

“As it stands now, the voting section of this bill will not help the thousands of black people who want to vote.” ~ John Lewis



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## ESSENCE Festival of Culture Announces 2026 Evening Concert Series Lineup

By Itoro N. Umontuen

The 2026 ESSENCE Festival of Culture presented by Coca-Cola has expanded its Evening Concert Series lineup. Newly announced performers include Babyface and Leon Thomas. The annual festival re-

turns to the legendary Caesars Superdome with a lineup spanning hip-hop, R&B, soul, and funk. Organizers say the concert series will feature artists from multiple generations. Previously announced performers include Cardi B, Latto, Kehlani, Patti La-

Belle, Brandy, Monica, Public Enemy, and George Clinton and Parliament-Funkadelic.

George Clinton and Parliament-Funkadelic will celebrate 50 years of the ‘Mothership’ landing in New Orleans. The performance will include appear-

ances by Big Boi, Scarface, Big Freedia, Nona Hendryx, and Durand Bernarr.

Friday’s concert lineup highlights some of music’s biggest current stars. Cardi B will make her ESSENCE Festival debut after her tour titled, “Little Miss Drama Tour”. The Grammy-win-

ning rapper will headline in New Orleans for the first time.

Latto will also perform ahead of her upcoming album, Big Mama, releasing May 29. Kehlani joins the opening-night lineup following the release of her latest self-titled project.

Fans will hear new music alongside the artists’ biggest hits.

R&B group SZN4 will also perform Friday night. The quartet gained attention after appearing on Netflix’s Building the Band.

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## The Black Women Who Educated a Generation America Tried to Silence

By Stacy M. Brown

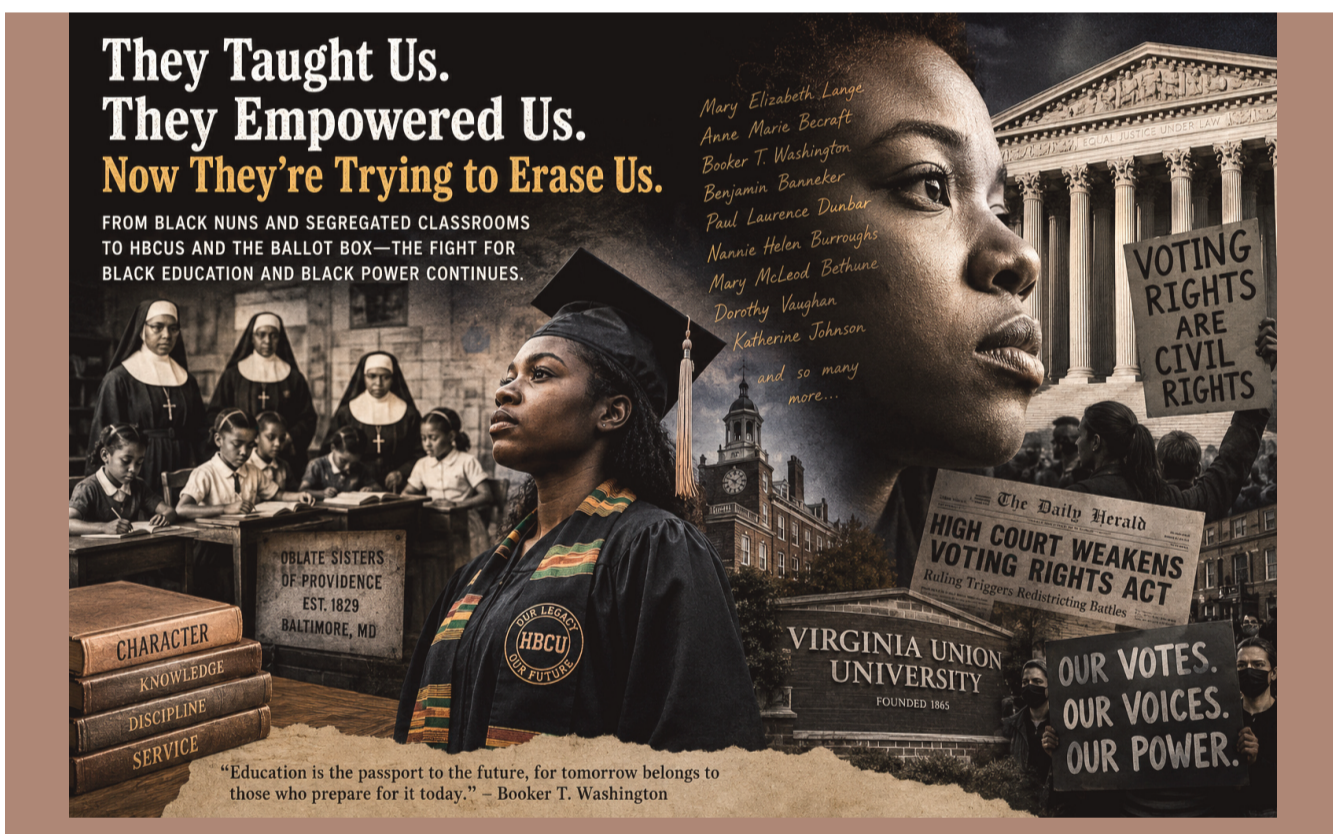


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They Taught Us. They Empowered Us. Now They’re Trying to Erase Us.

