagnostic services in one location, including mammograms, ultrasound, MRI, biopsies, stereotactic core biopsy and the most advanced technology with 3D mammography. The breast imaging center is connected to the breast clinic, home to breast surgeons, breast oncology providers and other care team members.

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Statepoint Crossword Puzzle
Solution: September 25 - PERIODIC TABLE ELEMENTS

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Witnessing The Destruction of America: It's Not Too Late

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What happened to Rome and its destruction from within is now being experienced by Americans in Real Time. The meeting that the Secretary of Defense held with all the senior military leaders is a prime example of the effort to not only force all senior military leaders to resign or quit out of protest and frustration, but also to undermine the position of women in the military, many of whom have earned their way to some of the highest ranks in our armed forces. President Trump’s added

comments on deploying active duty military to the streets of our nation's cities are another step in the direction of using the military to intimidate citizens at every level of our democracy. The shutdown of the Federal government by the Republicans refusing to even consider or debate the Continuing Resolution provisions that the Democrats want in order to save crucial social service programs, is also a part of the plan to destroy America from within, from the firing of key personnel, destruction of the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services from within, with the insane actions of RFK, Jr. all represent a part of a plan which former Vice President Harris said in her new book “was decades in the making.” “We must not go quietly in the night”. It's not enough to just march and protest; We have already

stated before and will continue to do so, we must pray and we must register people to vote at every protest site and now we must get out and support those Redistricting Proposals like Proposition 50 here in California and any similar measures in other states that will redraw electoral boundaries so as to deny Republicans from adding more seats in their effort to retain control of the House of Representatives in the 2026 Mid Term elections. Our prayers must be for the House of Representatives and the democratically elected new members of Congress needed to take back control of the House of Representatives. That’s why in California and every state that's redrawing its boundaries to add democratic members, we the people must register and vote. We outnumbered Trump and his MAGA supporters, but they were smart enough to rig state elections

by drawing boundaries that put them in power. One only needs to look at what was just done in Texas, where the newly redrawn congressional districts eliminated two Black members of Congress. The difference is that the MAGA people have stayed the course with their agenda. We have the numbers but lack the willingness to vote. Again, I remind you, the reader, of Dr. King’s May 17, 1957, speech in which he said, “Give us the vote and we will elect the right people to our legislative halls.” Let’s move from talk and fear to action. We can change history by blocking the Destruction of America from within. Let’s hold on to every position any of us have and fight to keep those positions until we can retake our government. We can win if we pray and fight while protesting.

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In just four years since reopening as an elementary school, H.S. Thompson STEAM Academy received its first rating from the Texas Education Agency, a hard-earned B that reflects years of dedication from team members, students, and the community. Jennifer Atkins, the school’s principal, served in South Dallas since the start of her career with Dallas ISD and says the area is now home. When she took on leadership at Thompson, she brought strategies such as

community building and academic retention that had proven successful at other schools in the Lincoln-Madison vertical team. “It is my goal to make sure that our children succeed because we can achieve anything. It is my purpose to motivate our students,” Atkins said. Her strategy also consists of sustaining student enrollment and creating legacy students. This ensures they receive a quality education and fosters family involvement. She encourages teachers to col-

laborate across grade levels, using student data to identify learning gaps and foster a campus-wide growth mindset. Her leadership has been a driving force in shaping a culture of success. “She leads by example,” said Sheila Henry, assistant principal. “She’s very hands-on with everything that we do on the campus and is always visible. She never asks anyone to do something that she isn’t willing to do herself as an educator.” According to Rockell Stewart, executive director of the Lincoln-Madison vertical team, Atkins goes above and beyond the call

to align Thompson academically with the other B-rated schools in the vertical team. Across every grade level, the STEAM academy encourages both campus and classroom celebrations, big and small. From ice cream socials and classroom parties to carts filled with snacks for the entire school, campus team members make it a priority to ensure students are valued and recognized each day. This passion for learning also stretches across campuses and generations through the Aspiring Teachers Program, a collaboration with Lincoln High School and Human-

ities/Communications Magnet for students who plan to pursue careers in education. Each week, select high school students visit Thompson to read and teach language arts to elementary students. This opportunity gives them real-world classroom experience and allows the vertical team to begin shaping the next generation of teachers in the community even before they graduate. “I think students are getting a real opportunity to see what the craft is all about and what it takes to make a difference in students’ lives,” said Henry. “My high school teacher

motivated me to want to be a teacher. With high school students coming over and gaining experience from real educators, they are seeing the need for teachers, and that makes a difference.” Like other elementary schools in the vertical team, the STEAM academy lays an early foundation for success and helps the team work toward its long-term expectation of 100% graduation. With a history of supportive alumni and active community partners, Thompson is here to stay. “H.S. Thompson is B-rated today, with an A on the way,” said Henry.

From reopening to B-rated, H.S. Thompson is on the rise

By **The Hub**

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declaration became a chant during protests in Ferguson and in the Black Lives Matter movement. “She was our warrior queen mother, our sister comrade, our mama,” Chimurenga said. “She fought for us. She sacrificed for us. And her autobiography, infused with poetry, showed us the beauty of a woman the state called a

terrorist. She was a beautiful soul who often said we must be weapons of mass construction, creating more beauty in the world because the people running it are destroying it.” Reactions to her passing showed the divide in the nation. “America is a white supremacist nation,” Chimurenga said. “It was not founded for us. We were brought here to enrich other people. If we did not

believe it before, everything Trump is doing right now is in perfect lockstep with white supremacist principles. And that is how he was able to be reelected twice.” Chimurenga said Shakur’s memory will always remain tied to her devotion to her people. “Love. Love of Black people. Sacrifice, commitment, and beauty,” she remarked. “That is who she was.”

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