FROM BLACK NUNS AND SEGREGATED CLASSROOMS TO HBCUS AND THE BALLOT BOX—THE FIGHT FOR BLACK EDUCATION AND BLACK POWER CONTINUES.

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and so many more...

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” — Booker T. Washington

Washington was never supposed to remember these people.

That is the point.

A country that once made it illegal to teach enslaved Black people to read is now arguing over whether Black history itself belongs in classrooms. A Supreme Court that already weakened the Voting

Rights Act has now delivered what civil rights groups describe as one of the most devastating blows to Black political representation in generations, triggering fresh battles over congressional maps, voting districts, and the future of Black political power across the South.

And yet, inside church archives, segregated class-

rooms, HBCU lecture halls, and fading family memories, another America survives. One built by Black nuns, Black teachers, Black colleges, and Black parents who understood long ago that education was never simply about opportunity.

It was protection. It was resistance. And eventually, it became political

power.

“They are trying to erase the infrastructure that produced Black advancement,” said historian Dr. Elaine Porter, 84, a retired scholar of Black Catholic education in Northeast, D.C.

“People keep talking about voting rights without

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## Retirement Income Planning Mistakes That Leave Seniors Scrambling in Their Golden Years

By Amy Kang, Black Press USA

As you enjoy your youth, you should think about retirement income planning. Many retirees face financial suffering because of some planning errors they made in their younger years, such as not considering longevity, ignoring inflation, or claiming Social Security too early. If you aren’t too careful, these mistakes can make it hard for you to enjoy your senior years.

Pew Research Center reports that four in ten Americans (40%) aren’t confident they’ll have enough income to last throughout their retirement years. These fears are common, especially if you don’t prioritize senior financial planning early

enough. Some common mistakes, like skipping contributions, can shrink your nest egg faster as you’re older. If you start to plan now, you can avoid desperate struggles in your golden years.

What Are the 3 Rs of Retirement?

As you think about your retirement years, you should be proactive about retirement income planning. One way you can do that is through the 3 Rs of retirement.

- Resilience: Helps you adjust your spending habits based on market changes.
- Resourcefulness: Shows up when you adopt

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## AG Ken Paxton demands Dallas County sheriff enter formal partnership with ICE

Alex Nguyen, The Texas Tribune



Photo Credit: Facebook

Attorney General Ken Paxton said Wednesday he is investigating the Dallas County sheriff for allegedly refusing to seek a formal agreement to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Texas Legislature last year passed a law requiring sheriffs who run a jail or contract out jail operations to take part in the federal 287(g) program, which gives local law en-

forcement certain immigration enforcement authority. Since the law took effect Jan. 1, Paxton said sheriffs in El Paso, Bexar and Harris counties have started negotiating or finalized an agreement with ICE — but that has not been the case for Dallas County.

He also criticized a comment that Sheriff Marian Brown made in October about putting “no additional efforts” into entering the

287(g) program. “The decision of whether to seek such an agreement is not yours to make,” Paxton said in a Wednesday letter to the sheriff.

Brown said Paxton jumped the gun, noting in a statement that the law gives her until Dec. 1 to comply.

Responding to the criticism of her “no additional efforts” statement, the

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Millennials And Zoomers Are Reshaping Phrases And Words In Our World Today

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

I will be the first to admit there is a new language out here today. It's one that I find challenging at times. I'm left confused and amused at the same time. In other words, what are you talking about, Willis?

If you are in the 4th quarter, maybe you feel the same way. You know time is passing when your grandchildren use what I call "tech language." They are just short phrases, words, or even a few letters that have meaning.

Here are a few of them that I hear or read almost daily. Trust the process, toxins, do the work, and karma are just a few of them. They are on social media like a runaway train.

For example, the first person I heard use the phrase "trust the process" was NBA star Joel Embiid last year, when he was injured. I guess the rehab of

the injury was the trust the process part. Now everybody trusts the process in everything they do.

According to reports, the word "toxin" was first used by Ludwig Brieger, a German chemist. It was 1888. I have heard the younger crowd tell someone, "You're toxic". I will leave it for your interpretation. Calling it or speaking it into your life is another widely used expression. This phrase has Biblical roots dating back centuries. It has now found new life and is used more intentionally.

Of course, there are some phrases we seasoned citizens heard back in the day. Our parents used them, and we continued the tradition. It is funny that when I use them around a younger group, they look puzzled and clueless.

If the shoe fits, wear it is one of the expressions I heard in my community growing up. Translated, it means that if the circumstances described fit, then that is who you are or what you did.

Way back when, it was mind your p's and q's. Interpreted as act like you got

some sense. H.T. (home training) also comes to mind. Families were big on children acting a certain way while in the public square. It is no different today, as parents have certain expectations of their children.

Don't spill the beans originally meant not to divulge a secret or privileged information. Some of us came of age when someone was always spilling the beans. Truth be told, I spilled the beans a time or two.

With today's technology, someone is always spilling the beans using Facebook or Twitter. It's humorous to think that some folks cannot keep a secret. They just must tell somebody.

If you have children or grandchildren, then you know this age-old phrase has turned into a popular game for kids. This game is being sold by the thousands on websites and in stores. Just think, those beans have come a long way.

Today's computer age has given us a way to respond instantly. Even as a novice or a pro, you know the terms like and share. In

the blink of an eye, you can add your satisfaction or dissatisfaction to anything on the internet. Sometimes a smiling face or a frown will pop up, too.

As reports confirm, Vimeo created the first like button in 2005 to show favor and appreciation. Facebook began to use it in 2009. It is now ubiquitous and a part of our universal culture.

Likes and shares have solidified their place in today's tech landscape. They represent the easiest and fastest way to voice your opinion about a topic. There are budding political types who have become influencers using likes and shares. Some have podcasts now.

The Creator Rewards Program, launched for this new-age technology, has caught the attention of those looking to make a splash. You need 10,000 followers and 100,000 views during a 30-day period. Technology, with its new avenues and innovations, has changed the world and the way we communicate. Wouldn't you agree?

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## Recognizing Our Power: The Vote and The Dollar

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

It is very important that, while so many of us are still talking about the recent Supreme Court Decision that effectively killed the Voting Rights Act, we do not lose sight of our immediate opportunities to address the problem. I speak specifically

of the electoral primaries already underway and specifically of the one that will take place in California on June 2, 2026.

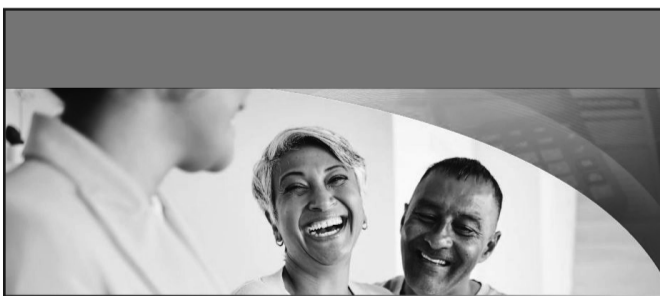
We must realize that elections are about power and money. This is evident in the number of candidates running for office and with whom they are spending their money to get votes. Let's be very clear, we do have choices when we vote. We must not assume that we are locked into party labels and familiar names. We must also look not only at our personal interest but also at our collective interest. For example, I have a democratic member of Congress in

my District that cares nothing about the Black vote. Her family's money bought her a seat in Congress. I have to vote for her because we need every democratic vote to return control of the House of Representatives to Democratic control so that we might stop the Trump takeover of that branch of government, which controls oversight and budget, according to the U. S. Constitution. This effort to have the Republicans continue to control the House of Representatives is the reason for the redistricting that Trump is seeking to implement in every state possible.

Bottom line, I will send that person back to Congress because the good of all of us is tied to gaining Democratic control. But we can only make these kinds of decisions if we are informed. Hence, knowledge is power, and power is reflected in how we spend our money. Our dollars are just as important as the Voting Rights Act.

When candidates run for office and fail to share their positions with you, don't vote for them. If there are Blacks on the ballot, vote Black, since most are without funding, but check out even Blacks before you vote because "All Skin is not Kin."

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## Earnestly Contending for the Faith The Epistle of Jude

### Part I



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

The marvelous epistle of Jude was written by Jude, the half-brother of our Lord (Matthew 13:55) and brother of James, the writer of the epistle of James. This interesting epistle was written against the backdrop of false teachers who were so prevalent in Jude's day. These false teachers had made their inroads into the church!

The wonderful book of Jude may be viewed as follows: I. The Prevalence of False Teachers Vv. 1-4; II. The Prevailing Problem of False Teachers, and God's Past Judgment of Rebellion Vv. 5-16; III. A Pressing Defense Against False Teachers Vv. 17-25.

#### I. The Prevalence of False Teachers Vv. 1-4

In verse 1, the writer Jude identified himself as a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. He directs this epistle to those who have been sanctified (set apart) by God the Father and preserved (kept) in Jesus Christ and called. The recipients of this epistle had been sovereignly called to salvation in God's electing grace (Romans 1:6, 8:30; I Corinthians 1:24; Ephesians 4:4; II Peter 1:3).

Jude mentioned that these recipients had been blessed with God's provisions of mercy, peace and love, blessings needed against a backdrop of apostate teaching. Against such a horrendous at-

mosphere of false teaching, Jude wanted the recipients of Jude to know assuredly the fullest degree of God's mercy, peace, and love!

Beginning in verse 3, Jude's original intent for writing this epistle was to discuss the common salvation in which the believers shared, but he was pressed with a great degree of urgency to admonish the believers to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In verse 4, Jude's great concern grew out of the fact that false teachers had gained entry into the assembly and were guilty of "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord

Jesus Christ." In essence, these false teachers were perverting the simplicity of the gospel message, mainly teaching heresy.

Continuing to examine v. 4, the heretics of Jude's time were guilty of promoting an unholy lifestyle in their teaching, advocating that grace permits one to live as he chooses. The very notion is against the truth of the word; rather, "grace teaches us that God exacts of us a holy lifestyle (Titus 2:11-12). Again, looking at verse 4, another aim of the false teachers is to deny the "Lordship of Christ." Our Lord is God, and we must vigorously defend that truth because that trust has been entrusted to the church. The word

"faith" as used by Jude in verse 3 refers to the body of truths delivered by Jesus Christ to the Apostles.

As believers of this dismal and decadent age, we must remain steadfast and uphold the central doctrines (teachings) of the faith, such as the Deity of Jesus Christ, the Substitutionary Atonement of Christ, the Incarnation of Christ, the Resurrection of Christ, and the Second Coming of Christ. Each believer of this dismal and decadent age should know the truth in order to defend it, for you cannot detect false teaching unless you know the true doctrine.

*May God Bless!*

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understanding the educational roots underneath political power," Porter stated. "Educated Black communities became organized Black communities. Organized Black communities became voting blocs. That terrified segregationists then, and it terrifies people now."

The roots of that story stretch back nearly 200 years.

In 1829, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange and several other women of African descent established the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first successful order of Black Catholic nuns in the United States. The sisters founded schools for Black children at a time when white institutions rou-

tinely excluded Black students and denied Black women entry into white religious orders.

Historical records show the Oblate Sisters operated educational missions throughout Baltimore and Washington while helping establish pathways for Black Catholic education during segregation. Anne Marie Becraft, one of the earliest Black educators in Washington, operated a school for Black girls in Georgetown before joining the order in 1831.

"They were teaching Black children while America was still debating whether Black people were fully human," Porter said. "That is not ancient history. That is the foundation of modern Black political consciousness."

The conversation that sparked this reporting moved between segregated Catholic schools, HBCUs, affirmative action, voting rights, and the growing fear among many Black Americans that the country is systematically dismantling the gains won during the civil rights era.

"They think these schools are inferior," one source, with strong political ties, said during the discussion. "My question is, how did they get to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and all those places in the old days?"

The answer sits in institutions many Americans barely know exist.

From Spelman College to Virginia Union University, from Black Catholic schools in Baltimore and

Washington to rural segregated classrooms built during Reconstruction, Black educational institutions became engines of survival in a country built around Black exclusion.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture documents how formerly enslaved Black Americans pursued education immediately after emancipation, often building schools themselves despite violent opposition from white supremacists. During Reconstruction, Black churches became educational centers throughout the South. The National Park Service has documented how African Americans built schools such as the Tolson's Chapel schools in Maryland because education represented

freedom itself.

"They understood education differently because they had experienced life without it," Porter said. "Black education was never treated casually in our communities. It was sacred."

That history now collides with a political moment civil rights advocates describe as openly hostile toward Black voting strength and Black institutional power.

The NAACP called the Supreme Court's recent Louisiana voting rights ruling "the death knell" for the nation's most important federal civil rights law, warning the decision threatens to erase decades of progress protecting Black voters from racial discrimination.

"The Supreme Court be-

trayed Black voters, they betrayed America, and they betrayed our democracy," the NAACP said in a statement following the ruling.

The ruling weakened Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, a key legal tool used for decades to challenge racially discriminatory district maps. Civil rights organizations say the decision has already emboldened lawmakers in several Southern states to aggressively redraw congressional districts in ways that dilute Black voting power.

In Tennessee, Republicans moved quickly to dismantle the state's only majority-Black congressional district centered in Memphis. The NAACP

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**~ THEME: MOUNTAINS**

(Solution will appear in May 21 edition)

- ACROSS**
- Ill-considered
  - Mate
  - "I didn't get the \_\_\_\_"
  - Biblical preposition
  - Down in the dumps
  - Rodgers of NFL fame
  - Proofreader's mark
  - Get bacon?
  - \*Any mountain over 3,000 feet, in Scotland
  - \*Mount Everest mountain range
  - Research facil.
  - Itsy-bitsy bits
  - Forensic evidence, acr.
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  - What Cupid did (2 words)
  - Amazement interjection
  - Not victory
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  - Auricular
  - Volcanic ash, e.g.
  - Pro baseball's "Master Melvin"
  - Borat's swimsuit
  - Cruel treatments
  - It would
  - Munchausen's title
  - Supernatural life force
  - \*Mountain inspiration for a pen name (2 words)
  - You will
  - Icelandic epic
  - Double reed woodwind instrument
  - Like a good singer (2 words)
  - Not quite an adult
  - \*Matterhorn site
  - Like a busybody
  - Commercial break contents
  - Coloring substances

- DOWN**
- \*Mount \_\_\_\_ more, South Dakota
  - A in ABS
  - Opposite of stern
  - Balloon filler (2 words)
  - "Vamos a la \_\_\_\_"
  - Saintly glows
  - Carl Zeiss' product
  - \*Tallest mountain from base to peak (2 words)
  - European sea eagles
  - Dead, in France
  - Yoko of music fame
  - #11 Down's late husband, e.g.
  - Kind of acid
  - Dump truck quantities
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  - Bible's wicked city
  - Blood circulation artery
  - \_\_\_\_ gang
  - Baby powder ingredient
  - Sting Rays and Mustangs
  - Angry
  - Sheds skin, as in snake
  - \*World's most climbed mountain
  - Before, poetically
  - \*Denali, 1917-2015
  - British East India Company millionaire
  - Fairy tale's last word
  - Scottish clan identity
  - \*Vesuvius location
  - Take care of cargo
  - Foreshadowed
  - \*World's longest mountain range
  - As opposed to stereo
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  - Old-fashioned "far"

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## EDUCATION

# Applications open for Presidential Leadership Scholars Class of 2027

May 11, 2026 – The Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) program opened applications for its 2027 program cycle. PLS brings together selected leaders from across all sectors and backgrounds who are committed to solving today's most pressing issues and to exploring leadership through the lens of former presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson. The application period for the Class of 2027, the 12th class in program history, is open through July 19, 2026, at midnight CT.

Those selected for the Class of 2027 will participate in a six-month program during which they will deepen and strengthen their own leadership through interactions and sessions with former administration officials, business executives, and

leading academics. Scholars will gain the insights and skills necessary to work across differences while developing a unique network that spans traditional geographic, professional, political, and economic boundaries.

"PLS exceeded my every expectation," said Tracy Dufault, senior vice president, Strategic Initiatives, Disaster Relief at Walmart and a member of the PLS Class of 2025. "I joined to broaden my perspective among a diverse, vetted group of collaborative leaders, but I walked away with something far more profound: lifelong friendships and teammates who prioritize collective success over competition. In a world where diversity is often used to divide, PLS demonstrates how to weave those differences into a powerful web of connection to achieve meaningful,

real-world outcomes."

Scholars put their learning into action as they develop and implement a personal leadership project, intended to solve a problem or pressing issue in their community, organization, country, or the world.

Alumni of the highly selective PLS program include veterans, corporate professionals, physicians, educators, public servants, and nonprofit leaders at the forefront of their fields who all have one thing in common – a desire to make a positive impact by putting leadership into practice. Scholars are working on NASA's Artemis mission to return humans to the moon, fighting back against human trafficking, addressing the workforce crisis in trade industries, increasing opportunities to educate children on the basics of civics, and reducing emergency response times.

Since PLS launched in 2015, over 600 Scholars have participated in the program, building a strong, robust, and active alumni network across the United States.

Scholars agree that PLS has had a measurable impact on their leadership: 91% of alumni report that PLS has strengthened their leadership skills and 85% report that the program improved their ability to consider diverse perspectives when making decisions. Read more about the program's decade of impact here.

Program tuition, accommodations, meals, and travel to and from host cities are fully funded by the program.

To apply for the PLS Class of 2027, visit <https://www.presidential-leadershipscholars.org/apply/>.

## HEALTH

# CDC Provides Update on Hantavirus Outbreak Linked to M/V Hondius Cruise Ship

The U.S. government is actively monitoring and responding to a hantavirus outbreak linked to the M/V Hondius cruise ship. At this time, the risk to the American public remains extremely low.

CDC developed health guidance for impacted American passengers, which was delivered by the U.S. Department of State. CDC's premier infectious disease experts are contin-

uing to work closely with international partners to develop consistent monitoring guidance. This guidance will be distributed today, in addition to resources targeted for state and local health departments.

The U.S. government's top priority is the safe repatriation of American passengers. These individuals are planned to be evacuated on a U.S. government

medical repatriation flight to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, where they will be transported to the National Quarantine Center at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

The CDC deployed a team of epidemiologists and medical professionals to the Canary Islands, where the M/V Hondius is expected to dock. The team will conduct an exposure risk assessment for

each American passenger and provide recommendations for the level of monitoring required. An additional CDC team will deploy to Offutt AFB to support public health assessment of returning passengers.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/about/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/about/andesvirus.html>

## Quinn Minute

# My frog drawing

By Rix Quinn

In my long and unproductive life, I've encountered several disgusting things...and I've stepped in a few of them.

But few gave me more displeasure than dissecting a frog. This was a school requirement, and I dreaded it for weeks.

My biology teacher, however, seemed to enjoy watching us approach a big vat of formaldehyde, grab a pair of tongs, and fish out a long-deceased amphib-

ian from the stinky liquid.

After this, we chose a partner, then sat next to each other at a lab table. For the dissection, we would share a frog.

Following instructions on a large display in our textbook, we laid the frog on its back, and noticed this was not this frog's first autopsy. The chest was already open, so we did our best to locate important organs by moving them around with a number two pen-

cil.

We noticed the position of the heart, lungs, and other disgusting stuff. Each of us attempted to sketch what we saw on a blank sheet of paper.

We noted that some of the frog's front fingers were missing. Probably the result of a frog-to-frog competition.

We handed in our sketches. Mine looked a little like a goat...but not much.

The teacher gave my artwork an F-minus. I complained to her that nobody deserved below an F.

She told me that this one was so bad, it needed special recognition.

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### Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Claims Women's Title at 39th PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship

By Stacy M. Brown



(PWCC.05.05.26.RL.RLL)- Zachary Corbett of Greensboro College hits his tee shot on the 10th hole during the second round of the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship at The Park on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

(Photo by Ryan Lochhead/PGA of America)

PGA WORKS has once again provided HBCU golf programs a national championship stage, bringing together golf programs from minority-serving institutions across the country while also exposing student-athletes to opportunities beyond competition.

At The Park in West Palm Beach this week, the Howard University Bisons competed valiantly alongside programs from across the nation as Texas A&M-Corpus Christi captured the Women's Team Championship at the 39th PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship presented by Chase and Kohler Co.

The Islanders leaned on depth instead of a single dominant player, winning the championship

without anyone finishing inside the top six individually. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi placed players from seventh through 11th to secure a nine-shot victory over defending champion North Carolina A&T State University.

Coach Chris Adams said the strength of the program is its balance. "The biggest thing with this group is, at any given time, any five of them can be the No. 1 player," Adams said.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi shot 22-over during the final round on the challenging par-71 layout to finish at 65-over 917. Samantha Gibbs led the Islanders in seventh place, Elsa Tornvall finished eighth, Tristan Gabbard and Lucia Ramirez tied for

ninth, and Hannah Creekmore tied for 11th place.

The title marked the fifth PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship crown for the Islanders in the last six years. The team did not compete in last year's championship because it advanced to NCAA regionals. "It feels great," Adams said. "Anytime you can end with a win in your last tournament — I've got three seniors — it's wonderful to end on such a high note."

North Carolina A&T State University mounted a strong charge in the final round, shooting 299 and trimming 11 strokes from the Islanders' lead. Adams praised the event and its presentation. "This is a great event," Adams said. "They host it on a fantastic golf course. They host it like it's a flat out PGA TOUR event, and it's an honor to be here and to win."

Texas Southern University sophomore Thaiz Amezcua earned Women's Team Medalist honors after shooting a final-round 73 to finish one shot ahead of Sanaa Carter of North Carolina Central University. Amezcua said she did not realize she had secured the title until teammates rushed to celebrate with her after she finished on the 18th hole.

"I had no idea," Amezcua said. "Honestly, I still

can't believe it. I'm very happy about this. Last night, I was just thinking that it doesn't matter what I do, because I just try to be my best self. This is my biggest win."

Amezcua played her final nine holes without a bogey, using a birdie on the par-4 16th hole to secure the margin of victory. She finished at 10-over 223 despite battling illness throughout the tournament. "I was very sick the whole round," she said. "I couldn't even think straight. I was just telling my coaches to please tell me what to do, because I have no idea."

University of North Carolina Wilmington freshman Alexis Faieta won the Women's Individual title by five shots over Carolin Alblas of Florida Atlantic University. Faieta opened the championship with a 4-under 67 that included an eagle hole-out from the sand on the 14th hole, a shot later featured on SportsCenter's Shot of the Day. She closed with a 70 to finish at 2-over 215.

"Just such a high," Faieta said. "It's been so fun, even regardless of my performance; just everything else has just been a blast. The course, the location, all the people. I just had an amazing week, and to win is just the cherry on top."

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sheriff said her office already cooperates with federal immigration authorities similar to what would be required under the 287(g) agreement's jail enforcement model.

"My comments reflected my position that Dallas County already engages in cooperation with federal authorities and does not view duplicative administrative measures as necessary to achieve the same public safety objectives," Brown said in her statement.

The jail enforcement model — one of two types of jail-related partnerships under the 287(g) program — allows local law enforcement to identify people for immigration enforcement when they are already in custody with pending or active criminal charges. The warrant service model lets officers "serve and execute administrative warrants" on people in their jails and hold them for ICE.

But even without a partnership, the Dallas County Jail was among the nation's top 10 jails for ICE detainees, which are requests from immigration agents to hold a person for deportation. The North Texas lockup accounted for more than 4,000 detainees between September 2023 and

late July 2025 — surpassing Bexar County during the same period — according to figures from the Deportation Data Project. Meanwhile, Harris County Jail led the country with more than 9,500 detainees.

A 2017 state law also requires sheriff's offices, which operate county jails, to honor these detainer requests.

The Bexar County sheriff entered into a 287(g) warrant service agreement in October, according to ICE data last updated on May 12.

Information for El Paso and Harris counties was not yet available, though the El Paso agency told the Tribune that it intends to also pursue the same model.

ICE data show Texas sheriffs have signed 270 agreements under the cooperative program as of May 12, including some counties registering for multiple models.

The 287(g) program also has the task force model that allows local law enforcement agencies to question individuals about their immigration status during routine policing work.

This article first appeared on The Texas Tribune.

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Saturday night shifts the focus to classic and contemporary R&B. Patti LaBelle returns to the festival stage with a catalog that has influenced generations of performers.

Brandy and Monica will reunite for a highly anticipated performance. Their hit song "The Boy Is Mine" spent 13 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Rising R&B art-

ist Josh Levi joins the Saturday lineup. Leon Thomas will also perform as momentum continues to build around his solo career.

Sunday's closing concert will celebrate musical influence across generations. Babyface will bring decades of chart-topping hits to the ESSENCE Festival stage.

Public Enemy is set to perform music that helped shape politically conscious hip-hop.

#### Statepoint Crossword Puzzle Solution: May 7 - GRADUATION

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Tennessee State Conference filed an emergency lawsuit accusing the state of attempting to eliminate Black political representation.

"Gerrymandering and attacks on Black education come from the same place," said voting rights advocate Marcus Ellison, 58, of Atlanta. "You cannot separate literacy from voting. You cannot separate educational access from political participation. The strategy has always been the same. Reduce Black organization. Reduce Black representation. Reduce Black influence."

Civil rights leaders say the attacks now extend far beyond congressional maps.

Since the Supreme Court struck down race-conscious admissions in higher education, universities across the country have rolled back diversity initiatives while Black enrollment at several

elite predominantly white institutions has declined sharply. At the same time, applications to HBCUs have surged. Howard University reportedly received more than 36,000 applications for fall 2024, while national HBCU enrollment climbed significantly after the affirmative action ruling.

"HBCUs became sanctuaries again," said Virginia Union political science graduate Dr. Harold Greene, 63. "Students understood exactly what they were seeing. They saw the country retreating."

Greene said many younger Black Americans now view attacks on DEI programs, voting rights, and Black studies as interconnected.

"The language changes," Greene said. "First, it was segregation. Then states' rights. Then law and order.

Now it's anti-woke politics and anti-DEI legislation. But the target remains remarkably consistent."

The original conversation repeatedly returned to Black women educators and Black intellectual achievement.

At one point, sources referenced Hidden Figures and the Black women mathematicians whose work at NASA remained largely invisible for decades.

"The females that finally got their recognition after all these years," said a source who didn't want to be named because of their political affiliations.

For doctoral candidate Nia Bennett, 27, that delayed recognition mirrors the current political climate. "America celebrates Black achievement once enough time has passed to make

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During your golden years, you should regularly nurture your own resiliency, resourcefulness, and renaissance spirit. It'll help you make the most out of your life.

What Are the Retirement Income Planning Mistakes Seniors Make?

Retirement income planning is complex. If you make one wrong move, you'll lose a lot of money. Here are some retirement income planning mistakes that can take you many steps backward.

Starting Retirement Planning Too Late

When you're young, time is your best friend. You should take advantage of compound interest while you're young. However, most people put off saving until they reach their 40s or 50s.

If you delay making contributions, it becomes hard to catch up. Starting to let means you can make modest contributions. You'll have to increase your savings rate to meet your retirement lifestyle expectations.

Underestimating Medical and Long-Term Care Expenses

As per NCOA reports, nearly all seniors (93%) have at least one chronic condition. This statistic shows that a lot of your income may be spent on healthcare when you retire.

The expenses you incur are a lot, even if you have Medicare coverage. Unfortunately, most people don't save up for long-term care.

Ignoring Inflation's Impact on Savings

A lot of people ignore inflation, yet it will take a huge share of your retirement savings. For example, if inflation is 6% annually, things that cost \$100 today will cost approximately \$179 in ten years. If you don't plan for this situation, your money may not stretch as far into your senior years.

Failing to Diversify Investments

Putting all your retirement income in one basket is risky. This strategy can make you lose a lot of money if your

investment performs poorly. As part of your retirement income strategies, you should diversify your portfolio.

Claiming Social Security Benefits Too Early

If you start claiming your Social Security too early, say at 62, you can significantly decrease your lifetime income. This decision can permanently reduce your monthly payments for the rest of your life.

Neglecting Tax Implications

Tax implications matter. You should know that different accounts have special tax rules. If you fail to consider the tax rules, you'll lose a lot of money in penalties.

How Can Seniors Maximize Retirement Income?

Once you're aware of the mistakes, the focus goes on how to do things right. So, how can seniors maximize retirement income?

Here are retirement savings tips you can implement:

Adjust Your Spending and Budget

One of the first steps to increase your retirement income is how you spend your money. Having a budget will give you clarity and control.

Here are some retirement budget tips:

- Focus your spending on necessities like healthcare
- Make room for rising costs in your budget
- Use digital budgeting tools for efficiency

Control lifestyle creep in retirement

A proactive approach to managing your income helps preserve your retirement savings for a long time. You won't have to worry about going broke.

Consider Maximizing Social Security and Making Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Social Security is your cornerstone during retirement. Luckily, the government adjusts these benefits each year to keep up with inflation through Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs).

Aside from this, you should delay collecting Social Security benefits. Each year you delay up to age 70, your benefits can grow at about 8%.

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it comfortable," Bennett said. "But while people praise Hidden Figures, they are actively dismantling the systems that could produce the next generation of those women."

The source mentioned earlier also invoked Booker T. Washington, Benjamin Banneker, and Paul Laurence Dunbar, connecting generations of Black intellectual life stretching from Reconstruction to modern

HBCUs.

For retired educator Sister Angela Brooks, 81, whose family members attended a segregated Black Catholic school in Baltimore during the 1950s, the lessons taught by Black nuns extended far beyond academics.

"They taught us how to survive humiliation without surrendering ourselves," Brooks said. "Those women knew what America was. They prepared us for it."

Brooks recalled students

memorizing poetry, diagramming sentences, mastering public speaking, and being taught strict discipline.

"They told us constantly, 'You cannot afford mediocrity,'" Brooks said. "Black children were going to be judged harder, punished faster, doubted quicker. So they prepared us to be undeniable."

The earlier sources ended not with triumph but endurance.

"We're going to keep on coming back," the source

said.

For many Black Americans watching courts weaken voting protections while legislatures redraw maps and universities retreat from diversity commitments, that statement no longer sounds hopeful.

It sounds ancestral. "It's who we have had to be in this country," the source said. "But this country must continue to learn that we don't give up. We fight, even with our backs against the wall. We are a resilient people."

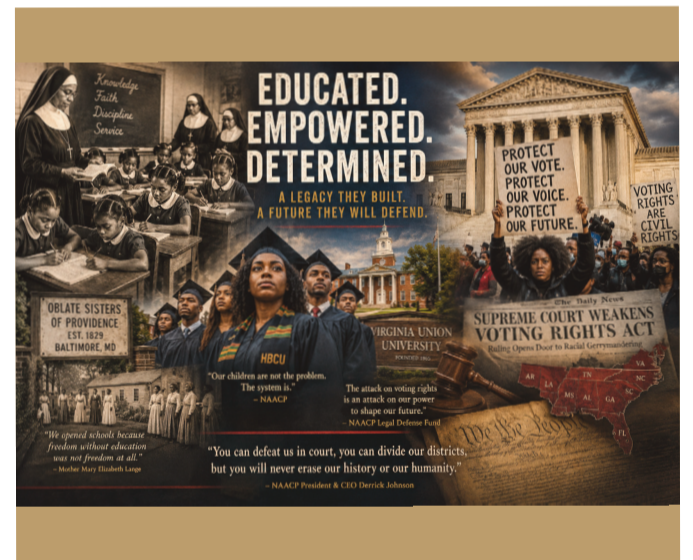


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## HEALTH

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